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CRIME

Addison couple murdered, son in custody

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ADDISON, Ala. – The Winston County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) said two people were found dead in Addison on Christmas Eve. Their son is in custody. WCSO Chief Deputy Bryan Kirkpatrick identified the victims as Frank Privett, 71, and Rita Privett, 63.

"Their son Allen Privett, 30, was taken into custody," said Kirkpatrick. "The investigation is being handled by our office and the Winston County District Attorney's Office."

Addison Police Chief Mitchell Woodard and all three of his officers responded to the scene.

"We got a call at 10 minutes after 6 from dispatch," said Woodard. "The guy on the line said he'd shot and killed his mama and daddy. I told her to keep him on the line. When my first two officers arrived on the scene, he was standing in the yard still on the phone with his hands in the air."

Woodard said Allen Privett was taken into custody without incident.

"We stepped in to clear the house," said Woodard, "but it was evident there was nothing we could do, so we backed out and waited for the Winston County Sheriff's Office and the DA's Office. SBI was also there. We all processed the scene together.

Woodard said there was no history with the » PAGE 7


WINSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Allen Privett

– TRIBUNE SERIES –

#IAmCullman: Ravi Patel at the Cherokee Chevron


CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Ravi Patel says, "Happy is a good medicine."

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(BONUS) PET OF THE WEEK

It's not too late to give Bennett a merry Christmas!

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay wished to start by thanking folks from around the community who made Christmas special for the shelter's pets, saying, "With love attached, caring folk dropped off terrific donations: treats of all kinds: specialty/organic/milk bones towels, blankets, beds, leashes, collars, coats and toys."

Ruttkay now shares a bonus Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Bennett is a 6-month-old hound mix.

He's a lively-but-not-crazy medium-energy pup who definitely prefers the outdoors to his shelter kennel. He likes to explore the yard at the shelter, but comes quickly when called.

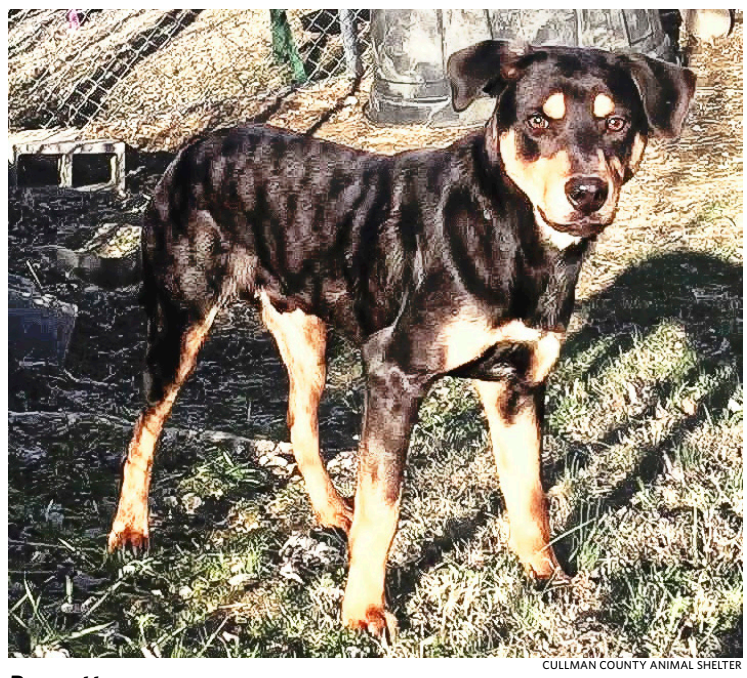
He loves human companionship, enjoys learning new things and is developing good social skills.

Ruttkay describes him as being "like a lump of clay eager to be molded."

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Bennett has the makings of a great hiking, companion or therapy dog.

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Bennett

2-vehicle crash kills 1, injures 2

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A two-vehicle crash at the intersection of U.S. Highway 31 and Alabama Highway 157 Thursday killed one person and injured two more.

According to Cullman Police Department Sgt. Joey Duncan, the two drivers, Tiny Burdine, 55, of Gulfport, Mississippi and Alex Smith, 20, of Cullman were transported to Cullman Regional while a passenger, Jesse Burdine, 63, of Gulfport, Mississippi was taken to UAB Hospital in Birmingham, where he was pronounced dead due to injuries sustained in the crash.

The vehicles involved were a Toyota RAV4 and a Dodge Ram truck.

Duncan said the Toyota, occupied by the Burdines, was traveling south on Highway 157 (in the direction of Hwy. 157 East), while Smith, in the Dodge, was traveling north on Highway 31.

"The vehicles collided in the intersection," he said.

Duncan said the crash happened around 10:30 a.m. It is still under investigation.

CRIME

'Tens of thousands' of dollars in merchandise stolen from south Wal-Mart in Christmas morning burglary

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A Christmas morning burglary of the Wal-Mart store at 626 Olive St. SW in Cullman resulted in the loss of "tens of thousands" of dollars' worth of merchandise according to the Cullman Police Department.

CPD Sgt. Adam Clark said the burglary happened at 1:30 a.m. Christmas morning.

"They were in there for approximately two hours," he said. "They stole thousands of dollars' worth of property, in the tens of thousands."

The store is normally open 24 hours per day, seven days per week, but it was closed for Christmas during the time of the crime. There were no security guards or alarms, said Clark, but there is surveillance video. He said the perpetrators were fully masked.

Clark said Wal-Mart is still assessing damage and losses.

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STATE

New water monitoring project in Alabama's national forests

Justin Miller
Contributor

AUBURN, Ala. – Community members in all areas of the state will soon have the chance to help shape the future of watershed management in Alabama.

Alabama Water Watch (AWW), in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, announces the launch of a new water quality monitoring project in the national forests of Alabama.

The project

The project's goal is to encourage citizens to discover the national forests in the state by testing their waters.

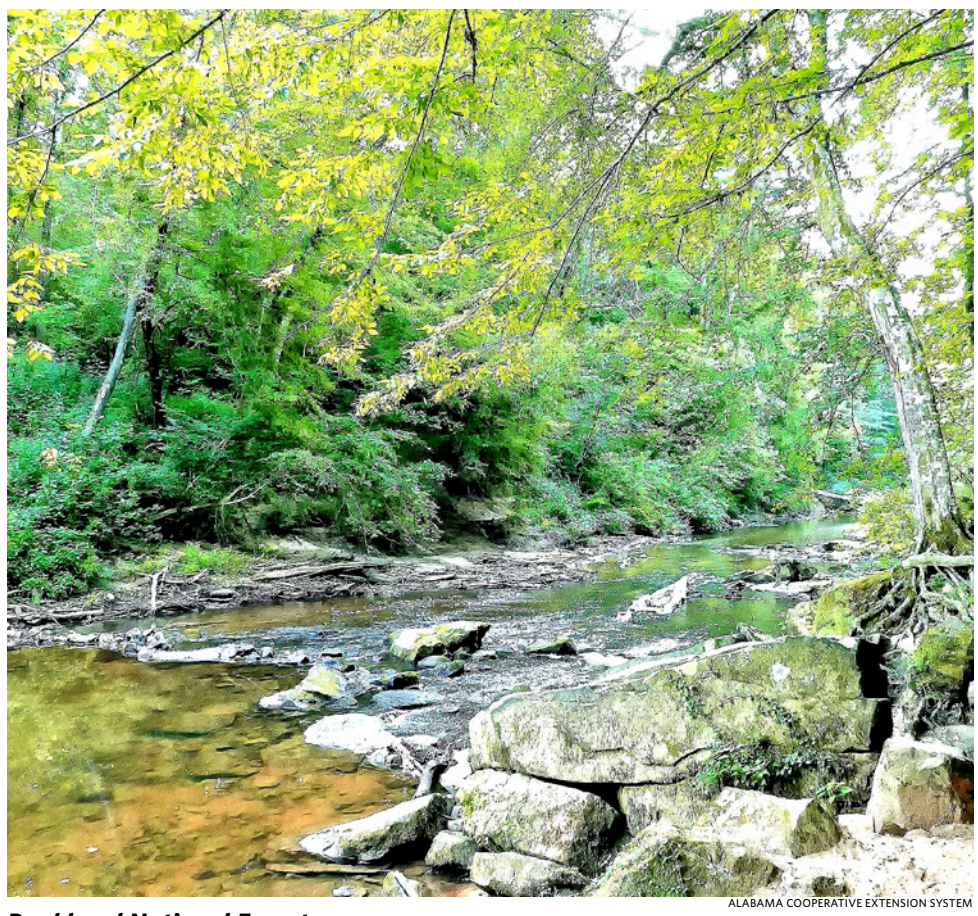
Mona Dominguez, director of Alabama Water Watch and an Alabama Extension research associate, said the tests that citizens perform, will affect future management decisions.

"Volunteer citizens will gather water chemistry and bacteriological monitoring data on selected stream locations within the national forests," Dominguez said. "Ultimately, the forest service will use this water data to make watershed management decisions."

Training Required

To participate in the project, individuals first need to attend trainings and receive certification in AWW water chemistry and bacteriological monitoring.

AWW will facilitate three two-day water quality monitoring workshops throughout January and February for Tuskegee, Bankhead and Conecuh National Forests.



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

Bankhead National Forest

Each workshop will highlight information related to the water environment and forests as well as watershed health, pollution and water quality standards.

Dominguez said the second day of the workshop will be hands-on.

"During the second day, participants will head outdoors to conduct monitoring practices and visit pre-selected monitoring sites," she said.

Workshops

There is no cost to attend these workshops. However, participants must pre-register. Registration is online at the Alabama Water Watch website.

Bankhead National Forest – Jan. 22 – 23

• Double Springs Municipal Building, Double Springs, Alabama

Tuskegee National Forest – Feb. 7 – 8

• CASIC Building, Auburn University Research Park, Auburn, Alabama

Conecuh National Forest – Feb. 19 – 20

• Covington County Extension office, Andalusia, Alabama

More information

Alabama Water Watch is a statewide citizen volunteer water quality monitoring program.

AWW is part of the Auburn University Water Resources Center and is supported by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station and external funding.

For more information, visit www.alabamawaterwatch.org or visit www.aces.edu.

Bennett (from Front)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec. 27 - 29

FRIDAY, DEC. 27

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.

Rides will be available on the following dates:
• Dec. 27 from 1-5 p.m.
• Dec. 28 from 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-5 p.m.
• For more information, contact the Shrine at 256-352-6267 or 256-787-4121 or visit https://olam-shrine.com/.

Christmas at the Grotto
5-9 p.m. For the first time in its 85-year history, the Ave Maria Grotto at St. Bernard Abbey is decked out in Christmas lights for festive evening visits. $6 for adults, $3 for students and free for children younger than 3. Coffee and cookies will be available.

Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland
• 5-9:30 p.m. Guests can drive through the park.
• For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/395857437714080 or call 256-734-3052.

SATURDAY, DEC. 28

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SUNDAY, DEC. 29

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Special Needs Free Swim at the Aquatic Center
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF VERBON BLACK, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Rebecca Lynette Black on the 26th 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.

Rebecca Lynette Black
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: *
JAMES W. STERLING, * **CASE NO.:** PC2019-391
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

A Petition for Summary Distribution of the estate of James W. Sterling has been filed by Ruthie M. Sterling on the 23rd day of December, 2019, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by the law or the same will be barred.

Ruthie M. Sterling
RUTHIE M. STERLING
Petitioner

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Alabama uses big first half run, balanced scoring to race past Belmont, 92-72, in 2019 Rocket City Classic

Aaron Jordan
UA Athletics

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – The Alabama Crimson Tide had six players score in double digits to lead a balanced offensive attack en route to a 92-72 victory over Belmont in the 2019 Rocket City Classic on Saturday. With the win, the Tide has now won four of its last five contests overall to improve to 6-5 on the year heading into the Christmas break, while also capturing its fourth consecutive win in Huntsville at the annual event.

Among the season-high six players registering double figures was a pair of Huntsville-area natives in sophomore Kira Lewis Jr. and junior John Petty Jr. Lewis finished with 15 points, seven rebounds, eight assists and just one turnover, while Petty was equally has good knocking down 4-of-7 from deep to finish with 15 points and a game-high 11 rebounds which marked his third double-double over the team's last five games after having never recorded one over his first 76 career games. Additionally, it was the sixth time in Petty's last seven games he's reached double digits.

Freshman Jaden Shackelford led had a team-high 16 points on 4-of-6 shooting from beyond the arc, while Herbert Jones contributed across the board with 15 points, 6 boards and 5 assists. Junior Alex Reese (13 points) and redshirt freshman Javian Davis (12 points) also hit double figures on the night.

Belmont (8-4) was led by Tyler Scanlon's 20 points on the night.

Coach Nate Oats Postgame Comments

"This was a quality win. It was great to come up here to Huntsville and get a win going into Christmas. That's a good team, Belmont. They're one of the better teams in the country. They went up to Boston College and blew them out. We had talked to our guys about moving the needle a little bit here.

"We were only 5-5 but we got a road win at Samford and kind of moved up in some of the analytics. If we're going to make a run at the NCAA tournament, we can't just beat teams by what you're supposed to beat them. This was supposed to be a one-point win, according to KenPom. We talked about dominating teams on both sides of the floor and I thought it was a lot better. Kira comes out and almost has a triple-double with eight assists and seven rebounds. 15, 8 and 7 is a pretty solid night. I think it's really our defense, because when we get stops there are rebounds for him to get and he's a really good rebounder for a point guard. When he gets the rebound, we're in transition fast and his points and assists go up. We keep emphasizing the fact that the better we are on defense, the better we are on offense. I thought we did a really good job of getting out in transition. Obviously, John has been on fire lately, so it was good for him to come in here and play well. It's going to be hard for him, teams are not going to let him get shots off. Again, in transition he can really get some threes off before they find him. So, it was good for us to get back out in transition a little more and I was happy with our effort on the defensive end for sure."

Team Stats

• Alabama trailed by as many as six points, 32-26, in the opening half, forcing Oats to call a timeout. The Tide responded by using a 27-6 run that spanned halftime and lasted a total of 5:50 seconds that gave the Tide a 53-38 lead with 18:54 left to play

• With 14 points and 11 rebounds, junior John Petty registered his third double-double in five games. Those three double-doubles are the only three throughout his 81-game career (no double-doubles through the first 76 games he played at Alabama)

• Alabama's 92 points were the second-most scored in game this season, behind the 105 scored last Wednesday vs. Samford, the sixth time in 10 games the Tide has collected 80 or more points

• Sophomore Kira Lewis Jr. stuffed the stats sheet, finishing with 15 points, 8 assists, 7 boards, 2 steals and a block

• The Tide finished the game with 20 assists and just 13 turnovers which is the best assist-to-turnover ratio in any game this season

• It was the second straight game UA has recorded 20 assists in a game (had 20 vs. Samford)

• As a team, Alabama finished with season highs of 34 made field goals

First Half

• Alabama once again used the three-pointer to get going, making three of its first four attempts from deep to race out to a 13-5 lead at the 15:30 mark

• A 16-8 Bruins run tied the game at 21-21 with 9:23 to go in the first half

• Back-to-back threes from Belmont gave the Bruins a 32-26 lead with 5:00 remaining in the opening half, forcing an Alabama timeout

• A 16-2 run over the ensuing three-minute span gave the Tide a 42-34 lead with just 1:44 left until halftime

• Over the final 4:44 of the opening stanza, the Crimson Tide outscored Belmont 20-6 to carry a 46-38 lead into the intermission

• Petty and Shackelford led Alabama with 11 points apiece in the first half

• As a team, the Tide shot 57 percent (17-of-30) from the floor and 53 percent (8-of-15) from three in the first

Second Half

• Alabama opened the second period on a 7-0 run to extend its lead to 53-38 just a minute in

• The Tide outscored the Bruins 16-6 before the second half's first media timeout, giving Alabama a 62-44 advantage at the 15:55 mark of the second half

• UA lead grew to as many as 23 points, 71-48, with just over 10 minutes left to play

• Belmont would not back down and cut the Alabama lead to 73-58 with 7:22 to go

• The Crimson Tide would maintain a 15-point advantage into the final media timeout of the contest, as Alabama was out in front 82-67 with 3:23 left to play and cruise the final score



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama's Kira Lewis Jr.(2)

The Tide will next play on Sunday, Dec. 29, returning home to face Richmond. Tipoff is slated for 5:30 pm and will be available on SEC Network.

For all the latest information on the team, follow AlabamaMBB on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. General athletic news can be found @UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and Alabama Athletics on Facebook.

COLLEGE SPORTS

No. 12 Auburn beats Lehigh 74-51, improves to 11-0

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Austin Wiley's fourth double-double of the season helped No. 12 Auburn improve to 11-0 with a 74-51 win Saturday over Lehigh at Auburn Arena, the fewest points the Tigers have allowed this season.

"Our defense was again the difference," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said. "Our coaches do an outstanding job with game planning. We've got a pretty good ability to affect the outcome of games. We kind of wore them down a little bit."

Wiley grabbed a career-high 15 rebounds and scored 14 points, going 8-for-8 from the free-throw line, as the Tigers made 63 percent of their 2-point baskets and 79 percent of their free throws.

"I try to impact the game every time I step out there," Wiley said.

"I feel like there's a whole another level that I could be playing at. I'm trying to play the perfect game, but I haven't gotten there yet, so stay tuned."

J'Von McCormick hit a trio of 3-pointers in 65 seconds to help the Tigers pull away down the stretch.

"I just felt like I couldn't miss," McCormick said.

"After I shot the first one and I made it, I got the ball in transition, I already knew I was going to shoot it, and my teammates knew it, so I just shot it and it went in.

"The third possession I called for a screen. He (Wiley) did a good job of sealing, and I came off and shot it."

McCormick's off-the-backboard assist on Devan Cambridge's dunk provided the game's exclamation point, putting Auburn ahead 71-49 with 1:53 to play.

"Devan Cambridge is a freak athlete," McCormick said.

"In transition I looked back and I saw him. We made that connection.

"I just threw it off the backboard.I knew he was going to catch it so I wasn't worried."

McCormick led Auburn with 18 points, adding four assists and zero turnovers in 29 minutes.

The Tigers have won 23 of their last 24 games and 27 consecutive non-conference home games over the past four seasons.

Anfernee McLemore blocked six shots, adding seven rebounds and nine points.

Auburn led 27-20 at the half after holding Lehigh scoreless over the final 7:17 of the first half.

Trailing 20-13 after missing its first 10 3-point attempts, Samir Doughty started a 14-0 run with a corner 3.

Isaac Okoro's reverse layup after McLemore's assist tied the score at 20-20, energizing the crowd.

Danjel Purifoy assisted on McCormick's 3 to give Auburn its first lead since the opening minutes.

Auburn outscored Lehigh 17-0 on fast-break points, 21-2 on bench points and 30-9 in points off turnovers.

"Getting a little bit of an identity of our ability to make plays, turn people over, create some offense from our defense, is our biggest opportunity to win games," Pearl said.

The Tigers will enjoy an eight-day holiday break before returning to Auburn Arena Dec. 29 against Lipscomb at 3 p.m. CT, their final tune-up before SEC play begins Jan. 4 at Mississippi State.

"The champion of our conference this year is going to be the team that gets up for every night," Pearl said.

"That defends every night, that's excited to play every night, because there's so much parity.

"There's nobody that's that much better than anybody else.

"That's why we're undefeated is because for the most part we've played with pretty good effort and energy. We've got to shoot it better and execute better. We've got to prepare better."

COLLEGE SPORTS

No. 20 Appalachian State defeats UAB Football 31-17

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

NEW ORLEANS, La. – The UAB football team fell to No. 20 Appalachian State 31-17 on Saturday night in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

The Blazers finished the season at 9-5 overall and recorded the program's second most amount of wins in program history, along with winning its second straight C-USA West Division title.

Austin Watkins Jr. had a career-high 10 catches for 159 yards a touchdown to lead the offensive efforts. In the process, he became the third player in program history to eclipse 1,000 receiving yards in a single season.

The junior finished the 2019 season with 57 catches for 1,092 yards and six touchdowns.

Kristopher Moll led the defensive efforts with eight tackles and finished the 2019 campaign with 104 total tackles. Both Grayson Cash and Dy'jonn Turner added six stops tonight.

It was a big third quarter for Appalachian State (13-1) that ultimately proved to be the deciding factor in game as the Mountaineers outscored UAB 21-3 in that stanza to erase a 14-10 halftime deficit.

The Blazers stormed out of the gates, scoring touchdowns on their first two possessions to take a 14-0 lead with 10:48 left in the opening quarter.

Both were passing touchdowns as Hayden Pittman had a spectacular 25-yard diving catch just 1:14 into the game, followed by a another 25-yard pass from Tyler Johnston III to Watkins Jr., who had five catches for 124 yards and that touchdown in the first quarter. The Mountaineers however, battled back and scored the next 10 points to end the half as UAB took a 14-10 lead into the locker room.

With UAB leading 14-3, the Blazers were flagged on a missed field goal that extended Appalachian State's drive, and the Mountaineers turned that into seven points two plays later on a 17-yard touchdown pass.

Appalachian State had the ball to start the second half and took their first lead of the game on a 4th-and-1 that Mountaineer quarterback Zac Thomas fumbled which Darrynton Evans recovered and rushed 31 yards for a touchdown.

Nick Vogel then tied the game at 17-17 when he connected on a season-long 49-yard field goal at the 8:19 mark of the third quarter.

App State regained the lead on a defensive touchdown as the Mountaineers had a sack-fumble that they took 24 yards to the house which gave them a 24-17 lead with 6:16 remining in the third. Their third touchdown of the third quarter came on another fourth down as Thomas connected with Thomas Hennigan on a 27-yard pass with :44 left in the quarter. Those would be the final points of the game as App State hung on for the 31-17 victory.

The Blazers return 18 starters for the 2020 season.

COLLEGE SPORTS

Alabama's John Petty Jr. named Co-SEC Men's Basketball Player of the Week

Petty helped lift the Crimson Tide to a pair of victories including a career-best 39-point performance

Aaron Jordan
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama guard John Petty Jr. has been selected as the Southeastern Conference Men's Basketball Co-Player of the Week, the league office announced on Monday. In leading the Crimson Tide to a pair of victories, Petty averaged 26.5 points and 10.5 rebounds in wins against Samford and Belmont.

Petty becomes the first Alabama player to earn SEC Player of the Week honors since Retin Obasohan earned the accolade the week of Feb. 8, 2015.

It is the third weekly honor in Petty's three-year career as he was twice named the league's Freshman of the Week during the 2017-18 season (weeks of Nov. 20, 2017 and Jan. 1, 2018).

The Huntsville, Ala., native opened the week when he matched his own school record with 10 made three-pointers in a 39-point, 10-rebound performance in the 105-87 win over Samford in the Chick-fil-A Birmingham Classic.

The 6-5, 184-pound junior guard knocked down 10-of-13 shots from deep on his way to scoring the 11th-most points in a single game in program history.

He followed that performance with his second consecutive double-double knocking down 4-of-7 shots from beyond the arc to finish with 15 points and a game-high 11 rebounds in the 92-72 win over Belmont at the Rocket City Classic in Huntsville, Ala.

Petty averaged 7.0 made threes per game and finished the week shooting 70.0 percent (14-of-20) from three-point range.

After not registering a double-double through his first 76 career games, Petty has achieved the feat in three of his last five games including two consecutive contests while he has now reached double figures in six of his last seven contests.

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Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 26

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 26, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 23

- theft of property; CR 803
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 747, CR 1614
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 NB, MM 312
- domestic violence; CR 590
- burglary; CR 1609
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 N
- theft of property; Hwy. 157
- assault; Countryside Acres Road
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; Beech Ave.
- theft of property; CR 469
- theft of property; Ege Dr.
- theft of property; CR 437
- home repair fraud; CR 715

Dec. 24

- domestic violence; CR 437
- domestic violence; CR 1804
- harassment, theft of property; Hwy. 278 E

Dec. 25

- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; Hwy. 31
- domestic violence; CR 1664
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Cleveland Ave., Dripping Springs Rd.

ARRESTS

Dec. 23

Barnett, Richard Shane, 20
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Barr, Russell Dale, 47
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Cox, Westly Daniel, 30
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Hann, Timothy Michael, 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Jagneaux, Alexis Michael, 34
- probation violation – third-degree burglary

Kelso, James Garrett, 26
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (4 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- resisting arrest
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Lay, Rachel Lynn, 28
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- disorderly conduct
- FTA- public intoxication

Lay, Zackary James, 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Roach, Roy Wesley II, 44
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Weldon, Tracy Michelle, 45
- FTA- third-degree burglary
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (without theft)

Dec. 24

Cross, Shantron Donnell, 32
- third-degree domestic violence

Kent, Chloe Marie, 20
- FTA- second-degree assault

Quick, Sharon Darlene, 61
- GJ- third-degree theft of property

Dec. 25

Crawford, Jason Tyler, 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

James, Joseph Mark, 38
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

McDonald, Shannon Alford, 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 23

- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; misc. merchandise; $123
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; 3rd Ave. NE, Arnold St. NE; damage to '11 Toyota Prius; $4,000
- third-degree domestic violence; person; Crestview Dr. SW, Sheraton Rd.
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; 4th Ave. SW, 9th St. SW; damage to '19 Ford Explorer; $3,000
- fourth-degree theft of property; Five Below; Cullman Shopping Center; charger; $11
- criminal mischief; person; 2nd Ave. SW; damage to '18 Chev. Silverado; unknown amount of property value
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; Lincoln Ave. SW; damage to '89 Chev. P30; $100

Dec. 24

- first-degree theft of property; person; Olive St. SW; '02 Chev. Tahoe; $5,500
- fourth-degree theft of property; Lowe's; Cherokee Ave. SW; tools; $83
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW

Dec. 25

- second-degree burglary, first-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; damaged property, misc. merchandise; unknown amount of property value

ARRESTS

Dec. 23

Cox, Westly D., 30
- fourth-degree theft of property
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- driving while revoked

Jones, Patrick E., 33
- third-degree domestic violence

Jones, Melanie R., 31
- third-degree domestic violence

Lambert, Jimmy W., 40
- fourth-degree theft of property

Dec. 24

Rodgers, Joshua A., 35
- fourth-degree theft of property

Pugh, Ashley C., 20
- first-degree theft of property

Armstrong, Michael J., 40
- fourth-degree theft of property

Woody, Tina E., 41
- fourth-degree theft of property

Bailey, Makayla S., 18
- fourth-degree theft of property

Sawyer Jr., Thomas K., 38
- fourth-degree theft of property

Butler, Tina M., 46
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Yarbrough, Kevin A., 23
- DUI – any substance

Fincher, James R., 53
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Dec. 25

Addison, Byron T., 44
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree promoting prison contraband
- attempting to elude
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Miller, Debra B., 60
- FTA- driving without a license

Guthery, Kenneth S., 43
- DUI – controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Golden, David G., 44
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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









Cullman Community Theatre plans for 2020 season; informational meeting Jan. 7

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Laurey (Sarah Jane Skinner) and Curley (Tyler Skinner) take a ride in a "surrey with the fringe on top" in Cullman Community Theatre's 2019 production of "Oklahoma!"

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Community Theatre (CCT), after reforming in 2018 and putting on successful productions of "The Music Man" (2018) and "Oklahoma!" (2019), is getting ready for its third season, and has invited the community's theatrical types to come find out more at a meeting at the Cullman County Museum at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, when Director Wayne Cook will "announce upcoming projects and introduce the Cullman Community to membership in CCT. It is the hope of the steering committee and board of directors that CCT would be able to branch out this coming year to reach new people interested in building theatre in Cullman."

Cook is holding his production plans close to the vest, but he likes big cast shows that can involve a wide cross section of the community, so CCT is recruiting volunteers of all ages as actors, musicians, stage crew, technical crew and others.

Cook previously told The Tribune, "I feel strongly that community theater is an important part of a community like this. It fills a need, fills a gap (with something) that we currently don't have. And, with all the things that have happened in this community: the growth, the economic expansion that we've seen– we've seen growth in so many arenas; that's the last link, in my view, of what we really need to explore. And the arts in general, but I specifically come at it from a theater perspective.

"You go to a lot of communities: you go to Decatur, you go to Florence, you go to Huntsville (which) has tons of opportunities for community theater. Birmingham has gobs of opportunities for community theater. Even places like Arab and Guntersville have community theater groups. We really need an opportunity for adults and children, and students and people to work alongside each other to do productions in the community.

"This would be an organization that would– it would obviously be a collaboration with the schools, but this is not a school-sponsored thing. This will be a community-sponsored thing, and so it'll have a little different approach, in the sense that we'll open it up to all ages, all people that want to be a part."

At a glance

Cullman Community Theatre information meeting

- Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
- Cullman County Museum, 211 Second Ave. NE, Cullman

Cullman goes 'veddy British, y'all!'



BEN SOUTH/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The cast and friends of Cullman's original musical/comedy "The One-Liner American Diner" (on the left: Rodney Basenburg, Concetta Lovoy Kreps, Hannah Crider and Justin Weygand) enjoyed a rawtha posh but loff-filled dinner with Brits (on the right: Kate and Duncan Smith, Nick and Jackie Webster, far left) so the performers could polish their British accents. After plenty of "rain in Spain falls mainly on the plain" and "Downton Abbey" laughter it was "pip pip and cheerio" as all left for an evening of holiday cabaret at Birming-HAM's (not Birmingum's) Virginia Samford Theatre. "The One-Liner American Diner" previews in Cullman at the Empty Bowls fundraiser supporting Cullman Caring for Kids at First United Methodist Church, Monday, Feb. 17 from 4-7 p.m. (Ben South, standing)

Patel (from Front)

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With this feature, The Cullman Tribune is kicking off a special series highlighting everyday individuals all around Cullman County who make our community a great place. #IAmCullman

On a busy Thursday after Christmas, the Chevron station at 1701 Cherokee Ave. SW, Cullman had a steady flow of customers. All left feeling a little happier than when they arrived thanks to the contagious happiness passed on by Ravi Patel. The singing clerk is one of the amazing individuals who go above and beyond to make Cullman a great place.

"If I'm happy, they are happy," Patel said.

As customers come inside, he greets each with a heartfelt hello and more often than not, Patel sings the greeting as well as the words exchanged during what some may view as another mundane transaction. With Patel, nothing is mundane.

He said, "Happy is a good medicine. You don't have to find more medicine anywhere."

Originally from India, Patel and his family wanted to get away from the congestion and moved to Nairobi.

"It was kind of scary there so we left," he said. "We moved to Birmingham in 2004 after I married my wife."

After several years in Birmingham, the Patels moved to Cullman just over a year ago from Cahaba Heights.

They have two children who attend East Elementary and Cullman Middle School.

Patel said he maintains the same level of optimism in all aspects of life.

"My daughter is much like me," he smiled. "She loves to laugh and is happy.

"She and I play hide and seek around our home. If you stay more happy, your health is improved and bad things are just gone."

While his wife and children share his positive outlook, singing is Patel's specialty.

"I like all kinds of music," he said. "I listen to Christian and Hindu music. I grew up in Temple and I would go every weekend and still go to Temple every Sunday.

"I'm not much of a singer, but I can sing enough to make do."

Patel smiled, "People ask me, 'Are you taking any medicine or something? You're always happy!' I see the first customer come in kind of sleepy and I sing something and they say, "You made my day!' They like it. You have bad mood, come here and I make it a good mood."

Is there anything that brings Patel down? He admits paperwork can be a drag and he can feel the smile fading, but then a customer will come in the store.

The personal interactions provide the boost needed to energize his mood.

"I'm not much of a multitasker," he said. "I prefer focusing on my customers."

During down times, Patel uses the one step behind the counter as an exercise opportunity.

His advice: "When you wake up, exercise is the best thing to change your mind to be positive. In here, I do steps and push-ups and crunches. That's energy you need to be happy."

Other sources of inspiration for Patel are reading and studying.

He said, "I read the Bible and I read Bhagavad Gita. It's a holy book and it's good.

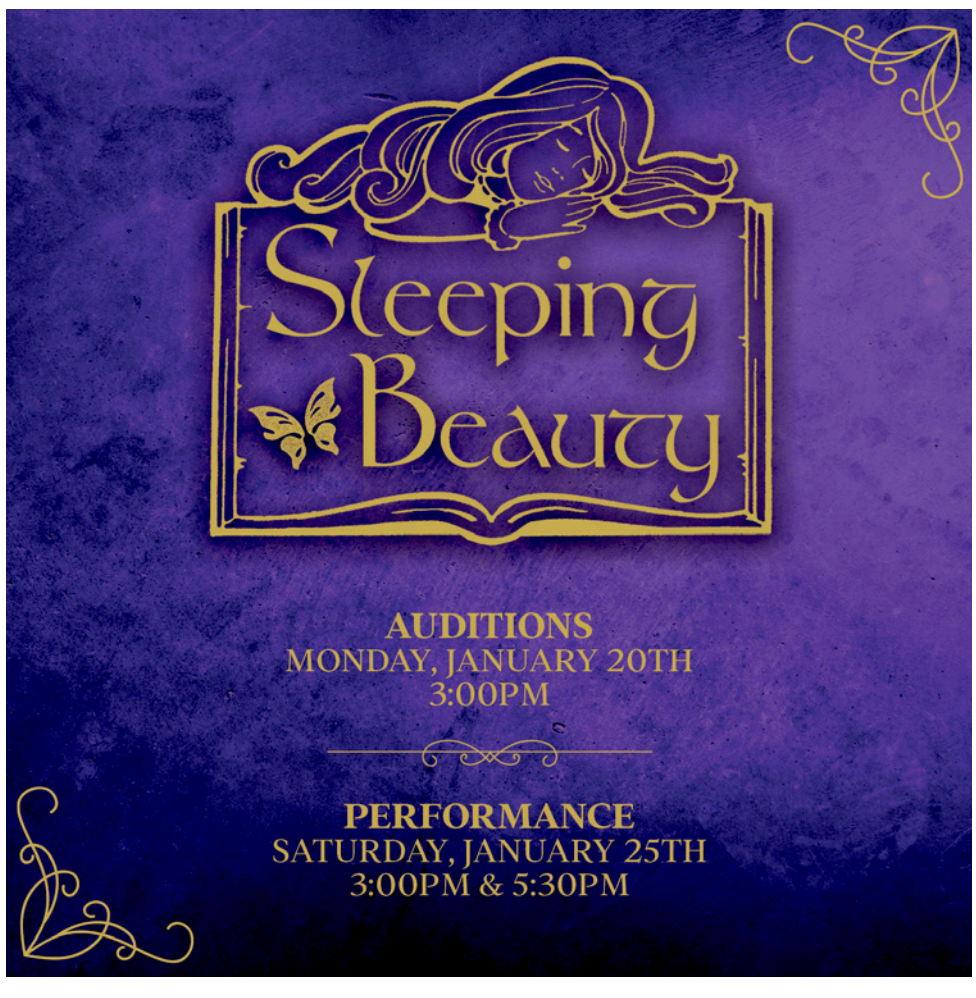
"Opinion, everyone has different, but it's really the same. People argue if the glass is full or half empty, but the truth is there is water in the glass."

Patel's mission in life is to bring good and do good. By simply singing a few words to each customer, he brings smiles and laughter to countless people. Many times, the customers respond in song.

"It's a mindset," he said. "You have to give your mind the good and it will get rid of bad. Happiness is a good habit."









Sports

7:00 a.m. FSEE College Basketball UCF at Oklahoma.
11:00 a.m. ESPN College Football Military Bowl — North Carolina vs Temple. (Live)
2:20 p.m. ESPN College Football New Era Pinstripe Bowl — Michigan State vs Wake Forest. (Live)
3:00 p.m. FSEE College Basketball UCF at Oklahoma.
5:30 p.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow
5:45 p.m. ESPN College Football Academy Sports & Outdoors Texas Bowl — Oklahoma State vs Texas A&M. (Live)
6:30 p.m. FSEE NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Atlanta Hawks. (Live)
7:00 p.m. WBRC WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live)
FS1 College Football San Diego County Credit Union Holiday Bowl — USC vs Iowa. (Live)
9:15 p.m. ESPN College Football Cheez-It Bowl — Air Force vs Washington State. (Live)
10:00 p.m. FSEE NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Atlanta Hawks.
TBS ELEAGUE 2019 Clash Royale League World Finals. (Taped)

Movies

11:00 a.m. LIFE "Unfaithful" ★★★ (2002) Richard Gere. A man becomes increasingly distraught after he discovers his wife is having an affair with a Frenchman.
HBO "The Recruit" ★★½ (2003) Al Pacino
SHOW "The Fast and the Furious" ★★½ (2001) Vin Diesel
TMC "A Bad Moms Christmas" ★★ (2017) Mila Kunis
11:45 a.m. PARMT "Night at the Museum" ★★½ (2006) Ben Stiller. Premiere.
TCM "Pillow to Post" ★★ (1945) Ida Lupino.
12:00 p.m. AMC "The Godfather, Part II" ★★★★ (1974) Al Pacino. Michael Corleone rules his father's criminal empire, while flashbacks recall young Vito's climb to power.
FX "Minions" ★★½ (2015) Voices of Sandra Bullock.
12:01 p.m. MAX "Isle of Dogs" ★★★½ (2018) Voices of Bryan Cranston Animated. In the future, an outbreak of canine flu leads the mayor of a Japanese city to banish all dogs to an island that's a garbage dump. The outcasts must soon embark on an epic journey when a 12-year-old boy arrives on the island to find his beloved pet.
12:30 p.m. BRAVO "Dear John" ★★ (2010) Channing Tatum.
1:00 p.m. FREE "Rise of the Guardians" ★★½ (2012) Voices of Chris Pine.
SHOW "2 Fast 2 Furious" ★★ (2003) Paul Walker
1:30 p.m. TCM "The Hucksters" ★★★ (1947) Clark Gable. A World War II veteran rejoins Madison Avenue and plays dirty for a ruthless soap tycoon.
1:45 p.m. MAX "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" ★★½ (2005) Brad Pitt
1:55 p.m. HBO "The Sun Is Also a Star" ★★ (2019) Yara Shahidi
2:00 p.m. FX "The Heat" ★★½ (2013) Sandra Bullock.
2:05 p.m. BET "Training Day" ★★★ (2001) Denzel Washington. A rookie cop meets a corrupt Los Angeles narcotics officer who wants to include him in his schemes.
2:30 p.m. PARMT "Jumanji" ★★½ (1995) Robin Williams.
3:00 p.m. FREE "Shrek" ★★★½ (2001) Voices of Mike Myers. Animated. In order to save his home, a monster with a donkey makes a deal with a mean lord to rescue a beautiful princess.
SHOW "Fast & Furious" ★★ (2009) Vin Diesel
3:30 p.m. TCM "Conflict" ★★★ (1945) Humphrey Bogart. An architect kills his wife to be with her sister, but a psychologist sees through his alibi.
3:35 p.m. HBO "Moulin Rouge" ★★★ (2001) Nicole Kidman In 1890s France a courtesan falls in love with a young writer but strings along a duke who can finance improvements to the night spot.
4:00 p.m. LIFE "The Bodyguard" ★★½ (1992) Kevin Costner.

FRIDAY EVENING — MOVIES — DECEMBER 27, 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 rookie detective reopens a cold case.		**CSI: Miami** A blind man hears a girl's abduction.		**CSI: Miami** "Manhunt" Horatio's wife's killer escapes.		**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**
WBIQ-PBS	4	**Ready Jet Go!** (El)	**Peg & Cat** (El)	**PBS NewsHour** (N)		**Washington Week** (N)	**Firing Line With Margaret**	**Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta**		**Craft in America** "Quilts" Contemporary masters of quilting.		**Craft in America** "Identity" Artists challenge accepted norms.	
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**	★★ **"Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love"** (2016, Docudrama) Jennifer Nettles, Ricky Schroder.				**Dateline NBC** Twins find their mother's dead body.		**WVTM 13 News at 10p**	**Tonight Show-J. Fallon**
WBRC-FOX	7	**WBRC FOX6 News at 5pm**	**WBRC FOX6 News**	**WBRC FOX6 News at 6pm**	**Inside Edition** (N)	**WWE Friday Night SmackDown** (N) (Live)				**WBRC FOX6 News at 9pm**	**WBRC FOX6 News**	**WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm**	**(:35) TMZ** (N)
WIAT-CBS	8	**CBS42 News 5pm** (N)	**CBS Evening News**	**CBS42 News 6pm** (N)	**Entertainment Tonight** (N)	**Hawaii Five-0** Junior struggles with his feelings.		**Magnum P.I.** Magnum tracks a man accused of murder.		**Blue Bloods** Frank's safety is threatened.		**CBS42 News 10pm** (N)	**Late Show-Colbert**
WTTO-CW	9	**The Goldbergs**	**2 Broke Girls**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**America Salutes You Presents Guitar Legends 3** (N)		**Popstar's Best of 2019** (N)		**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**The Andy Griffith Show**	**The Andy Griffith Show**
WPXH-ION	11	**NCIS: Los Angeles** A former Marine is tracked by al-Qaida.		**NCIS: Los Angeles** The team takes an agent into custody.		**NCIS: Los Angeles** Aerial vehicle software disappears.		**NCIS: Los Angeles** A deadly explosion at a charity event.		**NCIS: Los Angeles** The team must stop a cocaine shipment.		**NCIS: Los Angeles** The team searches for Callen and Sam.	
WABM2-ABC	12	**ABC 33/40 News at 5PM**	**ABC World News**	**ABC 33/40 News at 6PM**	**Wheel of Fortune**	**American Housewife**	**Fresh Off the Boat**	**20/20**				**ABC 33/40 News at 10PM**	**(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!**
A&E	42	**(4:00) Live PD** "Live PD -- 12.08.18"				**Live PD: Rewind** "Live PD: Rewind No. 177"		**Live PD** "Live PD -- 12.01.18"					
AMC	53	**(4:30)** ★★★★ **"The Godfather"** (1972, Drama) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino, James Caan. A mafia patriarch tries to hold his empire together.							★★★★ **"The Godfather, Part II"** (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall. Michael Corleone moves his father's crime family to Las Vegas.				
ANPL	47	**The Zoo: San Diego - California Tales** "Miracle Calf" (N)		**The Zoo: San Diego - California Tales** (N)		**(:01) The Zoo: San Diego - A Look Inside** (N)		**(:06) The Zoo: San Diego - A Look Inside** "Episode 3" (N)		**(:12) The Zoo: San Diego - A Look Inside** "Kangaroo Training" (N)			**(:19) The Zoo: San Diego**
BET	55	★★★ **"Creed"** (2015, Drama) Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone, Tessa Thompson. Rocky Balboa mentors Apollo Creed's son.						★★ **"Enough"** (2002, Suspense) Jennifer Lopez, Billy Campbell, Juliette Lewis. A woman takes her daughter and flees her abusive husband.					
BRAVO	58	**(4:30)** ★★ **"It's Complicated"** (2009) Meryl Streep, Steve Martin. A divorcee is caught between her ex and an architect.				★★★ **"The Devil Wears Prada"** (2006, Comedy) Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Adrian Grenier. A recent college graduate lands a job at a fashion magazine.					★★★ **"The Devil Wears Prada"** (2006, Comedy) Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway.		
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)		**Deal or No Deal** An entrepreneur faces the Banker.		**Deal or No Deal** David Leeman faces off with the Banker.		**Deal or No Deal** Jade Thomas is joined by her mother.		**Deal or No Deal** A family overcomes extraordinary odds.		**Deal or No Deal** A woman's dad is the show's biggest fan.	
CNN	37	**The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer** (N)		**Erin Burnett OutFront** (N)		**Anderson Cooper 360** (N)		**Cuomo Prime Time** (N)		**CNN Special Report** Culture of mistrust.		**Anderson Cooper 360**	
COM	56	**South Park** "Towelie"	**(:35) South Park**	**(:10) South Park**	**(:45) South Park** "Red Hot Catholic Love"		**(:20) South Park**	**(7:55) South Park**	**South Park**	**South Park** "Chickenlover"	**South Park** "Casa Bonita"	**South Park** "Canceled"	**South Park**
DISN	49	**Gabby Duran**	**Raven's Home**	**Raven's Home**	**Raven's Home**	★★★ **"Sing"** (2016) Voices of Matthew McConaughey. Animated. Animals gather at a theater for a singing competition.				**Gabby Duran**	**(:20) Sydney to the Max**	**(9:50) Raven's Home**	**(:20) Just Roll With It**
DSC	43	**Gold Rush** Rick buys a monster wash plant.		**Gold Rush: Pay Dirt** "Motherlode Mountain"		**Gold Rush** "Make or Break" Rick races to get Monster Red running.						**Gold Rush** Rick tries to outsmart a machine. (N)	
E!	21	**(4:30)** ★★ **"Cheaper by the Dozen"** (2003, Comedy) Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt.			★★★ **"13 Going on 30"** (2004) Jennifer Garner, Mark Ruffalo. An uncool girl magically becomes a successful adult.				★★★ **"Knocked Up"** (2007, Romance-Comedy) Seth Rogen, Katherine Heigl, Paul Rudd. A one-night stand has an unforeseen consequence.				
ESPN	29	**College Football**	**(:45) College Football** Academy Sports & Outdoors Texas Bowl -- Oklahoma State vs Texas A&M. (N) (Live)							**(:15) College Football** Cheez-It Bowl -- Air Force vs Washington State. (N) (Live)			
ESPN2	30	**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**Boomer's Vault: Top 50 Plays in NFL History** (N)		**Madden NFL 20 Club Championship** (N)		**2019 Classic Tetris World Championship**		**SC Featured** (N)		**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)	
FOOD	45	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**
FREE	48	**The Simpsons**	**The Simpsons** "Mr. Plow"	**The Simpsons**	**The Simpsons**	**The Simpsons**	**The Simpsons**	★★★ **"Matilda"** (1996, Children's) Mara Wilson, Danny DeVito. A child uses her amazing abilities against uncaring adults.				**The 700 Club** He survived a devastating plane crash.	
FS1	20	**NFL Turning Point**	**FS1 College Football Playoff Preview**		**Holiday Bowl Pregame** (N)	**College Football** San Diego County Credit Union Holiday Bowl -- USC vs Iowa. (N) (Live)							**Holiday Bowl Postgame** (N)
FSEE	32	**Power of Sports**	**Sports Stars of Tomorrow**	**Hawks Live! Pregame** (N)	**NBA Basketball** Milwaukee Bucks at Atlanta Hawks. From State Farm Arena in Atlanta. (N) (Live)					**Hawks Live! Postgame** (N)	**Hawks 4th Quarter**	**NBA Basketball** Milwaukee Bucks at Atlanta Hawks.	
FX	28	**(4:30)** ★★ **"Taken 3"** (2014, Action) Liam Neeson, Forest Whitaker. Bryan Mills is framed for the murder of his ex-wife.				★★★ **"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	**PGA Tour Highlights** (N)		**PGA Tour Highlights** (N)		**PGA Tour Highlights** (N)		**PGA Championship Highlights**		**PGA Tour Highlights** (N)		**PGA Tour Highlights** (N)	
HALL	72	**"Mingle All the Way"** (2018, Romance) Jen Lilley, Brant Daugherty. A young entrepreneur tracks her dating progress.				**"A Shoe Addict's Christmas"** (2018, Romance) Candace Cameron Bure. Noelle meets the ghosts of past, present and future.				**"Christmas Town"** (2019) Tim Rozon, Candace Cameron Bure. Lauren embarks on a new chapter in her life and career.			
HGTV	46	**Love It or List It** A couple has differing opinions.		**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**
HIST	40	**Ancient Aliens** Role of extraterrestrials in history.		**Ancient Aliens** Sustenance for extraterrestrials.		**Ancient Aliens** Exoplanets may be home to others.		**(:02) Ancient Aliens** "Return to Mars" Possible encounters beyond Earth.				**(:05) Ancient Aliens** Governments prepare mankind.	
LIFE	23	**(4:00)** ★★ **"The Bodyguard"** (1992, Drama) Kevin Costner. A bodyguard falls for the singer-actress he must protect.				★★ **"Unforgettable"** (2017, Suspense) Rosario Dawson, Katherine Heigl, Geoff Stults. A jealous woman terrorizes her ex-husband's fiancee.					**(:33) "The Perfect Soulmate"** (2017, Suspense) Cassandra Scerbo, Alex Paxton-Beesley.		
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	**Wicked Tuna** A new boat joins the fleet.		**Wicked Tuna** Captains weigh going further out to sea.		**Wicked Tuna** The captains seek to dethrone the king.		**Wicked Tuna** Capt. McLaughlin defends his title.		**Wicked Tuna** "The Final Tail" Boats battle for the top prize.		**Wicked Tuna** The captains seek to dethrone the king.	
PARMT	57	★★ **"Night at the Museum"** (2006, Children's) Ben Stiller, Carla Gugino, Dick Van Dyke. Museum exhibits spring to life when the sun goes down.					★★ **"Jumanji"** (1995, Children's) Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt, Kirsten Dunst. A sinister board game puts its players in mortal jeopardy.					★★★ **"The Goonies"** (1985) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin.	
TBS	25	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	★★★ **"Hitch"** (2005) Will Smith, Eva Mendes, Kevin James. A smooth-talker helps a shy accountant woo an heiress.				★★★ **"The Hangover"** (2009, Comedy) Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms. Three pals must find a missing groom after a wild bash.				**ELEAGUE** 2019 Clash Royale League World Finals. (Taped)	
TCM	79	**(:15)** ★★★★ **"Casablanca"** (1942, Drama) Humphrey Bogart. Nazis, intrigue and romance clash at a Moroccan nightclub.				★★★ **"All That Heaven Allows"** (1955, Romance) Jane Wyman, Rock Hudson.			**(:45)** ★★★ **"The Little Foxes"** (1941, Drama) Bette Davis, Herbert Marshall, Dan Duryea. In the Deep South, a greedy woman lets her husband die.				
TLC	24	**90 Day Fiancé** "Pillow Talk: Judgement Day"		**90 Day Fiancé** Outrageous moments and favorite couples.		**90 Day Fiancé** "Nicole & Azan: The Full Story" A look back at the highs and lows of Nicole and Azan's journey. (N)						**90 Day Fiancé** "Pillow Talk: Judgement Day"	
TNT	26	**Bones** "Mummy in the Maze" A Halloween killer.		**Bones** "Intern in the Incinerator" Remains in the incinerator.		★★ **"Divergent"** (2014, Science Fiction) Shailene Woodley, Theo James, Ashley Judd. A young woman discovers a plot to destroy those like her.						★★ **"Insurgent"** (2015) Shailene Woodley.	
USA	27	**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Lessons Learned"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Dreams Deferred"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Favorite Ada" (N)		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Pick an Animal" (N)		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Creepiest Kid" (N)		**Modern Family** "She Crazy"	**Modern Family** "The Verdict"
WE	71	**Criminal Minds** "Anonymous" The team searches for a killer.		**Criminal Minds** The BAU team looks at an old case.		**Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars**		**Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars**		**(:06) Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars**		**(:06) Criminal Minds** A bombing in a coffee shop.	
HBO	518	**(3:35) "Moulin Rouge"** (2001)	**(:45) Mel Brooks: Unwrapped** The comic looks back on his career.			★★★ **"A Star Is Born"** (2018, Romance) Bradley Cooper, Lady Gaga, Sam Elliott. A country music star falls in love with a talented singer. 'R'				**(:20)** ★★ **"Just Like Heaven"** (2005, Romance-Comedy) Reese Witherspoon. 'PG-13'		
MAX	549	**(3:45) "Jaws the Revenge"**	**(:20)** ★★★ **"Hero"** (2002) Jet Li. Flashbacks reveal a warrior's battles with assassins.			★★ **"The Darkest Minds"** (2018, Science Fiction) Amandla Stenberg. Premiere. 'PG-13'		**(:45)** ★★ **"Lights Out"** (2016, Horror) Teresa Palmer, Gabriel Bateman. 'PG-13'				**(:10)** ★★★ **"Casino Royale"** (2006) Daniel Craig. 'PG-13'	
SHOW	578	**(4:45)** ★★ **"The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift"** (2006, Action) Lucas Black. 'PG-13'			**New Order: Decades** New Order's synth-orchestra collaboration with Liam Gillick.			**Duran Duran: There's Something You Should Know**		**Flack** Robyn tackles a problem while flying. (N)		**The L Word: Generation Q** Bette prepares for a debate.	
TMC	598	**"S.W.A.T. Firefight"** (2011)	★★ **"Flypaper"** (2011, Comedy) Patrick Dempsey. A man tries to protect a bank teller. 'NR'			★★★ **"Lars and the Real Girl"** (2007) Ryan Gosling. A lonely man forms an emotional bond with a plastic woman. 'PG-13'				★★★ **"The Royal Tenenbaums"** (2001) Gene Hackman. A scheming patriarch attempts to reconcile with his family. 'R'			

4:30 p.m. AMC "The Godfather" ★★★★ (1972) Marlon Brando. Crime boss Vito Corleone and his sons rule their New York empire with Mafia justice.
BRAVO "It's Complicated" ★★½ (2009) Meryl Streep.
E! "Cheaper by the Dozen" ★★½ (2003) Steve Martin.
FX "Taken 3" ★★ (2014) Liam Neeson.
4:45 p.m. SHOW "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift" ★★½ (2006) Lucas Black
5:00 p.m. BET "Creed" ★★★½ (2015) Michael B. Jordan. Long-retired boxer Rocky Balboa agrees to train Apollo Creed's son to become a fighter, even as the former champ battles an opponent deadlier than any he ever faced in the ring.
PARMT "Night at the Museum" ★★½ (2006) Ben Stiller.
5:15 p.m. TCM "Casablanca" ★★★★ (1942) Humphrey Bogart. A cynical nightclub owner protects an old flame and her husband from Nazis in Morocco.
5:20 p.m. MAX "Hero" ★★★½ (2002) Jet Li Flashbacks reveal how a warrior stopped the elusive assassins who tried to kill the emperor of China.
5:30 p.m. TMC "Flypaper" ★★ (2011) Patrick Dempsey
6:00 p.m. TBS "Hitch" ★★★ (2005) Will Smith. A smooth-talking man falls for a hardened columnist while helping a shy accountant woo a beautiful heiress.
6:30 p.m. 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.
7:00 p.m. WVTM "Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love" ★★½ (2016) Jennifer Nettles.
BRAVO "The Devil Wears Prada" ★★★ (2006) Meryl Streep. A recent college graduate lands a job working for a famous and diabolical editor of a New York fashion magazine.
DISN "Sing" ★★★ (2016) Voices of Matthew McConaughey. Animated. A pig, a mouse, a porcupine, a gorilla, an elephant and other animals gather at a koala's theater for a singing competition.
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.
LIFE "Unforgettable" ★★ (2017) Rosario Dawson.
TCM "All That Heaven Allows" ★★★ (1955) Jane Wyman. Friends and family want a rich widow to end her romance with a tree surgeon about 15 years her junior.
TNT "Divergent" ★★ (2014) Shailene Woodley.
HBO "A Star Is Born" ★★★½ (2018) Bradley Cooper Hard-drinking country music star Jackson Maine discovers — and falls in love with — a struggling but talented singer named Ally. As her career quickly takes off, Jackson starts to realize that his best days may be behind him.
MAX "The Darkest Minds" ★★ (2018) Amandla Stenberg (Premiere)
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.
7:30 p.m. PARMT "Jumanji" ★★½ (1995) Robin Williams.
8:00 p.m. BET "Enough" ★★ (2002) Jennifer Lopez.
FREE "Matilda" ★★★ (1996) Mara Wilson. A little girl develops extraordinary mental abilities, despite neglectful parents and a brutal headmistress.
TBS "The Hangover" ★★★ (2009) Bradley Cooper. After a wild stag party in Las Vegas, three hazy groomsmen must find their missing friend and get him back to Los Angeles in time for his wedding.
8:30 p.m. AMC "The Godfather, Part II" ★★★★ (1974) Al Pacino. Michael Corleone rules his father's criminal empire, while flashbacks recall young Vito's climb to power.
E! "Knocked Up" ★★★ (2007) Seth Rogen. A rising journalist and an irresponsible slacker ponder their future after a boozy one-night stand results in a pregnancy.
8:45 p.m. TCM "The Little Foxes" ★★★½ (1941) Bette Davis. In the Deep South, greedy Regina blackmails her brothers and lets her husband die.
MAX "Lights Out" ★★½ (2016) Teresa Palmer
9:00 p.m. TMC "The Royal Tenenbaums" ★★★ (2001) Gene Hackman (Premiere) An errant father tries to reconcile with his eccentric and underachieving family in New York.
9:20 p.m. HBO "Just Like Heaven" ★★½ (2005) Reese Witherspoon
9:30 p.m. BRAVO "The Devil Wears Prada" ★★★ (2006) Meryl Streep. A recent college graduate lands a job working for a famous and diabolical editor of a New York fashion magazine.
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.
10:00 p.m. PARMT "The Goonies" ★★★ (1985) Sean Astin. Coastal Oregon kids follow the treasure map of pirate One-Eyed Willie past his deadly traps to gold.
TNT "Insurgent" ★★½ (2015) Shailene Woodley.
10:10 p.m. MAX "Casino Royale" ★★★ (2006) Daniel Craig After receiving a license to kill, British agent James Bond enters a high-stakes poker game with Le Chiffre, a man who finances terrorist groups.

Best Bets

7 p.m. on WVTM
Movie: Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love

A sequel to the high-rated "Coat of Many Colors," this 2016 drama movie continues the saga inspired by a song by Parton, who's an executive producer here. Jennifer Nettles, Rick Schroder and (as the young Dolly) Alyvia Alyn Lind all return as the members of the rural Tennessee family who face new challenges, including a holiday blizzard and the patriarch's financial struggles to give his wife a proper wedding ring. Co-star Gerald McRaney also is back.

7 p.m. on WTTO
America Salutes You Presents Guitar Legends 3

This all-star benefit concert aims to promote and support charities that work with veterans and first responders to ensure their mental wellness. Host Billy Gibbons performs and also welcomes such musical guests as George Thorogood, Warren Haynes, Nancy Wilson, Steve Lukather, Charlie Starr, Ellis Hall and Kenny Aronoff.

7 p.m. on MAX
Movie: The Darkest Minds

Amandla Stenberg ("The Hate U Give"), Harris Dickinson ("Trust"), Mandy Moore ("This Is Us") and Gwendoline Christie ("Game of Thrones") head the ensemble cast of Jennifer Yuh Nelson's 2018 adaptation of Alexandra Bracken's dystopian young adult novel about some teenagers forced to go on the run from the government after they develop superpowers in the wake of a plague that kills 90 percent of other American children. Bradley Whitford also is featured.

7 p.m. on LMN
Movie: The Wrong Tutor: After School

If you're a regular Lifetime Movies viewer and that title sounds familiar, you're not hallucinating: This melodrama starring Ivy Matheson as a scheming young woman who persuades an unsuspecting mother (Vivica A. Fox) to hire her as her son's tutor previously aired on this channel last summer. This time around, however, it features an alternate ending. Jackée Harry, Jason-Shane Scott and William McNamara co-star.

8 p.m. on FOOD
Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives

Host Guy Fieri opens Season 32 of his road show by embarking on a quest to find truly inventive eats in a premiere called "Creative Creations." Among the more ingenious fare he finds are mac-and-cheese pancakes at a funky joint in Burlington, Vt., and, at a down-home spot in Richmond, Va., grits and biscuits that are truly extraordinary. Ottawa, Canada, is home to an artistic eatery where the staff fires up spaghetti pizza and puts its own spin on cronuts.

9 p.m. on WBIQ
Craft in America

This Peabody Award-winning docu-series that celebrates the beauty, significance and relevance of homemade objects, as well as those who make them, returns for its 11th season with a premiere episode devoted to "Quilts." The hour examines how quilts convey meaning, and are rich in history, emotions, memory and beauty. Each quilt as unique as its maker, they also tell stories that might not otherwise be shared. A second episode called "Identity," which immediately follows, explores how artists offer true expressions of their experience in this world.

9 p.m. on TRVL
Ghost Loop

Among several different types of hauntings, a "ghost loop" refers to repetitive supernatural cycles in which a paranormal entity keeps appearing in the same location, often repeating the same behavior each time. In this new series, paranormal investigator and medium Sean Austin, empath Kris Star, tech advisor Chris Califf and others on their team visit such sites and attempt to restore peace to the restless spirit by breaking these cycles of trapped occult activity.



Nancy Wilson is a musical guest on "America Salutes You Presents Guitar Legends 3" on The CW.

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.

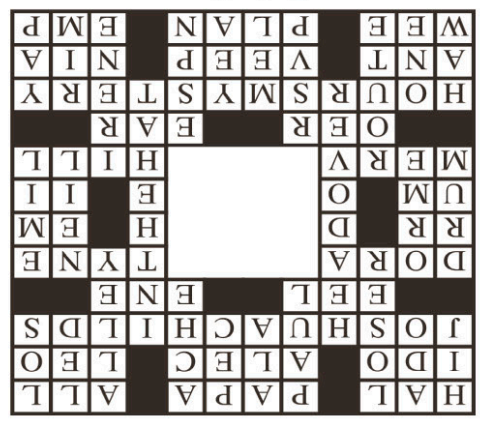
ACROSS

1. Actor Linden
4. "Come to __"; short-lived 2004 sitcom
8. "Up __ Night"
11. "What'll __ __"; Irving Berlin song
12. Sir __ Guinness
13. John Spencer's role on "The West Wing"
14. "Bluff City Law" actor (2)
17. Snakelike fish
18. 180 degrees from WSW
19. "__ the Explorer"; animated series
21. Tim Daly's sister
24. Union Pac. or B&O
25. Dorothy's aunt
26. Hesitater's syllable
27. "Star Trek __: The Wrath of Khan"
28. "The __ Griffin Show" (1962-86)
30. "__ Street Blues"
32. "... __ the ramparts we watched ..."
34. Corncob
35. "48 __ __"
41. Crawling bug
42. Pence, for short
43. Actress Long
44. "Big Top Pee-__"; Paul Reubens movie
45. "Man With a __"
46. Napoleon or Hirohito: abbr.

DOWN

1. Encyclopedia volume, perhaps
2. "Much __ About Nothing"
3. Ne'er-do-well
4. "Mad About You" role
5. Emmylou Harris' state of birth: abbr.
6. Chest muscle, for short
7. Prolonged pain
8. Actress Kirstie
9. Went before others
10. "NCIS: __ Angeles"
15. "__ __ Heels"; 2001 film for Monica Potter
16. "The Cat __ __ __"; 2003 Mike Myers movie
19. "Bang the __ Slowly"; 1973 Robert De Niro film
20. "Coffee, Tea __ __?"; Karen Valentine TV movie
22. Diamond, for one
23. First Oscar recipient __ Jannings
29. "__ 66" (1960-64)
31. Dunne or Ryan
33. Invitation letters
34. "Around the Horn" network
35. "Hee __"
36. "__ Tree Hill"
37. Tillis or Gibson
38. Affirmative vote
39. Rounded edge
40. Sharp shrill bark

Solution
Chandra Wilson



SUDOKU

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To complete this puzzle, place the numbers 1-9 in the empty cells, so that every row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold outline) contains all nine digits.

Each number 1-9 may appear only once in each row, column and 3-by-3 box.

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SUDOKU SOLUTION

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Obituary Announcements: Dec. 27

Funeral services for Richard Carbon Todd, 94, of Hanceville will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 2019 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Bethlehem Methodist Cemetery, Rev. Paul Rivers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Todd passed away Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019 at his residence. He was born April 13, 1925 to Howard Pearl and Laura Bell Presnell Todd. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers and sisters; four grandsons; daughters Bonetta Rainey and Tammy Hutchens; step-daughter Sharon Scott Harp; and step-son Mark Scott. He was a member of Hopewell Church of God and was a promoter of Southern Gospel Singing with J & R Ministries for many years. Everyone in the community loved him. He served his country in the U.S. Army and was a WWII Veteran. He is survived by his wife of 44 years Jeanette Todd; son Anthony (Martha) Todd; step-son Kent Scott; daughters Helen (Kermit) Johnson, Ginger (Grayson) Dickens and Margie (David) Cordes; step-daughter Rose (Jonathan) Langston; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, family and friends. Visitation will be Thursday evening at the funeral home from 5:30-8 p.m. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Funeral services for Ealon A. Linkous, 78, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, 2019 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Valley Springs Cemetery. The family will welcome guests for a visitation from 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29 at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Linkous was self-employed and owned and operated Valley Grove Grocery. She is the daughter of the late Wendell and Novel (Hancock) Kugler. Mrs. Linkous is survived by her four children Randy Hollis, Mitch Hollis, Kelly Hollis and Tracey (Wayne) Reburn; grandchildren Kyle, Taylor, Nathan, Stephanie and Tori Hollis; great-grandchildren Hudson, Cason, Lorelai, Dakota, Colten and Caleb Hollis; and brothers Guy Kugler and Stan (Diane) Kugler. Mrs. Linkous is preceded in death by her husband John T. Linkous and brothers Terry and Marshall Kugler.

Memorial services for James Michael "Jimmy" Johnston, 59, of Hayden will be at 11 a.m. Dec. 28, 2019 at Charis Community Church located in Hanceville, Alabama with services led by Reverend Randy Mahaffey. Mr. Johnston was a supervisor for Willoughby Roofing for many years. He enjoyed working and spending time with his loving family. Mr. Johnston will be missed by many. Mr. Johnston is survived by his grandson Ryan Johnston; step-grandchildren Brooklyn, Gavin and Chaz; and siblings Linda (Brad) Reinhold of Turlock, CA, David (Ginger) Johnston of Vinemont, AL, Marsha Price of Holy Pond, AL and Diane (Jeff) Wright of Hayden, AL. Mr. Johnston is preceded in death by son Michael Johnston; sister Carolyn Johnston; and his parents Joseph and Annie (Tolbert) Johnston.

Benjamin Wayne Coleman of Cullman passed away Dec. 25, 2019 at the age of 38. He was born in Avon Park, Florida Nov. 25, 1981 to James Wilbur Charles Jr. and Leda Kay Newsome Coleman. A memorial service will be Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019 at 5 p.m. at Bethsadia Baptist Church located at 1365 County Road 421 Cullman, Alabama 35057 with Rev. Larry Duke officiating. The family will receive friends at the church beginning at 4 p.m. Survivors are son Elijah Rain Coleman; parents Jim and Leda Coleman; brother James (Amber) Coleman; fiancé Leslie Brumleve; niece Camilla Coleman; and nephew Atticus Coleman. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

Funeral services for Mildred Virginia Griffin, 95, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. John Richter officiating; interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Griffin passed away Monday, Dec. 23, 2019 at her residence. She was born Jan. 5, 1924 to George and Ollie Newman. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Dennis Griffin and daughter Judith "Judy" Musgrave. Survivors include her daughter Janice (Buddy) Horton; sons Larry Griffin and Randy (Danielle) Griffin; grandson Crockett Griffin; granddaughter Bronwyn Griffin; two great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Graveside services for Louis George Graf, Jr., 88, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019 at Cullman City Cemetery with Ben Padgett officiating; interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Graf passed away Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019 at Tut Fann Veterans' Home in Huntsville. He was born Dec. 19, 1931 to Louis and Mayme Graf. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Dot Padgett Graf; and brother-in-law Pat Padgett. Survivors include son Dean (Teresa) Graf; daughters Luanne (Dennis) Reid and Kitty (Perry) Warren; grandchildren Summer (Ryan) Borwick, Hunter Oaks, Raleigh (Scott) Motes, Graf Reid and Will Graf; great-grandchildren Banks Borwick, Owen Motes and Leighton Motes; sisters Virginia Waddey and Jan (Jessie) Waldrop; sister-in-law Lucy Lynn; brother-in-law Ben Padgett; nieces Haylee Waddey Hall and Jessica Waldrop; nephews Jason Waldrop and Alex Waddey; and special caregiver Kathy Davis. Pallbearers are Scott Motes, Ryan Borwick, Fred Hankey, Johnny Moore, John Gerrard and Scott McDonald. Honorary pallbearers are Graf Reid and Will Graf.

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Couple (from Front)

residence and his office.

"I've been here 25 years in June in Addison, and I've never responded to a call at that house," he said.

"From what we gather, there was an argument, and it escalated to what happened."

Allen Privett is being held without bond in the Winston County Jail.

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End of the year reports: Curt's Closet serves more than 1,600 children in 2019

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Curt's Closet recently received a gift of almost 2,000 pairs of children's undergarments from students at Sacred Heart School.

CULLMAN, Ala. – It's hard to imagine that Curt's Closet, a Cullman clothing ministry founded by Ashley Wilson in memory of her son Curtis Wilson, is less than two years old. Opening its doors Mar. 1, 2018, the nonprofit organization has already served thousands of area children and youth whose families have faced long-term or emergency needs. Qualified kids and their parents/caretakers get to come and "shop" in an inviting space that is far more like a boutique than a charity clothing closet, and walk out with high-quality clothing and accessories- a fair bit of it brand new, thanks to local donors and businesses- at no charge.

In 2019 Curt's Closet served approximately 1,650 children who came through the organization's regular qualification process, plus a number of other children who were referred by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources and Victim Services of Cullman, or who faced loss from emergency circumstances like house fires.

Wilson pointed out, "1,650 children is almost three times greater than the number we served in 2018. You can see the growth of Curt's Closet since we opened in March of 2018. We could not do it without the continued support of this amazing community. There are so many to thank, such as Apel Steel, Traditions Bank, Bentley Masonry.

"There's no way to thank everyone, from the small churches that support us monthly, to the countless others who drop off donations daily to our drop-off locations.

"I always leave out so many when asked about our supporters. We appreciate all of them, no matter how small or how large."

"Clothed in Cullman" in the works

Wilson said, "After we get through the holidays, Curt's Closet will hit the ground running, finalizing details for 'Clothed in Cullman,' our annual fundraiser. Clothed in Cullman will be May 16, 2020 at Loft 212. Last year was an amazing event; we're expecting 2020 will be bigger and better."

Get involved

When writing about local charitable efforts, The Tribune likes to help get the word about anything a group needs.

Curt's Closet is active enough to be running short of one thing or another constantly, but one request has been consistent this year: volunteers.

Said Wilson, "With the growth of Curt's Closet in the past year, we are seeing a greater need for volunteers.

"Even if someone has 30 minutes a month or 30 hours, every bit helps."

Curt's Closet is also currently low on children's clothing and jeans, especially in men's sizes.

For more information on Curt's Closet, to apply for services, volunteer or make a donation, visit www.facebook.com/cw20curts-closet/ or https://sites.google.com/view/curtscloset or call 256-735-4557.

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