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CRIME

GUILTY: Brown pleads to reduced charge in death of Baby Hoss, receives 40 years

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Jeffery Hugh Brown, 43, of Vinemont pleaded guilty Friday to felony murder in the death of 1-year-old Hoss Benham, who died in March 2014. The charge was reduced from capital murder of a child under 14 years of age, taking the death penalty off the table.

Brown, represented by local attorneys Sara Baker and Joshua O'Neal in front of Circuit Court Judge Martha Williams, received a 40-year sentence. He will receive credit for the five years, 10 months and one day he has served in the Cullman County Detention Center.

Brown and his then girlfriend, Crystial Ballenger, Baby Hoss' mother, were indicted Oct. 20, 2015 on charges of capital murder of a child under 14 years of age, capital murder involving sexual abuse, aggravated child abuse and sexual torture in the death of Baby Hoss, who died on his first birthday; examination of his body indicated blunt force trauma and multiple signs that he was tortured in a sexual manner.

Brown and Ballenger initially told authorities that Baby Hoss drowned in their home at Monk's Trailer Park on U.S. Highway 31 in Vinemont, but they gave conflicting stories. Baby Hoss was pronounced dead March 11, 2014. Examinations later showed he had multiple severe » PAGE 8



Jeffery Hugh Brown

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

'I can't say enough how it's changed my life'

A shot at hope, part 2: Army veteran Bo Winfrey talks about PTSD and the Stellate Ganglion Block



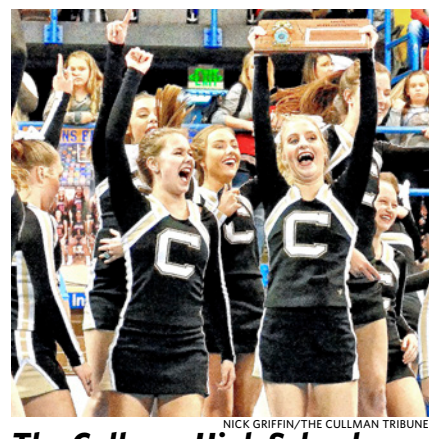
BO WINFREY

Army veteran and Stellate Ganglion Block (SGB) shot recipient Bo Winfrey and his wife Jen Winfrey

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STATE CHEERLEADING

Bearcats win 4th consecutive 6A State Title



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman High School Cheer Team celebrates after being crowned as this year's 6A State Champions.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Bruno wants to walk with you in your winter wonderland



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Bruno

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay shares the Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Bruno is a 1.5-year-old Bulldog mix. He's a medium-energy pet who's on the active side without being hyper, and he likes a large yard for exercise. He craves human companionship and will cherish his time with you. » PAGE 5

ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL

Bicentennial blowout!

Cullman celebrates 200 years of Alabama statehood

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CULLMAN, Ala. – On Saturday evening, Cullman joined communities across the state to celebrate 200 years of Alabama statehood. On Dec. 14, 1819, delegates in Huntsville signed the constitution to change Alabama from a territory to America's 22nd state.

Mrs. Mona Hopper served as Mistress of Ceremonies over a program at Depot Park that included an invocation by Pastor John Richter of St. John's Evangelical Church, Boy Scout Troop 219 color guard and the national anthem and Alabama state song by the combined choirs of East and West Elementary Schools and St. Bernard Prep School. Councilman Johnny Cook spoke for Cullman's city government and Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman offered remarks. After Cullman County Museum Director Drew Green spoke, old-time musician Dr. Bill Mann presented popular 19th century American music with Ala- » PAGE 8



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Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 16

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 16, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 12
- theft of property; Hwy. 157
- theft of property; CR 735
- theft of property; CR 781
- theft of property; CR 5
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 1807
- burglary; CR 97
- criminal mischief; CR 1605
- theft of property; CR 1169
- theft of property; CR 1157
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 W
- theft of property; CR 325
- theft of property; CR 1251
- harassment; CR 1435

Dec. 13
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 399
- theft of property; CR 1223
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 808
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- theft of property; CR 1689
- illegal possession of prescription drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 SB, 299 MM
- reckless endangerment; CR 1118
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1435
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, harassment, trespassing; CR 602

Dec. 14
- resisting arrest, theft of property, disorderly conduct; CR 1242
- harassment; CR 1670
- unlawful possession of marijuana; Hwy. 157, CR 1242
- burglary; CR 201
- burglary; CR 405
- theft of property; CR 703
- theft of property; Sebastian Dr.
- criminal mischief; Willingham Dr.
- theft of property; CR 1718
- theft of property; Hwy. 157
- permitting dogs to run at large; Schwaiger Dr.
- domestic violence, criminal mischief; CR 1114
- burglary; Hwy. 69 N
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 437

Dec. 15
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 1685
- domestic violence; Hwy. 31
- domestic violence; CR 1215
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437

ARRESTS

Dec. 12

Barbee, Jeffery Heath, 23
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- liability insurance required

Hall, Matthew Raeshard, 21
- third-degree domestic violence – harassing communications
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Williams, Cody Cyle, 27
- FTA- first-degree theft of property

Dec. 13

Banister, Nikki Virginia, 31
- probation violation – first-degree theft of property

Carroll, Danny Scott, 50
- DUI- alcohol & controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Copeland, Dakota William M., 24
- FTA- driving while suspended

Curvin, Randal Allen, 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Davis, Charles Micheala, 33
- FTA- first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument

Flowers, James Thomas, 45
- third-degree assault
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

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- third-degree assault
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

Jagneaux, Alexis Michael, 34
- first-degree criminal trespassing
- harassment
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (without theft)

Knight, Brandon Sr., 37
- first-degree jumping bail – chemical endangerment of a child (2 counts)
- first-degree jumping bail – terrorist threats
- first-degree jumping bail – torture, willful abuse of a child under 18 (2 counts)

Lambert, Jimmy Wayne, 40
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Lay, Zackary James, 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Means, Randall Kirk, 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Pugh, Larry Bryan, 50
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Schmale, Wade Riley, 23
- FTA- driving while suspended

Dec. 14

Brown, James Raymond, 37
- seatbelt required
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

England, Nicholas Randolph, 25
- improper tag classification (2 counts)
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Hilburn, Kevin Lee, 34
- driving on wrong side of the road
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater
- illegal possession of alcohol in a dry county
- open container in vehicle

Lamont, James Randall, 54
- public intoxication

Newsome, Michael Lee, 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree promoting prison contraband
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Parson, Eddie Van, 54
- illegal possession of alcohol in a dry county

Sherrell, Cameron Daniel, 22
- disorderly conduct
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest
- fourth-degree theft of property

Dec. 15

Abbott, Kalyn West, 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card

Edwards, Brandon Jermichael, 31
- open container in vehicle
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Freeman, Richard Blake, 29
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Frost, Matthew Zechariah, 35
- GJ- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (without theft)

Harris, Steven Paul, 40
- FTA- third-degree burglary

Nixon, Jeremy Glenn, 28
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card

Teasley, Troy Raymond, 44
- probation violation – third-degree burglary

Trollinger, Jasary Ren, 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 13
- fourth-degree theft of property; Tobacco Country; 4th St. SW; miscellaneous; $20

Dec. 14
- third-degree criminal trespassing; Cullman Housing Authority; 2nd St. SW
- third-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; $690
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; misc. merchandise; $388

Dec. 16
- first-degree criminal trespassing, harassment; person; 1st St. SW

ARRESTS

Dec. 13

Sandlin, Jeffrey A., 51
- third-degree domestic violence
- third-degree burglary

Dobbs, Jonathan M., 40
- FTA- insurance violation

Dec. 14

Nunnelley, Justin G., 33
- DUI- controlled substance
- FTA- open container in vehicle
- FTA- driving while suspended

Lay, Rachel L., 28
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Wise, Nicholas K., 28
- public intoxication

Henley, Bobby J., 43
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Dec. 17 - 19

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

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

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.
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- There will be no rides on Dec. 22 or 24-26.
- For more information, contact the Shrine at 256-352-6267 or 256-787-4121 or visit https://olamshrine.com/.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

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.
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THURSDAY, DEC. 19

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UPCOMING...

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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.
- Dec. 20-21
- Free gift for every child
- Call 256-287-0364 for more info.

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Rides will be available on the following dates:
- 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.
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Christmas Potluck Luncheon with Guest Speaker
- Adults are invited to join us Friday, Dec. 20 at 10:30 a.m. at Spirit Life Church of God, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman for a potluck luncheon (bring a dish, dessert or drink). Our guest speaker will be Rita Young Allen-Ms. Alabama Sr. America 2017.
- Rita is an award-winning vocalist, speaker and published author. She is an educated Southern belle who loves Jesus with all her heart. She has a voice that has taken her from Sand Mountain to Carnegie Hall and is the past president of the National Speakers Association for the state of Alabama.

Santa Claus with Cullman Fire Rescue
Attention city of Cullman
- Cullman Fire and Rescue has received word that Santa Claus will be in the city of Cullman Friday, Dec. 20 from 2-9 p.m. (weather permitting) and needs the fire department's help to check his list one more time!!!
- Cullman Fire will be taking Santa throughout the city with the help of the fire trucks. Santa's sleigh is small, quick and nimble, but the fire trucks are much, much bigger, therefore we will be avoiding all dead-end streets without turn arounds and cul-de-sacs and roads with limited accessibility for large vehicles. If you live on one of these streets please come to the end of the street to hopefully get a view of Santa.
- We will be visiting as many neighborhoods as possible and staying on "main roads" in most cases.
- Listen up for the sirens and look for the flashing lights so you know Santa is close! He will be in the front passenger seat, so be sure to be a good boy or girl and wave and smile big!
- PLEASE, ADULTS supervise all children and pets and keep clear of the roadways and approaching fire engines, Santa has a lot of children to see so the fire engine WILL NOT STOP and will be maintaining a steady pace to cover as much ground in our beautiful city as possible.
- CFR wants this to be an enjoyable and safe experience for everyone that we can continue for many years to come!
- Check the Cullman Fire Rescue Facebook page for updates about Santa's location and download the GLYMPSE app to Track Santa's location during his trip!
- Merry Christmas from CFR!

Christmas at The Grotto
- Dec. 20-22, 5-9 p.m.
- Come celebrate the Christmas season at Ave Maria Grotto!
- Experience the Grotto Park decorated for Christmas and enjoy Bro Joseph's magnificent art with your family and friends! Coffee and cookies will be available. Johnny's Bar-B-Q will have a food truck on Saturday evening. Bring your family and friends and be blessed at this most special time of year!

Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament Christmas Open House and 20th Anniversary Celebration
- Saturday, Dec. 21, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Wagon rides: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (Call 256-787-4121 for reservations)
- Talk on the 20th anniversary-9:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.
- Shrine hours- 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Gift shop hours- 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Complimentary hot chocolate, coffee and cookies provided. No visiting fee. Funnel cakes for $5
- 3224 County Road 548, Hanceville, AL 35077

Christmas Cantata
A Christmas cantata will be held at Mount Hermon Baptist Church Saturday, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served. 4312 County Road 1570, Baileyton, AL 35019

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PREP BASKETBALL

Broncos, Lady Broncos drop area matchups against New Hope; Friday scoring recap

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – After splitting a pair of varsity matchups at Vinemont earlier this week, Holly Pond returned home Friday night to host New Hope for a big area showdown. Unfortunately for the home crowd, the Broncos and Lady Broncos both came up short against the Indians 62-55 and 44-34, respectively.

New Hope 44 – Holly Pond 34 (varsity girls)

Holly Pond first got on the scoreboard with a pair of free throws by Sarah Finley with 7:49 remaining in the opening period. A pair of shots from the charity stripe by Kaylee Stallings, plus consecutive layups by Elizabeth Miller, allowed the Lady Broncos to jump out to a quick 8-2 lead. After New Hope tied the game at eight on back-to-back treys, it was all Holly Pond to end the quarter as a 10-0 run gave the Lady Broncos an 18-8 lead after one.

The Lady Indians had a quick answer to start out the second period as they went on a 12-0 run to take a 20-18 lead but Miller stopped the run with a rebound and putback for Holly Pond's first basket of the quarter with 3:18 remaining to tie the game at 20. A quarter-ending 6-3 run by the Lady Indians gave them a 26-23 advantage at the break.

The second half saw New Hope stretch its lead out a little bit with a 9-3 run to increase the Lady Bronco deficit to seven at 35-28, but Kennedy Twilley made it 35-30 at the end of the third with a layup.

Holly Pond saw its deficit stretch to double digits to start out the final period. They couldn't quite climb out of that hole the rest of the way and wound up falling, 44-34, snapping their three-game winning streak.

Miller led the way for Holly Pond (6-7, 2-1) with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Finley added eight points and four rebounds.

Tate Duke ended up with seven points and a steal, Stallings added six points and four steals, while Twilley finished with three points and three steals.

New Hope 62 – Holly Pond 55 (varsity boys)

New Hope jumped out to a quick 8-0 lead to start the game, but Holly Pond quickly struck back with Kyler Chaney and Levi Boatright as they scored 13 of the game's next 16 points to give the Broncos a 13-11 lead. The Indians got the lead right back on a three-pointer, but Jordan Allbright hit a short jumper to give Holly Pond the lead right back at 15-14 after one.

For the second straight quarter, New Hope went on a huge run as they scored 11 in a row to get the lead right back at 25-15.

Chaney hit a pair from the line with 5:03 remaining for Holly Pond's first points of the period, then Parker Sellers hit a layup to make it 25-19, but the Indians stretched their lead right back to double digits as they went into the half leading 31-21.

The Broncos couldn't have asked for a better start to the second half as Boatright got them started early with two straight jumpers. Jayden Perkins added a bucket down low to make it 33-27 and after a three-point play by New Hope, it was Holly Pond's turn for a huge run as four different players scored during the 12-0 run to take a 39-36 lead. But the Indians countered with a run of their own, finishing the quarter on a 13-1 run to take a 49-40 lead into the final quarter.

Every time Holly Pond scored, New Hope countered with one of their own and the Broncos couldn't close the deficit any closer than seven the rest of the way as they fell seven points short, 62-55.

Chaney finished with 21 points, 15 rebounds, three blocks and a pair of steals for Holly Pond (3-9, 1-2). Perkins added 12 points and five rebounds, Boatright ended up with 11 points and a block. Allbright finished with seven points and seven rebounds and Sellers and Casey Brown each chipped in with two points.

Holly Pond will travel to Cold Springs on Monday.

Other Friday scores:

- Good Hope 45 – Oneonta 40 (varsity girls)
- Good Hope 56 – Oneonta 55 (varsity boys)
- Cold Springs 70 – West End 31 (varsity girls)



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Holly Pond's Elizabeth Miller finished with 10 points in the Lady Broncos' 44-34 loss to New Hope.

- Cold Springs 60 – West End 38 (varsity boys)
- Cullman 47 – Huntsville 46 (varsity girls)
- Huntsville 58 – Cullman 51 (varsity boys)
- Winston County 67 – Meek 37 (varsity boys)
- West Point 62 – Lawrence County 46 (varsity girls)
- West Point 72 – Lawrence County 46 (varsity boys)
- Fairview 61 – Ashville 15 (varsity girls)
- Fairview 71 – Ashville 30 (varsity boys)
- Addison 38 – Sulligent 23 (varsity girls)
- Sulligent 71 – Addison 63 (varsity boys)

PREP BASKETBALL

Addison splits area matchups with Sulligent

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. – Area foes, the Sulligent Blue Devils and the hometown Addison Bulldogs, squared off in a pair of basketball games and the outcomes were divided. The Lady Dawgs dominated the Lady Devils from start to finish, winning 38-23 and improved to 5-0 with the win. The second game was a back and forth contest that ended with the Blue Devils handing the Dawgs their first loss of the season, 71-63. Addison drops to 4-1 while the Devils improve to 5-1.

Addison 38 – Sulligent 23 (varsity girls)

The girls game started off with Addison scoring the first six points of the game. As a matter of fact, Sulligent was held scoreless in the entire first period. The Lady Dawgs dominated every aspect of the game and led 16-7 at the half. It could have been much worse, but Addison had trouble with their free throw shooting. Callie Crider, Macey Butler and Savannah Manley dominated the boards.

The second half was more of the same. Addison outscored the Devils 12-5 in the third to take a 28-12 lead into the fourth quarter. The Lady Dawgs did pretty much what they wanted by out rebounding, out shooting and out hustling the Lady Devils and pulling away to win it 38-23 to remain undefeated at 5-0.

The unofficial stats were Callie Crider with 14 points and eight rebounds. Macey Butler had two points and seven rebounds. Bracey Rodgers had six points and four rebounds while Savannah Manley had five points and six rebounds.

Head Coach Frank Graham said, "I am pleased with the outcome but not how we got there. We didn't do the little things we need to do. We missed free throws and didn't execute when we needed too. The win puts us at 2-0 in region and gives us something to build on."

Sulligent 71 – Addison 63 (varsity boys)

The second game was a back and forth affair between the 4-0 Bulldogs and the 4-1 Blue Devils. Addison and Sulligent both started off wanting to run and Sulligent got out to a 14-11 first period lead. Sulligent continued to lead the Dawgs by outscoring Addison 18-14 in the second period. Sulligent was led by senior Neil Strickland in the first half as he grabbed six rebounds and had 10 points.

The Dawgs were led by Logan "Baby Shaq" Wilkins who dominated inside by scoring eight points, grabbing three steals and pulling down four rebounds. The half ended with Sulligent leading 32-25.

The third period saw Addison take command by playing pressure defense and finally stopping the Blue Devil cutters.

There were many uncontested layups in the first half as the Blue Devils constantly found the player cutting to the basket for an easy score, but the Dawgs outscored the Devils 16-8 in the third period. Addison point guard Eli "Curly" Howse constantly found the open man for the easy basket as he turned in 4 assists in the period.

The fourth period began with Addison leading 41-40 and was a tale of momentum swings. The Bulldog faithful, a packed house, cheered the Dawgs onto a quick run that had Addison leading by 10 points with 7:01 to go.

Three straight technical fouls on the Blue Devils players and bench led to the Dawgs pulling ahead but just when it seemed like Addison would run away with the game, the Blue Devils showed their senior leadership. They played five seniors in the six-man rotation.

A quick steal led to a Devil layup and then an apparent ankle injury to Logan "Baby Shaq" Wilkins took him out of the game. The Devils then went on a quick 10-0 run which put them up 58-53. The Dawgs never quit but they had no answer for Senior Elijah Cockerham.

Cockerham constantly drove to the basket and made several layups and free throws. Cockerham finished with 20 points and six rebounds.

Addison ended up losing 71-63 and the difference was foul shooting. The bulldogs are usually a good foul shooting team but left at least 10-12 points on the floor by missing free throws. Addison dropped to 4-1 while the Blue Devils improve to 5-1.

Blue Devil Head Coach Jerod Dunavant said, "The kids got down by 10, but they have bought into the team concept and never quit. We stress that you don't play the scoreboard you play the next possession. Couldn't be prouder of them."

Addison Head Coach Ben Mastin, who is possibly the youngest varsity head coach in the State of Alabama at the tender age of 22, said, "I probably should have called a timeout when they went on that run. It hurt us when Wilkins went down, but we are a young team and will learn from this experience."

Final unofficial stats: Logan Wilkins had 21 points, six rebounds, three steals and an assist. Kannon Hiller had 22 points, three rebounds and three steals. Eli "Curly" Howse had six points, five rebounds and 6 assists.

Addison will travel to Falkville on Tuesday.

No. 12 Auburn beats SLU 67-61 in Mike Slive Invitational, improves to 9-0

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – J'Von McCormick scored 20 points, grabbed seven rebounds and had six assists to lead No. 12 Auburn to a 67-61 win over Saint Louis Saturday in the Mike Slive Invitational at Legacy Arena, helping the Tigers improve to 9-0.

Winners of 21 of their last 22 games, Auburn made 10 3-pointers while holding the Billikens to 3-for-18 on 3-point attempts.

"We did enough of what we needed to do to win," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said.

"Defensively, we were terrific, and J'Von McCormick was the best player on the floor."

McCormick made highlight-reel plays throughout the game, including a pair of 3-pointers to beat the shot clock and a floater in the lane for his final field goal and a double-digit lead with 13:17 remaining.

"We knew coming into the game I would need to be more aggressive, offensively and defensively," said McCormick, who had only one turnover in 31 minutes.

"Knowing that Jared [Harper] left, people thought there was going to be a drop-off. I just wanted to show there's not any drop-off when he leaves.

"I feel like my identity would be: control the game, control the speed, score when I need to and play defense."

Devan Cambridge brought the crowd to its feet with a thunderous follow-up dunk after a missed 3-pointer in the second half.

McCormick assisted on back-to-back Anfernee McLemore 3-pointers to help Auburn build a 12-point lead down the stretch.

"He was the difference in the game, plain and simple," Saint Louis coach Travis Ford said of Auburn's senior point guard. "By a wide margin."

Isaac Okoro's layup off another McCormick assist gave Auburn its largest lead, 62-48 at the 4:38 mark, before Saint Louis narrowed the margin.

Okoro scored 12 points and had five rebounds. Playing in his hometown, Austin Wiley grabbed a game-high eight rebounds and scored eight points.

McCormick sparked the Tigers in the first half with a team-high 12 points and six rebounds.

After spotting Saint Louis a 9-0 lead, Danjel Purifoy's defensive rebound and coast-to-coast drive got Auburn on the board after a scoreless first five minutes.

McCormick hit a pair of 3-pointers and a free throw to cap a 9-0 run that evened the score.

Okoro's offensive rebound and putback gave Auburn its first lead at 17-15. Samir Doughty's corner 3 extended the lead to five at 22-17.

With the shot clock expiring, McCormick's 3-pointer put the Tigers up 25-19 at the 1:39 mark. McCormick's jumper with 18 seconds left gave Auburn a 28-21 halftime lead.

The Tigers look to improve to 10-0 when they return to Auburn Arena Thursday at 8 p.m. CT against North Carolina State on ESPN2 and the Auburn Sports Network.

Auburn's Derrick Brown named the winner of the 2019 Lott IMPACT Trophy

AU Athletics
Contributor

NEWPORT BEACH, CA – Auburn defensive tackle Derrick Brown has been named the winner of the 16th Annual Lott IMPACT Trophy.

The announcement came Sunday night at the Pacific Club in Newport Beach, CA. at the Lott IMPACT Trophy Annual Award Show. Ronnie Lott made the presentation.

The award goes to the defensive player who has the biggest IMPACT on his team. IMPACT stands for Integrity, Maturity, Performance, Academics, Community and Tenacity.

"It's a great privilege to be involved with Mr. Ronnie Lott and the things he's done.

"I'm very appreciative and it's humbling to be presented with this award that bears his name."

On prioritizing being successful on football field and off the field...

"I know what the game can do for me. I have a passion for the game, but I also have a passion for helping people. I always feel like God has blessed me with so much that I should be able to give back to others."

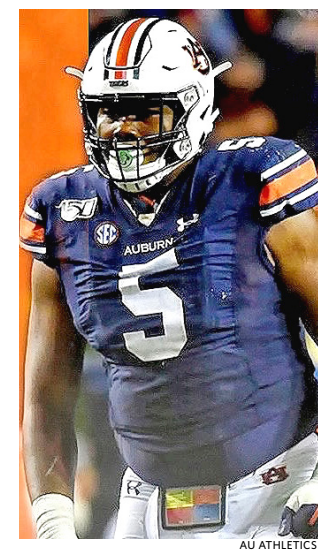
Brown was part of a dominant defensive line that upset Alabama this season.

The Pacific Club IMPACT Foundation will present a $25,000 check to the general scholarship fund at Auburn in recognition of Brown's achievement. Runner-ups were Jordan Fuller of Ohio State, Isaiah Simmons of Clemson and Evan Weaver of Cal.

Each of those schools will receive a check for $5,000 for its general scholarship fund.

Previous Winners of the Lott IMPACT Trophy

- 2004 – David Pollack, Georgia
- 2005 – DeMeco Ryans, Alabama
- 2006 – Dante Hughes, Cal
- 2007 – Glenn Dorsey, LSU
- 2008 – James Laurinaitis, Ohio State
- 2009 – Jerry Hughes, TCU
- 2010 – J.J. Watt, Wisconsin
- • 2011 – Luke Kuechly, Boston College
- 2012 – Manti Te'o, Notre Dame
- 2013 – Anthony Barr, UCLA
- 2014 – Eric Kendricks, UCLA
- 2015 – Carl Nassib, Penn State
- 2016 – Jabrill Peppers, Michigan
- 2017 – Josey Jewell, Iowa
- 2018 – Josh Allen, Kentucky
- 2019 – Derrick Brown, Auburn



AU ATHLETICS

Good Hope enjoys annual Christmas Parade, Christmas in the Park

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – A big crowd came out Saturday afternoon for the Good Hope Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park. The parade began at Good Hope High School and traveled to the city's municipal park where the community was treated to homemade chili and hot dogs, train rides, crafts and pictures with Santa.

James Calvert served as this year's grand marshal and rode in a beautiful horse-drawn carriage.

"For an old man, I guess something is supposed to happen to him in his old age, you know?" smiled Calvert.

Calvert said he felt honored to be asked and enjoyed the afternoon visiting with members of the community.

Several groups participated in the parade, including the Good Hope Sizzlin' Seniors, Girl Scouts, the Good Hope High football team and the Hanceville and Good Hope marching Bands.

In a touching tribute to the late Good Hope City Councilman Johnny Harris, who portrayed Santa Claus in Good Hope and throughout the Cullman area for many years, the float that would normally carry Harris was placed at the parade's end. It still produced snow and was beautifully decorated with his empty chair alongside his photo.

Fire departments from Good Hope, Trimble, Hanceville, Dodge City, Bethsadia, Loretto and Vinemont-Providence also participated in the parade.

At the park, those in the parade and the community enjoyed a free chili and hot dog lunch from the City of Good Hope.

Mayor Jerry Bartlett and members of the city council each prepared their favorite chili recipes. Students from Good Hope helped serve the lunch.

A train provided rides around the park and other stations were set up for families to make Christmas ornaments, decorate cookies and write letters to Santa. Many families stopped to visit with Santa.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Members of the Good Hope Raider Marching Band participate in Saturday's Christmas Parade.

Santa delights at annual Cullman Elks Lodge Children's Christmas Party

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Santa Claus arrived in style at the Cullman Elks Lodge for its annual Children's Christmas Party Saturday, where 100 kids from Cullman city and county Head Start programs squealed as St. Nick flew in by helicopter to visit them.

For more than 20 years the Elks Lodge has hosted the party.

The children enjoyed pizza served by the Elks Lodge Elves as they waited for Santa.

At the sound of the approaching helicopter, the children rushed to the windows in giddy anticipation of Santa landing outside.

They cheered and stood with huge smiles as he made his way inside.

Each child received a present and had his or her picture made with Santa.

Once all the children had their presents, Santa gave the signal, and paper flew through the air while the children jumped up and down in delight.

The Cullman Elks received a $2,500 grant from their Grand Lodge to help continue the yearly tradition.

Cullman Elks Leading Knight Lynn Jones said, "This is one of my favorite events we do each year. Our Elks work very hard to make it a success every year."

As the party ended, the children were given bags of fruit to take home to share with their families.

Jones added, "Now we will begin my other favorite project.

"We have 30 seniors in long-term care in Cullman and we will shop for their Christmas.

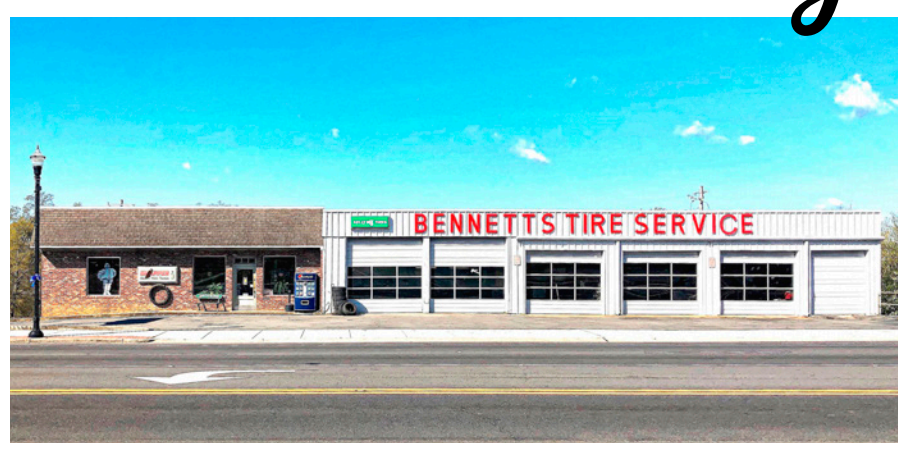
"We focus on the residents who don't have family or anyone visiting them."



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Children press their hands and faces to the glass while watching Santa Claus arrive by helicopter at the Cullman Elks Lodge.

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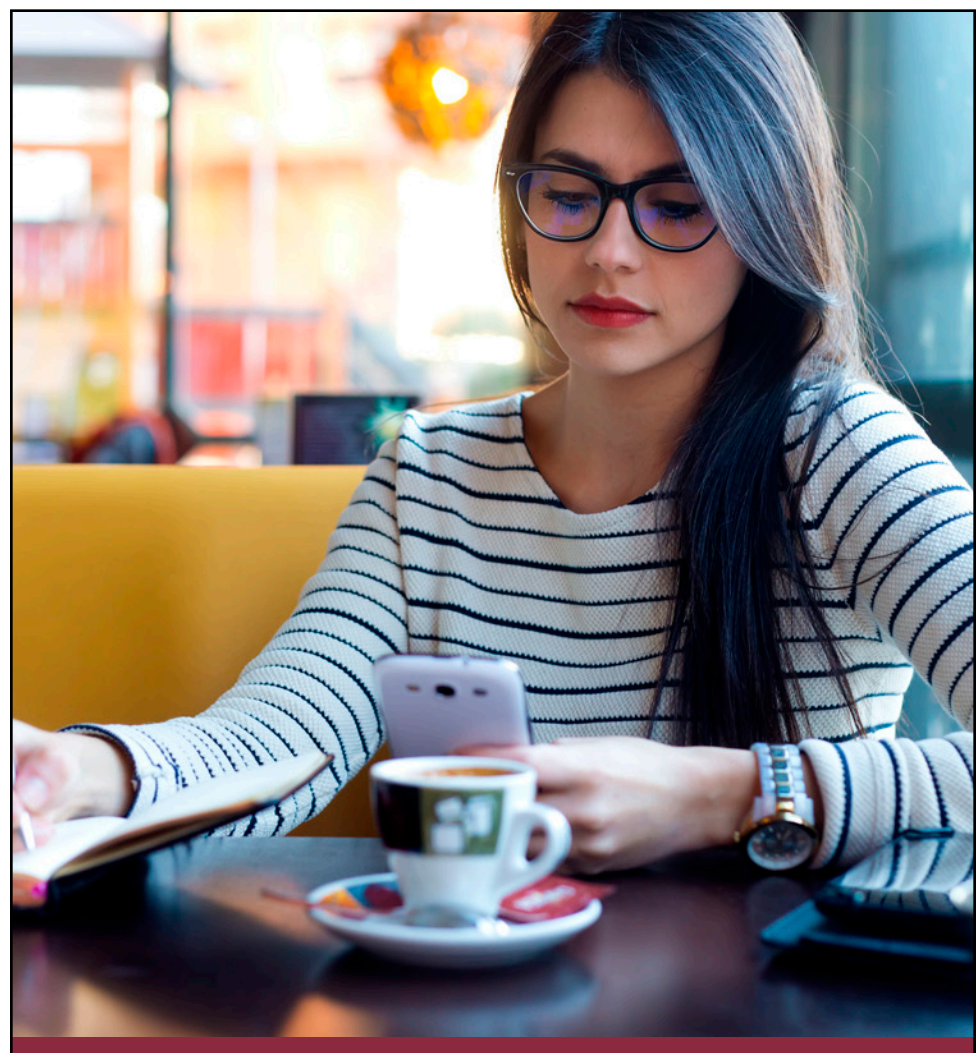
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‘We enjoy getting together’: Fairview celebrates the season

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. – The fifth annual Fairview Christmas Parade went through town Saturday evening, featuring volunteer fire department trucks from Fairview, Baileyton, Berlin and Gold Ridge.

“We’ve got Santa, we have Javon Daniel and Nancy Bryant from Cullman Caring for Kids here; Javon is going to tell the Christmas story from the Bible of the birth of Christ and Nancy is going to read ‘The Night Before Christmas,’” said Fairview Lions Club President William Criscoe. “We have hot chocolate and cookies for those coming up and we have a little train to give out little train rides, and visits with Santa. It’s just a good time for the kids and family.”

Criscoe is happy the Fairview Lions host events like the annual parade for the community.

“I’m glad we have the opportunity,” he said. “We’re just a small community, but we enjoy getting together and having events. We love our fire departments; we had Baileyton, Fairview, Gold Ridge and Berlin and we appreciate them, they always help us really big with our parades.

“We’re thankful for those in the community who want to help us do this. This is a good community to live in and I appreciate everybody. I was originally not from this area, I married in this area, but everybody makes me feel at home and I appreciate it.”

After the parade, the crowd gathered at Randall Shedd Community Park, where they were treated with hot chocolate and visits with Santa, followed by the lighting the Christmas tree.



MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The crowd drew together at Randall Shedd Community Park in Fairview Saturday evening to light the Christmas tree after the annual parade.

Enjoy Cards in the Park in Holly Pond

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – Governors Park in Holly Pond is decked out for the holidays with its annual Christmas Cards in the Park display and luminaries dotted along the walkways. The giant Christmas “cards” are decorated by different organizations with festive Christmas themes.

“I don’t have an exact number of the cards that went in, but we’re well ahead of what we were last year, probably in the low- to mid-30s, and we even had to be moved to the other side,” said Holly Pond Mayor Bill Oliver.

“The participation was really good, and we have some really good cards out there!”

The Holly Pond High School Band performed at the park Saturday evening before the luminaries were lit.

“I was really happy the band came and performed, and of course Santa has been here to talk with the kids,” said Oliver, who also thanked the Holly Pond Middle School baseball team for setting up the luminaries.

“I was really happy this year; people seemed really excited and the band did an extremely good job.”

Oliver shared a brief history of his town’s event.

“I can’t give you an exact number of years ago, but we decided to do the Cards in the Park after seeing them, I think we saw them in Arab, and that kind of put an idea of what we could do, and the first year we had some participation, but over time it’s grown,” he said.

“This year, we’ve had a good turnout, I think. There are two groups for the luminaries, the first being ‘in honor of.’

“If you have someone you’d just like to give a little special pat on the back or little special recognition of how much they mean to you, that’s that what that group is for, it can be anyone you want to recognize.

“The other, ‘in memory of,’ is for those who have passed away and you want to give a special moment of honor to.



MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Local businesses set up Christmas “cards” in Governors Park in Holly Pond.

“Each one of the bags will be either ‘in memory of’ or ‘in honor of’ depending on whether the person’s name on the bag is deceased or not and then we do the same thing with the military section of the luminaries.”

The Cards in the Park display will be in the park through Dec. 31.

Bruno (from Front)

Bruno is an outdoor companion who has the makings of a good walking/hiking dog.

Discount doggie!

Bruno has already been neutered, so his adoption fee will be greatly reduced. Contact shelter staff for more information.

He will go to his new home with his own collection of treats, collar, leash and toys.

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.

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

Title (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – There was a familiar sight at the end of Saturday’s AHSAA State Cheer Competition, the Cullman Bearcats claiming the Class 6A State Championship. This year’s title makes four in a row for the Bearcats and there was another local squad in the field as well. The Good Hope Raiders competed in Class 4A and collected a third-place finish in the traditional competition and a sixth-place finish in the 4A/5A Game Day competition. Cullman placed 10th in the 6A/7A Game Day competition. Both Good Hope and Cullman will compete at the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando in February.

Bearcats Head Coach Erica Ball was proud of the way her team performed Saturday and credits a great group of seniors for the consistency that Cullman has shown over the last several years.

“I’m not saying this just because it prints well but the team has really bought in to the idea that consistency is what it’s going to take year after year, and they know that and they bought in,” Ball said. “All of my seniors have been phenomenal. They have led this team and I’m terrified because we’ll lose 10 of them this year and they have set such a tone for the future. They’re a great group, they’ve bought in, they show up day after day for practice and they’re just a great, great group of girls.”

Ball likes the way her team is performing right now and believes Saturday’s win will provide some real momentum for the Bearcats going into the national competition in Orlando in February.

“This is monumental for us going into Nationals,” Ball said. “This is huge and just gives them confidence and reminds them that they can do this and that they’re a championship team. So, this is major for us going into Nationals.”

Saturday was a special day for the Good Hope Raiders as well and head coach Sydney Chappell was thrilled to see her team get a chance to compete in this year’s state competition.

“We’re absolutely so proud for the girls to get to come. It’s a brand new thing they just started last year to have to qualify to go to state so just to be able to get to come is awesome but I would say we just had our best performance of the year so we’re really optimistic and I’ve just seen this team come so far so I’m super proud of them,” Chappell said. “We also got bids to Nationals this year for the first time in a really long time and we’re super excited about that as well.”

Like Ball, Chappell believes that her team’s performance at state is a great boost going into the national competition. It’s been some time since the Raiders have had the chance to compete in Orlando and if you’d like to help this year’s team get to nationals, you can send any donations to Good Hope High School to help cover the costly trip.

“Again, this is the first time in a long time that Good Hope has been able to go to Nationals and it’s just an awesome opportunity. The girls have worked so hard for it so today is definitely momentum-building,” Chappell said. “I would like to say that it is a big cost for our girls to get to go to Orlando so if anyone does want to send donations and help get us there, any checks can made out to Good Hope High School and it’s all tax deductible so any donations would be appreciated.”

6A Traditional Competition

- 1st – Cullman High School: 87.30

4A Traditional Competition

- 3rd – Good Hope High School: 76.55

6A/7A Game Day Competition

- 10th – Cullman High School: 91.90

4A/5A Game Day Competition

- 6th – Good Hope High School: 85.00



Sports

7:00 a.m. FSEE Boat Racing P1 APBA Offshore Championship. (Taped)
8:00 a.m. FSEE Powerboat Racing Nationals, Knoxville, Tenn.
GOLF Asian Tour Golf Indonesian Masters, Final Round. (Same-day Tape)
8:30 a.m. FSEE Powerboat Racing Nationals, Guntersville, Ala.
9:00 a.m. FSEE Women's College Basketball Houston Baptist at Texas Tech.
11:00 a.m. FSEE College Wrestling Oklahoma State at Oklahoma.
12:00 p.m. GOLF 2019 Senior Players Championship Final Round.
2:00 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Champions Golf Charles Schwab Cup Championship, Final Round.
3:00 p.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow
5:30 p.m. FS1 College Basketball Maryland-Baltimore County at Georgetown. (Live)
6:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Air Force Reserve Basketball Hall of Fame Invitational — Florida vs Providence. (Live)
GOLF PGA Tour Golf QBE Shark Shootout, Final Round.
6:30 p.m. FSEE NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at New York Knicks. (Live)
7:30 p.m. FS1 College Basketball Oklahoma at Creighton. (Live)
8:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Purdue at Ohio. (Live)
9:00 p.m. GOLF 2019 Presidents Cup Singles.
10:00 p.m. FS1 WWE Backstage (Live)
FSEE NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at New York Knicks.

Movies

6:00 a.m. FREE "Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown!" ★★½ (1977) Voices of Duncan Watson.
6:30 a.m. FX "Snatched" ★★ (2017) Amy Schumer.
6:40 a.m. HBO "Bounce" ★★★ (2000) Gwyneth Paltrow An ad executive seeks out the widow of a stranger who swapped tickets with him before boarding an ill-fated flight.
7:00 a.m. TMC "Pumpkin" ★★ (2002) Christina Ricci
7:30 a.m. FREE "Prancer Returns" ★★½ (2001) John Corbett.
SHOW "The Wedding Planner" ★★ (2001) Jennifer Lopez
7:57 a.m. MAX "Midnight Run" ★★★½ (1988) Robert De Niro A scruffy bounty hunter has five days to bring a fussy embezzler from New York to Los Angeles.
8:00 a.m. TCM "Atlantis, the Lost Continent" ★★½ (1961) Anthony Hall.
8:30 a.m. HBO "All the Way" ★★★ (2016) Bryan Cranston President Lyndon B. Johnson endures a tumultuous first year in office while trying to launch a civil rights bill.
9:15 a.m. SHOW "Beyond Borders" ★★ (2003) Angelina Jolie
9:30 a.m. AMC "Last Holiday" ★★½ (2006) Queen Latifah.
FREE "Rise of the Guardians" ★★½ (2012) Voices of Chris Pine.
FX "27 Dresses" ★★½ (2008) Katherine Heigl.
9:45 a.m. TCM "The Woman Who Wouldn't Die" ★★½ (1965) Gary Merrill.
10:05 a.m. MAX "Hero" ★★★½ (2002) Jet Li Flashbacks reveal how a warrior stopped the elusive assassins who tried to kill the emperor of China.
10:45 a.m. HBO "The Hate U Give" ★★★½ (2018) Amandla Stenberg Starr Carter is a prep school student who witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend at the hands of a police officer. Facing pressure from all sides of the community, she must find her voice and decide to stand up for what's right.
11:15 a.m. TCM "This Woman Is Dangerous" ★★½ (1952) Joan Crawford.
11:30 a.m. SHOW "Faster" ★★ (2010) Dwayne Johnson
11:35 a.m. FREE "Richie Rich's Christmas Wish" ★★ (1998) David Gallagher.
11:45 a.m. MAX "Buried" ★★★ (2010) Ryan Reynolds Following an attack on his convoy in Iraq, a man awakes in a coffin with little more than a lighter, a cell phone and his building anxiety.
12:00 p.m. AMC "Jack Frost" ★★ (1998) Michael Keaton.
BET "The Wood" ★★ (1999) Omar Epps.
FX "The Best Man Holiday" ★★½ (2013) Morris Chestnut.
1:00 p.m. TNT "What Women Want" ★★½ (2000) Mel Gibson.
HBO "The Kid Who Would Be King" ★★★ (2019) Louis Ashbourne Serkis Old-school magic meets the modern world when young Alex stumbles upon the mythical sword Excalibur. He soon joins forces with a band of knights and the legendary wizard Merlin when the wicked enchantress Morgana threatens the future of mankind.
1:15 p.m. SHOW "Green Book" ★★★½ (2018) Viggo Mortensen An Italian-American bouncer and an African-American pianist confront racism and danger while taking a road trip through the Deep South in 1962.
1:40 p.m. FREE "The Holiday" ★★½ (2006) Cameron Diaz.
2:30 p.m. BET "Menace II Society" ★★★ (1993) Tyrin Turner. Crime, street sense and the status quo roil the mind of a teenager in the Watts section of Los Angeles.
FX "Almost Christmas" ★★½ (2016) Danny Glover.
TCM "Roughshod" ★★ (1949) Robert Sterling.
3:00 p.m. HBO "Mortal Engines" ★★ (2018) Hera Hilmar
3:20 p.m. MAX "The Count of Monte Cristo" ★★½ (2002) Jim Caviezel
3:25 p.m. SHOW "Mile 22" ★★ (2018) Mark Wahlberg
3:30 p.m. TNT "Beauty and the Beast" ★★★ (2017) Emma Watson. In this live-action re-imagining of the fairy tale, a young woman takes her father's place as prisoner in a beast's castle, only to fall in love with her beastly captor, who turns out to be a prince.
TMC "Mo' Money" ★★½ (1992) Damon Wayans
4:00 p.m. TCM "Crime by Night" ★★ (1944) Jane Wyman.
4:50 p.m. 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.
5:00 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.
BET "Antwone Fisher" ★★★½ (2002) Derek Luke. A Navy psychiatrist inspires a temperamental sailor, abused by foster parents, to find his birth mother.
FX "The Hangover Part III" ★★ (2013) Bradley Cooper.
SHOW "American Assassin" ★★ (2017) Dylan O'Brien
5:15 p.m. TCM "Out of the Past" ★★★★ (1947) Robert Mitchum. A private eye cannot seem to get away from a gambler and his no-good girlfriend.
5:35 p.m. MAX "Lights Out" ★★½ (2016) Teresa Palmer
7:00 p.m. AMC "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" ★★★ (1989) Chevy Chase. The Griswolds spend the holiday in a garish way, especially when a country cousin pulls up in an RV.
FX "Captain America: The First Avenger" ★★★ (2011) Chris Evans. After an experimental program turns him into a supersoldier, Steve Rogers, now known as Captain America, leads the fight against Red Skull's evil HYDRA organization.
TCM "Creature From the Black Lagoon" ★★★ (1954) Richard Carlson. Fossil hunters encounter a dangerous, humanlike amphibian in the Amazon.
TNT "The Wizard of Oz" ★★★★ (1939) Judy Garland. After a tornado whisks Kansas farm girl Dorothy to a magic land, she must travel to the Emerald City for help in getting back home.
MAX "Teen Witch" ★★ (1989) Robyn Lively
TMC "Death at a Funeral" ★★★ (2007) Matthew MacFadyen Secret revelations and chaos reign when members of a dysfunctional British family gather to lay their patriarch to rest.
7:20 p.m. FREE "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" ★★½ (1992) Macaulay Culkin.
8:00 p.m. BET "Madea's Family Reunion" ★★½ (2006) Tyler Perry.
8:30 p.m. TCM "The Fly" ★★★½ (1958) Al Hedison. A scientist's genes are mixed with those of a common housefly during a botched teleportation experiment.
8:35 p.m. MAX "She's the Man" ★★ (2006) Amanda Bynes
9:15 p.m. AMC "Miracle on 34th Street" ★★★ (1994) Richard Attenborough. A retail-war lawyer goes to court to prove a department-store Santa Claus is for real.
TNT "Maleficent" ★★½ (2014) Angelina Jolie.
9:45 p.m. FX "Captain America: The First Avenger" ★★★ (2011) Chris Evans. After an experimental program turns him into a supersoldier, Steve Rogers, now known as Captain America, leads the fight against Red Skull's evil HYDRA organization.
10:15 p.m. TCM "Thoroughly Modern Millie" ★★★½ (1967) Julie Andrews. A would-be flapper in 1920s New York saves her friend from white slavers in a Chinatown firecracker factory.
10:20 p.m. MAX "The Family Stone" ★★½ (2005) Dermot Mulroney

TUESDAY EVENING — MOVIES — DECEMBER 17, 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**	**America Says**	**Family Feud**	**Family Feud**	**Dateline** A mother vanishes, leaving blood behind.		**Chicago P.D.** Asher is killed on Antonio's watch.		**Chicago P.D.** Suspects hold Olinsky's wife hostage.		**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**
WBIQ-PBS	4	**Ready Jet Go!** (El)	**Peg & Cat** (El)	**PBS NewsHour** (N)		**The Ornament of the World** The history of medieval Spain. (N)				**Frontline** "Weinstein" Accusations against Harvey Weinstein.		**Ray Stevens CabaRay**	**Dugger Mountain Music Hall**
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**	**The Voice** A recap of the season's performances. (N) (Live)		**The Voice** "Live Finale, Part 2" (Season Finale) The winner is revealed. (N) (Live)				**WVTM 13 News at 10p**	**Tonight Show-J. Fallon**
WBRC-FOX	7	**WBRC FOX6 News at 5pm**	**WBRC FOX6 News**	**WBRC FOX6 News at 6pm**	**Inside Edition** (N)	**The Resident** Devon and Conrad face a moral dilemma. (N)		**Empire** Cookie becomes frustrated with Lucious. (N)		**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 North Pole" The team helps Ziva with a task. (N)		**FBI** "Ties That Bind" Kristen doubts her ability as an agent.		**NCIS: New Orleans** "Requital" Pride is cut off from the team.		**CBS42 News 10pm** (N)	**Late Show-Colbert**
WTTO-CW	9	**The Goldbergs**	**2 Broke Girls**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**Dogs of the Year** The top 10 dog stories of 2019. (N)		**Arrow** Connor has a talk with his brother.		**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** "Haunted"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Contagious"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Identity"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Missy boy is found.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Game"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Hooked"	
WABM2-ABC	12	**ABC 33/40 News at 5PM**	**ABC World News**	**ABC 33/40 News at 6PM**	**Wheel of Fortune** (N)	**A Charlie Brown Christmas**		**"Olaf's Frozen Adventure"**	**Shrek the Halls**	**The Conners**	**Bless This Mess** "459"	**ABC 33/40 News at 10PM**	**(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!**
A&E	42	**The First 48** A man is gunned down in his home.		**The First 48** Police investigate two fatal shootings.		**The First 48** Detectives investigate a double murder.		**Behind Bars: Women Inside** Missy must make a decision.		**(:01) Behind Bars: Women Inside** (N) (Part 4 of 4)		**(:04) The First 48** A casino visitor goes missing.	
AMC	53	★★★ **"Elf"** (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan. A man leaves Santa's workshop to search for his family.				★★★ **"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Randy Quaid.				**(:15)** ★★★ **"Miracle on 34th Street"** (1994) Richard Attenborough. A department store Santa claims to be the real St. Nick.			
ANPL	47	**North Woods Law** Glen Lucas treks Mount Washington.		**North Woods Law** An illegal fishing tournament.		**North Woods Law: Uncuffed** "Seeking Shelter" (N)				**North Woods Law** A bear in a tree; a new K-9.		**North Woods Law** The scene of an ATV accident.	
BET	55	★★★ **"Antwone Fisher"** (2002, Drama) Derek Luke, Joy Bryant, Denzel Washington. A therapist helps a troubled sailor confront his demons.						★★ **"Madea's Family Reunion"** (2006, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Blair Underwood, Lynn Whitfield. A matriarch must keep the peace through family strife.					
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**		**Watch What Happens Live**	**The Real Housewives of Orange County**		**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** The sharks battle over a product.		**Shark Tank** Human-quality pet food business.		**Shark Tank** An easy-to-use 3D printer for kids.		**The Profit** An amusement park is outdated. (N)		**The Profit** A mother and daughter team needs help.	
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** Michael tours the other branches.		**(5:50) The Office** (Part 2 of 2)	**(:25) The Office**	**The Office**	**The Office** "New Boss"	**The Office** "Two Weeks"	**The Office** "Dream Team"	**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** (Part 1 of 3)	**Just Roll With It**
DSC	43	**Moonshiners** Tickle mashes a batch of illegal shine.		**Moonshiners** Tickle takes on his first big run.		**Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts** "Crossing County Lines" (N)		**Moonshiners** Mark and Digger attempt a miracle. (N)		**(:02) Man vs. Bear** Humans come face to face with bears.		**(:02) Moonshiners** Tim and JT create a Christmas surprise.	
E!	21	**Keeping Up With the Kardashians** "The Show Must Go On"		**Keeping Up With the Kardashians** "Cattle Drive Me Crazy"		**Keeping Up With the Kardashians**		**A Legendary Christmas With John and Chrissy**		**2019: What E! Year!** A look back at the year's biggest fails.		**Nightly Pop** (N)	**Very Cavallari**
ESPN	29	**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**E:60** (N)		**Roger Federer: Home**	**ESPN Documentaries** (N)	**30 for 30** On the basketball court and beyond, the story of Dennis Rodman.				**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)	
ESPN2	30	**Daily Wager** (N) (Live)		**College Basketball** Air Force Reserve Basketball Hall of Fame Invitational -- Florida vs Providence. (N) (Live)				**College Basketball** Purdue at Ohio. (N) (Live)				**SportsCenter Special**	
FOOD	45	**Chopped** The chefs are challenged to make brunch.		**Chopped** Baskets are filled with comfort foods.		**Chopped Junior** "Bet the Ranch Dressing" (N)		**Chopped** "New Year's Party" (N)		**Chopped** "Dine on a Dime" (N)		**Chopped** Dishes for the Chinese New Year.	
FREE	48	**(4:50)** ★★★ **"Home Alone"** (1990, Children's) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern. A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house.					**(:20)** ★★ **"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.					**The 700 Club**	
FS1	20	**Blood Brothers**	**College Basketball** Maryland-Baltimore County at Georgetown. (N) (Live)				**College Basketball** Oklahoma at Creighton. (N) (Live)				**FS1 College Hoops Extra**	**WWE Backstage** (N) (Live)	
FSEE	32	**Golf America** (N)	**Running**	**Hawks Live! Pregame** (N)	**NBA Basketball** Atlanta Hawks at New York Knicks. From Madison Square Garden in New York. (N) (Live)					**Hawks Live! Postgame** (N)	**Hawks 4th Quarter**	**NBA Basketball** Atlanta Hawks at New York Knicks.	
FX	28	★★ **"The Hangover Part III"** (2013, Comedy) Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms. All bets are off when the Wolfpack hits the road.				★★★ **"Captain America: The First Avenger"** (2011, Action) Chris Evans, Hayley Atwell, Sebastian Stan. Captain America battles the evil HYDRA organization.					**(:45)** ★★★ **"Captain America: The First Avenger"** (2011) Chris Evans, Hayley Atwell.		
GOLF	82	**Golf Central** (N) (Live)		**PGA Tour Golf** QBE Shark Shootout, Final Round.						**2019 Presidents Cup** Singles. From the Royal Melbourne Golf Club in Melbourne, Australia.			
HALL	72	**"The Sweetest Christmas"** (2017, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Lea Coco. A chef makes it to finals of a national baking contest.				**"Welcome to Christmas"** (2018, Drama) Eric Mabius, Jennifer Finnigan. A real estate developer finds romance with a sheriff.				**(:03) "Merry & Bright"** (2019, Romance) Jodie Sweetin, Andrew Walker. Cate meets a man during the busy Christmas season.			
HGTV	46	**Fixer Upper** Jenny and Ramil are moving to Texas.		**Home Town** Woman seeks to retire in her home town.		**Home Town** Ben and Erin create a dream home.		**Fixer to Fabulous** The duo pull off a surprise renovation. (N)		**Move and Improve** "A Groovy Kind of Reno" (N)		**House Hunters International**	**House Hunters** (N)
HIST	40	**The Curse of Oak Island** Gary discovers a mysterious artifact.		**The Curse of Oak Island** "Tunnel Visions"		**The Curse of Oak Island: Digging Deeper** "Closing In" (N)		**The Curse of Oak Island** A structure under the sea bed.		**(:03) Kings of Pain** Fire urchin; Rove Beetle. (N)		**(:05) The Curse of Oak Island** "Tunnel Visions"	
LIFE	23	**"Christmas Reservations"** (2019) Melissa Joan Hart, Markie Post. A woman is reunited with her widowed college sweetheart.				**"Rediscovering Christmas"** (2019, Romance) Jessica Lowndes, Jessica Walter, David Naughton.				**(:03) "Christmas Stars"** (2019, Drama) Erica Durance, JT Hodges. An aspiring R&B artist crosses paths with a songwriter.			
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** Alaskans must build transportation.		**Life Below Zero** Alaskans make difficult decisions.		**Life Below Zero: Ice Breakers** "Spring Fever" (N)		**Life Below Zero** Alaskans gather new resources. (N)		**Running Wild With Bear Grylls** (N)		**(:01) Running Wild With Bear Grylls** "Rob Riggle in Iceland"	
PARMT	57	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	★ **"Grown Ups"** (2010, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock. Five friends learn that age and maturity do not, necessarily, coincide.					**Ink Master Grudge Match** "Mano Y Mano" (N)		★ **"Grown Ups"** (2010) Adam Sandler, Kevin James.	
TBS	25	**Family Guy**	**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**	**Conan** (N)	**The Misery Index**
TCM	79	**(:15)** ★★★★ **"Out of the Past"** (1947) Robert Mitchum, Jane Greer. A gambler's no-good girlfriend crosses a private eye.				★★★ **"Creature From the Black Lagoon"** (1954, Horror) Richard Carlson, Julia Adams.		★★★ **"The Fly"** (1958) Al Hedison. Scientist's gizmo swaps his head with fly's.				**(:15)** ★★★ **"Thoroughly Modern Millie"** (1967)	
TLC	24	**Four Weddings** A Jersey Shore wedding theme.		**Outdaughtered** Adam and Danielle salvage the season.		**I Am Jazz** (N)	**My Big Fat Fabulous Life**	**Counting On** "Grandma Duggar Remembered" (Season Finale) The Duggar girls have a photoshoot. (N)				**(:02) 7 Little Johnstons** "The Nightmare Before Christmas"	
TNT	26	**(3:30)** ★★★ **"Beauty and the Beast"** (2017) Emma Watson.		**The Elf on the Shelf: An Elf's**	**Dr. Seuss' Grinch**	★★★★ **"The Wizard of Oz"** (1939) Judy Garland, Frank Morgan. A tornado whisks a Kansas farm girl to a magic land.				**(:15)** ★★ **"Maleficent"** (2014) Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning. A terrible betrayal turns Maleficent's pure heart to stone.			
USA	27	**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Trophy"		**(:05) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Pattern Seventeen"		**(:10) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Exchange"		**The Purge** "7:01 AM" The group fights for their lives.		**(:01) Treadstone** Bentley makes a choice.		**(:05) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Penetration"	
WE	71	**Law & Order** Murdered mother, kidnapped infant.		**Law & Order** "New York Minute" Smuggler of illegal aliens.		**Law & Order** Detectives probe random murders.		**Law & Order** "Acid" Van Buren searches for a killer.		**Law & Order** "Bible Story" Religious tempers flare.		**Law & Order** An officer kills a murder suspect.	
HBO	518	**(:10) His Dark Materials** Lyra must outwit a formidable foe.		**(:10)** ★ **"Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son"** (2011, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Brandon T. Jackson. 'PG-13'				**"Well Groomed"** (2019) Nicole Beckman. Premiere. 'NR'		**REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel** (Season Finale) (N)		**"American Woman"** (2018, Drama) Sienna Miller. 'R'	
MAX	549	**"The Count of Monte Cristo"**	**(:35)** ★★ **"Lights Out"** (2016, Horror) Teresa Palmer, Gabriel Bateman. 'PG-13'			★★ **"Teen Witch"** (1989, Fantasy) Robyn Lively, Dan Gauthier, Joshua Miller. 'PG-13'			**(:35)** ★★ **"She's the Man"** (2006, Romance-Comedy) Amanda Bynes. A student poses as her twin brother. 'PG-13'				**(:20) "The Family Stone"**
SHOW	578	★★ **"American Assassin"** (2017, Action) Dylan O'Brien. Three agents join forces to battle a mysterious operative. 'R'				**Ray Donovan** Ray and Terry travel to Coney Island.		**Inside the NFL** Highlights from the 15th week. (N)		**Shameless** Frank and Liam get wined and dined.		**Inside the NFL** Highlights from the 15th week.	
TMC	598	★ **"Bad Company"** (2002, Action) Anthony Hopkins. A hustler is recruited by the CIA to pose as his brother. 'PG-13'				★★★ **"Death at a Funeral"** (2007, Comedy-Drama) Matthew MacFadyen, Keeley Hawes. 'R'			**(:35) "Bad Grandmas"** (2017, Comedy) Florence Henderson, Randall Batinkoff. 'NR'			**(:10) "Furlough"** (2018, Comedy) Tessa Thompson. 'R'	

Best Bets

7 p.m. on WBIQ
The Ornament of the World

This two-hour documentary looks back at a remarkable time in medieval Spain when Muslims, Christians and Jews managed to forge a common cultural identity that often was able to transcend any religious differences between them. Known as La Convivencia, this era lasted for nearly 800 years, a productive shared culture of arts, architecture, science, music and letters, lifting Spain to stunning heights of glory and power. The film explores the complexities and contradictions of this frequently misunderstood period.

7 p.m. on WTTO
Dogs of the Year

"Entertainment Tonight" co-hosts Nischelle Turner and Kevin Frazier anchor this new one-hour holiday special from the American Kennel Club's Museum of the Dog in New York. The program counts down 2019's top 10 stories of dogs who went above and beyond the call of duty to accomplish the nearly impossible and leave their paw-print on society. Among the featured canines are dogs who soothed badly burned fire victims, helped inspired an NHL team to win the Stanley Cup, climbed mountains or otherwise achieved moments that went viral on social media.

8 p.m. on USA
The Purge

As Purge Night rages on, Esme, Ryan, Marcus and Ben (Paola Núñez, Max Martini, Derek Luke, Joel Allen) continue their desperate fight to stay alive with this year's event entering its final moments in the Season 2 finale, "7:01 AM." USA Network hasn't announced whether this series, a spinoff from a successful horror movie franchise, will be picked up for Season 3.

8 p.m. on OWN
Ambitions

In the first of two new back-to-back episodes, "Through the Wire," the identity of Rondell's (Brely Evans) puppet master is revealed, while Bella (Erica Page) can't help feeling overwhelmed. Stephen (Steven Williams) and Bella are confronted by Stephanie (Robin Givens). Titus (Kendrick Cross) raises Lori's (Christina Kirkman) suspicions. Then, in "Save the Best for Last," Stephanie and Amara (Essence Atkins) both elect to keep their friends close and their enemies closer.

8:30 p.m. on WABM2
Shrek the Halls

What's not to love about a yuletide special starring a family of green ogres? And especially one that already was popularized by a couple of hit movies when this debuted in 2007? Shrek (voice of Mike Myers) isn't a Christmas kind of guy, but Princess Fiona (voice of Cameron Diaz) loves the holiday, so he goes along — with a little help from Donkey (voice of Eddie Murphy) and the rest of the fairy-tale gang. Antonio Banderas is heard again as Puss in Boots.

9:01 p.m. on USA
Treadstone

Set in the world of the Jason Bourne spy thrillers, this action series closes out Season 1 with "The Cicada Covenant," as Bentley's (Jeremy Irvine) sanity is pushed to the brink. Elsewhere, journalist Tara (Tracy Ifeachor) takes decisive action, while Edwards (Omar Metwally) is stymied by unforeseen complications.

10:15 p.m. on TCM
Movie: Thoroughly Modern Millie

Director George Roy Hill takes a potshot at just about every cheesy movie genre in this 1967 musical comedy. Julie Andrews stars as Millie, a young and naive woman exploring the Roaring '20s. She meets aggressively naive Miss Dorothy (Mary Tyler Moore) and subsequently gets mixed up with flappers, eccentric rich people and slavers. The all-star cast includes James Fox, John Gavin, Beatrice Lillie and Carol Channing, who died in 2019 at the age of 97.



"Shrek the Halls" airs on ABC.

OPINION

Healthy Church, no. 12: No Over-lording

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Today we continue in our series – The Characteristics of a Healthy Church. Is the church you attend healthy? Listen up and be brutally honest in answering this question.

Consequently, most members of the church are just like the hireling pastor. When trouble happens in the church, when there is conflict with a member, when it feels like the sermons are no longer meeting their needs, what do they do? *They move away.*

They are hirelings, just being at the church for what they can get. The church is full of members who are just seeking what they can get, instead of being committed to the body of believers God has called them to.

Here is the testimony of one man on this issue. I'll be honest, this is something I've struggled with.

I am an MK, a military kid, meaning as a child, we moved every three to four years. Therefore, when I got on my own, I knew nothing about committing to a church and serving her.

When I was in college, I bounced from church to church. When I became a pastor, I started getting an itch around my second year serving. It's time to move.

God had to train me to stay at my first church for seven years, especially as it was going through conflict. God is still training me.

My upbringing gives me an itch, even if there are no problems; I have a problem called discontentment.

3. Faithful pastors must be careful of the desire for power.

"Not lording it over those entrusted to you but being examples to the flock."

Peter warns about the desire of the pastor to lord it over people. This was something found in the disciples. You often found them arguing about who would be greatest in the kingdom of God. Christ rebuked them with this truth:

Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors.

But you are not to be like that. Instead, *the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.*

For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. Luke 22:24–27

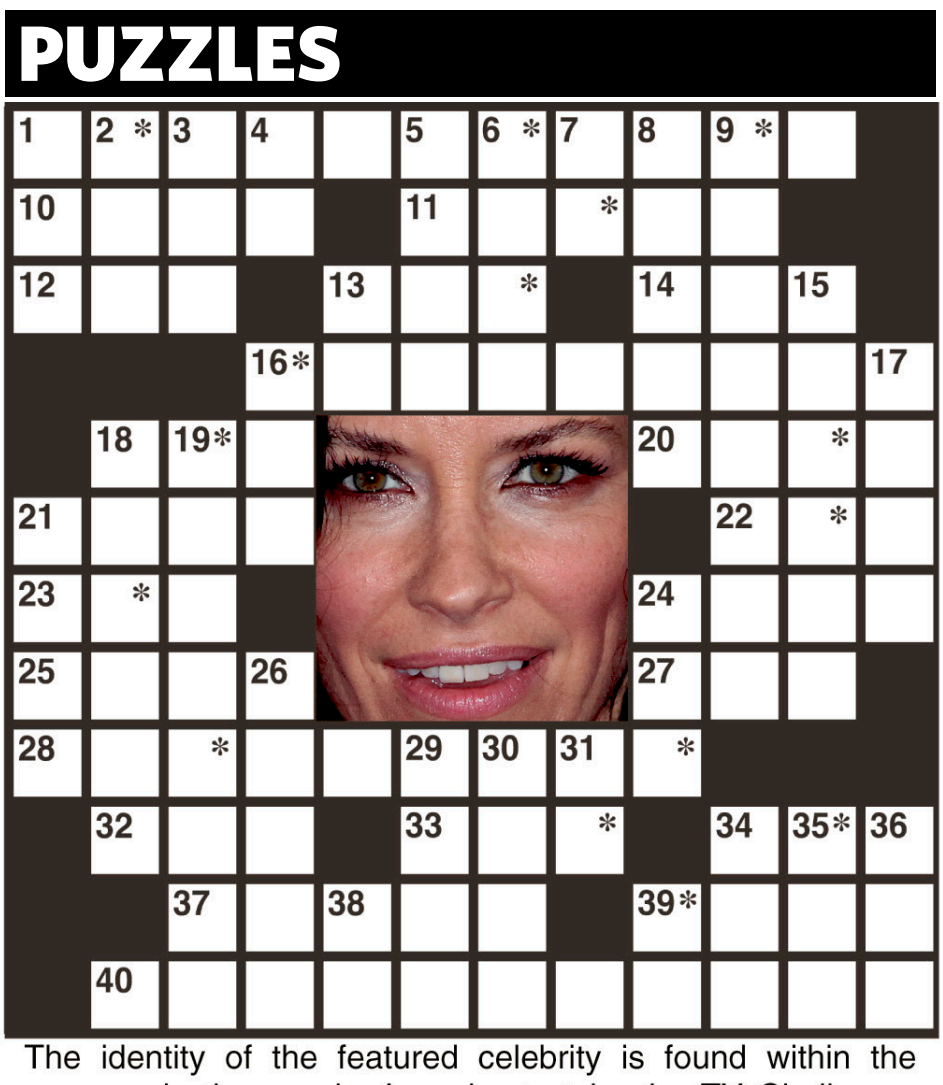
In the past two years, three nationally known evangelical pastors were removed from their churches due to the abuse of power. They failed to incorporate functional systems of accountability that are designed to prevent such abuse.

I encourage my readers to examine the structures of the church you attend.

Is there a functional and effective practice of frequently requiring all leaders to be accountable and submit to one another to prevent the abuse of power? This is a wise and prudent practice.

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PUZZLES



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

1. Role on "Schooled" (2)
10. Red Muppet
11. Refueling ship
12. "Scent __ __ Woman"; Al Pacino film
13. John of "Touched by an Angel"
14. Contented sound
16. Role on "NCIS" (2)
18. Outstanding team member, for short
20. Vane letters
21. West and others
22. Suffix for project or text
23. Hostel
24. Hullabaloos
25. __ off; falls asleep
27. Tennis court divider
28. Game show host (2)
32. Sault __. Marie
33. Role on "The Waltons"
34. "According to __" (2001-09)
37. Ryan O'Neal's daughter
39. Ending for play or party
40. Actress on "The Conners" (2)

DOWN

1. __ G. Carroll
2. Sitcom alien
3. "__ __ Big Girl Now"
4. "__ Time for Sergeants"
5. Ma, for one (hyph.)
6. Claim against property
7. "Bad Times at the __ Royale"; Jeff Bridges film
8. "__ __ Work It Out"; Beatles song
9. Raymond Burr series
13. Actress Yvonne __ Carlo
15. Wild feline
16. Record albums, for short
17. Lamb bearers
18. Grand homes
19. "V for __"; 2005 Natalie Portman movie
21. "A Beautiful __"; film for Russell Crowe
24. "__ Given Sunday"; Al Pacino movie
26. Take an oath
29. Snug as __ __ in a rug
30. Do's followers (2)
31. Suffix for length or light
34. Pesci or Penny
35. Ending for wind or sand
36. Actor on "The A-Team" (2)
38. Casual farewell
39. Initials for Gracie Allen's love

Solution
Evangeline Lilly



Obituary Announcements Dec. 17

Mrs. Eva Payne of Cullman, Alabama, formerly of Pinellas County, Florida passed away Friday, Dec. 6, 2019. She was born Dec. 24, 1923 in Chester, Pennsylvania to Charles and Josephine Tymusczuk. She married the love of her life Robert C. Payne Sr. in 1948 and they had five children together and had many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great–great-grandchildren. She was known to her family as the one to always be there and help if someone was ever in need. Friends knew her as a shining star in this world. Her passion in life was sharing amazing stories and explaining to others about the things that her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren had accomplished in life, whether it be big or small. Her smile and laugh were infectious and if you were in the room, you could not contain the urge to laugh or smile. Her biggest legacy will be the amount of love she gave to all of the people that were lucky enough to meet her. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers Edward Tymusczuk, Benjamin Tymuszcuk, Frank Tymusczuk; sisters Virginia Tymuszcuk Gibbons, Mary Tymusczuk Rodio; daughter Virginia Payne Goutremont Denby; grandson Matthew Lynn Goutremont and great-great-grandson William Magnus Caruthers. Survivors include brothers Joseph Tymusczuk (Collingswood, NJ), Stanley Tymusczuk (New Hope, PA). Children Mary (sp. Frank) Giuliani (St. Petersburg, FL), Martha (sp. John) Gierchak (Sharon, PA), Robert Payne Jr. (Topeka, KS), Patricia (sp. Dana) Allen (Cullman, AL); grandchildren Patrick (sp. Denise) Giuliani, Michelle (sp. Susan) Chamness, John Gierchak III, Giovanna (sp. Paul) Carney, Christopher Payne, Karen (sp. Ayme) Gierchak, Chad (sp. Kyleen) Kern, Christina (sp. Joe) Thornburg, Melissa Payne, Michael Allen, Robert (sp. Amy) Payne, Allissa Allen; great-grandchildren Dylan (sp. Audrey) Caruthers, Robert Caruthers, Madelene Gierchak, Lauryn Gierchak, Bailey Caruthers, R.J. Caruthers, Francesca Carney, Anna Giuliani, Gabriel Carney, Sean Carney, Angelus Caruthers, Ella Giuliani, John Gierchak IV, McKenzie Kern, Matthew Goutremont and Gracie Payne; great-great-grandchildren James Caruthers, Jackson Caruthers, and Jason Caruthers. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a local foster care center, or to families in need. Memorial Service Will be Dec. 27, 2019 at Moss Service Funeral Home. Condolences for the family may be given at mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Elizabeth Ann Jinright Gorham, 76, of Holly Pond, passed away Dec, 15, 2019. She was born March 6, 1943 in Jefferson County, to J.T. Hiram and Margaret Elizabeth Floyd Jinright. Ms. Gorham worked in the electric production industry until retirement. She was a longtime member of Arab Church of Christ. Liz treasured her family and her passing brings sorrow to those she loved. Ms. Gorham is preceded in death by her parents J.T. Hiram and Margaret Elizabeth Floyd Jinright, and her husband Jerry Lloyd Gorham. Survivors include daughter Vickie Lynn (Donald) Brown; brother J.T. Hiram Jinright, Jr.; grandchildren Brittany Williams, Beth (Tommy) Smith, Abigail Brown, Tasha (David) Myslinski; and great-grandchildren Braxton Williams, Harley Stephens and Sara Nava. Funeral services are 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019 in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Ken Tyler officiating. Burial will follow in Holly Pond Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family an hour prior to services, from 10 a.m. until services begin. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gorham family.

Linda Susan Lane, 71, of Arley entered into rest Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Lane was born Aug. 12, 1948 in Double Springs, Alabama. Linda was very artistic and enjoyed painting, making paper mâché figures (including an airplane), crocheting, cross stitching, making costumes, murals, cardboard stage scenes and backgrounds and directing Vacation Bible School. She was very active in Meek Baptist Church and will be deeply missed. Visitation will be Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019 1-2 p.m. at Meek Baptist Church with service to follow at 2 p.m. Brother Etsel Riddle will officiate. Burial will follow in Meek Baptist Cemetery. Linda is survived by her husband Dana Lane; mother Louise Baxley; sons Robbie (Misti) Lane and David (Donna) Lane; sisters Vickie (Gale) Johnson and Debbie (O'Neal) Talley; grandchildren Justin Lane, Hunter Lane, Eric Coker and Ashley (Adam) Stacks; great-grandchildren Layken Stacks and Ethan Coker; mother-in-law Rowena Lane; brother-in-law Kerry (Carol) Lane; life-long best friend Glenda Mayo and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her father Claude Brown; brother Frank Brown; stepfather Cecil Baxley and father-in-law Pete Lane.

Funeral Service for Roland Joseph Comeaux, 84, of Blountsville were Monday, Dec. 16, 2019 with full military honors, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mr. and Mrs. Roland Comeaux will be laid to rest together at Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Comeaux passed away Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019, at UAB Hospital. He was born May 5, 1935, to Moise and Mae Marie Comeaux. He was preceded in death by his wife Frances Jane Comeaux, parents and a brother and sister. Survivors include his children Mark Comeaux, Pamela Jane Comeaux, Kelly Comeaux, Phillip Comeaux, Ray Comeaux; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother Milton Comeaux; sister-in-law Cathy Cox; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

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Life (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Saving Forgotten Warriors (SFW) announced last week its creation of the "800 Club," a program to provide veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) an opportunity for a better life by giving them access to Stellate Ganglion Block (SGB) shots, which have shown a high degree of success in relieving symptoms of PTSD. (See www.cullmantribune.com/2019/12/14/a-shot-at-hope-local-businessman-and-philanthropist-apel-donates-12k-to-launch-ptsd-program-with-saving-forgotten-warriors/.)

Unfortunately, the shots, which can cost $1,600 or more for civilians and are being offered to veterans for $800, are not currently covered by insurance, so SFW launched the club as a fundraising effort to provide for veterans who cannot afford the shot, and to transport them to Annapolis, Maryland, where the shot is being offered at the reduced cost.

Bo Winfrey, a Cullman businessman who, with wife Jen Winfrey, owns The Wacked Out Weiner and Yogurt Street, was deployed to Iraq with the Army National Guard as a communications technician during Operation Iraqi Freedom. There he saw things that he would rather not talk about, and he came home to live through years of nightmares, fears of being around crowds, and even suicidal ideation.

He told The Tribune, "We went over as communications, but after we got all our signal equipment set up, they put us on convoys going down to Kuwait and escorting fuel trucks, senators and just anybody and everybody. We were convoying every day.

"I won't go into details, but some of the stuff I went through and seen, there was one certain thing that just stayed with me. And the nightmares, the sleeping three to four hours a night, and faking being happy where I work- because I'm a salesperson- I'd just come home and get alcohol, and come on the back deck and just sit here- didn't want to be around my wife, my kids or nobody. It got to a point where, before the kids came over, they would call and say, 'What kind of mood is Dad in?'"

Bottoming out and looking up

Winfrey's condition led him to the lowest point of his life, as he explained, "I even had a plan: when my youngest daughter got 15, I was going to end it all."

That daughter turned 15 this past May. Before that deadline passed, something important happened: Jen Winfrey, now Bo Winfrey's wife, came into his life determined to help him find an answer for his struggles. She found one in the SGB shot and Dr. Sean Mulvaney, a former Navy Seal who has performed the complex procedure over 1,000 times at Regenerative Orthopedics and Sports Medicine in Annapolis.

On his website, Mulvaney described the procedure: "Stellate Ganglion Block (SGB) is proven to provide durable relief from symptoms of PTSD and may help in some anxiety states. During the SGB procedure, an injection of a long-acting local anesthetic, using ultrasound or (fluoroscopic) guidance, is made in the right side of the neck around the main nerve that controls the "fight or flight" response (the sympathetic nervous system). Multiple peer-reviewed medical studies show that a right-sided SGB results in significant long-term improvement in chronic anxiety symptoms associated with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The SGB takes less than 15 minutes to perform, and benefits are seen in as little as 30 minutes."

Jen Winfrey explained the shot as a nerve block that temporarily numbs nerve endings in the part of the brain where PTSD symptoms originate.

She said, "How Dr. Mulvaney described it: he said it's like you have a computer and you have this blue screen of death; can't do anything. He said, 'Your mouse is not working, your keyboard's not working.

"And you're going to go through and unplug it for a few minutes and plug it back in.' He said, 'That's what we're doing; we're just rebooting your brain.' And everything he said, happened."

Bo Winfrey said that while his wife was studying PTSD, "One of her friends told her about this block. And so, she called the doctor and she set it up, and I still was telling her, 'This ain't going to work; there's no help for me.'"

Winfrey's doubts continued all the way to the doctor's door, as he explained, "I'm telling you, the day of the procedure, when we walked out of the hotel, got in the car, headed to Dr. Mulvaney, and I said, 'Babe, I don't want to do this. It's a waste of money; it's not going to work.'

"She said, 'Well, it's done paid for,' and I said, 'Oh, my gosh,' and at the time, I believed her. But, you know, we got through and she started paying, and I was like, 'That was a nice trick!' But I was laughing!

"Dude, I'm telling you, I wouldn't go in a crowded place; I did, but I was always on my guard. And the very next morning after the shot, we went shopping right after the shot. And I hated shopping; I was always the type: 'Hey, we've got to go. Let's go, let's go, let's go.' And I was in there; I didn't say nothing. It didn't bother me anymore.

"And the next morning, we went to eat. And I usually sat in the back of the restaurant, and I said, 'Let's sit here today.' And we walked in and sat right in the middle of the restaurant, people to my back. And she even made the statement that morning, 'It's like I'm with a different person.' And it's been like that since.

"Dude, it saved my life; it really did."

And now?

Said Winfrey, "As far as my sleep: seven, eight hours a night, every night, no nightmares. I still think about the things over there, but they don't bother me, if that makes sense. It's like any other thing that you see on a daily basis: you think about it if it stands out, but it ain't got me just to where that's all I'm thinking about, and my mind ain't running 24/7."

Jen Winfrey was a witness to the transformation. She told The Tribune, "Even his face looks different. He looks younger. His smile, his laugh is even different. I didn't realize because I didn't know him before (he developed PTSD), but his laugh is like a real laugh now, a true laugh.

"Usually, we'd go to a restaurant and he'd have to sit with his back to the wall so he could see everything. And that morning, we're sitting in the middle, and he's right there smiling, and I was like, 'I feel like I have a Stepford wife. What's going on?' because he was just like so relaxed.

"I'm a shopper, but I knew when I was with him, I'd have two minutes or less in a store, you know what I mean? We had to get in and out because he just couldn't stand it. While we were there (after the shot), I would have to drag him out because he was so happy, and he was talking to everyone! He's just like a different person."

Jen Winfrey continued, "He deals with everything so differently, now. Things that would usually bother him and he would dwell on it for days and days, he'll be like, 'Oh, well, you know, it's fine now.' You know what I mean? 'Whatever!'

"Now, he's just relaxed and chill. He's the same person, but he's a different person. He processes everything differently."

A new mission

Winfrey's experience with SGB not only helped him handle his PTSD, but it also gave him a new sense of purpose.

Winfrey shared, "That's what I think my calling is: to help other veterans that was in that place where I was, because there's a way out now besides suicide. And before I take my last breath, I want the 22 (veterans who commit suicide) a day to go way down."

What would you tell a veteran who is struggling with PTSD and considering this treatment?

"I want them to know that they don't have to live like that anymore. They can be happy. And, like I told the doctor after my procedure- I was bawling- I told him, 'Hold on. This ain't a sad cry; this is a happy cry!' And I hugged him. I said, 'I know one thing: suicide's off the table now.'"

Winfrey has been on a mission to spread the word about SGB, and he helped SFW create the 800 Club.

He told The Tribune, "I tell everybody. Since the shot, I've been spreading the word, and people's like, 'Well, would it help me?' And anybody: female, male or anybody that's had a traumatic experience, that's dealing with it, that has PTSD from that traumatic experience, they can have it done. It's $1,600 a shot and, for veterans, he charges $800."

The total cost for SFW's first group of eight veterans, including transportation and lodging, is expected to come to approximately $12,000, or $1,500 per person. Apel Steel President Ronny Apel stepped up last week with a donation to cover the entire cost for the first trip.

Winfrey hopes to see the opportunity extended to as many veterans as possible, telling The Tribune, "I can't say enough how it's changed my life, and what bothers me so bad is the veterans out there that are where I was."

SFW Director Jeremy Hogan previously told The Tribune, "This is going to be the biggest program Saving Forgotten Warriors has ever had. This will impact the state's suicide rate, guaranteed.

If we can get the local and state community on board on this...honestly, this is the program the state needs. I'm actually working on a program to get a doctor certified to give the shot here. I'm even offering to put it on the property that Saving Forgotten Warriors has. If we can do it, God willing, if we can raise the money. Every business in this county probably has a veteran. That veteran will benefit, and so will the business."

How to donate or get help

SFW is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and any donation is tax-deductible. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 1002, Cullman, AL 35056. If you, or someone you know, is a veteran in need, contact SFW at 256-747-5006.

Hoss (from Front)

injuries all over his body.

When Brown pleaded guilty to felony murder, the charges of aggravated child abuse, capital murder involving sexual abuse and sexual torture/abuse were dismissed.

Brown had received multiple continuances this year, including two due to conflicts in his attorney's schedule.

Ballenger, represented by Melvin Hasting and Michael Haynes, has also received multiple continuances this year. In July, she submitted a handwritten request for the removal and replacement of court-appointed attorney Hasting. She remains in the Cullman County Detention Center.

Bicentennial (from Front)

bama connections, followed by character interpretations by local actors:

• Blake Tetro - Bro. Joseph Zoettl, builder of the Ave Maria Grotto

• Hannah Stringer - Annie Lola Price, Cullman native and one of the state's first licensed female attorneys and the state's first female appellate court judge

• Justin Weygand - Col. John Cullmann, founder of the city of Cullman

The Wallace State Singers shared excerpts from their own Bicentennial show which showcased popular music with Alabama connections, from Alabama composers to songs recorded at the legendary studios of Muscle Shoals.

Event Coordinator Cindy Pass then led the crowd in singing "Happy Birthday" to the state before the audience was treated to a fireworks show that lit up the sky over downtown Cullman.

During his remarks, Cook told the audience, "I truly believe that Cullman County and Cullman city are the best city and county to live in, in the state of Alabama, so I applaud and thank Col. Cullmann and the founding fathers for settling here . . . We, the mayor and city council of the City of Cullman, are proud to be a part of the great state of Alabama, and want to wish a happy birthday to the great state of Alabama."

Gudger said, "Someone had asked me earlier tonight what makes Alabama special to me, and obviously that is the people: the working together and, as Coach (Andy) Page on the city council has always said, teamwork. You see that even in the young men and women that are here tonight, coming from East Elementary, West Elementary, St. Bernard Prep School, all coming together to do one job, to stay focused on one mission, and that's to celebrate this momentous occasion for the Bicentennial.

"From the Governor's Office of Kay Ivey to Del Marsh, president of the Senate, to Speaker Mac McCutcheon and every legislator, we thank you for being here tonight.

"There're birthday parties just like this that are happening all over the state, even in Montgomery, all day today. My other colleagues that work with me, that represent this particular county, (Rep.) Randall Shedd, (Rep.) Scott Stadthagen and (Rep.) Corey Harbison, they work as a team with me, just like we talked about earlier, as teamwork, and we are thankful that we get to represent all of you that are here tonight."

He continued, "It's a special time when we can sit with our great state behind us on one screen, and the Christmas tree and the meaning of this time of year on the other end of this park.

"Ladies and gentlemen, we're blessed to be in a country and a state that are free. If you don't understand the importance of that, just turn on that TV and look at Hong Kong right now. We thank you for being here, and the importance of this great state, and we're blessed to be in the great state of Alabama, and we're blessed to be in Cullman County."

