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COURTS

## Court dog Brooksie goes to 1st jury trial

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – On Monday afternoon, Cullman's court dog Brooksie took the stand in her first jury trial, a child abuse case in which the alleged victim, a minor, had to testify as a witness. According to court officials, the dog was brought into the witness box while the witness and jury were outside. The witness was brought in and allowed to interact with Brooksie for a few minutes before the jury entered. When jurors came in, they were informed of the presence of a court dog, but could not see her, a practice in keeping with state regulations.

Gail Swafford of Brooks' Place, who has used Brooksie in forensic interviews at the Child Advocacy Center, was a witness in the trial and could not be present during the young witness' testimony, but she heard from others who watched the proceedings.

"She never made any noises and she served her purpose, which was to help calm the victim," said Swafford. "The victim did exceptionally well. I think having Brooksie in here made a world of difference to her."

One person who was in the courtroom during the witness' testimony said, » PAGE 7



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*Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas poses with the court's newest officer, Brooksie, a 2-year-old labradoodle, in this July 2019 file photo.*

# A HEART FOR CHRISTMAS

## Walmart brings Santa, cheer to Child Development Center



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*Santa greets young students at the Cullman County Child Development Center Tuesday morning.* » PAGE 8

## Morning fire heavily damages home on city's SE side



CONTRIBUTED

*Fire is seen at a home on Avenue D Southeast Tuesday morning.* » PAGE 8

EDUCATION

## Walmart donates $2K to CATA



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

*Cullman Area Technology Academy Principal Billy Troutman, left, accepts a $2,000 check from Eugene Reynolds, general transportation manager at the Cullman Walmart Distribution Center.*

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Walmart's Cullman Transportation office selected the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) to receive a $2,000 donation as part of Walmart's support for local communities. Private Fleet truck drivers drove extra carefully during the week of July 20-26, 2019.

For every accident-free mile, Walmart made a financial contribution to local schools. » PAGE 8

## You know who you are, and we're proud of you!

### Anonymous group of Cullman County students boxes up Christmas blessings for CDC students and families

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**VINEMONT, Ala.** – How do you write a story about people who don't want to be the subject of a story, but their story is just too good not to tell? Let's try! ***References in quotes which might give away identities have been omitted.***

This week at the Cullman County Child Development Center (CDC), 45 students and their families received early Christmas gifts from a group of other Cullman County students who chose to remain anonymous.

The Tribune met with two teachers who work with these students, and they were hesitant to speak very much, explaining, "We're trying to teach our kids to do the right thing out of the goodness of their hearts, and not for recognition.

"The students really wanted to do it. They love those kids . . . They just honestly have a giving heart, and that's what it boils down to."

The teachers reported that their students asked, "'What can we do for the students for Thanksgiving or Christmas, for the holidays?' Then someone that knew the needs told us the needs, and so they said, 'Let's do food and hygiene boxes,' and they signed up for » PAGE 8



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*Anonymous Cullman County students filled gift boxes with groceries and hygiene items for 45 Cullman County Child Development Center students and their families.*

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

# Cullman council aims to protect against cyber attacks

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – The Cullman City Council on Monday evening tackled a single-item agenda ahead of incoming storms, passing a resolution to contract Tyler Technologies for professional hosting services for the City's electronic records. The company will provide off-site digital storage for city records, and will protect the City against things such as ransomware attacks.

According to a recent report published on Emsisoft.com, at least 68 state, county and municipal government agencies have been targeted by ransomware attacks in 2019. During that time, 62 schools and school systems have been affected, and 491 health care providers have been attacked.

Tyler Technologies says of ransomware attacks: "Ransomware continues to be a significant threat to organizations of all sizes. Victims of an attack are denied access to their data.

"Many times, files are encrypted, and a ransom is demanded to restore access. If hit, the best-case scenario is that you have clean backups to restore your systems and can avoid paying the ransom.

"However, downtime is often more detrimental than ransom costs. Recovery is expensive, and there is a significant cost in system downtime, emergency response, and reputation damage."

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

# Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 17

**Maggie Darnell**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 17, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY**

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
No incidents or arrests reported.

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**
**INCIDENTS**
**Dec. 12**
• fourth-degree theft of property; person; Glenn Dr. NW; mail; unknown amount of property

**Dec. 16**
• third-degree domestic violence – harassment; person; 4th Ave. SE
• fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; misc. charges; unknown amount of property value

**ARRESTS**
**Dec. 16**
**Vance, Johnny W., 66**
• fourth-degree theft of property
• third-degree criminal trespassing

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

# LEGALS

**Legal Notice**

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.
2001 Ford F-150, Vin. #1FTRF17W81NB17044.
2006 Ford F-150, Vin.#IFTPW14V76FB67275.
1999 Buick Park Avenue, Vin. #1G4CW52K6X4628599.
1977 Buick Century, Vin. #4D29H7H211126.
1996 Chevrolet Corsica, Vin. #1G1LD5545TY237589.
1994 Subaru Legacy, Vin. #4S3BC6337R9649327.
2000 Chrysler Sebring, Vin. #3C3EL55H4YT203100.
1992 Toyota Corolla, Vin. #JT2AE94AXN022841.
2001 Ford Taurus, Vin. #1FAFP55UX1A187554.
2003 Nissan Altima, Vin. #1N4AL11DX3C160155.
These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Smith's Body Shop and Wrecker Service, LLC, 11597 US Highway 278 East, Holly Pond, Alabama, 35083, on Friday, January 10, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF NORA LEA PHILLIPS, Deceased. * CASE NO PC-2019-241

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters Testamentary having been granted to MARY DYER as Personal Representatives of the Estate of NORA LEA PHILLIPS, Deceased, on the 17th day of December, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Mary Dyer
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for the Personal Representative
200 second Ave SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2019-382

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JANELL SMITH TEICHMILLER, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Linda A. Teichmiller, Donnie Ray Teichmiller and Joan T. Taylor on the 16th day of December, 2019, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Linda A. Teichmiller, Donnie Ray Teichmiller and
Joan T. Taylor , Personal Representatives

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2019-081

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

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS**

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

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

DONE this 2nd day of December, 2019.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR
## *Dec. 18 - 20*

**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.
• 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.

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

**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 through Dec. 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.
• 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/.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 19**
**Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland**
See Wednesday entry

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**FRIDAY, DEC. 20**
**Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland**
See Wednesday 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.
vDec. 20-21
• Free gift for every child
• Call 256-287-0364 for more info.

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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**
• 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!

**UPCOMING...**
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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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**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

# AHSAA releases new fall sports classifications for 2020-2022, Hanceville and Fairview moving up

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**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** – The Alabama High School Athletic Association's Central Board approved fall sport reclassifications for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons Tuesday morning and a pair of local teams are making a move. Hanceville High School made the move from class 3A to class 4A and Fairview High School jumped from class 4A to class 5A. New regional alignments were revealed for football as well and the Bulldogs will join the Good Hope Raiders in 4A Region 6 while the Aggies will join the West Point Warriors in 5A Region 7. Tuesday morning's reclassifications apply to football, cross country, volleyball and swimming and diving. New classifications for winter and spring sports will be released once those seasons are completed.

The AHSAA reclassifies every two years based on public school enrollment and private schools are classified based on a 1.35 multiplier and a competitive balance rating that can put some highly successful teams into higher classifications.

"I want to thank the AHSAA staff and Central Board for the hard work they put in to develop the reclassification plan that was approved," AHSAA Executive Director Steve Savarese said. "This is something that must be done every two years. It was a challenging task, but everyone worked together to find the best solution as we move forward."

**2020-2022 LOCAL FOOTBALL REGIONS**

**Class 6A Region 8**
- Athens High School
- Buckhorn High School
- Columbia High School
- **Cullman High School**
- Decatur High School
- Hartselle High School
- Hazel Green High School
- Muscle Shoals High School

**Class 5A Region 7**
- Boaz High School
- Brewer High School
- Crossville High School
- **Fairview High School**
- Guntersville High School
- Sardis High School
- West Point High School

**Class 4A Region 6**
- Ashville High School
- Dora High School
- Etowah High School
- Fultondale High School
- **Good Hope High School**
- **Hanceville High School**
- Oneonta High School

**Class 3A Region 6**
- Glencoe High School
- Hokes Bluff High School
- **Holly Pond High School**
- J.B. Pennington High School
- Susan Moore High School
- Tarrant High School
- **Vinemont High School**

**Class 2A Region 5**
- **Addison High School**
- Aliceville High School
- **Cold Springs High School**
- Lamar County High School
- Midfield High School
- Sulligent High School
- Winston County High School

**Class 1 Region 6**
- Berry High School
- Brilliant High School
- Hubbertville High School
- Lynn High School
- Marion County High School
- **Meek High School**
- Pickens County High School
- South Lamar High School

**2020 - 2022 LOCAL VOLLEYBALL AREAS**

**Class 6A Area 14**
- **Cullman High School**
- Decatur High School
- Hartselle High School
- Muscle Shoals High School

**Class 5A Area 14**
- Brewer High School
- **Fairview High School**
- Guntersville High School
- West Point High School

**Class 4A Area 11**
- Curry High School
- **Good Hope High School**
- **Hanceville High School**

**Class 3A Area 13**
- Brindlee Mountain High School
- **Holly Pond High School**
- J.B. Pennington High School
- Susan Moore High School

**Class 3A Area 15**
- Colbert Heights High School
- Danville High School
- **Vinemont High School**

**Class 2A Area 13**
- **Addison High School**
- **Cold Springs High School**
- Hatton High School
- Winston County High School

**Class 1A Area 12**
- Brilliant High School
- Lynn High School
- Marion County High School
- **Meek High School**
- **St. Bernard Preparatory School**

**2020 - 2022 LOCAL CROSS-COUNTRY SECTIONS**

**Class 6A Section 5**
- Arab High School
- Clay-Chalkville High School
- **Cullman High School**
- Fort Payne High School
- Mortimer Jordan High School
- Oxford High School
- Pell City High School
- Pinson Valley High School
- Southside High School
- Springville High School

**Class 5A Section 4**
- Ardmore High School
- Brewer High School
- Douglas High School
- East Limestone High School
- **Fairview High School**
- Guntersville High School
- Lawrence County High School
- Lee High School, Huntsville
- Mae Jemison High School
- Russellville High School
- St. John Paul II Catholic School
- **West Point High School**

**Class 4A Section 3**
- American Christian Academy
- Curry High School
- Fayette County High School
- Fultondale High School
- **Good Hope High School**
- Haleyville High School
- Hamilton High School
- **Hanceville High School**
- Northside High School
- Oak Grove High School
- Oakman High School

**Class 3A Section 3**
- Asbury High School
- Brindlee Mountain High School
- Fyffe High School
- Geraldine High School
- Glencoe High School
- Hokes Bluff High School
- **Holly Pond High School**
- J.B. Pennington High School
- Pleasant Valley High School
- Susan Moore High School

**Class 3A Section 4**
- Clements High School
- Colbert Heights High School
- Danville High School
- Elkmont High School
- Lauderdale County High School
- PhilCampbell High School
- **Saint Bernard Preparatory School**
- **Vinemont High School**
- Whitesburg Christian Academy
- Winfield High School

**Class 1A/2A Section 2**
- Berry High School
- Cleveland High School
- **Cold Springs High School**
- Cornerstone Schools of Alabama
- Donoho School
- Faith Christian School
- Gaston High School
- Jacksonville Christian Academy
- Jefferson Christian Academy
- Locust Fork High School
- Randolph County High School
- Sacred Heart Catholic School (ANB)
- Vincent Middle High School
- Westbrook Christian School
- West End High School

**Class 1A/2A Section 3**
- **Addison High School**
- Belgreen High School
- Brilliant High School
- Cherokee High School
- Colbert County High School
- Covenant Christian School (Tuscumbia)
- Hatton High School
- Lexington High School
- Marion County High School
- Mars Hill Bible School
- **Meek High School**
- Shoals Christian School
- Tharptown High School
- Vina High School
- Winston County High School

**2020-2022 LOCAL SWIMMING AND DIVING SECTIONS**

**Class 6A/7A Section 3**
- Arab High School
- Athens High School
- Austin High School
- Bob Jones High School
- Buckhorn High School
- Columbia High School
- **Cullman High School**
- Decatur High School
- Florence High School
- Grissom High School
- Hartselle High School
- HazelGreen High School
- Huntsville High School
- James Clemens High School
- Muscle Shoals High School
- Scottsboro High School
- Sparkman High School
- Westminster Christ an Academy
- Whitesburg Christian Academy

**1A/5A Section 3**
- Boaz High School
- Cedar Bluff High School
- Cherokee County High School
- Danville High School
- Decatur Heritage Christian Academy
- Deshler High School
- Guntersville High School
- Lee High School, Huntsville
- Madison Academy
- Madison County High School
- Mae Jemison High School
- Priceville High School
- Randolph School
- **Saint Bernard Preparatory School**
- St. John Paul II Catholic School

# Wallace State's basketball teams sweep Motlow State in final December home games

**Russell Moore**
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**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** – Wallace State's basketball teams swept Motlow State at home on Monday night, wrapping up action at Tom Drake Coliseum until January.

The 22nd-ranked Lady Lions opened the night with an 84-62 victory, and the men successfully capped the doubleheader, squeaking out an 81-77 win.

Wallace State's women's team, winners of six consecutive games, had four players finish with double figures in a come-from-behind triumph. The Lady Lions limited Motlow State to only 25 points in the second half.

Sophomore Imari Martin posted a game-high 25 points for Wallace State (11-2), marking the fifth game she's surpassed the 20-point plateau this season. Martin, the conference's leading scorer, added seven rebounds and four assists.

Kyra Williams scored 19 points for the Lady Lions behind four 3-pointers, Tawana Nevels recorded her fourth double-double of the season with 13 points and 10 rebounds, and Jasmine Baker pitched in with 11 points.

Freshman Jiselle Woodson added eight points and eight rebounds. Motlow State led 24-18 after the first quarter and maintained a 37-35 edge at halftime.

Wallace State clamped down in the second half, outscoring the Lady Bucks 26-16 in the third quarter.

Motlow State managed to score only nine points in the final stanza.

Wallace State is back in action on Dec. 28, making its annual post-Christmas trek to Memphis. The Lady Lions will play Three Rivers Community College on Dec. 28 and Southwest Tennessee CC on Dec. 29.

**Men's game**

**Wallace State 81, Motlow State 77**

McLeon Charles poured in a game-high 22 points, converting a pair of huge free throws in the closing seconds, and the Lions (8-7) swept the season series against Motlow State.

Charles, who came in averaging 7.3 points per game, surpassed the 20-point mark for the second time this season. He was 9-for-13 from the free-throw line and added three 3-pointers.

Freshman point guard Eugene Leonard finished with 17 points for Wallace State, while Kendall Cotner scored 10.

Christopher Samson scored nine points for the Lions and Kendrick Foster and Akil Covington each added six points off the bench.

Wallace State stormed out to a 48-37 advantage by halftime.

Wallace State's men are idle until Jan. 4, 2020, when the Lions host Coastal Alabama-East.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu or the athletics Facebook page at www.wallacestate.edu/athletics-fb.

# Alabama Football lands five on Associated Press All-America Team

**UA Athletics**
Contributor

**TUSCALOOSA, Ala.** – The Alabama football team placed five players on the Associated Press All-America Team, the outlet announced Monday afternoon.

The Crimson Tide had three second-team honorees including junior wide receiver DeVonta Smith, sophomore wideout/return specialist Jaylen Waddle and junior offensive lineman Jedrick Wills Jr. Senior defensive back Trevon Diggs and junior safety Xavier McKinney were named to the third team on defense.

**SECOND TEAM**

**DeVonta Smith, Wide Receiver**
- Leads the nation in yards after the catch with 731 for an average of 61.0 yards per game
- Ranks second in the SEC and is tied for fifth nationally in touchdown receptions (13)
- Leads Alabama in receiving yards with 1,200, a total that is second in the league and seventh nationally
- Has recorded a pair of 200-plus yard receiving games as a junior, the first Tide wideout to accomplish the feat since Amari Cooper in 2014

**Jedrick Wills Jr., Offensive Tackle**
- Has anchored an Alabama offensive line that has surrendered only 12 sacks in 381 pass attempts
- Graded out at over 91 percent, allowing only one sack and 3.5 quarterback hurries
- Missed a total of seven assignments across his 714 snaps for a 99.9 percent success rate

**Jaylen Waddle, All-Purpose**
- The 2019 SEC Special Teams Player of the Year
- Leads the nation in punt return average at 24.9 yards per return with 19 returns for 474 yards and a score
- Has also returned four kickoffs for 152 yards and a touchdown
- Added 553 yards and six touchdowns on 32 catches as a wide receiver

**THIRD TEAM**

**Trevon Diggs, Cornerback**
- Totaled 37 tackles from his starting corner spot, including half a tackle for loss (-1 yard)
- Picked off three passes with a combined 79 yards in returns while adding eight pass breakups
- Recorded two defensive touchdowns this season, scoring on an 84-yard pick-six and a 100-plus yard fumble return

**Xavier McKinney, Safety**
- Ranks 12th in the SEC in tackles with 85, a total that leads all Alabama defenders
- Added 4.5 tackles for loss (-32 yards) and two sacks (-13 yards)
- Has forced four fumbles and added three interceptions to go with five breakups
- Returned one of his interceptions for an 81-yard touchdown

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# Hanceville Elementary spreads Christmas joy

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**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** – Hundreds of parents packed into the Hanceville High School gymnasium Tuesday morning to watch the elementary classes perform their Christmas show. Led by music teacher Mary Jo Lakin, each grade took turns performing songs and routines chosen by their teachers. Kindergarteners, decked out in handmade elf ear headbands, started the program with "I Want to be an Elf" and a holiday-themed song about counting. First graders followed them with the classic songs "Away in a Manger" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

Second graders sang "Frosty the Snowman" and performed a dance (choreographed by PE teacher Tammy Griffith) to "Jingle Bells," followed by third graders singing "Jingle Bell Rock."

The fourth graders performed "Silent Night" and the Latin song "We Sing Gloria," then the fifth graders sang "Up on the Housetop."

The kindergarteners then took the stage again to perform the "Turkey Dance" – with dance moves like the "Chicken Dance," but with turkey-themed lyrics. To finish the program, all grades joined together to sing "Joy to the World."

Lakin said she was very pleased with how the program turned out, especially since she was not as involved with the program as she usually is.



HEATHER MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

***Hanceville kindergartners perform Tuesday at Hanceville High School.***

"Since I was out this year basically from Halloween up to last week, the teachers picked the songs and helped the kids work on them. Tammy Griffith, the PE teacher, worked on the 'Jingle Bells' thing and also helped them practice the songs during PE, and then we all got together once last week to put everything together," she smiled. "I know a lot of the kids came up to me and said they'd been practicing this and that in class and doing it during PE helped a lot. Aside from a speaker malfunction at the start, this year's program has gone really well."

Lakin said the elementary school will be performing "The Wizard of Oz" in the spring, so parents will want to keep an eye out for announcements regarding that performance.

# Letters to Santa

## *Mrs. Jones 5th grade class, East Elementary*

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! My name is Ella. I love Christmas, and I have 3 siblings. I have 1 sister and 2 brothers, My sisters name is Anna, she loves gymnastics. My younger brother's name is Sylas, he loves sports and he loves being active, but my older brother Matthew likes Math, and he likes to go and have math tournaments. We all live in Cullman, Alabama. My parents both have good jobs, my dad is a quality Manager at Rehall, and My Mom is a nurse. I love basketball and archery, all my friends say I'm really active. I love my family. I have everything I need, but I would love air Pods with a case, and I would also love a Chromebook. This might be a little too much to ask for but I would also like a new apple iPhone. I know there is alot of kids who don't have much gifts, can you give some of the Poor kids some nice toys to play with?

Love,
Ella Gossett
11 years old
5th grade East Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, my name is Samuel. I have been very good. I live in Cullman, Alabama. I love playing soccer, and I am on the team. I have a sister named Melody. She plays soccer too. I go to school at East Elementary and I am in the fifth grade. I have three teachers Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Cameron, and Mrs. Tokar. I like all three classes but my favorite is math. My dads name is Troy and my moms name is Lorraine. I have plenty, but I would love a brand new basketball but that is all for right now. I would like a new pet goldfish, I would name it Hardy. A soccerball would be amazing. Can you help our family? This is one of the first years without our Grandma, can you bring us some joy?

Love,
Samuel Moorefield
11 years old
5th grade East Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! My name is Annaka Hembree. I love playing basketball and taking pictures. I like to travel to Disney World and ride roller coasters. I attend school at East Elemenary School. I'm in the 5th Grade and my teachers are Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Tokar, and Mrs. Cameron. My favorite holiday is Christmas because of the pretty lights, ice skating, ornaments, Jesus, presents, and ginger bread houses. I also like all the Christmas songs. Now for what I want for Christmas. I want a polaroid camera in the color blue please and I want that so I can take pictures with it. I also want a cute lapdesk so I can do homework in my bed. The last thing I want is a fitbit charge 3. Also could you give some gifts to the children at Child Haven. Thanks Santa!

P.S. What kind of cookies would you like?

Love,
Annaka Hembree
11 years old
5th Grade East Elementary

Dear Santa,
Seasons Greetings! My name is Brooklyn Earnest and I am ten years old. I go to East Ellementry school and I am in the fifth grade. I like to sketch and draw pictures. After school I go straight to dance exept on Wendsday and Friday. I do all sorts of dances including tap, Jazz, lyrical, Ballet, clogging, and hiphop. I do dance at The Factory Dance Productions. All of my teachers are amazing and I have made so so many new frierds there. Moving on, I have three AMAZING pets! I have two dogs and one cat. One of my dogs name is Roxy she is a toy poodle (real) the others name is Baron he is a Blue healer. My cats name is Lily we dont know what she is. Its not all about me, but...now it is I really want a virtuall reality set, a thirty peice art set, and some new earings. Santa theres just one more thing, my friends brother is sick and he has been scince birth so my point is she really wants him to be cured for Christmas so if you could make that work it would be Awesome! Ps. I know this is ALOT to ask.

Lovingly,
Brooklyn Earnest
10 years old
East Elementary School

Dear Santa
Happy Holidays! My name is Lillie Livingston, I am 11 years old and I love Summer. I love to read and write. I love and enjoy lots of sports. My favortie colors are purple and Blue. I love spending time with my family. I love bath + body works, pink. I love going to church on sundays + I love god. If nothing I love christmas and my birthday. I don't like the color pink. I love sleeping in on the weekends and on non-school days. I go to School at EES and I am very thankful. So Santa I am ready to tell you what I want. I would like honeycomb, yeit Microphone, and a new phone. one more thing do you mind giving my Grandmom and granddaddy a buch of candy + good stuff too.

your friend,
Lillie Livingston
11 years old
East Elementary school

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! My name is Brooklyn Vann. I have four Sibings who love you. My Dad is a veteran, mom is a Nurse, Step mom stay at home. My Siblings are of the ages of 3-14. I love animals, mysteries, tag. I have 2 Hamesters. I share 2 Gunie pigs with my sister Kinnedy. She is 10. I am almost 11. So I'm 11 years old. Kinnedy Reagan and I all go to East Ementry School. I am in the fith grade, but that is all about me. Now I have all things I need but lets keep you in business. I would love an IPaid Pro, an cardc gunrdy cages. Now enough about me and things my parents will think were auedst. Now Please Shower every one the good and the bad. Now can we focus on my grandmother? She lost her mother about 2 years ago. And her husband when my mom was 15. She is quiet lonelyon christmas Please help her out Please. Thankyou.

Love,
Brooklyn Vann
11 years old
5th grade ees.



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NATIONAL

# U.S. Senate passes Military Widow's Tax repeal

## Senators Doug Jones, Susan Collins led bipartisan effort

**Caroline Stonecipher, Christopher Knight**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Tuesday, Senators Doug Jones, D-Alabama and Susan Collins, R-Maine announced that their legislation to repeal the Military Widow's Tax has passed the United States Senate as a part of the FY2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The bill now goes to President Donald Trump to be signed into law.

Legislation has been repeatedly introduced in the Senate for nearly two decades to roll back the Military Widow's Tax, which was enacted in 1972. Since introducing the Widow's Tax Elimination Act of 2019 in March, Jones and Collins have worked tirelessly to gain support among their colleagues in both the Senate and House and to make the case on behalf of the 67,000 surviving spouses – including more than 2,000 in Alabama – who are impacted by the Military Widow's Tax. Under their leadership, the bill earned a record-high 78 total cosponsors in the Senate and 384 in the House of Representatives.

"When we introduced this legislation, we knew we were fighting an uphill battle on behalf of these surviving spouses. But together, we were undeterred by the task and committed to them that this was the year it would finally get done. There is no more noble cause than to do the right thing for military families who have lost their loved one in service to our country. We took up this fight for those surviving spouses and their families, and I'm honored to be standing with them as we finally put this injustice behind us," said Jones, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"This provision we secured in the NDAA is a major victory for surviving military and retiree spouses to whom we are deeply indebted. The Military Widow's Tax was an unfair offset that prevented as many as 67,000 surviving spouses—including more than 260 from Maine—from receiving the full benefits they deserve," said Collins. "This problem goes back decades, but this year we finally solved it once and for all. I appreciate the overwhelming support we received from our colleagues as well as veterans advocates who helped make this possible."

"This is an exciting day for more than 67,000 military widows and widowers who have been waiting years for the survivor benefits they are owed," said Sen. Jon Tester, D-Montana, ranking member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee. "When brave men and women pay the ultimate sacrifice serving our nation, it's our duty to provide economic security for their loved ones. Our Widow's Tax Elimination Act follows through on this important obligation and ensures that military families who have sacrificed the unimaginable are provided more financial certainty."

"Surviving family members of fallen servicemembers have already lost an important part of their lives. Denying them access to the full benefits earned by their loved one's sacrifice creates an undue burden on their finances. No surviving spouse should have to face this unexpected and unfair cut to their benefits. Congress' bipartisan action to fully repeal the military widow's tax is a much-needed improvement," said Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho.

"For 26 years, I have been denied the full benefits that my husband earned and paid for to help take care of his family in the event of tragedy. The long fight to repeal the Military Widow's Tax has been difficult and none of us want to talk repeatedly about the deaths of our spouses, but that has been necessary to inform our public officials and ask for their help. Though I will be 76 when my husband's benefits are fully reinstated, I am happy to know that those who sadly become military widows and widowers in the future will no longer have to fight this battle year after year.

"My own senator from Alabama, Senator Doug Jones, has championed our cause with passion and persistence and led with bipartisanship to see this bill finally passed! In Alabama terms, he carried the ball into the end zone!" said Cathy Milford, a surviving military spouse from Mobile, Alabama.

"On behalf of the 67,000 widows across the United States, I want to say thank you to Senator Jones for his stellar leadership in the elimination of the Widow's Tax. We in Alabama are so proud of our Senator Doug Jones, who has been the catalyst to coordinate the bipartisan support for this legislation. Many people have worked tirelessly for almost 20 years, and finally with the leadership of Senator Jones, this is happening. What a gift and we want to thank him," said Anne Hartline of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, who serves as chair of the Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee to the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).

"The reality is, this probably would not have happened without Senator Jones' unbelievable spirit of getting things done. The entire House and Senate have come together to produce something that is going to change the life of the widows of the men and women who've passed serving their country. My wife and I have been involved in this for almost 20 years, and we have lost many friends who have lost their lives over the years. This particular bill is going to make a huge difference to the widows who are surviving. It would have never happened without Senator Jones and the bipartisan effort that we've seen take place over the past year," said retired General Charles Krulak, 31st Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps.

NATIONAL

# Aderholt: Working to secure $102M for efforts to clear rape kit backlog

**Carson Clark**
Contributor

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Tuesday, Congressman Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama released the following statement on his efforts to secure $102 million to assure clearing rape kit backlogs are made a priority in 2020 federal spending. The $102 million will go to the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant program.

"There is an old legal saying – 'justice delayed is justice denied.' For thousands of victims of sexual assault across our country, including Alabama, justice has been delayed because of the wait time for DNA evidence to be examined.

"The rape kit backlog is currently one of the main obstacles to prosecuting perpetrators of sexual violence.

"That's why I worked to include in the 2020 Federal Budget, $102 million to specifically help clear this backlog.

"Every untested rape kit represents a victim denied justice.

"Every tested rape kit represents that victim's hope for justice.

"This new funding should provide that hope for many more victims.

"If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted, please reach out to the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-HOPE. Help is available to you today."

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# Sports

**8:00 a.m. FSEE College Basketball** Grambling State at Marquette. (Taped)
**10:00 a.m. FSEE NBA Basketball** Atlanta Hawks at New York Knicks.
**11:00 a.m. GOLF Women's College Golf** Team Match Play National Championship.
**1:00 p.m. GOLF College Golf** Team Match Play National Championship.
**2:00 p.m. FSEE NBA Basketball** Atlanta Hawks at New York Knicks.
**3:00 p.m. GOLF College Golf** East Lake Cup, Match Play Championship.
**5:30 p.m. FS1 College Basketball** Western Carolina at Xavier. (Live)
**6:00 p.m. ESPN NBA Basketball** Miami Heat at Philadelphia 76ers. (Live)
**ESPN2 College Basketball** Tennessee at Cincinnati. (Live)
**FSEE Women's College Basketball** Drake at Oklahoma. (Taped)
**7:00 p.m. TNT All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite** (Live)
**USA WWE NXT** (Live)
**7:30 p.m. FS1 College Basketball** Albany (N.Y.) at St. John's. (Live)
**8:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball** North Carolina at Gonzaga. (Live)
**FSEE College Basketball** Grambling State at Marquette.
**8:30 p.m. ESPN NBA Basketball** Boston Celtics at Dallas Mavericks. (Live)
**GOLF European PGA Tour Golf** Australian Championship, First Round. (Live)
**9:08 p.m. USA WWE 24**
**10:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball** Utah vs Kentucky. (Live)
**FS1 FIFA Club World Cup Soccer** Liverpool FC vs CF Monterrey.
**FSEE College Wrestling** Oklahoma State at Oklahoma.

# Movies

**12:15 p.m. TCM "The Canterville Ghost"** ★★★ (1944) Charles Laughton. A GI billets in a relative's castle, haunted by a cowardly 300-year-old ghost.
**MAX "Ready Player One"** ★★★ (2018) Tye Sheridan In 2045, the creator of a virtual reality universe promises his fortune to the first person to discover a digital Easter egg. Soon, young Wade Watts finds himself in a reality-bending treasure hunt through the mysterious and fantastical world.
**1:00 p.m. FX "Star Trek Into Darkness"** ★★★ (2013) Chris Pine. After an act of terrorism leaves him with a personal score to settle, Capt. Kirk defies Starfleet regulations and leads his crew on a mission to capture a powerfully destructive force.
**2:00 p.m. TCM "The Naked City"** ★★★½ (1948) Barry Fitzgerald. Two New York police detectives chase leads and grill suspects in their relentless search for a playgirl's killer.
**TNT "Four Brothers"** ★★ (2005) Mark Wahlberg.
**2:10 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.
**SHOW "Point Break"** ★★★ (1991) Patrick Swayze An FBI agent turns California surfer to nab bank robbers who wear rubber masks of four ex-presidents.
**2:15 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.
**2:25 p.m. BET "House Party"** ★★★ (1990) Robin Harris. Kid is grounded by his dad for fighting, but he is determined to sneak out to go to a huge party at Play's house and meet up with the hottest girl in school.
**2:35 p.m. MAX "Jaws"** ★★★★ (1975) Roy Scheider A New England police chief, a shark hunter and a scientist have a showdown with a huge white shark.
**2:55 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.
**3:00 p.m. TMC "The Chamber"** ★★½ (1996) Chris O'Donnell

## WEDNESDAY EVENING — MOVIES — DECEMBER 18, 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 military man's deadly love triangle. | | **Dateline** An affair comes to a lethal conclusion. | | **Dateline** "Betrayal of Trust" A suspect with a dark secret. | | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing |
| WBIQ-PBS | 4 | Ready Jet Go! (El) | Peg & Cat (El) | PBS NewsHour (N) | | SuperNature -- Wild Flyers The basic principles of flight. | | SuperNature -- Wild Flyers The extremes of true flight. | | SuperNature -- Wild Flyers Survival in the sky. | | Bluegrass Underground | Sub Carrier "Lucy Dacus" |
| 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 Giveaways | | Ellen's Greatest Night of Giveaways | | Ellen's Greatest Night of Giveaways | | 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 (Season Finale) The three finalists compete. (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) | Survivor "Mama, Look at Me Now" (Season Finale) (N) | | | | Survivor "Reunion Special" The castaways reunite. (N) | | CBS42 News 10pm (N) | Late Show-Colbert |
| WTTO-CW | 9 | The Goldbergs "Lucky" | 2 Broke Girls | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer | | Masters of Illusion: Christmas Magic 2019 (N) | | Two and a Half Men | Two and a Half Men | The Andy Griffith Show | The Andy Griffith Show |
| WPXH-ION | 11 | Blue Bloods A mom speaks out about her son's murder. | | Blue Bloods Danny and Baez must find a missing girl. | | Blue Bloods "Your Six" Danny must find an escaped criminal. | | Blue Bloods A terrorist's phone holds valuable data. | | Blue Bloods "My Aim Is True" Frank combats feelings of guilt. | | Blue Bloods An informant leaves witness protection. | |
| WABM2-ABC | 12 | ABC 33/40 News at 5PM | ABC World News | ABC 33/40 News at 6PM | Wheel of Fortune (N) | Live in Front of a Studio Audience: All in the Family and Good Times (N) (Live) | | | (:32) black-ish | (:01) mixed-ish | mixed-ish | ABC 33/40 News at 10PM | (:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! |
| A&E | 42 | The First 48 "Cranked" An innocent father is stabbed. | | Court Cam | Court Cam | Court Cam | Court Cam | Born This Way Cast members rejoice in their journey. | | (:01) Court Cam | (:32) Court Cam | (:04) Court Cam | (:34) Court Cam |
| AMC | 53 | (4:45) ★★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Randy Quaid. | | | | ★★★ "Elf" (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan. A man leaves Santa's workshop to search for his family. | | | | ★★★ "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. An estranged dad poses as a nanny to be with his children. | | | |
| ANPL | 47 | Extinct or Alive "Colombian Dinosaur" | | Extinct or Alive The Ivory Billed Woodpecker may exist. | | Extinct or Alive "The Unicorn and The Wolf" (N) | | | | (:02) Fear Island | | | |
| BET | 55 | (:05) ★★ "Madea's Family Reunion" (2006, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Blair Underwood, Lynn Whitfield. A matriarch must keep the peace through family strife. | | | | | | Tyler Perry's The Oval "The Fish Bowl" (N) | | Tyler Perry's Sistas Andi is suspicious of her lover. (N) | | Copwatch America "Enough Is Enough" (N) | |
| BRAVO | 58 | The Real Housewives of New Jersey | | The Real Housewives of New Jersey | | The Real Housewives of New Jersey "The Last Supper" (N) | | The Real Housewives of Dallas Kary confronts LeeAnne. | | The Real Housewives of Orange County "Reunion Part 1" | | Watch What Happens Live | Blind Date (N) |
| CMTV | 61 | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | ★★★ "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" (2008) Jason Segel, Kristen Bell, Mila Kunis. Premiere. A musician encounters his ex and her new lover in Hawaii. | | | | | ★★ "The Break-Up" (2006, Romance-Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Jennifer Aniston. A couple end their relationship, but neither is willing to move. | | | | |
| CNBC | 35 | Mad Money (N) | | Shark Tank An easy-to-use 3D printer for kids. | | Shark Tank Skateboard storage; a meditation app. | | Shark Tank A product for women with curly hair. | | Five Day Biz Fix "Salon Sensation" (N) | | Shark Tank Skateboard storage; a meditation app. | |
| CNN | 37 | The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer (N) | | Erin Burnett OutFront (N) | | Anderson Cooper 360 (N) | | Cuomo Prime Time (N) | | CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N) | | CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N) | |
| COM | 56 | (:15) South Park "The Poor Kid" | | (5:50) South Park | (:25) South Park | South Park | South Park | South Park | South Park | South Park "Sarcastaball" | South Park | The Daily Show | Lights Out-David Spade |
| DISN | 49 | Jessie | Jessie "Snack Attack" | Sydney to the Max | Bunk'd | Raven's Home | Just Roll With It | Gabby Duran | Jessie "The Telltale Duck" | Coop & Cami Ask the World | Sydney to the Max | Raven's Home (Part 2 of 3) | Just Roll With It |
| DSC | 43 | Alaskan Bush People The family transports a windmill. | | Alaskan Bush People: Off the Grid "Spooked" (N) | | Alaskan Bush People A major storm is predicted. (N) | | (:02) Man vs. Bear "Human Kannonball" (N) | | (8:59) Man vs. Bear An underdog shocks Bear Mountain. | | (:05) Alaskan Bush People "Call to Duty" | |
| E! | 21 | Chrisley Knows Best | Chrisley Knows Best | ★★★ "13 Going on 30" (2004) Jennifer Garner, Mark Ruffalo. An uncool girl magically becomes a successful adult. | | | | ★★★ "Pretty Woman" (1990, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy. A corporate raider hires a hooker to act as a business escort. | | | | | Nightly Pop (N) |
| ESPN | 29 | SportsCenter (N) (Live) | | NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Philadelphia 76ers. (N) (Live) | | | | | NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Dallas Mavericks. (N) (Live) | | | | |
| ESPN2 | 30 | Daily Wager (N) (Live) | | College Basketball Tennessee at Cincinnati. (N) (Live) | | | | College Basketball North Carolina at Gonzaga. (N) (Live) | | | | College Basketball Utah vs Kentucky. (N) (Live) | |
| FOOD | 45 | Guy's Grocery Games "Ultimate Grocery List" | | Guy's Grocery Games Winning teams return. | | Guy's Grocery Games Holiday party lunch; holiday breakfast. | | Guy's Grocery Games "Resolution Royale" | | The Great Food Truck Race (Season Finale) (N) | | (:02) Guy's Grocery Games "Holly, Jolly Meals" | |
| FREE | 48 | (4:40) ★★ "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. | | | | | (: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 Girl cries out for help and God answers. (N) | |
| FS1 | 20 | NFL Films Presents (N) | College Basketball Western Carolina at Xavier. From Cintas Center in Cincinnati. (N) (Live) | | | | College Basketball Albany (N.Y.) at St. John's. From Carnesecca Arena in Queens, N.Y. (N) (Live) | | | | NFL Turning Point (N) | FIFA Club World Cup Soccer Liverpool FC vs CF Monterrey. | |
| FSEE | 32 | Noles All Access (N) | Power of Sports | Women's College Basketball Drake at Oklahoma. From the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Okla. (Taped) | | | | College Basketball Grambling State at Marquette. From Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee. | | | | College Wrestling Oklahoma State at Oklahoma. | |
| FX | 28 | (4:00) ★★★ "Logan" (2017) Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart. Logan must protect a young mutant girl from dark forces. | | | | ★★★ "American Made" (2017, Comedy-Drama) Tom Cruise, Domhnall Gleeson, Sarah Wright Olsen. Pilot Barry Seal transports contraband for the CIA. | | | | ★★★ "American Made" (2017, Comedy-Drama) Tom Cruise, Domhnall Gleeson. | | | |
| GOLF | 82 | Golf Central (N) (Live) | Playing Lessons | PGA Tour Classic | | Masters Highlights | | Golf Central | European PGA Tour Golf Australian Championship, First Round. (N) (Live) | | | | |
| HALL | 72 | "A Christmas Love Story" (2019, Drama) Kristin Chenoweth. A gifted boy joins a choir unbeknownst to his widowed father. | | | | "Holiday Date" (2019, Comedy) Brittany Bristow, Matt Cohen. Joel poses as Brooke's boyfriend during the holidays. | | | | (:03) "The Mistletoe Secret" (2019, Romance) Kellie Pickler, Patrick Duffy. Aria hopes to save Christmas in Midway. | | | |
| HGTV | 46 | Property Brothers: Buying & Selling | | Property Brothers: Buying & Selling | | Property Brothers: Forever Home | | Property Brothers: Forever Home (N) | | Jungle Life (N) | Jungle Life (N) | House Hunters International | House Hunters (N) |
| HIST | 40 | Forged in Fire Re-creating an ancient iron weapon. | | Forged in Fire Competitors forge a Viking Battle Axe. | | Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper "Frankish Throwing Axes" (N) | | Forged in Fire Bladesmiths use the San Mai technique. (N) | | Vikings Lagertha leads her village's response. (N) | | (:01) Forged in Fire "The Boa-Zande Sword" | |
| LIFE | 23 | "Radio Christmas" (2019) Keshia Knight Pulliam. DJ Kara Porter is forced to broadcast from the small town of Bethlehem. | | | | "Merry Liddle Christmas" (2019) Kelly Rowland, Thomas Cadrot. An entrepreneur's messy family comes to her house. | | | | (:03) "No Time Like Christmas" (2019) Rachel McLaren, Jim O'Heir. A woman and her first love try to save the local theater. | | | |
| MSNBC | 36 | The Beat With Ari Melber (N) | | Hardball With Chris Matthews (N) | | All In With Chris Hayes (N) | | The Rachel Maddow Show (N) | | The Last Word With Lawrence O'Donnell (N) | | The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N) | |
| NGC | 22 | History of the Emirates: Ancient World and Beyond (N) | | America's Greatest Animals | | Life Below Zero "Tricks of the Trade" | | Life Below Zero Alaskans gather new resources. | | Life Below Zero "Sue Aikens" A life of isolation in the tundra. | | Life Below Zero Living in the Arctic with children. | |
| PARMT | 57 | Two and a Half Men | Two and a Half Men | Two and a Half Men | ★★★ "John Wick" (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist, Alfie Allen. An ex-assassin hunts down the gangsters who ruined his life. | | | | | ★★★ "John Wick" (2014) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist. An ex-assassin hunts down the gangsters who ruined his life. | | | |
| TBS | 25 | Family Guy Animated. Retelling "The Empire Strikes Back." | | Bob's Burgers | Bob's Burgers | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | Full Frontal | Conan (N) | Full Frontal |
| TCM | 79 | (:15) ★★★ "Brute Force" (1947) Burt Lancaster. A sadistic captain rules the convicts in his prison with an iron fist. | | | | ★★★★ "The Yearling" (1946, Children's) Gregory Peck, Jane Wyman, Claude Jarman Jr. A lonely boy becomes attached to an orphaned fawn. | | | | | ★★★ "Born Free" (1966, Docudrama) Virginia McKenna, Bill Travers, Geoffrey Keen. | | |
| TLC | 24 | Say Yes to the Dress | Say Yes to the Dress | Say Yes to the Dress | Say Yes to the Dress | My 600-Lb. Life "Jeanne's Story" Jeanne lives in an unhygienic household. | | | | My 600-Lb. Life "Angie J's Story" Angie hopes to get weight loss surgery. | | | |
| TNT | 26 | (4:15) ★★ "Pain & Gain" (2013) Mark Wahlberg, Dwayne Johnson. Florida bodybuilders get caught up in an extortion ring. | | | | All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) | | | | ★★ "Battleship" (2012) Taylor Kitsch, Alexander Skarsgard, Rihanna. Earth comes under attack from a superior alien force. | | | |
| USA | 27 | NCIS A murder is tied to Ducky's late mom. | | NCIS "Double Down" A senator's son is injured. | | WWE NXT Rhea Ripley challenges Shayna Baszler; Adam Cole defends the NXT Championship against Finn Balor. (N) | | | | (:08) WWE 24 (N) | | (:11) Modern Family | (:33) Modern Family |
| WE | 71 | (4:00) ★★★★ "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks, Gary Sinise. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history. | | | | ★★★ "The Polar Express" (2004, Children's) Voices of Tom Hanks. Animated. A conductor guides a boy to the North Pole. | | | | ★★★ "The Polar Express" (2004, Children's) Voices of Tom Hanks. Animated. A conductor guides a boy to the North Pole. | | | |
| HBO | 518 | Dan Soder: Son of a Gary | | (:05) ★★★ "Boy Erased" (2018, Biography) Lucas Hedges. An outed gay man risks losing his family, friends and faith. 'R' | | | Finding the Way Home (N Subtitled-English) | | | The Shop: Uninterrupted | (:45) "Can You Keep a Secret?" (2019, Romance-Comedy) Alexandra Daddario. 'NR' | | |
| MAX | 549 | (4:40) ★★★ "The Tree of Life" (2011) Brad Pitt. A man tries to reconcile his complicated relationship with his father. | | | | ★★ "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (2005, Action) Brad Pitt. A husband and wife are assassins for rival organizations. 'PG-13' | | | | ★★★ "BlacKkKlansman" (2018) John David Washington. Ron Stallworth works under cover to infiltrate the KKK. 'R' | | | |
| SHOW | 578 | (4:15) ★★★ "The Patriot" (2000, War) Mel Gibson. A man and his son fight side by side in the Revolutionary War. 'R' | | | | ★★★ "The Fugitive" (1993) Harrison Ford. An innocent man must evade the law as he pursues a killer. 'PG-13' | | | | (:10) ★★★ "American Gangster" (2007) Denzel Washington. A chauffeur becomes Harlem's most-powerful crime boss. 'R' | | | |
| TMC | 598 | ★★ "Poetic Justice" (1993) Janet Jackson. Premiere. A postal worker tries to win a reticent poet's affections. 'R' | | | | ★★ "Desert Hearts" (1985, Romance) Helen Shaver, Patricia Charbonneau. 'R' | | | (:35) "Tell It to the Bees" (2018, Romance) Anna Paquin. A doctor faces scorn when she begins a romance with a woman. 'NR' | | | | "Lars and the Real Girl" |

**4:00 p.m. FX "Logan"** ★★★ (2017) Hugh Jackman. In the near future, a weary Logan cares for an ailing Professor X while protecting a young mutant girl from the dark forces that want to capture her.
**WE "Forrest Gump"** ★★★★ (1994) Tom Hanks. JFK, LBJ, Vietnam, Watergate and other history unfold through the perspective of an Alabama man with an IQ of 75.
**4:15 p.m. TNT "Pain & Gain"** ★★ (2013) Mark Wahlberg.
**SHOW "The Patriot"** ★★★ (2000) Mel Gibson A pacifist farmer of South Carolina reluctantly joins the Revolutionary War and fights alongside his son.
**4:40 p.m. FREE "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"** ★★½ (1992) Macaulay Culkin.
**MAX "The Tree of Life"** ★★★½ (2011) Brad Pitt Disillusioned in a modern world, a man tries to come to terms with the complicated relationship that he shared with his father.
**4:45 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.
**5:00 p.m. TMC "Poetic Justice"** ★★½ (1993) Janet Jackson (Premiere)
**5:05 p.m. BET "Madea's Family Reunion"** ★★½ (2006) Tyler Perry.
**5:15 p.m. TCM "Brute Force"** ★★★½ (1947) Burt Lancaster. Hatred for a sadistic captain drives a convict and his cellmates to escape.
**6:00 p.m. CMTV "Forgetting Sarah Marshall"** ★★★ (2008) Jason Segel. Premiere. In Hawaii struggling to get over a bad breakup, a musician encounters his former lover and her new boyfriend.
**E! "13 Going on 30"** ★★★ (2004) Jennifer Garner. An uncool girl magically becomes a successful adult after making a wish at her disastrous birthday party.
**6:05 p.m. HBO "Boy Erased"** ★★★ (2018) Lucas Hedges Jared is the son of a small-town Baptist pastor who gets outed to his parents at age 19. He's soon faced with an ultimatum — attend a gay conversion therapy program or be permanently exiled and shunned by his family, friends and faith.
**6:30 p.m. PARMT "John Wick"** ★★★ (2014) Keanu Reeves. New York City becomes the bullet-riddled playground of a former assassin as he hunts down the Russian mobsters who destroyed everything he held dear.
**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.
**FX "American Made"** ★★★ (2017) Tom Cruise. The true story of pilot Barry Seal, who transported contraband for the CIA and the Medellin cartel in the 1980s.
**TCM "The Yearling"** ★★★★ (1946) Gregory Peck. A pet deer changes a boy and his parents, pioneering farmers in Florida after the Civil War.
**WE "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.
**MAX "Mr. & Mrs. Smith"** ★★½ (2005) Brad Pitt
**SHOW "The Fugitive"** ★★★½ (1993) Harrison Ford A U.S. marshal hunts a doctor on the run who was convicted of murdering his wife.
**TMC "Desert Hearts"** ★★½ (1985) Helen Shaver
**7:20 p.m. FREE "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** ★★ (2000) Jim Carrey.
**8:00 p.m. E! "Pretty Woman"** ★★★ (1990) Richard Gere. A corporate raider pays a gorgeous hooker to be his escort for a business week in Beverly Hills.
**8:30 p.m. CMTV "The Break-Up"** ★★ (2006) Vince Vaughn.
**9:00 p.m. AMC "Mrs. Doubtfire"** ★★★ (1993) Robin Williams. Estranged from his wife, an out-of-work actor masquerades as a nanny to be with his children.
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**MAX "BlacKkKlansman"** ★★★½ (2018) John David Washington Ron Stallworth, the first African-American police officer in Colorado Springs, Colo., works under cover to infiltrate the Ku Klux Klan in 1979. Stallworth and his partner Flip Zimmerman risk their lives to penetrate the KKK at its highest levels.
**9:10 p.m. SHOW "American Gangster"** ★★★ (2007) Denzel Washington A Harlem mobster combines ingenuity and strict business codes to dominate organized crime, while a veteran cop searches for a way to bring him down.
**9:30 p.m. FX "American Made"** ★★★ (2017) Tom Cruise. The true story of pilot Barry Seal, who transported contraband for the CIA and the Medellin cartel in the 1980s.
**TCM "Born Free"** ★★★½ (1966) Virginia McKenna. The British Adamsons raise Elsa the lioness as a pet in Kenya, then teach her how to be wild again.
**10:30 p.m. TMC "Lars and the Real Girl"** ★★★ (2007) Ryan Gosling Family and friends are unsure how to react when a lonely young man forms an emotional attachment to a life-size plastic woman and treats it like a real person.

# Best Bets

### 7 p.m. on WABM2
### Live in Front of a Studio Audience: All in the Family and Good Times

Last May, ABC blew the roof off the ratings with a special that assembled a cast of current stars to recreate one vintage episode each of "All in the Family" and "The Jeffersons." The success of that venture, which also won an Emmy as Outstanding Variety Special (Live), inspired this 90-minute follow-up, once again co-produced by veteran TV producer Norman Lear and talk-show host Jimmy Kimmel. Woody Harrelson, Marisa Tomei, Ellie Kemper and Ike Barinholtz reprise their roles as Archie and Edith Bunker and Gloria and Michael Stivic, respectively.

### 8 p.m. on A&E
### Born This Way

The cast of this Emmy-winning docuseries reunites to celebrate the holiday season in their series finale, "A Very Born This Way Christmas." As they reassemble, the principal featured "characters" reflect on their personal growth over the show's four-season run, as well as the impact this series had on how society views people with disabilities. Ultimately, everyone involved leaves the experience appreciating the journey they have taken together and grateful for the warm way in which fans embraced their show.

### 8 p.m. on FOOD
### Guy's Grocery Games

Host Guy Fieri probably isn't closely associated with the healthy eating movement, but he kicks off Season 23 of this food competition show with a premiere called "Resolution Royale," in which he welcomes four chefs and issues an opening challenge to make a burger and fries without using any of the usual burger ingredients. The three chefs who make it past that hurdle next are tasked with making a healthy lasagna, their ingredients subject to a strict weight limit. The final round involves fried chicken on a budget.

### 8 p.m. on HGTV
### Property Brothers: Forever Home

Jonathan and Drew Scott pool their talents for the sophomore season of this show, in which they try to help more families who grew up in "forever homes" and want to continue that tradition as their own family expands. In the season premiere, the brothers meet a young family who loves their current single-story home, which also is an easy walk to both home and school. Jonathan and Drew overhaul the entry space to the residence, as well as the living room, dining room and kitchen.

### 8 p.m. on HBO
### Finding the Way Home

Emmy-winning filmmakers Jon Alpert and Matthew O'Neill shine a spotlight on the tireless work of "Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling's Lumos Foundation, a charity devoted to ending the systematic institutionalization of children in impersonal orphanages in favor of finding sustainable, stable and community-based alternatives that would allow the children to stay with their other family members. Since its founding in 2005, Lumos has worked extensively throughout Europe, in Haiti and in the United States to implement new models of childcare that emphasize families over orphanages.

### 9 p.m. on HIST
### Vikings

In a bleak new episode called "All the Prisoners," Lagertha (Katheryn Winnick) leads her village's response to the recent attacks. Despite the most valiant effort by her and her forces, however, when the inevitable retaliation from their foe comes, the results are tragic. Meanwhile, King Olaf (Steven Berkoff) has a bold new plan for the future of Norway, while in Kiev, Ivar (Alex Hogh Andersen) grows interested in the plight of young Prince Igor, the royal heir controlled by Oleg (Danila Kozlovsky).



Norman Lear is a co-producer of "Live in Front of a Studio Audience: 'All in the Family' and 'Good Times'" on ABC.



LEE HENRY

*West Point High School won its eighth consecutive county title. Left to right are Garrett Willingham, Carter Duke, Brodie Henry, Declan Cornett and Carson Partain.*

EDUCATION

# West Point scholars' bowl teams win 8th consecutive county titles

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**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** – Wallace State's Christine O'Leary shared the results of the 2019 Cullman County high school and middle school scholars' bowl tournaments, both of which were dominated by West Point.

**HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT**

West Point continued its long-standing trend of powerful performances with a perfect run through the tournament. Hanceville and Good Hope also made strong showings.

**Team Won-Lost Total Points**

- West Point 6-0 1,680
- Hanceville 5-1 770
- Good Hope 4-2 990
- Vinemont 3-3 370
- Cold Springs 2-4 300
- Holly Pond 1-5 90
- Fairview 0-6 120

West Point's Garrett Willingham was the top individual performer with 480 points, an 80 point per game average.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT**

**Team Won-Lost Total Points**

- West Point 8-0 1,660
- Hanceville 7-1 880
- Vinemont 6-2 930
- Holly Pond 5-3 600
- Cold Springs 4-4 540
- Fairview 3-5 540
- Parkside 2-6 200
- Harmony 1-7 330
- Good Hope 0-8 340

West Point's Brodie Henry was the top individual performer with 540 points, a 67.5 point per game average. Henry was also allowed to compete in the high school division and placed fifth there.

West Point High School teacher Lee Henry, who coaches both West Point teams, talked about the season his students have had.

"So far this year, the middle school team has an incredible 34-1 record. Their only loss was in the semi-finals of an invitational at Wallace State. It was a 50-point loss to Liberty Middle School in Madison, who is the defending state champion and who placed fourth in the nation last year at the National Championship in Chicago. It was a very close game: 50 points is within the swing of a single question.

"They went 10-0 in league matches during the months of October and November. On Dec. 6, they also went undefeated in the County Championship Tournament, where two of our players made the All-County Team. Brodie Henry was County MVP and Eli Taylor was third overall. We were the only team with two All-County players. Other members who competed at county were John Davis Yovino and Aaiden Jones.

"The next day, Dec. 7, they traveled to East Lawrence Middle School for a huge invitational that included 28 teams from around the state. They went undefeated in their pool and then blazed through the playoffs, eventually defeating Russellville Middle School for the Tournament Championship. Brodie Henry was named to the All-Tournament Team there, as well.

"All four of my middle school starters are in seventh grade, meaning that they all have another full year of middle school eligibility after this year!

"The high school team has filmed several episodes of The Alabama Scholars' Bowl TV show that airs on APT/PBS on Saturday mornings. I can't reveal the results of the episodes until they air, but I can say that they have done well.

"They also went undefeated in League Matches and had a perfect 6-0 record at the County Championship Tournament on Dec. 13. This makes eight County Championships in a row. I started coaching the team in 2012. Since then, we have been perfect- 48-0- at County. That's a huge legacy and a lot of pressure on the kids each year! I know my seniors were very relieved when the tournament was over, and they could breathe easier knowing that it was no longer their burden to carry.

"In the County Tournament, senior Garrett Willingham was MVP. In a surprise move, I let Brodie Henry- seventh grade--go in a few times at County and play at the Varsity level, just to get some experience. During the matches he was in, he managed to score enough points to earn a spot on the All-County Team! So, he was All-County in both Middle School and Varsity County Tournaments! Other members of the Varsity team were Declan Cornett--team captain, Carson Partain and Carter Duke.

More to come

According to Henry, "After Christmas is when things really get interesting. Middle school, JV and varsity District Tournaments are all in January/February.

"The Top 10 'Small School' teams in the nation have been invited to a 'Pre-Nationals Showcase' at Glasgow High School in Kentucky on the first weekend in February. We have been honored with an invitation to compete in that event.

"Then, of course, there are the State and National Championships. Both the middle and high school teams have already been invited to compete at Nationals in Chicago. We plan to go to both. With those major events, along with several other invitationals, the spring semester will be very busy!"

## Brooksie (from Front)

"She just seemed to be more calm for her, and she seemed to be more at ease, more than she typically would.

"I think Brooksie did her job, as far as what she's there for."

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# Obituary Announcements Dec. 18



**Funeral services for J. L. (Jeff) Herring, Jr.**, 84, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 2019 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with graveside service to follow at Cullman City Cemetery. Mr. Herring passed away Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 at his residence. He was born Dec. 27, 1934 to Jefferson Levis Herring, Sr. and Flora Jane Baker Herring. Mr. Herring was a graduate of Cullman High School and continued his education at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. He began his working career with 10 years at NASA and then served 39 years at Redstone Arsenal with the Missile Space Intelligence Center. He loved his work and always felt he had a second family with this wonderful group of individuals. Mr. Herring retired in the year 2010. He and his wife were longtime members of the First United Methodist Church of Cullman. Mr. Herring was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife of 61 years Shelby Jean Meyer Herring; brothers Gary P. Herring and Robert L. (Cammie) Herring; son Jeffery G. Herring; daughter Janet Herring Nails (Jim) Taylor; grandchildren Wesley (Amy) Nails, Alexandra Herring (Jonny) Roberts and Calli Nails; and great-grandchildren Emma Nails and Estella Roberts. Visitation will be Thursday evening, Dec. 19, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. and Friday Dec. 20, 2019 from 10-11 a.m. prior to service. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer memorial contributions to First United Methodist Church of Cullman Building Fund or St. Paul's Lutheran School. The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation to the staff of Comfort Care Hospice.

**David Odell Bryant**, 68, of Double Springs passed away Monday, Dec. 16, 2019. David was born Oct. 2, 1951 in Battle Creek, Michigan, to Dilvon and Erma Bryant. Visitation will be held Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019 at The Rock Family Worship Center from 6-9 p.m. where services will be held Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019 at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Double Springs Memorial Gardens. David is survived by his wife Linda Bryant; children Sonya Garrison and husband James Garrison, Wendy Fincher and husband Walt Fincher, Lisa Hammack and husband Casey Hammack and Jonathan Bryant and wife Chasity Bryant; grandchildren Meghan Hartzog and husband Gabe Hartzog, Krystalyn Johnson and husband Dallas Johnson, Andrew Garrison, Haley Hammack, Kayla Fincher, Zoey Bryant, Lilianna Garrison, Colton Bryant, Joshua Garrison and Levi Hammack; great-grandchildren Braylon Hartzog, Ivy Johnson and Ripleigh Hartzog; and sisters Estelle Cagle and husband Bud Cagle, and Joyce Pair and husband Billy Pair. He was preceded in death by his father Dilvon Bryant and his mother Erma Lee Beck Bryant.

**Kimberly Diane Mathews**, 42, passed away Dec. 16, 2019 at her home in Arley, Alabama. She was born July 20, 1977 and married James Mathews June 22, 1997. Kim is survived by her husband James as well as her father Danny Fields; mother Carol Whaley; sons Javan (Makayla) Mathews and Noah Mathews; step-son Mark Mathews; granddaughters Harper Rose Peppers and Audrey Mathews; brothers Cody Fields, Dusty Ragsdale, Cory McKenna, Joshua Lane and Nolan Fields; nephew Kevin Fields; niece Ellie McDonald-Fields; mother-in-law Linda Mathews; sister-in-law Carrie Mathews; and a host of other family members and friends. Visitation will be Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison. Service will be on Friday at 2 p.m. in the chapel. Burial will be at Old Bethel Cemetery in Arley, Alabama. Kim was preceded in death by her grandfather and grandmother Dearl and Evelyn Fields; grandfather and grandmother Nolan "Brownie" and Janet Thomas; and niece Adalyn Fields. Kim was a graduate of Meek High School and worked a brief time as a CNA before taking on the role of a full-time wife and mother. She has always shown concern for the well-being of others and especially enjoyed her time spent with Aunt Judy. She had an uncanny ability to remember dates, never seemed to forget a birthday and will be remembered for always reminding us we are getting older, bless her. Kim will be deeply missed. She loved collecting cookbooks and recipes as well as drawing. Pallbearers are Gabe Jones, Micah Godfrey, Thomas Heath, Nolan Fields, Mark Mathews, Grant Ward, Bradley Thomas and Seth Hankins.

**Raymond Jaye Rampley**, 77, of Double Springs entered into rest Monday, Dec. 16, 2019 at his residence. Raymond was born April 27, 1942 in Rome, Georgia. Visitation will be held Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019 from noon-2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Houston Community Cemetery. Brother Bobby Smith and Brother Darrel Chamblis will officiate. Raymond is survived by his wife Loaine Rampley; sons Jaye (Melinda) Rampley, Ray (Felecia) Rampley, Steve (Susie) Rampley, Kim (Tammy) Miller and Tim (Rhonda) Miller; daughters Wanda (Thomas) Curtis and Jessica (Larry) Bowens; sister Barbara McElwaney; brother Ralph (B.J.) Rampley; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother Mary Louise Jones; dad Sampy Jones; father Zack Rampley; brother Ben Rampley; sisters Mary Rampley, Ethel Middlebrooks and Syvle Smith; and great-granddaughter Zoey Rayes.

**It is with great sadness that the family of Levi Lindsey**, 31, of Cullman, announces his passing Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019. Levi was a light-hearted, likeable guy. It's been said that his smile could light up a room. He was a sports enthusiast; he especially loved his Auburn Tigers. He was a very talented artist and enjoyed drawing and sketching. He also loved to cook. Levi was preceded in death by his grandfather Aurthur K. (Buddy) Cooper and uncle Jack N. Ray, Jr. He leaves to cherish his memory his mother Kerry (Johnny) Green; father S. Todd Lindsey; siblings Luke Lindsey and Eryn Green; grandparents Jack and Carolyn Ray and Raymond O. and Louise Lindsey, Sr., and Geraldine Cooper; aunts and uncles Gary (Barbara) Ray, Neal (Vanessa) Lindsey and Craig Lindsey; and a host of cousins. His family received friends Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019 from 5-8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. His Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019 at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Moss Service. He will lie in state beginning at 1 p.m. until service time. Burial will follow at Cullman Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Royal Pines, a division of the Jimmy Hale Mission in Hanceville, AL or The Foundry Farm in Cullman, AL. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at mossservicefh.com.

Oscar Wayne Hill, 77, of Hanceville died Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019. He is survived by his daughter Teresa Hill Boulton (Charles); son John W. Hill; and seven grandchildren. The family will receive friends at Moss Service Funeral Home Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019 from 11 a.m. until the celebration of Mr. Hill's life that will begin at noon. Burial will follow in Fairview West Cemetery. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Memorial services for Ronald Edward Lakotich, 61, of Huntsville will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Sherrita Barnett officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Lakotich passed away Monday, Dec. 16, 2019 at Huntsville Hospital. He was born March 11, 1958 to Eddie and Peggy Lakotich. He was preceded in death by his son Chase Lakotich; parents Eddie and Peggy Lakotich; and sister Lisa Black. Survivors include his daughter Jennifer (Gary) Hrusosky; grandchildren Aislinn Hudson and Breanna Loonam; great-grandchildren Aiyla Wilson, Xavier Wilson and India Wilson; sisters Cindy Reporto (Jeremy Young) and Joy Lakotich; brother Gary Lakotich; and a host of nieces, nephews and family. Visitation will be from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

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# CATA (from Front)

Walmart is donating 1 cent for each accident-free mile driven by the drivers at each Walmart Transportation office.

A school in the home region of each transportation office received at least $1,000, and as much as $2,000, based on the safety performance of local drivers.

During this year's program, Walmart Transportation offices nationwide contributed more than $100,00 to schools in their communities.

"This is just one of the many ways Walmart supports education across the country," said Eugene Reynolds, general transportation manager at the Cullman Walmart Distribution Center.

"It's also a great way to engage all of our drivers in raising money for local schools."

# Boxes (from Front)

the items and brought them in, and raised money.

"They're amazing; they speak for themselves. Their actions speak louder than words."

The students' principal said, "They're always looking for an opportunity to try to give back . . . and they're always looking for a way to do something.

"During the holidays, people think about gifts and toys, but sometimes, getting that box of groceries with a word of encouragement, that's just going to be huge for people, and I'm very excited for them and excited for the ones that got to be a part of it, and the ones who get to get the boxes as well."

CDC Principal Chris Chambers told The Tribune, "Partnerships and relationships allow us to help each other while serving all those around us.

"It is a special time of year to give, but having a group come together to meet another's need such as *** is a model of how we should be of service all year long."

# Fire (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – A fire Tuesday morning heavily damaged a home in the 900 block of Avenue D Southeast in the city of Cullman.

Cullman Fire Rescue Chief Brian Bradberry said his department was called out at approximately 8 a.m.

"The home did receive heavy fire damage," said Bradberry, who said Cullman Fire Marshal Chris Chaffin is investigating.

"There were no injuries reported."

Bradberry said the fire was under control after an hour, but the weather made it tough. "With the wind, it was a pretty challenging fire," he said. "It took at least an hour before we felt comfortable calling it under control."

Firefighters remained on the scene midday Tuesday. "We're just thankful no one got hurt and we're in prayer for those who lost their house, especially right here at the holidays," said Bradberry.

The Red Cross has been called in to assist the victims. Donations are also being collected for the family. If you'd like to help, call 256-260-5096.

# Heart (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Representatives of the Walmart Heart program on Tuesday visited the Cullman County Child Development Center (CDC), bringing dozens of bicycles, scores of books, gift cards and lots of Christmas cheer. Oh, and by the way, they brought Santa and Mrs. Claus with them! The fabled couple visited with students throughout the day, reading "The Night before Christmas" to classes and passing out hugs, handshakes and books to the students.

At the end of their visit, Walmart representatives drew names and gave away all the bicycles.

"It's all about the kids," Walmart Heart representative Eddie Posey told The Tribune. "This is strictly about the kids. This has nothing to do with anybody but the kids. That's our main goal, is to put a smile on their face. It's kind of emotional, to think about the kids, what they mean to us."

CDC teacher Becca Rodriguez, who teaches the Therapeutic Learning Community students who were the first to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, said, "I am overwhelmed; I've been completely overwhelmed. They are providing our wheelchair students with gift cards to Walmart because they're not able to participate in the raffle of the bicycles, so they're providing the $50 gift cards to each of the wheelchair students.

"It had me in tears; it's just an overwhelming amount of emotion to know that those workers there have taken their own money to give to our kids. It's incredible!"

**What is Walmart Heart?** Posey explained, "This all started several years ago, with a little boy named Jack Scott. He had a heart condition where he had to be up for a (medical procedure) for 24 hours. He went to a Walmart store and they were like, 'How do we keep a 6-, 7-year-old kid awake?' And they showed him the toys.

"Well, he went back to the dock where they unload the trucks, and a Walmart truck came in. And he said, 'That's what I want to be: a Walmart truck,' which we knew he meant a Walmart driver. And from there, the Walmart Heart program was started, and it's expanded.

"As you can see, we've got several drivers that's in Walmart Heart. Like I said, this is about the kids. That's what Walmart Heart is about, is the kids."

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