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– FEATURE –

Mr. Harwood goes to Washington: 'I really appreciated more than ever what it means to be an American'

Arab resident Randy Harwood dishes on his experience decorating the White House for Christmas



RANDY HARWOOD

Arab resident Randy Harwood enjoys one of the Christmas trees at the White House. Harwood was one of 100 volunteers chosen from across the country to help decorate the White House for the holidays. » PAGE 4

EDUCATION

Cold Springs, Holly Pond, West Point High Schools win 'Best Hustle Award' from Alabama Possible

Educators promote FAFSA completion to make postsecondary education accessible, affordable » PAGE 5

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force requests council proclamation naming January Human Trafficking Awareness Month » PAGE 7

PET OF THE WEEK

Lucas is seeking a home for the holidays, and beyond!



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Lucas » PAGE 4

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Shannon Calloway passes Wastewater Grade IV certification

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council on Monday evening recognized city wastewater operator Shannon J. Calloway for passing the Wastewater Grade IV certification test.

Wastewater Superintendent Jeff Adams said, "I've been superintendent for nine years; this is my second guy that's passed the Grade IV. We're a Grade III plant, and I give the guys two years to pass the (Grade III) test, or we have to find somebody else. To legally operate a plant, you've got to have your certification. So, we're a Grade III plant, but he went one step above, has a Grade IV."

Calloway worked his way through Grades II and III before taking the top test, and spent two years preparing. He brought with him the stack of 10 manuals that formed his study guide. According to Adams, the Grade IV exam has only a 14% pass rate.



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Wastewater treatment operator Shannon J. Calloway, center, with Cullman City Councilman David Moss (left) and Wastewater Superintendent Jeff Adams (right), with his certificate and the stack of manuals that were his study guide for the Wastewater Grade IV certification test.

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Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 9

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 9, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 5
- domestic violence; CR 1735
- domestic violence; CR 1402
- harassment; Beech Ave.
- harassment; CR 1078
- burglary; CR 1101
- harassment; CR 546
- domestic violence, theft of property, attempting to elude law enforcement officer; CR 1545
- trespassing; CR 747

Dec. 6
- domestic violence; Hwy. 91
- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 747
- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- gas drive-off; Hwy. 278 W
- theft of property; CR 1242
- trespassing; CR 52
- domestic violence; CR 436
- harassment; Hwy. 91
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1225
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, illegal possession of prescription drugs; CR 222, CR 847

Dec. 7
- domestic violence; CR 1036
- domestic violence; CR 961
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
- obstructing government operations, domestic violence; CR 1725

Dec. 8
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 813
- theft of property; CR 62
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 813
- domestic violence; CR 1689
- burglary; CR 852
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 846
- assault; CR 405
- criminal mischief; CR 310

ARRESTS

Dec. 5

Bennefield, Jeremy Alvis, 37
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Clay, Cody Lemark, 31
- motion to revoke – possession of drug paraphernalia
- motion to revoke – unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- motion to revoke – unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Henderson, Sheila Ann, 52
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence – harassment (2 counts)
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine (3 counts)
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Mcintosh, Rena Suzanne, 41
- FTA- 20 days to register vehicle
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- proof of liability insurance required
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Phelps, Crystal Michelle, 34
- FTA- first-degree receiving stolen property

Robertson, Elizabeth Nicole, 26
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

Waters, Steven Andrew, 40
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Dec. 6

Austin, Elizabethanna Marie, 35
- first-degree criminal trespassing

Box, Michael Wade, 21
- judge's order – possession of drug paraphernalia

Clark, Jeffrey Michael, 39
- harassing communications

Elam, Amy Carissa, 39
- DUI- any substance
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Gillilan, Arianna Adair, 22
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Harris, Tiffany Marie, 39
- harassment

Marona, Anthony Ray, 49
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Moses, Lauren McKenzie, 20
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence – harassment (2 counts)
- FTA- resisting arrest

Olsowy, Whitney Lynn, 27
- probation violation – reckless endangerment

Raphael, Lorena Lynn, 38
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Sanders, Chad Jeremy, 47
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Scott, Eric David, 51
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Smith, Tommy Jacob, 32
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Spillman, Shawn Michael, 26
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Williams, Sara Evonne, 32
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Dec. 7

Atkins, Brandi Nicole, 29
- DUI- influence of alcohol

Dodgen, Austin Lee, 28
- reckless endangerment

Lay, Rachel Lynn, 28
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- public intoxication

Pierce, Gregory Allen, 36
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment
- obstructing government operations

Pierce, Katrina Marie, 31
- third-degree domestic violence – menacing

Pierce, Sharon Louise, 43
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

Wiley, Kevin Lee, 33
- GJ- third-degree burglary

Wise, Lisa Diane, 48
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Dec. 8

Collins, Jonathan Jay, 53
- third-degree domestic violence – harassing communications

Garner, Blatney N., 34
- contributing to truancy

Hays, Cody Nathan, 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Kitts, Kyle Andrew, 19
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Lytle, Emily Pearl, 18
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Peoples, Melissa Gail, 38
- FTA- public intoxication

Swafford, Jeffery Scott, 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 5
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; misc. merchandise; $139

Dec. 6
- third-degree theft of property; person; unknown place of occurrence; miscellaneous; $705
- third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- second-degree theft of property; person; Lee Ave. SW; medication; unknown amount of property value
- third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW
- harassing communications; person
- third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW
- menacing; person; CR 490
- third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157

Dec. 7
- harassment; person; Cullman Shopping Center
- second-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; rifle; $356
- fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; clothing; $23
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; misc. merchandise; $236
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; Hwy. 157; damage to '08 Dodge Avenger; $350

Dec. 8
- harassment; person; Oak Manor Dr. SW
- third-degree theft of property; person; Main Ave. SW; motor; $1,200
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Alabama Ave. SE; laptop, tablet, purse and contents; unknown amount of property value

Dec. 9
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; misc. merchandise; $94

ARRESTS

Dec. 6

Irons, Brady A., 35
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Wright, Ted W., 34
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Dixon, Douglas A., 29
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Giambrone, Ross A., 34
- FTA- DUI
- FTA- leaving the scene of an accident

Pace, Kenneth D., 33
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Johnson, Patty D., 52
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Cornelius, Christopher S., 44
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- disorderly conduct
- resisting arrest

Boyd, Tyler E., 28
- third-degree criminal trespassing

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

Dec. 7

Sanders, David E., 31
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Oden, Cary J., 24
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hines, Randy E., 59
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ingram, Heather L., 28
- fourth-degree theft of property

Knepper, Shauna R., 32
- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Levi, Jacqueline D., 40
- fourth-degree theft of property

Wiley, Kevin L., 33
- fourth-degree theft of property
- giving false information to law enforcement officer

Dec. 8

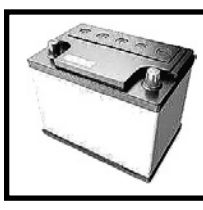
Pearson, James A., 31
- fugitive from justice

Rolley, Samuel K., 30
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Dec. 10 - 12

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

Cards in The Park
Cards in The Park Display (Dec. 7-31), Governor's Park in Holly Pond

Cullman County Commission Meeting
10 a.m. in the commission meeting room on the first floor of the Cullman County Courthouse

Lunch at the VFW
Everyone come to Tuesday's lunch at the VFW Post in Cullman. Starts at 11:30, $5 per plate. We have carryout if you can't stay and eat with us. We always have a great time. Love to see new folks and enjoy the usual group. See you on Tuesday! 112 Veterans Dr. SW

TOPS Meeting
- TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly-meets every Tuesday at the Donald E. Green Senior Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW Cullman
- Weigh-in 3-3:30 p.m.
- Meeting 3:30-4:30
- Contact- Linda Elsmore, 330-844-5179
- Facebook- TOPS AI0073 Cullman

Vinemont Town Council Meeting
6 p.m. at Vinemont Town Hall

Colony Town Council Meeting
6 p.m. at Colony Town Hall

Cullman County Republican Women Meeting
- 6 p.m. at Cullman VFW Post 2214, 112 Veterans Dr. SW
- All citizens are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

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.

Cards in The Park
Cards in The Park Display (Dec. 7-31), Governor's Park in Holly Pond

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 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.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

Cards in The Park
Cards in The Park Display (Dec. 7-31), Governor's Park in Holly Pond

Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland
See Tuesday entry

West Point Theatre Christmas Concert
- Thursday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.
- Admission is $5.
- A cake auction will also be held during the event.

Hanceville City Council Meeting
6 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall

Dodge City Town Council Meeting
6 p.m. at Dodge City Town Hall

Cullman City Schools Band Program Christmas Concert
- Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Cullman High School auditorium.
- This free concert will feature the Cullman Beginning Band, CMS Advanced Band, CHS Concert/Symphonic Band and the CHS Jazz Band.

UPCOMING...

Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland
See Tuesday entry

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.

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 6
- 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.

Cullman Ghosts of Christmas Spirits Past Dickens Ghost Walk/Investigation
6-9 p.m. on spooky Friday the 13th of December. Meeting place is Bennetts Home Supply & Too YouNique located at 410 Second Ave. SW (Hwy. 31). Led by TV personality Lesley Ann Hyde, the Girls will host a fun interactive walk around historic Cullman and you'll get to use paranormal investigation equipment if you would like to see for yourself any of the spirits of Cullman's past! Shop before or after the tour at Bennetts/Too YouNique or other local merchants. The Girls will be taking up donations, unopened toys and new clothing for Christmas charities to give back to the community. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at http://bit.ly/2RpycYg.

"Elf: The Musical"
- Presented by Cullman Performing Arts in the Cullman High School auditorium
- Friday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 14, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.
- Admission is $10 for adults, $5 for children; tickets purchased at the door.

Cullman County Sheriff's Office Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo
- Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14, 2019, opening at 7:30 each night
- Cullman Agricultural Trade Center, 17645 U.S. Hwy. 31 N, Cullman
- Tickets available at the door: $10 adults, $8 students

Cullman Elks Lodge Children's Christmas Party
- Dec. 14 from 10 a.m.-noon
- Our annual Children's Christmas Party will be at the lodge Saturday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. Each year, the Cullman Elks Lodge puts on a party for all children enrolled in the city and county school head start programs. The fun starts with a pizza party for everyone which is followed by Santa flying in by helicopter to hand out gifts with a little help from our Elves/Elks. It showcases the true holiday spirit and that Elks Care / Elks Share. All Elks are encouraged to come to the lodge and help out with this special event.

Free Christmas Wagon Rides at The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- See the tranquil grounds of the Shrine from a wagon drawn by genuine draft horses.
- Rides will be offered from Dec. 14-28. To reserve a ride, contact the Shrine at 256-787-4121. The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament is located at 3224 County Road 548, Hanceville, AL 35077.

Rides will be available on the following dates:
- Dec. 14 from 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-5 p.m.
- Dec. 16-20 from 1-5 p.m.
- Dec. 21 (Part of the Shrine's Christmas Open House) from 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-7 p.m.
- Dec. 23 from 1-5 p.m.
- Dec. 27 from 1-5 p.m.
- Dec. 28 from 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-5 p.m.
- There will be no rides on Dec. 15, 22 or 24-26.
- For more information, contact the Shrine at 256-352-6267 or 256-787-4121 or visit https://olamshrine.com/.

Good Hope Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park
- Dec. 14 at 2 p.m.
- Christmas Parade begins at 2 p.m. at Good Hope High School and will go to Good Hope Municipal Park.
- Following the parade, we will have Christmas in the Park. Free food while it lasts. Free pictures with Santa (you may bring your own camera). Hayrides, Christmas craft for kids and train rides.

10th Annual Baileyton Christmas Party at the Senior Center
- 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: "Everyone is welcome, regardless of where you are from."

Deck the Stalls at Hope Horses
- Join us Saturday, Dec. 14 from 5-9 p.m.
- Price is $5 per child.
- Picture with Santa, ornament making (while supplies last), hot cocoa and cookies, and so much more!
- For more information call 256-841-6290!
- We look forward to seeing you there!
- 1301 Convent Road NE, Cullman, AL 35055

Alabama Bicentennial Extravaganza
The Cullman County Bicentennial Committee is celebrating Alabama's Bicentennial Extravaganza Dec. 14, 2019 at 5 p.m. at Depot Park. Live music, free hot chocolate and fireworks! Free to the public. Celebrate our state's birthday- a once in a lifetime opportunity for all!

Fairview Lions Club Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting
Dec 14 at Randall Shedd Community Park in Fairview- The parade will start lining up at the turnaround by the school at 4:30 p.m. and the parade will start at 5. Fire trucks are welcome in the parade. When the parade is over, at the park we will light the Christmas tree and have Christmas carols, a reading of The Christmas Story and Santa will be there! We will have free hot chocolate and cookies. Bring the kids out and join us. Anyone wanting to join the parade just be at the turnaround by 4:30. We hope to see you there! For questions or more info, contact Felicia Bailey at 256-735-8722.

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PREP SWIMMING

Bearcat swimmers cap off season at AHSAA State Meet in Auburn

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AUBURN, Ala. – Several Cullman High School swimmers were in the field taking on 635 other athletes from across the state at this year's AHSAA State Swim Meet at Auburn University and each of the nine Bearcats competing progressed to the finals in at least one event.

In individual competition, Reese McNeel placed seventh in the 1-meter dive and Kelly Warren collected a ninth-place finish in the same event. CJ Arnold posted a season-best time in the 100-yard backstroke and now holds the school record in the event. The girls 200-yard medley relay team of McNeel, Warren, Madison Clements and Ruby Hudson finished 12th among 6A and 7A schools and they later posted a 13th place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay. The girls 400-yard freestyle relay team of Warren, McNeel, Clements and Anna Page left Auburn with a new school record in the event and placing 12th among 6A and 7A teams.

The boys relay team of Brody Schaefer, Logan Holley, Aubrey Helms and Arnold took home a 14th place finish at the state meet and posted a season-best time in the event.

Overall, the girls team came away with the highest finish for the Bearcats at 14th place and were second highest among 6A schools.

Cullman Head Coach Cory Goble is proud of the way his team finished the season and hopes that finish will build some momentum going into next year.

"This meet was a great way to cap off a great season, and it represented the hard work these athletes have put in over the last several months," Goble said.

"It also helped provide valuable experience for many young swimmers, several of which had never previously qualified for the state meet.

"I am excited about the opportunity to pick up again next year with several returning athletes and build upon this season's progress."

It's been a productive season for the CHS Swim Team and with a lot of underclassmen returning to compete next year, the future looks bright for Bearcat swimming.



CHS SWIM TEAM

Nine Cullman High School swimmers qualified for the state competition in Auburn over the weekend and each of them advanced to the finals in at least one event.

PREP BASKETBALL

Big 4th quarter lifts Lady Warriors over Muscle Shoals, Warriors fall to Trojans 69-57; Friday scoring recap

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WEST POINT, Ala. – The Muscle Shoals Trojans made their way down Hwy. 157 Friday night for a pair of varsity matchups and the Lady Warriors used a dominant fourth quarter to pull away from the Lady Trojans 66-54. The Warriors followed in the varsity boys matchup but fell to the Trojans 69-57.

West Point 66 - Muscle Shoals 54 (varsity girls)
The West Point Lady Warriors used balanced scoring to take a 20-14 lead after the opening quarter. A pair of Miriam Oldacre free throws made it 24-19, but Muscle Shoals went on a huge run, scoring 12 in a row to take a 31-24 advantage and later stretched it to 35-26, but a Micah Oldacre jumper cut it to 35-28 at the half.

A three from the Lady Trojans to start out the second half made it a double-digit deficit for West Point at 38-28, but the Lady Warriors started to cut into that deficit when Lexi Shadix and Miriam Oldacre each hit a pair from the free-throw line and Molly Pendley added one from there as well. A Pendley trey from the left wing with 3:21 remaining in the third period cut the deficit to 43-38 and the Lady Warriors drew to 47-44 going into the fourth quarter on a Miriam Oldacre layup.

Back-to-back threes to start out the fourth quarter by Shadix and Pendley gave West Point a 50-47 lead. Their defense really tightened up in the final period as they forced numerous turnovers and turned them into easy points.

A 10-0 run, which was orchestrated by both Miriam Oldacre and Pendley, helped push the Lady Warriors lead to double digits at 60-48.

West Point wound up getting a huge win at home, 66-54, as they outscored Muscle Shoals 22-7 in the fourth quarter to snap a four-game losing streak and improve to 8-4 on the season.

Pendley finished with 18 points for the Lady Warriors, followed by Miriam Oldcare with 16. Shadix added 13, Micah Oldacre ended up with 10, Ryleigh Jones finished with six and Braelee Quinn chipped in with three.

Muscle Shoals 69 - West Point 57 (varsity boys)
West Point quickly fell behind early 10-2 and were able to cut it to 12-7 on an Aubry Cleghorn layup, but Muscle Shoals went on a 12-0 run to push the lead to 24-7. Will Cochran stopped the run on a layup, but the Trojans wound up taking a 29-12 lead into the second period.

It was a defensive second quarter on both sides as 17 points were scored by both teams combined, but Muscle Shoals still held a 39-19 lead at the half.

West Point's offense started to heat up in the third quarter as Cleghorn and Kobe Bowers scored 16 points combined, but Muscle Shoals' offense didn't let up and they took a 60-37 lead into the final period.

The Trojans held a 66-40 lead after a three-point play, but West Point started to go on a run of its own as the defense picked up and Bowers went on a 9-2 run by himself, followed by four straight points from Cochran that made it a 68-53 game.

However, the early deficit proved to be too much for West Point. Despite a valiant effort, they wound up falling 69-57 and are now 4-7 on the season.

Bowers finished with 20 points, including five baskets from long range, five rebounds and two steals for West Point. Cleghorn added 16 points and seven rebounds. Cochran ended up with 13 points, 11 rebounds and three steals, Mason Walls added five points and Sam Wheeler chipped in with two points and six rebounds.

West Point will stay at home next Monday night against Jasper.

Other Friday scores:
- Madison Academy 63 – Cullman 50 (varsity girls)
- Cullman 61 – Madison Academy 60 (varsity boys)
- Good Hope 58 – Ashville 22 (varsity girls)
- Good Hope 66 – Ashville 51 (varsity boys)
- Cold Springs 67 – Cleveland 39 (varsity girls)
- Cold Springs 56 – Cleveland 49 (varsity boys)
- Fairview 49 – Oneonta 38 (varsity girls)
- Oneonta 58 – Fairview 49 (varsity boys)
- New Hope 53 – Vinemont 33 (varsity girls)
- New Hope 72 – Vin • emont 47 (varsity boys)
- Hanceville 45 – Glencoe 44 (varsity girls)
- • Hanceville 69 – Glencoe 37 (varsity boys)
- St. Bernard 29 – Lynn 22 (varsity girls)
- St. Bernard 55 – Lynn 43 (varsity boys)
- Holly Pond 63 – Brindlee Mountain 32 (varsity boys)
- Holly Pond 51 – Brindlee Mountain 16 (varsity girls)
- Falkville 45 – Meek 40 (varsity girls)
- Meek 41 – Falkville 38 (varsity boys)

UAB to play Appalachian State in R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl

UAB Athletics
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The UAB football team has accepted an invitation to play No. 20 Appalachian State in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl on Saturday, Dec. 21 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

The game will be nationally televised on ESPN and kicks at 8 p.m. CST.

UAB (9-4), the 2019 Conference USA West Division champion, takes on the Mountaineers (12-1) who are No. 20 in the College Football Playoff rankings and claimed the Sun Belt Championship.

This is UAB's third-consecutive bowl game since returning to action in 2017. The Blazers look to capture their second straight bowl victory after winning the Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl last season.

The R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl marks the first time UAB and Appalachian State will meet on the gridiron.

The Blazers are 13-11 all-time against teams from the Sun Belt.

Tickets for the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl are on sale and season tickets holders can secure seats by logging into their online account.

Seat locations will be allocated based on the Blazer Boosters Priority Point System.

Season tickets for 2020 are also available now and will help fans build their priority points leading into Protective Stadium in 2021. Continue to build your priority for Protective Stadium by becoming a Blazer Boosters member. For more information, call the UAB Athletics Ticket Office at 205-975-UAB1.

Alabama Football to Play Michigan at the Citrus Bowl

UA Athletics
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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The Alabama Crimson Tide will face off with the No. 14 Michigan Wolverines in the Citrus Bowl at Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Fla., on Jan. 1.

The Crimson Tide and Wolverines will meet for the fifth time in the history of the series that dates back to 1988. The series is tied up, 2-2, as Alabama came away with a 41-14 victory in the most-recent matchup between the two teams at the 2012 Cowboys Classic in Arlington, Texas.

Alabama is making its third Citrus Bowl appearance, holding a 2-0 record. The Tide defeated Ohio State, 24-17, in the 1995 Citrus Bowl. Alabama also appeared in the then-Capital One Bowl in Orlando capturing a 49-7 win over No. 7 Michigan State following the 2010 season.

Saban is 11-5 in postseason games at Alabama, earning wins over Oklahoma (2018 CFP Semifinal Game at the Orange Bowl), Georgia (2018 CFP National Championship Game), Clemson (2017 CFP Semifinal at the Allstate Sugar Bowl and the 2016 CFP National Championship Game), Washington (2016 CFP Semifinal Game at the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl), Michigan State (2015 CFP Semifinal Game at the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic). Prior to the CFP, the Tide defeated Notre Dame (2013 BCS National Championship Game at the Orange Bowl), LSU (2012 BCS National Championship Game at the Allstate Sugar Bowl), Michigan State (2011 Capital One Bowl), Texas (2010 BCS National Championship Game at the Rose Bowl) and Colorado (2007 Independence Bowl).

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.

Auburn and Minnesota to sqaure-off in 2020 Outback Bowl

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TAMPA, Fl. – The No. 12 Auburn Tigers will meet No. 18 Minnesota in the Outback Bowl on New Year's Day in Tampa, bowl officials announced today. It will be the first match-up in history for the two teams. Minnesota won 10 games in the regular season for the first time since 1905. It will also be the first ever appearance by the Golden Gophers in the Outback Bowl and the fifth appearance for Auburn.

The Outback Bowl will be played on January 1st at 1:00 PM ET at Raymond James Stadium. Auburn fans are encouraged to purchase tickets through Auburn's ticket website at www.AUBTix.com.

"We are very excited to extend an invitation to Auburn University and the University of Minnesota to play in this year's Outback Bowl," said Outback Bowl Chairman Tim Love.

"These are two quality ten-win teams that should produce a great match-up fans are really going to enjoy watching on New Year's Day. We look forward to hosting the teams and their fans and ensure them they will have an amazing experience enjoying fun in the sun in the Tampa Bay area."

"We are excited about returning to the Outback Bowl for the first time in five years to face a very good Minnesota team out of the Big Ten Conference" said Auburn head coach Gus Malzahn.

"I've been fortunate to make two previous trips to the Outback Bowl. Jim McVay and everyone associated with the bowl make it a first-class experience for our players and fans. We have the best fans in college football and I look forward to them joining us on New Year's Day as we try to win our tenth game of the season and send our seniors out on a high note."

"The Outback Bowl is one of the premier bowl games in college football and we can't wait to invade Tampa Bay with blue and orange" adds Auburn Athletic Director Allen Greene. "Coach Malzahn and his team have had a great year and enter bowl season with a lot of momentum. We look forward to seeing Raymond James Stadium filled with the Auburn Family on New Year's Day."

"We are extremely honored to be selected to play in the prestigious Outback Bowl against a tremendous opponent in Auburn University," said head coach P.J. Fleck. "We are thrilled to be heading to beautiful Tampa, Fla., for a New Year's Day bowl game. I know our players, staff and fans are excited for this opportunity and to get to Florida. I want to thank Chairman of the Board Tim Love, President/CEO of the Outback Bowl Jim McVay, Team Selection Chair Troy Atlas and the entire Outback Bowl staff for the invitation."

"We are humbled to have an opportunity to represent our state, institution and the Big Ten conference in the historic Outback Bowl," said Director of Athletics Mark Coyle. "This has been a tremendous year for our football team, and our fans are looking forward to watching the Gophers play on New Year's Day in Tampa."

For information on Outback Bowl events leading up to the game go to the bowl web site at www.outbackbowl.com for details.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cullman Council passes 10-year tax abatement for Rusken Packaging; new water, wastewater repair and service fees set

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council on Monday evening granted a 10-year tax abatement extension to Rusken Packaging "of all state and local noneducational ad valorem taxes and all construction related transaction taxes, except those construction related transaction taxes levied for educational purposes or for capital improvements for education." The company is expected to make a capital investment of $7.8 million in a facility expansion.

The council voted to award the bid for traffic signal installation on First Avenue Southeast and Second Street Southeast to Shoals Electric Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $199,989.

Muscle Shoals-based Shoals Electric was the lower of two bidders; Temple Electric Company, Inc. of Gadsden submitted a bid of $235,000.

The council also passed two ordinances governing water and wastewater connection, reconnection and repair rates in the city system. The Water Department fees are as follows:

a) Reconnection Fee $ 35
b) Reconnection Fees (After Hours) $ 60
c) Lock Replacement Fee $ 75
d) Replace Check Valve $ 100
e) Replace Curb Stop $ 150
f) Locate Service Line $ 500
g) Raise or Lower Meter $ 500
h) Unauthorized Water Use $ 500 plus cost of repair materials
i) Damaged Service $ 500 plus cost of repair materials
j) 3/4" Meter Installation with Box and Lid $ 800
k) 1" Meter Installation with Box and Lid $ 1,000
l) 2" Vault Installation $ 2,500 minimum
m) 2" Meter Installation $ 3,500 minimum
n) Fire Taps Fees will be determined on a case by case basis.

The wastewater fees are as follows:

a) Cleanout Cap Repair $ 30
b) Repair Manhole Ring and Lid $ 500
c) Unauthorized Sewer Use $ 500 plus cost of repair materials
d) Damaged Service $ 500 plus cost of repair materials
e) 2" Pressure Tap $ 720
f) 4" Sewer Tap $ 720
g) 4" Pressure Tap $ 720
h) 6" Sewer Tap $ 3,250
i) 6" Pressure Tap $ 3,250
j) 8" Sewer Tap $ 5,520
k) 8" Pressure Tap $ 5,520
l) 4" Relocate Sewer Service $ 1,440
m) 6" Relocate Sewer Service $ 6,500
n) 8" Relocate Sewer Service $ 11,040

The Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force made a presentation to the council about Human Trafficking Awareness Month coming up in January, and the council voted to approve a City proclamation recognizing the awareness event in the city of Cullman.

The council also approved the 2020 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday from Friday, Feb. 21, 2020 through Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020, and an event permit for the Cullman County Bicentennial Committee to hold its Bicentennial Extravaganza on Saturday, Dec. 14.

The Cullman City Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

HEALTH

ADPH, ADMH partner to break the cycle of stigma

ADMH
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and the Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) have launched a statewide campaign, Stop Judging. Start Healing, aimed at assisting friends, family, physicians, mental health care clinicians, substance abuse prevention and treatment providers and all people in Alabama in changing the way we speak about individuals with mental health illness, substance and opioid use disorders, HIV and Hepatitis C.

The language we use can be hurtful and harming to the people we care about. Using words that help and support others is important.

Decreasing stigma surrounding mental health illnesses, substance and opioid use disorders and HIV and Hepatitis C is vital to ensuring accurate information is shared with those we love and care for.

"People with these conditions often fear that others are blaming or judging them," State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris said.

"These conditions are manageable, and so it is important for everyone to understand that irrational fear creates barriers to people seeking and receiving care. Compassion helps break these barriers. Everyone deserves dignity, compassion and support."

The campaign encourages the public to have open conversations to break the cycle of stigma by sharing kindness and understanding.

Changing the way, we talk changes people, and the words providers and families use are powerful.

"The stigma that surrounds mental illness and substance use disorder is the number one barrier to treatment and recovery. We must learn how to speak in positive terms, support our friends and family, and offer appropriate resources to people who need our help," said Commissioner Lynn Beshear, ADMH.

"Partnering with the Alabama Department of Public Health is the right, next step in the movement to educate practitioners, providers and the people of Alabama, in decreasing the stigma surrounding diseases that affect the mind and body.

"Support for total health is necessary for the well-being of an individual," Beshear continued.

The statewide campaign consists of television, social media and radio advertisements, with a targeted delivery of information to medical professionals to increase awareness of the importance of the use of people first language.

Watch the videos and share on social media using #stopjudgingstarthealing. See how you can help change the conversation at www.stopjudging.org.

Harwood (from Front)

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ARAB, Ala. – When we first met Arab resident Randy Harwood, he had just learned that one of his dreams would be coming true. He was one of the 100 volunteers in the country chosen to help decorate the White House for Christmas. He spent the three days before Thanksgiving in Washington, D.C. working with other volunteers to transform the White House into First Lady Melania Trump's vision of the Spirit of America. He then returned to the White House the following Monday for a reception hosted by the First Lady.

Harwood said, "Well, it was pretty amazing, but I have to say it was also one of the most humbling experiences I've ever had.

"To be in such a place of history and importance to our nation and me to just be a country boy from Alabama was overwhelming. I am so glad I got to go and it is something I will remember for the rest of my life."

Harwood met volunteers from each state as well as Gold Star families who were also invited to participate in the decorating.

He said, "They get to decorate a tree in the White House that's just for Gold Star families to decorate and no one else.

"I got to meet some of them and I met one lady who had lost her son in battle. Really touching and humbling to hear their story and know the reason they were there was to honor the memory of their fallen loved one."

The volunteers worked 10-hour days from six in the morning until four or five in the evening. While the volunteers were not paid, they were fed breakfast and lunch each day.

The volunteers were broken down into teams, and Harwood was assigned to Team Jingle.

He explained, "You had Team Jingle, Holly, Berry and Twinkle. Team Twinkle is who put the lights on the trees. My team had the Blue Room, the Green Room and Red Room to decorate."

Each team had a team captain and they were assigned tasks. The captain of Team Berry, sister of the captain of Team Jingle, stole Harwood on the last day.

Each captain had a book that gave instructions on what was expected. A project manager for the First Lady oversaw the decorating and carried out her wishes.

Harwood said, "He was always walking around and looking at what everybody was doing and if he saw something he didn't like-what he usually didn't like was, 'OK, you're putting lights on that tree, but you aren't hiding the wire.' He was very receptive to our suggestions, and as long as we were following the guidelines, or input was valued."

Harwood enjoyed meeting the other volunteers, including three other volunteers from Alabama. He described the group as a family by the time the decorating was complete.

He said, "Everybody is there for the right reason because they want to do it for their country and it was just a really awesome experience. Even after working all day long, everybody was just supportive of each other and got along great.

"That's unusual. When you put that many different people from different backgrounds and states, you'd expect a little friction somewhere, but that never happened."

Harwood worked on red berry topiaries for hours. He completed 12 of the topiaries.

"Those things," he said. "I am working on those things for hours and they were very tedious, putting those berries on and they all had to look the same. I loved every minute of it because it was just such an honor to be there and do anything. I would have done anything they wanted done."

The Red Room theme is "Games that Families Play."

He explained, "It was Scrabble and chess and just different things like that. It was mostly board games."

The Red Room is seen in a recent White House video showing Scrabble tiles spelling "Be Best" and wreaths embellished with chess pieces.

Harwood smiled, "I helped make those wreaths. I put the chess pieces on them. It's pretty amazing to walk into the White House and see something you did hanging."

The Green Room theme is "Christmas Stories." Harwood liked how the room looked at the end.

He said, "The mantle has these little books, and I really liked it."

It featured different Christmas stories and books by American authors.

The Blue Room has Harwood's favorite tree.

He said, "It's the biggest. It's 20 feet tall and has around 7,000 lights. It is decorated with flowers of each state. Of course, I have pictures of Alabama."

The volunteers also created handmade flowers for the Blue Room tree.

He described the reception as "mind-blowing," adding, "To get to go back and get all dressed up and see everything done and the food. It wasn't Southern home cooking, but it was still good food."

First Lady Melania Trump came down to thank the volunteers during the Monday morning reception. She and President Trump then departed for the NATO Summit in London.

Harwood laughed because the volunteers rushed to peer out the White House windows in hopes of catching a glimpse as the President and First Lady boarded the helicopter waiting to take them to Air Force One.

He described the food at the reception as "brunch food."

He said, "They had an omelet station, a Belgian waffle station and a lot of food that I don't even know what it was. One thing they had that I recognized. It was these little biscuits with ham in them. They were about the size of a quarter and I could have eaten 10 of them, but I didn't want to look like a hog."

Harwood laughed when he admitted he stopped at the Chick-Fil-A drive-thru when it was over because he was still hungry.

There were many surreal moments for Harwood during his time at the White House.

He said, "We could just sit on the priceless antique furniture, I ate in the State Dining Room more than once. That's where the heads of other countries have eaten. It was a little overwhelming emotionally. It kind of hit me, I had taken all my pictures and videos and I had eaten.

"I was walking around not really talking to anyone for a few minutes. I was just taking it in and it hit me where I was. This is The White House, the People's House. It carries such a big place in our nation's history. I really appreciated more than ever what it means to be an American. I can say that the spirit of America was really there in that group of volunteers. That was awesome!"

Lucas (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County Animal Shelter staff reported to The Tribune that the shelter has had a good Christmas season so far, with good numbers of pets finding homes, including two entire litters of puppies.

There are still canine friends awaiting adoption, though, so shelter staff shared The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Lucas is a 1.75-2-year-old red heeler. He's a lively, medium-high-energy grown-up puppy who cherishes interacting with people.

He enjoys being groomed and playing with his toys, especially if his humans play too. He has a good appetite and is quiet and well-mannered in his kennel.

Lucas had the makings of a companion, therapy or hiking dog.

Lucas's adoption fee is $90 which includes: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, neutering, microchip, free 30-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior.

Several of the shelter's dogs have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

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

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

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Northbrook kids investigate uproar in Bethlehem with 'Arrest These Merry Gentlemen'

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CULLMAN, Ala. – On Sunday evening, the Northbrook Baptist Church children's ministry performed its production of Little Big Stuff's "Arrest These Merry Gentlemen," the tale of Bethlehem police officer Joe Sabbath and his investigation of a case of disturbing the peace involving shepherds, mysterious travelers from the east and an out-of-town family. Along the way, he unwittingly meets Mary, Joseph and the angel Gabriel, and even gets to hold baby Jesus, before he finally figures out that everyone is perfectly justified in making all the noise. In the end, Joe encourages everyone to disturb the peace with the story of Jesus.

Drama Director Erica Tucker told The Tribune, "Working with the kids is always fun. You know, it's always stressful and chaotic through the process, but it's always so much fun to get to the end and to see how hard the kids have worked, and let them get to shine and give glory to Christ above all."

Musical Director Kristi Warden talked about putting the production together, saying, "The challenge was it's a pretty lengthy production that I think they're doing, for the kids: a lot of drama, a lot of lines for them to learn.

"But the fun part has been just the whole story coming together, and I think the music has been excellent-the choices of music that were in the musical-and I think they've had a good time, you know, with some of the fun lines in the drama.

"They're just comical, but yet it tells the story of Christ, which is the whole point. I have loved the musical. I think it's been just really great, the way they've written it and put it together. It's been one of my favorites."



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The Northbrook Baptist Church children's ministry performed its production of Little Big Stuff's "Arrest These Merry Gentlemen" Sunday evening.

After the show, Northbrook Pastor Keith Warden told The Tribune, "We're just proud of our kids and we love them. They worked so hard, and there's so many of them that have incredible talents and gifts, and we're grateful to be able to give them away, to use them to express their love for the Lord. It's a blessing for me to be able to watch that and to enjoy that."

See The Tribune's photo gallery at http://bit.ly/356Yna0.

Award (from Front)

Kristina Scott
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Alabama Possible, a statewide nonprofit that breaks down barriers to prosperity, on Monday announced that three Cullman County schools will receive the Best Hustle Award for successfully improving their early Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion by at least 10% from Oct. 1 to Dec. 1, 2019. This year, 120 Alabama high schools earned this recognition, including Cold Springs High School, Holly Pond High School and West Point High School.

All the schools participate in the Cash for College Alabama campaign coordinated by Alabama Possible. Cash for College works with school counselors, career coaches, and other educators at high schools across the state to equip students to continue their education after high school by completing their financial aid form.

More than 340 Alabama high schools participate in the Cash for College campaign. By December 1, 2019, nearly 12,000 Alabama high school seniors had already completed the FAFSA, up .17% compared to last year.

"It's crucial that high school seniors fill out the FAFSA as early as possible to maximize their financial aid," said Kristina Scott, executive director of Alabama Possible. "We are excited for all the schools that have received the Best Hustle Award and congratulate them on their success in encouraging early FAFSA completion among students."

Any student seeking federal or state financial aid – including grants, loans, and work-study programs – must complete the FAFSA. Most Alabama students qualify for Pell Grants of up to $6,195 per year. Students can use Pell Grants for two-year and four-year technical and academic programs. If you want to learn more about the FAFSA and Cash for College, visit cashforcollegealabama.org.

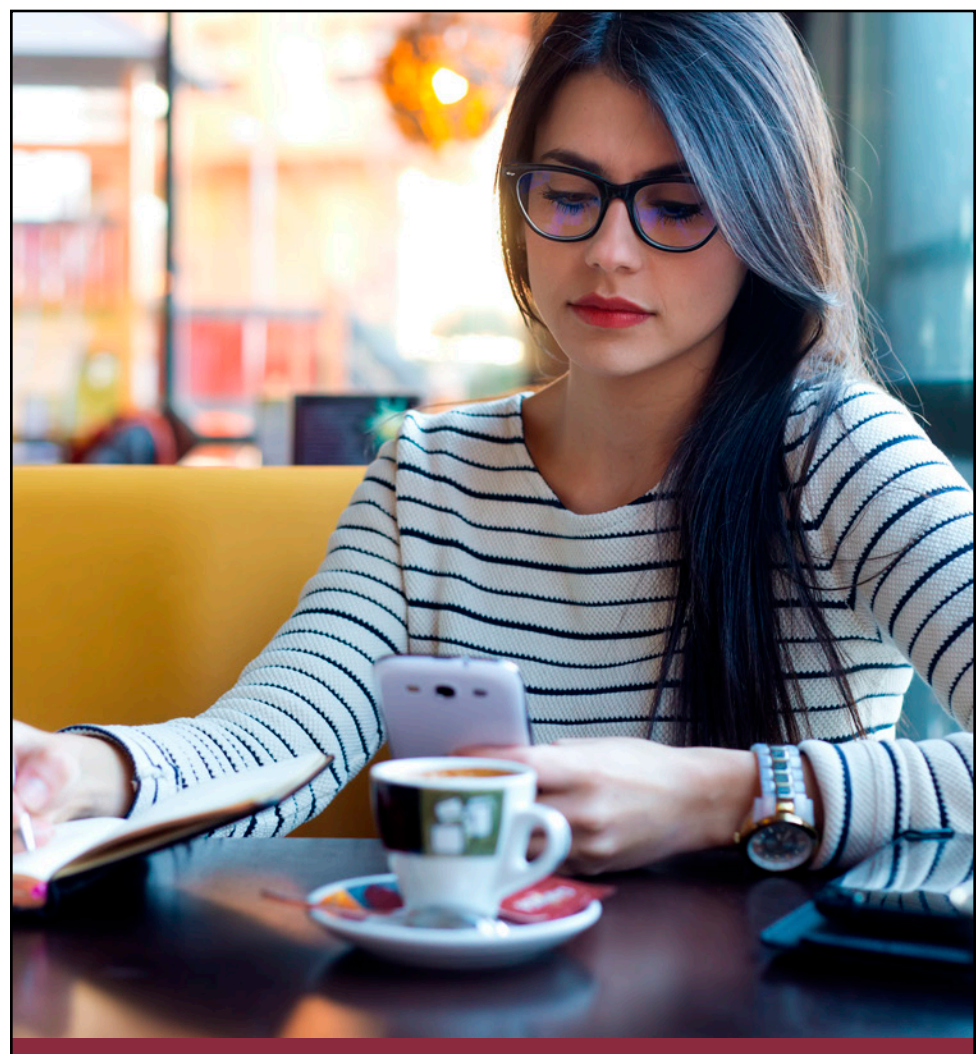
Alabama aims to add 500,000 individuals with valuable postsecondary credentials to its workforce by 2025, and Governor Kay Ivey's Success Plus strategic plan recognizes the critical role that financial aid plays in making education after high school accessible and affordable.

Cash for College Alabama is a partnership of Alabama Possible, the Alabama State Department of Education, Bold Goals Coalition of Central Alabama, and the Alabama Media Group. Additional collaborators include the Alabama Community College System and Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

About Alabama Possible
Alabama Possible is a statewide nonprofit organization that breaks down barriers to prosperity. We use education, collaboration, and advocacy to change the way people think and talk about poverty. To learn more, visit alabamapossible.org.







Sports

8:00 a.m. GOLF Ladies Euro Tour Golf Magical Kenya Open, Final Round. (Same-day Tape)
10:00 a.m. FSEE Women's College Basketball LSU at Oklahoma.
11:55 a.m. TNT UEFA Champions League Soccer FC Red Bull Salzburg vs Liverpool FC. (Live)
12:30 p.m. FSEE Powerboat Racing Nationals.
2:00 p.m. TNT UEFA Champions League Soccer FC Internazionale Milano vs FC Barcelona. (Live)
3:00 p.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow
5:30 p.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow
6:00 p.m. ESPN College Basketball Texas Tech vs Louisville. (Live)
ESPN2 College Basketball Maryland at Penn State. (Live)
FS1 College Basketball Brown at St. John's. (Live)
7:00 p.m. FSEE NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Miami Heat. (Live)
TNT NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Philadelphia 76ers. (Live)
8:00 p.m. ESPN College Basketball Indiana vs Connecticut. (Live)
ESPN2 College Basketball Butler at Baylor. (Live)
FS1 WWE Friday Night SmackDown
10:00 p.m. FS1 WWE Backstage (Live)
10:30 p.m. FSEE NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Miami Heat.
TNT NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Philadelphia 76ers.
1:00 a.m. FS1 WWE Backstage
TNT All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite
2:00 a.m. FS1 College Basketball Brown at St. John's.
4:00 a.m. FS1 WWE Backstage
5:00 a.m. FSEE NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Miami Heat.

Movies

6:45 a.m. SHOW "The Fighting Temptations" ★★½ (2003) Cuba Gooding Jr.
7:00 a.m. LIFE "A Christmas Proposal" ★★★ (2008) Nicole Eggert. Two opposing lawyers — one-time sweethearts — battle over the development of a ski resort.
TCM "Gildersleeve on Broadway" ★★ (1943) Harold Peary.
7:05 a.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.
7:35 a.m. MAX "Rampage" ★★½ (2018) Dwayne Johnson
8:15 a.m. TCM "Listen, Darling" ★★½ (1938) Judy Garland.
8:30 a.m. FX "Atomic Blonde" ★★★ (2017) Charlize Theron. With the Berlin Wall about to fall, an elite MI6 spy travels into the heart of the city to retrieve a priceless dossier and take down a ruthless espionage ring.
9:00 a.m. LIFE "A Christmas Wedding" ★★★ (2006) Sarah Paulson. A real-estate developer embarks on a wild cross-country odyssey to get home in time for her wedding.
SHOW "The Royal Tenenbaums" ★★★ (2001) Gene Hackman (Premiere) An errant father tries to reconcile with his eccentric and underachieving family in New York.
9:05 a.m. HBO "Life as We Know It" ★★ (2010) Katherine Heigl
9:25 a.m. MAX "Traffic" ★★★½ (2000) Michael Douglas While a judge's anti-drug campaign leads him to his own daughter, a DEA agent targets a trafficker's wife, and a policeman fights corruption.
9:45 a.m. TCM "Bachelor Bait" ★★ (1934) Stuart Erwin.
11:00 a.m. FX "Now You See Me 2" ★★ (2016) Jesse Eisenberg.
SHOW "Finding Neverland" ★★★½ (2004) Johnny Depp (Premiere) Writer J.M. Barrie befriends a widow and her four sons who inspire him to create the character Peter Pan.
11:15 a.m. TCM "Luxury Liner" ★★ (1948) George Brent.
11:55 a.m. MAX "Annapolis" ★★ (2006) James Franco
12:05 p.m. TMC "Goin' South" ★★½ (1978) Jack Nicholson
12:45 p.m. SHOW "The King's Speech" ★★★½ (2010) Colin Firth An extraordinary friendship forms between England's King George VI and the Australian actor/speech therapist who helps him overcome a stammer.
1:00 p.m. AMC "Ernest Saves Christmas" ★★½ (1988) Jim Varney.
HALL "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" ★★★ (2008) Henry Winkler. A snowbound stranger brightens the holidays for a retired police officer and his niece.
TCM "Make Way for a Lady" ★★ (1936) Herbert Marshall.
1:40 p.m. MAX "Jaws 2" ★★½ (1978) Roy Scheider
2:00 p.m. FX "Ride Along" ★★ (2014) Ice Cube.
TMC "Flypaper" ★★ (2011) Patrick Dempsey
2:15 p.m. TCM "Village of Daughters" ★★ (1962) Eric Sykes.
2:45 p.m. SHOW "The Patriot" ★★★ (2000) Mel Gibson A pacifist farmer of South Carolina reluctantly joins the Revolutionary War and fights alongside his son.
2:50 p.m. HBO "Shazam!" ★★★½ (2019) Zachary Levi Billy Batson is a streetwise 14-year-old who can magically transform into the adult superhero Shazam simply by shouting out one word. His newfound powers soon get put to the test when he squares off against the evil Dr. Thaddeus Sivana.
3:00 p.m. AMC "Ice Age" ★★★ (2002) Voices of Ray Romano. Animated. A woolly mammoth, a saber-toothed tiger and a sloth find a human baby and try to reunite him with his tribe.
BET "Shaft" ★★½ (2000) Samuel L. Jackson.
3:30 p.m. TMC "The Fog" ★★ (2005) Tom Welling
3:45 p.m. TCM "Unexpected Uncle" ★★ (1941) Anne Shirley.
4:00 p.m. FX "Ride Along 2" ★★ (2016) Ice Cube.
4:30 p.m. TNT "Shooter" ★★½ (2007) Mark Wahlberg.
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.
TCM "Crossing Delancey" ★★★ (1988) Amy Irving. A Manhattan single meets a man through her Jewish grandmother's matchmaker.
5:15 p.m. FREE "Arthur Christmas" ★★★ (2011) Voices of James McAvoy. Animated. Santa's youngest son sets out on an urgent mission to deliver a present to a forgotten child before Christmas morning dawns.
5:30 p.m. BET "Soul Plane" ★★ (2004) Kevin Hart.
6:00 p.m. FX "War for the Planet of the Apes" ★★★½ (2017) Andy Serkis. A ruthless colonel leads his troops in a deadly battle against Caesar and his army of intelligent apes.
6:05 p.m. HBO "Unknown" ★★½ (2011) Liam Neeson
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.
TCM "The Pink Panther" ★★★½ (1963) Peter Sellers. Clumsy Inspector Jacques Clouseau chases a jewel thief and his nephew.
MAX "Death Becomes Her" ★★★ (1992) Meryl Streep An actress and an author fight over a plastic surgeon and the secret of eternal beauty.
TMC "Congo" ★★ (1995) Dylan Walsh
7:20 p.m. FREE "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" ★★ (2000) Jim Carrey.
7:50 p.m. BET "Meet the Browns" ★★ (2008) Tyler Perry.
8:45 p.m. MAX "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again" ★★½ (2018) Amanda Seyfried
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TMC "Godzilla" ★★ (1998) Matthew Broderick
9:15 p.m. TCM "A Shot in the Dark" ★★★½ (1964) Peter Sellers. Clumsy Inspector Clouseau visits a nudist camp to prove a French maid innocent of murder.
10:40 p.m. MAX "8 Heads in a Duffel Bag" ★★ (1997) Joe Pesci
10:45 p.m. HBO "Bridesmaids" ★★★ (2011) Kristen Wiig Though broke and lovelorn, a woman takes on the strange and expensive rituals associated with being her best friend's maid of honor.
11:05 p.m. AMC "Nanny McPhee" ★★½ (2005) Emma Thompson.
11:15 p.m. TCM "The Return of the Pink Panther" ★★★ (1975) Peter Sellers. Bungling Inspector Clouseau once again seeks the Pink Panther diamond and maddens his boss.
12:00 a.m. FX "Lucy" ★★★ (2014) Scarlett Johansson. An unwilling drug mule develops superhuman abilities after the synthetic substance leaks into her system.
12:15 a.m. 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.
1:05 a.m. AMC "White Christmas" ★★★★ (1954) Bing Crosby. Former Army buddies put on a show with a sister act to save their general's hotel in Vermont.

TUESDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 10, 2019

MOVIES

		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** "Secret Lives" A young mother's disappearance.		**Chicago P.D.** Ruzak and Atwater become prison inmates.		**Chicago P.D.** Investigating a pedophilia ring.		**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**
WBIQ-PBS	4	**Artistic Roots: Alabama's Creative Culture**		**PBS NewsHour** (N)		**Mister Rogers: It's You I Like** "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood."			**Henry Louis Gates, Jr. -- Uncovering America** Life and work of Henry Louis Gates Jr.				**Steps to Pain Free**
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**	**Ellen's Greatest Night of Give-aways** (Series Premiere) (N)		**(:01) The Voice** The top four artists are revealed. (N) (Live)		**(:01) Making It** Piggybank and a kid's bedroom. (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** The six remaining contestants compete.		**(:01) The Moodys** Sean Sr. invites some unexpected guests.		**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)	**NCIS** The team discovers a newborn baby.		**FBI** "Most Wanted" OA and Maggie team up with the FBI.		**NCIS: New Orleans** Pride must complete a series of tasks.		**CBS42 News 10pm** (N)	**Late Show-Colbert**
WTTO-CW	9	**The Goldbergs**	**2 Broke Girls**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Flash** Pariah enlists Black Lightning's help. (N)		**Crisis Aftermath** (N) (Part 2 of 2)		**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** "Careless"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Sick"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Lowdown"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Criminal"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** A woman commits suicide.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Bound"	
WABM2-ABC	12	**ABC 33/40 News at 5PM**	**ABC World News**	**ABC 33/40 News at 6PM**	**Wheel of Fortune** (N)	**The Conners** (N)	**Bless This Mess** (N)	**mixed-ish** (N)	**black-ish** (N)	**Emergence** Jo and Chris must evade the FBI. (N)		**ABC 33/40 News at 10PM**	**(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!**
A&E	42	**The First 48** Mass shooting in the French Quarter.		**The First 48** A murder in front of a school.		**The First 48: Squad Stories: Tulsa** "End of the Road" (N)		**Behind Bars: Women Inside** (Premiere) (N) (Part 1 of 4)		**(:01) Behind Bars: Women Inside** (N) (Part 2 of 4)		**(:04) The First 48** An innocent bystander is gunned down.	
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	**North Woods Law** Investigating out-of-state hunter.		**North Woods Law** A possible illegal turkey kill site.		**North Woods Law: Uncuffed** "Open Season" A hunter may be illegally baiting deer. (N)				**North Woods Law** A home with bear feeding complaints.		**North Woods Law** Man raising alligators in his home.	
BET	55	**(3:00) ★★ "Shaft"** (2000)	★★ **"Soul Plane"** (2004, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tom Arnold, Method Man. Passengers and crew party aboard an airliner.					**(7:50) ★★ "Meet the Browns"** (2008, Comedy-Drama) Tyler Perry, Angela Bassett. A woman meets her late father's uproarious family for the first time.					**Martin**
BRAVO	58	**The Real Housewives of Orange County**		**The Real Housewives of Orange County**		**The Real Housewives of Orange County** (N)		**The Real Housewives of Orange County** (N)		**The Real Housewives of Atlanta**		**Watch What Happens Live**	**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** Bonnie loses her job.
CNBC	35	**Mad Money** (N)		**Shark Tank** The sharks fight over an inventor.		**Shark Tank** Body sprays and lotions for teens.		**Shark Tank** A decadent breakfast treat.		**The Profit** Companies where Marcus never made deal. (N)		**The Profit** "Lyles BBQ" A family-owned BBQ restaurant.	
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) The Office** A motivational harbor cruise.		**(5:50) The Office**	**(:25) The Office**	**The Office** "The Carpet"	**The Office**	**The Office**	**The Office**	**The Office**	**The Office**	**The Daily Show**	**Lights Out-David Spade**
DISN	49	**Jessie**	**Jessie**	**Sydney to the Max**	**Bunk'd**	**Raven's Home**	**Just Roll With It**	**Gabby Duran**	**Jessie**	**Coop & Cami Ask the World**	**Sydney to the Max**	**Raven's Home**	**Mickey Mouse**
DSC	43	**Moonshiners** Mark Rogers designs a custom pot still.		**Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts** "What Happens in the Woods"		**Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts** "Double Proof Double Cross"		**Moonshiners** "Crossing County Lines" Mark and Digger turn to a former foe. (N)				**(:03) Gold Rush: White Water** Dustin takes a dangerous risk.	
E!	21	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Total Divas** Tensions run high on the girls' trip.		**Nightly Pop** (N)	**Dating: No Filter**
ESPN	29	**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**College Basketball** Texas Tech vs Louisville. (N) (Live)				**College Basketball** Indiana vs Connecticut. (N) (Live)					**SportsCenter W/Van Pelt**
ESPN2	30	**Daily Wager** (N) (Live)		**College Basketball** Maryland at Penn State. (N) (Live)				**College Basketball** Butler at Baylor. (N) (Live)				**Don't Ever Give Up**	
FOOD	45	**Chopped** Holiday-inspired dishes.		**Chopped** Couples compete in a feisty battle.		**Chopped Junior** "Holiday Gift Baskets" (N)		**Chopped** Champions return for a competition. (N)		**Holiday Baking Championship** "Sweet Redemption"		**Holiday Baking Championship** Runner-up teams return.	
FREE	48	**(:15) ★★★ "Arthur Christmas"** (2011) Voices of James McAvoy, Hugh Laurie. Animated. Santa's youngest son undertakes an urgent Christmas mission.					**(:20) ★★ "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) Jim Carrey, Jeffrey Tambor. A curmudgeon hates the Christmas-loving Whos of Whoville.					**The 700 Club** He pursued money and material things. (N)	
FS1	20	**NFL Films Presents**	**NFL Films Presents** (N)	**College Basketball** Brown at St. John's. (N) (Live)				**WWE Friday Night SmackDown** King Corbin promises to humiliate Roman Reigns; what happened to Daniel Bryan?				**WWE Backstage** (N) (Live)	
FSEE	32	**Golf America** (N)	**Sports Stars of Tomorrow**	**Power of Sports**	**Hawks Live! Pregame** (N)	**NBA Basketball** Atlanta Hawks at Miami Heat. (N) (Live)					**Hawks Live! Postgame** (N)	**Hawks 4th Quarter**	**NBA Basketball**
FX	28	**(4:00) ★★ "Ride Along 2"** (2016) Ice Cube, Kevin Hart.		★★★ **"War for the Planet of the Apes"** (2017, Science Fiction) Andy Serkis, Woody Harrelson, Steve Zahn. Soldiers battle Caesar and his army of intelligent apes.						★★★ **"War for the Planet of the Apes"** (2017) Andy Serkis. Soldiers battle Caesar and his army of intelligent apes.			
GOLF	82	**Best Lessons Ever**	**Inside the PGA Tour**	**Live From the Presidents Cup** (N) (Live)									
HALL	72	**"Check Inn to Christmas"** (2019, Romance) Richard Karn, Rachel Boston. Julia and Ryan must unite their families.				**"Reunited at Christmas"** (2018, Drama) Beverley Breuer, Candus Churchill. Sam is facing her first Christmas without Nana.				**(:03) "A Christmas Love Story"** (2019) Kristin Chenoweth. A gifted boy joins a choir unbeknownst to his widowed father.			
HGTV	46	**Fixer Upper** A client with a 1950s bungalow.		**Home Town** A family has outgrown their loft.		**Home Town** A woman moves into town to downsize.		**Fixer to Fabulous** The duo renovate a home's layout. (N)		**Home Town** A couple seeks a Southern vacation home.		**House Hunters International**	**House Hunters** (N)
HIST	40	**The Curse of Oak Island** "Eye of the Swamp"		**The Curse of Oak Island** Gary discovers a mysterious artifact.		**The Curse of Oak Island: Digging Deeper** "Tunnel Visions"		**The Curse of Oak Island** "Closing In" (N)		**(:03) Kings of Pain** A dangerous underwater hunt. (N)		**(:05) The Curse of Oak Island** "The Lucky Thirteen"	
LIFE	23	**"Merry Liddle Christmas"** (2019) Kelly Rowland, Thomas Cadrot. An entrepreneur's messy family comes to her house.				**"Wrapped Up in Christmas"** (2017) Tatyana Ali, Brendan Fehr. Molly asks the mall Santa to find a boyfriend for her aunt.				**(:03) "Christmas Around the Corner"** (2018, Drama) Alexandra Breckenridge. A venture capitalist helps save a bookstore.			
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	**Life Below Zero** Food, water and shelter are critical.		**Life Below Zero** Residents get back to the basics.		**Life Below Zero: Ice Breakers** "Melt Down" (N)		**Life Below Zero** "Winter's End" (N)		**Running Wild With Bear Grylls** (N)		**Life Below Zero** "Winter's End"	
PARMT	57	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	★ **"Dirty Grandpa"** (2016, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Zac Efron, Aubrey Plaza. A lawyer brings his foulmouthed grandfather to spring break.					**Ink Master Grudge Match** "Old Dogs, Old Tricks" (N)		★ **"Dirty Grandpa"** (2016) Robert De Niro, Zac Efron.	
TBS	25	**Family Guy** "Family Goy"	**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**	**The Misery Index** (N)	**Conan** "Valerie Tosi" (N)	**The Misery Index**
TCM	79	★★★ **"Crossing Delancey"** (1988) Amy Irving, Reizl Bozyk. A spirited New Yorker finds romance with a pickle merchant.				★★★ **"The Pink Panther"** (1963) Peter Sellers, David Niven. An incompetent inspector tracks a suave jewel thief.				**(:15) ★★★ "A Shot in the Dark"** (1964) Peter Sellers. Inspector Clouseau tries to clear a chambermaid of murder.			
TLC	24	**Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta** Bride Dani; bride Arica.		**The Little Couple** Christmas time with Will and Zoey.		**Outdaughtered** Danielle and Adam prepare for Christmas.		**Counting On** "A Surprise Delivery" Jessa goes into labor. (N)		**Welcome to Plathville** "The Big Announcement"		**Welcome to Plathville** Moriah and Kim plan a college tour.	
TNT	26	**(4:30) ★★ "Shooter"** (2007, Suspense) Mark Wahlberg. A wounded sniper plots revenge against those who betrayed him.				**NBA Basketball** Denver Nuggets at Philadelphia 76ers. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)				**Inside the NBA** (N) (Live)			**NBA Basketball**
USA	27	**(4:58) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Closet"		**(5:58) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit**		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Mea Culpa"		**The Purge** "Hail Mary" People settle scores on Purge Night.		**(:01) Treadstone** Doug prepares for a mission. (N)		**(:04) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Lunacy"	
WE	71	**Law & Order** "Publish and Perish" A porn actress is killed.		**Law & Order** "Sport of Kings" A jockey is shot.		**Law & Order** A fire yields evidence in an old case.		**Law & Order** "Locomotion" A commuter train hits an SUV.		**Law & Order** "Red Ball" A deal with a criminal.		**Law & Order** "Flaw" Money-laundering scheme.	
HBO	518	**(:05) His Dark Materials** Lyra finds what she is looking for.		**(:05) ★★ "Unknown"** (2011, Suspense) Liam Neeson. An accident victim finds a man using his identity. 'PG-13'				**Belichick & Saban: The Art of Coaching** (N)		**(:15) Silicon Valley** Efforts to pull off a spectacular feat.		**(:05) Mrs. Fletcher**	**(:45) ★★★ "Bridesmaids"**
MAX	549	**(:15) ★ "Get Carter"** (2000, Suspense) Sylvester Stallone. A mob enforcer is determined to solve his brother's murder. 'R'				★★★ **"Death Becomes Her"** (1992, Comedy) Meryl Streep, Bruce Willis. 'PG-13'			**(:45) ★★ "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again"** (2018, Musical Comedy) Amanda Seyfried, Lily James. 'PG-13'				**"8 Heads in a Duffel Bag"**
SHOW	578	**(2:45) ★★★ "The Patriot"**	**"Attrition"** (2018, Action) Steven Seagal. A retired soldier helps save a kidnapped woman. 'R'			**Ray Donovan** "Hispes" Ray finishes a deal for the Mayor.		**Inside the NFL** Highlights from the 14th week. (N)		**Shameless** "Sparky" An unexpected visitor shows up.		**Inside the NFL** Highlights from the 14th week.	
TMC	598	**(:15) ★ "Wild Bill"** (1995, Western) Jeff Bridges, Ellen Barkin, John Hurt. The past haunts the Old West gunslinger. 'R'				★★ **"Congo"** (1995, Action) Dylan Walsh, Laura Linney, Ernie Hudson. Killer gorillas menace an African expedition. 'PG-13'				★★ **"Godzilla"** (1998) Matthew Broderick. Nuclear testing in the South Pacific produces a giant mutated lizard. 'PG-13'			

Best Bets

7 p.m. on WBRC
The Masked Singer

As this season moves into its final phases, fans get a double helping of new episodes this week, starting with tonight's special event, which features the first time the six remaining characters have competed together. One of them will be unmasked in the final moments of tonight's show. Then, Wednesday brings a special holiday-themed semifinals episode, which will see not one, but two contestants revealed at the end. Nick Cannon is the host; Jenny McCarthy, Ken Jeong, Nicole Scherzinger and Robin Thicke are the judges.

7 p.m. on WABM2
The Conners

In a new episode called "Smoking Penguins and Santa on Santa Action," Dan's (John Goodman) feelings are hurt when Becky (Lecy Goranson) is the only family member to remember his birthday. Moreover, he excludes Jackie (Laurie Metcalf) from the family's annual Christmas Santa photo after she is rude to Louise (guest star Katey Sagal). Darlene (Sara Gilbert), meanwhile, must deal with another issue. Jay R. Ferguson and James Pickens Jr. also guest star.

7:30 p.m. on WABM2
Bless This Mess

Mike and Rio (Dax Shepard, Lake Bell) are elated at the prospect of sharing their first Christmas alone together as a married couple, but one crisis after another throws a series of wrenches into their romantic fantasy in the new episode "Goose Glazing Time." Elsewhere, determined to give son Jacob (JT Neal) a proper Christmas, Kay (Lennon Parham) invites her estranged husband Beau (David Koechner) to spend Christmas with them. Ed Begley Jr. and Pam Grier also star.

8 p.m. on WABM2
mixed-ish

While Alicia and Paul (Tika Sumpter, Mark-Paul Gosselaar) strive to continue the Christmas solstice traditions they observed with their kids while living on the commune, their parents are equally determined that their extended family will celebrate a more traditional Christmas in the new holiday episode "Do They Know It's Christmas?"

8 p.m. on TLC
Counting On

While the rest of the family is out of town, Jessa goes into labor two weeks before her due date, forcing her and Ben to come up with a "Plan B" really quickly, especially when something goes wrong after the birth, in the new episode "A Surprise Delivery." Meanwhile, Kendra and Joe celebrate little Garrett's first birthday with a smash cake that will do double duty by revealing the gender of their imminent second child.

8 p.m. on HBO
Belichick & Saban: The Art of Coaching

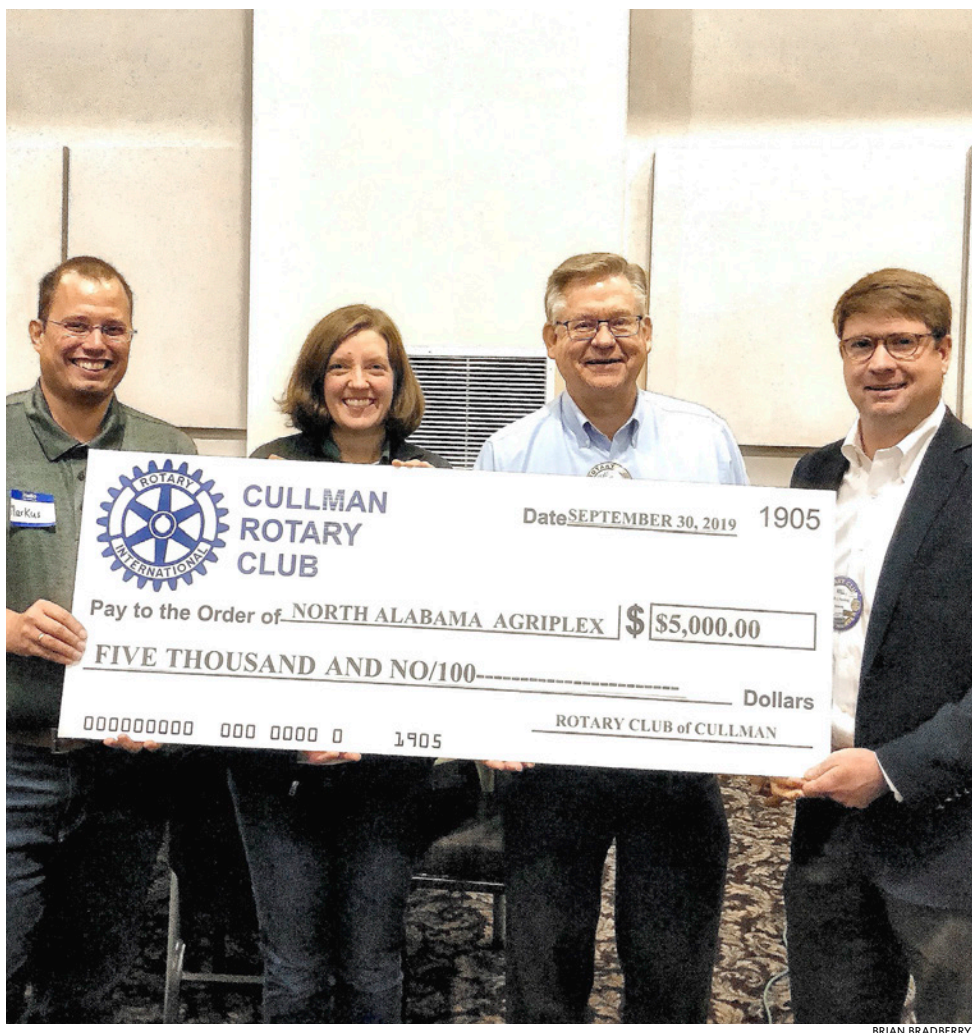
Bill Belichick of the New England Patriots and Nick Saban from Alabama's Crimson Tide, two of the most powerful coaches in football history, reflect on their four-decades-long friendship, among other topics, in this 90-minute 2019 sports documentary. The two men met in 1982 in Annapolis, Md., where Saban served as assistant coach to Steve Belichick, Bill's father. Topics of conversation in this film include their fathers' influences on their respective careers and how they form bonds with the next generation of players.

8:30 p.m. on WABM2
black-ish

For as long as his family can remember, Pops (Laurence Fishburne) doesn't "do" Christmas, so when he suddenly turns up at the house unannounced, with Lynette (Loretta Devine) in tow and filled with the holiday spirit, Dre (Anthony Anderson) can't believe his eyes in the new episode "Father Christmas." The ensuing family gathering is interrupted by someone from Lynette's past. Anderson also directed this episode; Tracee Ellis Ross also stars.



Nick Cannon hosts "The Masked Singer" on Fox.



BRIAN BRADBERRY

Left to right are Markus Doering, Rachel Dawsey, Rickey Kreps and Will Harding.

COMMUNITY NOTE

Cullman Rotary Club donates $5K to Agriplex

Brian Bradberry
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Rotary Club members Will Harding and Rickey Kreps presented a donation of $5,000 to Rachel Dawsey and Markus Doering, with the North Alabama Agriplex, during last week's Cullman Rotary Club meeting.

We appreciate all that the North Alabama Agriplex does in our community. Keep up the great work.

Service Above Self!

Proclamation (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council on Monday evening received a request from the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force for a proclamation declaring January 2020 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Cullman. The month is already recognized as the official awareness month nationwide. The proposed proclamation reads, in part:

"Human Trafficking Free Zone"
The World Games
Birmingham 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Birmingham has been chosen to host the World Games 2021, an international sporting event that will bring thousands of athletes, as well as countless tourists and media, to the Birmingham metro area; and

WHEREAS, an increase in tourists seeking entertainment, including commercial sex, increases the potential risk for exploitation and human trafficking. Traffickers are opportunistic hunters, and they see major sporting events and the hundreds of thousands of people who flock to sports venues as an opportunity for huge profits with very little risk of penalty or punishment; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which victims are forced to work in various forms of exploitation, including debt bondage, forced marriage, labor and commercial sexual exploitation, that are induced through force, fraud or coercion. The City of Cullman, Alabama is committed to becoming a Trafficking Free Zone ensuring that our community is prepared to recognize signs of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, due to its isolating nature, many individuals are unaware that trafficking exists in their neighborhoods. The first step in eliminating human trafficking in our community is to educate others. We must work diligently to ensure that all front-line industries are aware of this issue and how to spot it.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Woody Jacobs, Mayor of the City of Cullman, Alabama, do hereby proclaim that we will continue our efforts to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of our children and vulnerable adults, and mitigate the associated public safety, economic, and health risks to our community, in collaboration with the Child Trafficking Solutions Project, the U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking, and other anti-human trafficking organizations by,

COMBATING COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION OF OUR STAFF AND THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF A ZEROTOLERANCE POLICY AGAINST ANY ACT WHICH MAY SUPPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

and ask ALL citizens of the City of Cullman join us in promoting a shift away from the culture of tolerance toward human trafficking.

A statement issued by Jordan Giddens, community engagement coordinator for the Children's Policy Council of Jefferson County's Child Trafficking Solutions Project on behalf of the task force said (unedited):

The proclamation, similar to the Drug Free Zone initiatives in the early 2000s, requires that: 1) all city staff receive human trafficking training, and 2) the city adopt a "zero-tolerance" policy regarding purchasing commercial sex at work.

The Trafficking Free Zone initiative is a nation-wide program of the U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking (USIAHT), and local anti-trafficking coalition, the Child Trafficking Solutions Project (CTSP), which is an initiative of the Children's Policy Council and the Jefferson County Family Court.

Kathy Wilson, Chair of the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force said that, "The City of Cullman has always taken the issue of human trafficking, and specifically child trafficking, very seriously.

"We were one of the first counties in the state to form a human trafficking task force, and we are excited to join other Alabama cities in taking this vital step to show the community how seriously we take the issue."

Geoff Rogers, CEO of USIAHT, said, "We are beyond excited that the City of Cullman has taken this vital step to eradicate human trafficking and educate their entire community on the real and present dangers that their children face. Their willingness to join the movement is a testament to how seriously the entire state of Alabama is taking this issue, and we look forward to working with more Alabama cities in the future."

Jordan Giddens, Community Engagement Coordinator for the Child Trafficking Solutions Project, said that, "The ripple effect we have seen since the first Trafficking Free Zone was established last week has been enormous, and has extended beyond the Birmingham metro.

"Our goal is to have every municipality in Jefferson County signed on and trained before The World Games 2021 Birmingham, but we are so happy that other municipalities and regions are joining this mission and taking this issue seriously, from the top down."

To learn more about human trafficking and how you can help, please visit Homeland Security's Blue Campaign website (dhs.gov/blue-campaign).

If you or your business are interested in becoming a Trafficking Free Zone or would like to receive human trafficking awareness training, please visit the website for the U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking (usiaht.org).

If you suspect a human trafficking instance or emergency, please either call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text HELP to BeFree (233733), or call the Department of Homeland Security's trafficking hotline at 1-866-DHS-2-ICE (1-866-347-2423).

For more on the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force, visit Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force.

Obituary Announcements Dec. 10

Funeral services for Ms. Marion Louise Purifoy will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019 at Pleasant Grove Church in Colony, Alabama. She will lie in state from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. Burial will follow at the adjoining cemetery. The family will welcome guests for a visitation beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019 at Hanceville Funeral Home. Ms. Marion "Mike" Purifoy died peacefully in the hospital Friday, Dec. 6, 2019 in Cullman at the age of 86. Marion is survived by her children Darrell Anthony Purifoy (Lynda) of Lutz, Florida; Casandra Purifoy of Colony, Alabama; Michael Purifoy of Lawrenceville, Georgia; Steven Perry of Gardendale, Alabama; and Katie (Brian) Porterfield of Conyers, Georgia; siblings Arnell Williams of Los Angeles, CA; Delores Anderson of Nashville, TN; Willard (Dr. Joan) Boyd of Youngstown, OH; Carrol Craig of Cleveland, OH; Evelyn Howard of Colony, Alabama; and Roger (Jackie) Boyd of Colony, AL; Wilbur Brown of Birmingham, Alabama; Robin Ridgeway and Joann (Otis) Minnitt of Colony, Alabama; Leroy Purifoy of Fultondale, Alabama; and a host of nieces and nephews, friends and extended family. She is preceded in death by her son William Henry Purifoy and daughter Mavis Joyce Purifoy; her brothers Melvin Boyd and Cecil Boyd; her sisters Burgess Boyd, Vivian Allen, Margaret Taylor, Janice Grier and Emma Jean Robinson; grandson William Maurice Purifoy; and great-great granddaughter Journee Rose Pruitt.

Benjamin Bates Hyde, 84, of Haleyville passed away Saturday, Dec. 8, 2019 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born Oct. 1, 1935. Visitation will be Monday, Dec. 9, 2019 at New Hope Baptist Church in Haleyville from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., where the service will be held at 1 p.m. Brother Ritchie Emerson will officiate. Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery. Mr. Hyde is survived by his wife Nettie Ruth Parker Hyde; children Benny, Carolyn and Roger Hyde; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Timmy Hyde; parents Spencer Floyd and Vernia Bates Hyde and all his siblings. Benjamin was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. He will be remembered by all who knew him as a man of great integrity, humor and kindness. Pallbearers will be John Hayes, Eric Hyde, Jared Hyde, Taylor Caldwell and Brady Caldwell.

Mrs. Verna Roy Glass of Cullman passed away Dec. 7, 2019 at the age of 90. She was born May 5, 1929 in Birmingham to Harleston and Alice Mae Parrish Roy. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Roy Keith Glass; sisters Joyce Gilpen, Wilma Patterson and Tennie Montgomery; step-sons Randy Glass, Edward Glass; grandchild Ginger Glass; and a great-grandchild Reagan Collins. Funeral services will be Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel at noon with Rev. Chuck Worley and Rev. Mac Buttram officiating. Interment will follow services at Good Hope Cemetery. Survivors are daughters Marcia (Kenneth) Glass and Brenda (Gaines) Myrick; son Kerry (Jan) Belcher; 12 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. Visitation is Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019 at Moss Funeral Home from 10 a.m. until service time. Moss Service Funeral Home is in charge of directing services.

Memorial services for Shane Stewart Recher, 39, of Holly Pond will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, 2019 at Daystar Church, Good Hope Campus. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Recher passed away Friday, Dec. 6, 2019 at his residence. He was born Nov. 6, 1980 in Panama City, Florida to Brian and Marlene Recher. He was preceded in death by his mother Marlene Recher. Survivors include his wife Dana Recher; father Brian Recher; children Kayla Recher, Cain Recher, Marley Recher, Brian Recher, and Emily Recher; siblings Randy (Michele) Hetzel, Mariah (Rob) Hergenroeder, Ronnie (Rochelle) Hetzel, Brian (Audra) Recher, Buck Recher, Gwen (Steve) Irwin, Tina (Randy) Cavender, Robin (Ron) Sherwood and Katie Polk.

Funeral services for Clarence Arthur "Art" Pinkard, 89, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019 at First Baptist Church of Fairview with Dr. David Chambers officiating. He will lie in-state from 1-2 p.m. Interment will be in First Baptist Church Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Pinkard passed away Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019 at Cullman Regional. He was born Nov. 15, 1930 to Eugene Dewitt and Ethel Missourie Pinkard. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers G.W. (Opal) Pinkard and Dewitt (Estelle) Pinkard; and daughter Tina Marie Pinkard. Survivors include his wife Juanita Pinkard; son Donnie (Sharon) Pinkard; daughter Sherry (Mike) Rice; grandson Matthew Pinkard; granddaughters Jennifer (David) Speakman, Amanda Rice and Katie (Brandon) Turner; and great-grandson Bennett Turner. Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

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Isabella Allred crowned Miss Wallace State 2020

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Isabella Allred of Cullman was crowned Miss Wallace State 2020 on Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. She will go on to compete in the Miss Alabama competition, a preliminary of the Miss America program.

Allred, 17, is a Fast Track student majoring in General Studies. She is the daughter of Nathan and Angie Allred.

As Miss Wallace State, she was awarded a one-year renewable tuition and fees scholarship to Wallace State Community College, a $250 cash scholarship and more than $1,500 in prizes from sponsors. She was also named the winner of the talent portion for her vocal performance of "Make Someone Happy," winning an additional $100 cash scholarship.

"I'm excited," Allred said of being named Miss Wallace State. "I love my school and I'm so excited to give back to my school and my community."

Lacey Johnson was named the first runner-up and received a $250 cash scholarship.

Johnson, 19 of Pinson is a General Studies and the daughter of Pam and Gary Johnson.

Emilie Northern, 19, of Union Grove, received the Beautiful Heart Scholarship, a $500 cash scholarship presented by the 2013 Miss Wallace State Rebecca Long and her mother Yolanda Long. The award this year was presented in honor of Rob Metcalf, a former Miss Wallace State director.

Allred was crowned by Miss Wallace State 2019 Emma Wright of Blountsville. Miss Alabama Outstanding Teen Zoe Champion acted as mistress of ceremonies.

As Miss Wallace State, Allred will promote her platform: Dyslexia, the Different Brain.

Through her platform, she hopes to encourage early diagnosis of dyslexia and other learning disorders.

Allred was 13 when she was diagnosed as having dyslexia.

"My dad was diagnosed with dyslexia when he was in the first grade and they thought I had a touch of it, but I was never actually tested in school.

"It took me years before I was finally diagnosed," Allred said.

"I was eventually able to overcome that, but at first I struggled. It took my parents working with me night and day to get to the point where I am today."

Allred, who is also the 2019 Miss North Alabama Outstanding Teen, will go on to compete in the Miss Alabama competition June 3-6 at Sanford University.

Wright, who was crowned earlier this year as Miss Center Point 2020, will also be competing at Miss Alabama.



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Miss Wallace State 2020 Isabella Allred waves to the audience after being crowned by Miss Wallace State 2019 Emma Wright at the conclusion of the Miss Wallace State competition on Sunday.

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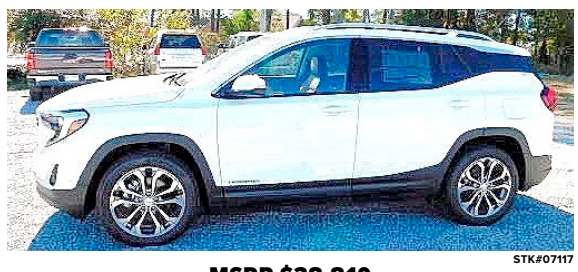
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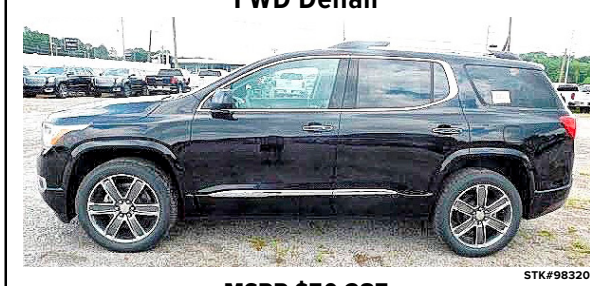
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