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CRIME

## Berlin woman charged with financially exploiting elderly victim

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**BERLIN, Ala.** – A Berlin woman was arrested and charged Saturday with first-degree financial exploitation of the elderly.

The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) said Judy Whatley, 53, was a caregiver for a senior citizen in Cullman County.

The CCSO said it took a report earlier in December from the alleged victim's family stating that Whatley had allegedly been » PAGE 8



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*Judy Whatley*

– END OF YEAR REPORTS –

## Saving Forgotten Warriors assisting with PTSD treatments, building home in Hanceville




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*The Saving Forgotten Warriors veterans' home in Hanceville nears completion.* » PAGE 8

CRIME

## $46K in merchandise stolen in Christmas morning Wal-Mart burglary; thieves entered twice

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## Holiday hours

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Cullman County offices will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Sanitation routes will be not be affected.

City of Cullman offices will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day. Sanitation routes will not be affected.

## Ringing in 2020

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Looking for somewhere to ring in the new decade tonight? Here are several opportunities around town. (Descriptions provided by the organizers)

**New Year's Eve Welcome to the Roaring 20s!**

- 5 p.m.-2 a.m. at 412 Public House, 412 Second Ave. SE, Cullman.
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- $25 admission includes event entry, heavy hors d'oeuvres, party favors and champagne at midnight.

**New Year's Eve at Goat Island Brewing** » PAGE 4

## Pet of the Week: Asher wants a happy new year!

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay reported that the shelter is finishing the year on a high note, having seen several Cullman Tribune Pets of the Week get adopted, along with others. But there are still animal friends hoping for a happy new year, so Ruttkay now shares a new Pet of the Week:

Asher is a 1.5-year-old Plott Hound mix with the dramatic striped brindle coat typical of the breed. He's an active-but-not hyper medium-energy pet who loves human interaction. He is well-tempered, developing good leash skills and respecting his people's personal space. Asher has the makings of a therapy, hiking or companion dog.

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

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's dogs have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

Please consider adopting, to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life. Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com. Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.



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*Asher*

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# Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 30

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 30, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENTS**

**Dec. 26**

• unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 1682
• violation of a protection order; CR 18

**Dec. 27**

• unlawful possession of a controlled substance; Hwy. 69
• theft of property; CR 677
• domestic violence; CR 222
• theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
• domestic violence; White Oak Loop
• harassment; CR 469
• unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Fairview Rd.
• unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 676
• unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal possession of prescription drugs; Lessman Cir. SW
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance, illegal possession of prescription drugs, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91

**Dec. 28**

• permitting dogs to run at large; CR 421
• domestic violence; CR 109
• domestic violence; CR 952
• domestic violence; CR 1526
• domestic violence; 2nd Ave. SW Hanceville
• domestic violence; CR 616

**Dec. 29**

• domestic violence; CR 1526
• harassment; Hwy. 278 E
• domestic violence; Hwy. 278 W
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1435
• permitting dogs to run at large; CR 846
• unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 162
• theft of property; CR 557
• theft of property; CR 783
• domestic violence; Hwy. 31
• unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 54

**ARRESTS**

**Dec. 26**

**Barnett, Jeremy Wayne, 38**
• violation of home builder license

**Barton, Brian Randy, 38**
• FTA- failure to register vehicle
• FTA- driving while revoked

**Brown, Jeffery Hugh, 43**
• first-degree promoting prison contraband

**Hight, Charles Leo Grady, 37**
• GJ- third-degree burglary

**Jones, Tony Dewayne, 44**
• fourth-degree theft of property

**Lambert, Adam Kerry, 40**
• second-degree bail jumping

**Landers, Barry William, 35**
• first-degree theft of property

**Nobinger, Mark Anthony, 42**
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Sapp, Dakota Mardel, 22**
• violation of a domestic violence protection order

**Sterling, James David, 62**
• sex offender failure to register termination SORNA

**Dec. 27**

**Butler, Jake Alan, 27**
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (8 counts)

**Gosnell, Jonathan Michael, 30**
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence

**Hasson, Megan Ashley, 30**
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Keeton, Kandice Lean, 31**
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Key, Seth Patrick, 37**
• second-degree criminal trespassing
• identity theft
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Phelps, Christy Marie, 36**
• FTA- fishing without a license
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• illegal possession of prescription medicine

**Powell, Nathan Allen, 29**
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence – second-degree criminal mischief
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

**Robinson, James Grady, 48**
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• illegal possession of prescription medicine
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Smith, Micah Steven, 36**
• possession of drug paraphernalia

**Dec. 28**

**Bagwell, Jessie Lynn, 30**
• fourth-degree theft of property

**Culver, John Wayne Jr., 47**
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Dorton, Eric Preston, 26**
• FTA- giving false name to law enforcement
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• FTA- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (with theft)

**Freeman, Cameron Tyler, 19**
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- transmitting obscene material to a child

**Graves, David Daron, 51**
• third-degree domestic violence – harassment

**Harbison, Blake Edward, 21**
• third-degree domestic violence
• third-degree domestic violence – harassment

**Hodge, Curtis Alexander, 35**
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**McDonald, Steven Scott, 34**
• public intoxication

**Oden, Cary James, 24**
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• writ of arrest – child support

**Owens, Joseph Michael Jr., 38**
• FTA- obstruction – using false ID

**Rieken, Richard Harold, 45**
• FTA- public intoxication

**Whatley, Judy, 53**
• first-degree financial exploitation of the elderly

**Dec. 29**

**Beasley, Anthony Ray, 48**
• GJ- second-degree receiving stolen property
• GJ- second-degree theft of property

**Frederick, David Ryan, 24**
• brass knuckles
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Henley, Ashtin Gene, 28**
• FTA- driving without a license

**Kopp, Kimberly Anne, 57**
• third-degree domestic violence

**Morgan, Felicia Darlene, 31**
• probation violation – second-degree forgery (3 counts)
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Stevens, Leroy Cletus, 37**
• probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**Dec. 26**

• duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; 2nd Ave. SW; damage to '16 Chev. 1500; $1,000

**Dec. 27**

• third-degree domestic violence – harassment, third-degree criminal mischief; person; Hwy. 157; damage to '16 Chev. Sonic; $350
• third-degree burglary, second-degree theft of property; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW; miscellaneous; $2,100
• third-degree burglary; person; St. Joseph St. NW; misc. & damaged property; $10,100
• third-degree criminal trespassing; Wellstone Behavioral Health; third-degree criminal trespassing; Commerce Ave. NW
• fourth-degree theft of lost property; person; Olive St. SW; cash; unknown amount of property value
• third-degree criminal mischief; person; Hwy. 278 W; damage to '16 Kia Sorento; unknown amount of property value

**Dec. 28**

• second-degree criminal mischief; person; 7th St. SW; damaged tires; $2,200
• first-degree robbery; person; Cleveland Ave. SW; phone, card; unknown amount of property value
• leaving the scene of an accident; person; Donauer Dr. SW; damage to '08 BMW; $300

**Dec. 29**

• third-degree theft of property; person; Hwy. 278 E; purse & contents. phone, misc.; unknown amount of property value
• first-degree theft of property; person; 13th St. NE; '85 Dodge Ram 3/4 Ton; $5,000
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Northcrest Dr. NW; gun; $280

**ARRESTS**

**Dec. 27**

**Powell, Joseph D., 22**
• FTA- improper taillights

**Phelps, Crystal M., 34**
• violation of a protection order

**Velsques, William O., 37**
• public intoxication

**Woods, Russell D., 44**
• third-degree burglary

**Kilgore, Timothy L., 60**
• third-degree criminal trespassing

**Dec. 28**

**Oden, Cary J., 24**
• possession of drug paraphernalia

**Bishop, Kenedi S., 25**
• harassment

**Warnecke, Andrew S., 32**
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

**Dec. 29**

**Hughes, Tamala J., 48**
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

**Beasley, Anthony R., 48**
• fourth-degree receiving stolen property

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No incidents or arrests reported.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR
## *Dec. 31 - Jan. 2*

**TUESDAY, DEC. 31**

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

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

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

**Thomas Jefferson Denney Camp #1442 Meeting**
7 p.m. at the Cullman VFW, 112 Veterans Dr. SW. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 256-531-4591.

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**Hurts. Habits. Hang-ups. Meeting**
• Bring the whole family! Bible study for children and nursery will be open.
• Free hot home-cooked meal served at 5:30 p.m.
• Meeting at 6:15 p.m.
• Fellowship- Praise and worship- Guest speakers- Prayer
• Come join us every Tuesday night for one of the best support groups in town!
• Spirit Life Church, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman, AL 35055

**Roaring 20s New Year's Eve Gala**
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**New Year's Eve at Goat Island Brewing**
• 7 p.m.-midnight at Goat Island, 1646-A John H Cooper Drive SE, Cullman.
• Say GOODBYE to 2019 and HELLO to 2020 with us at Goat Island Brewing! Live music by Round 2 and prime rib plates catered by Freddie Day Catering.
• $25/plate - RESERVATION REQUIRED
• To make a reservation, please email your name and number of guests attending to felicia.morris@goatislandbrewing.com or stop by the brewery and have the bartender add you to the list.

**New Year's Eve Celebration**
• 7 p.m. - midnight at Hanceville Ablaze Revival Center, 201 Main St. NW, Hanceville.
• Hanceville Ablaze is excited to announce a night of intense worship and encounter with the love of the Father! Paul Metcalf and John Purcell will release a prophetic word concerning 2020. We would love to have you and your family come and worship with us that night! We will begin at 7 p.m. and will have dinner as well! Come expecting a move of Holy Spirit!

**Watch Night Service**
• 8 p.m.-midnight at Ole' Time Way Baptist Church, 1530 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, 35058.
A great time of singing, preaching, praying, eating and fellowship, while saying goodbye to 2019 and hello to 2020.

**New Year's Eve Dance at Cullman Moose Lodge**
8 p.m.-midnight- Honeysuckle Blue featuring Chester Cox on percussion performing at the Cullman Moose Lodge - OPEN TO PUBLIC, not just members - $25 per couple, $15 for singles. 1729 Eva Road NE, Cullman.

**New Year's Eve Celebration to Benefit St. Paul's Lutheran School**
• 8 p.m.-midnight at Top of The Town, 316 Second Ave. SW, Cullman
• Roaring 20s-themed to welcome in 2020- Jazz Age attire is strongly encouraged for patrons who wish to come enjoy a night of great live music, incredible food from Designs by Grace, fun and fellowship capped off with a champagne toast at midnight.
• A 2020 adventure-themed treasure chest will be raffled off as well.
• Tickets are available for purchase now at www.stpaulscullman.com. This event is 21 and up.
• Groups interested in purchasing tables for the event can contact Emily Trahan at emilytrahan@stpaulscullman.com.

**The Great Gatsby NYE Bash!**
• 8 p.m.-2 a.m. at Dreher's, 216 First Ave. SE, Cullman.
• Calling all flappers and dappers; NYE at Dreher's is going to be the bee's knees. We'll be featuring specialty Prohibition era cocktails and dancing the night away with a live DJ. The Roaring 20s are back, folks. Dress your best and get ready to swing.
• 4-8 p.m.: Dinner as usual
• 8 p.m.: Time to Speak Easy

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1**

**Happy New Year!**

**THURSDAY, JAN. 2**

**Arise Fitness Company Free Grand Opening Community Workout**
• 5:15 p.m., 113 Commercial St., Hanceville
• We want to make your first workout of 2020 a blast! Grab a buddy and come join us for a night filled with functional fitness and fun. This will be appropriate for anyone, all fitness levels welcome! What you can expect is a high intensity workout with trainers guiding you every step of the way.

**UPCOMING...**

**Cullman Community Theatre Membership Drive Meeting**
Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m.- Come learn about Cullman Community Theatre and our new 2020 season! Look at our membership opportunities and meet new friends who share a love for theater. Meet the Board of Directors and find out how to get involved both on stage and behind the scenes. See you there!

**St. Paul's Swamp John's Dinner**
Monday, Jan. 13, 4-7 p.m. St. Paul's Lutheran School Gym, 510 Third Ave. SE, Cullman; $12 a plate; menu includes fish, shrimp, chicken, slaw, fries, hush puppies, dessert and drink. Proceeds will be used for Ladies Aid projects.

PREP BASKETBALL

# Warriors advance to Christmas Tournament finals, Cold Springs falls to Brewer; Friday scoring recap

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**WEST POINT, Ala.** – After splitting their opening-round games of the West Point Christmas Tournament Thursday night, Cold Springs and West Point returned to Jim Boyd Gymnasium Friday night for another pair of tournament matchups. The Eagles fell to Brewer in the losers bracket 65-51 and the Warriors defeated Corner 76-62 to advance to Saturday's finals.

**Brewer 65 – Cold Springs 51 (varsity boys)**

The Eagles jumped out to a 10-0 lead early in the opening quarter, but it was tough sledding for Cold Springs after that. A 9-1 Brewer scoring run cut the lead to 11-9 late in the first quarter but a Seth Williams basket gave the Eagles a 15-12 lead going into the second quarter.

A tough basket from Adam Hill made it 17-13 early in the second but a quick three-pointer on the other end cut it to 17-16. Another three from the Patriots gave them a 24-19 lead midway through the period but a Brodi Peppers jumper trimmed the lead to 26-22 with two minutes before the half.

Peppers managed to score another basket at the buzzer, but Brewer led the way 31-26 at the break.

The first three minutes of the second half were scoreless until Logan Rice drilled a three to cut the lead to 31-29 but the Patriots finished the third on a 10-3 run to take a 42-32 advantage into the final frame.

A Brodi Williams jumper made it 45-36 early in the fourth quarter but Brewer was able to pull ahead 54-39 midway through the quarter and held on to defeat the Eagles 65-51. Peppers led Cold Springs with 15 points in the loss, followed by Tanner Kilgo with 12, Hill with nine and Micah Calver with six. The Eagles will be back on the floor at West Point to take on Falkville at 9 a.m.

**West Point 76 – Corner 62 (varsity boys)**

A Will Cochran basket gave the Warriors an early 6-5 lead over Corner and after a scoring run put the Yellow Jackets up 16-10 midway through the quarter, another Cochran basket combined with five straight points from Kobe Bowers gave West Point a 17-16 lead.

Bowers knocked down a three late in the first and Aubry Cleghorn added another triple at the buzzer to give the Warriors a 32-23 lead going into the second.

West Point maintained a 37-23 lead early in the second and continued to make shots. Another Cochran bucket followed by an and-one play from Bowers made it 42-30 with three minutes remaining in the half and Bowers added a pair of free throws in the final seconds of the period to put the Warriors up 48-32 at the half.

A basket from Logan Selby made it 51-34 early in the third and West Point held onto a 55-41 advantage midway through the quarter. The Patriots managed to trim the lead to 58-47 late in the third and had the lead down to 10 by the start of the fourth quarter.

A three-pointer from Tyler White stretched the lead to 63-52 early in the fourth and a Cochran three on the next possession made it 66-54.

Brewer began fouling the Warriors in an effort to extend the game, but West Point was good enough from the free throw line to pull away and win it 76-62, punching a ticket to tomorrow's tournament finals.

Cochran led the Warriors with 23 points in the win, followed closely by Bowers with 22.

White added 12 points for West Point and Cleghorn finished with 11. The Warriors will play either Danville or Hayden in the West Point Christmas Tournament finals Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

**Other Friday scores:**

- Fairview 44 – Arab 34 (varsity girls)



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***West Point's Kobe Bowers (24) finished with 22 points in the Warriors' 76-62 win over Corner Friday night.***

- Fairview 66 – Gardendale 58 (varsity boys)
- Central-Tuscaloosa 64 – Cullman 56 (varsity boys)
- Cullman 66 – Leeds 43 (varsity boys)
- Good Hope 57 – Sulligent 34 (varsity girls)
- Winfield 45 – Good Hope 38 (varsity girls)
- Good Hope 71 – North Murray 62 (varsity boys)
- Alexandria 54 – Holly Pond 41 (varsity girls)

PREP BASKETBALL

# Warriors fall to Danville in West Point Christmas Tournament finals

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**WEST POINT, Ala.** – After knocking off Corner Friday night to advance to Saturday's West Point Christmas Tournament championship game, the Warriors met the Danville Hawks with this year's tournament title on the line. Despite taking an early lead in the opening quarter, West Point couldn't keep pace with the Hawks' performance from three-point range and fell at home 71-64.

Aubry Cleghorn drilled a three to give the Warriors an early 6-2 lead and back to back baskets from Sam Wheeler put them in front 12-9 midway through the first quarter.

Danville answered with a 13-4 scoring run that put the Hawks up 22-16 by the start of the second quarter and they continued to knock down jumpers from nearly everywhere on the floor.

A spinning layup by Tyler White cut the lead to 27-20 early in the second but Danville was back up by 10 by the midway point of the period.

Five straight points from Will Cochran trimmed the lead to 39-33 late in the second but a basket at the buzzer helped the Hawks build a 41-35 lead at the halftime break.

An and-one play by Wheeler made it a 48-40 game early in the third but back to back three-pointers from Danville put the Warriors down 54-40.

A basket from Logan Selby cut the lead to 54-46 midway through the third quarter and Selby added a pair of free throws with under a minute to play in the period to make it 60-51 heading into the fourth. A pair of free throws and a quick basket from Cochran cut the lead to 60-56 midway through the quarter and back to back jumpers from Cleghorn made it a 62-60 game with under three minutes to play.

The Hawks were effective at the free throw line, knocking down four straight to pull ahead 68-60 with under a minute to play and held on to win it 71-64.

Cochran led West Point with 24 points in the loss, followed by Cleghorn with 11, Selby with 10 and Wheeler with eight.

The Warriors will be back in action next Friday when they host the Russellville Golden Tigers in an area showdown.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Purifoy, Johnson lead Auburn in 84-59 win over Lipscomb

**Greg Ostendorf**
AU Athletics

**AUBURN, Ala.** – It had been over a month since Danjel Purifoy last scored in double figures. It had been even longer for Jamal Johnson. Both players found their stroke again Sunday, giving No. 8 Auburn a much-needed boost offensively.

With a combined 31 points from Purifoy and Johnson, the Tigers (12-0) stayed perfect on the season with an 86-59 win over Lipscomb inside Auburn Arena in what was the final non-conference game before SEC play begins. It was the team's third-highest scoring output this season and the highest since Nov. 18 when they scored 91 points against Colgate.

"We played better tonight, which we needed to," Auburn head coach Bruce Pearl said. "We talked about that a little bit coming off the break. When we shoot (the 3), it adds a different dimension to our offense. Danjel made three. Jamal made four. We got some good looks. As we go against bigger, more physical teams, it's got to be part of our arsenal."

Purifoy led Auburn with a season-high 17 points on 5 of 9 shooting. The senior also just missed his first double-double of the season with nine rebounds, including six offensive rebounds.

"I felt like I came out and played a great game," Purifoy said. "My whole process on my mind was just being aggressive throughout the whole game."

"I think he's ready for the second half of the season," added Pearl. "We've talked about the fact that we need him to be good. We won't win as many SEC games as we should unless he doesn't do what he does tonight. I'm not asking him to do anything he's not capable of doing. He knows that. He absolutely knows it. I thought he had a good rhythm to his game."

Johnson gave the Tigers their first lead of the game with a 3-pointer at the 13-minute mark of the first half. He knocked down three more shots from beyond the arc and also made a sweet scoop shot with his right hand midway through the second half to finish with 14 points, matching his career high at Auburn that he set earlier this year in a win at South Alabama.

"(Pearl) always says to stay right and stay ready," Johnson said. "You never know when your name is going to be called, so you have to stay ready, try to make an impact, play hard, play with the team and be confident."

It was a slow start for the Tigers, who fell behind 10-2 early. But they battled back to take the lead and then finished the first half on a 21-7 run over the final 9:25, holding Lipscomb without a point for over seven minutes to take a 40-25 lead into the locker room at the break.

Senior Austin Wiley continued his dominance inside with 10 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks. It was the fifth double-double of the season for Wiley, who is currently leading the SEC in rebounding with 9.5 boards per game. As a team, Auburn finished with nine blocked shots and outrebounded Lipscomb, 43-28.

Fellow starters Isaac Okoro and Samir Doughty also scored in double figures with 14 and 11 points respectively in what was a breakout game offensively for the Tigers, who shot 51.7 percent from the field and made 12 of their 32 shots from beyond the arc.

Doughty, the team's leading scorer coming in, also added a game-high seven assists.

With the win, Auburn moves to 12-0 and is one of only two unbeaten teams remaining in college basketball, joining San Diego State. It's the program's best start since the 1998-99 season when the Tigers won their first 17 games before losing.

Now it's on SEC play where Auburn will open on the road at Mississippi State next Saturday, Jan. 4. The game is scheduled to tip at 3:30 p.m. CT and will be televised on SEC Network.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Jaden Shackelford shoots Alabama past Richmond, 90-78, in final game of 2019

**UA Athletics**
Contributor

**TUSCALOOSA, Ala.** – Freshman guard Jaden Shackelford poured in a season-high 28 points, fueling Alabama to a 90-78 win over Richmond on Sunday evening inside Coleman Coliseum. It was the Crimson Tide's third consecutive game of scoring 90 or more points – the first time in close to two decades dating back to the 2000-01 season that UA has achieved that feat.

Alabama (7-5) won for the fifth time in its last six games with Sunday's 12-point win as the team finished the month of December with a 4-1 record.

Shackelford scored 14 of his 28 points in each half and knocked down a season-best six three-pointers to help the Tide grab an early lead it never relinquished. In addition, junior forward Herbert Jones recorded his first career double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds to finish as one of four UA players in double figures.

Junior John Petty Jr. continued his hot streak by reaching double figures for the eighth time over the last nine games, finishing with 17 points, six rebounds and four assists, while sophomore Kira Lewis Jr. added 17 points and four assists in the victory.

Richmond (10-3) was led by Jacob Gilyard's 21 points, while Grant Golden finished with 14 points, 11 rebounds and three assists.

**Nate Oats Postgame Comments**

"I thought it was a good win. Sometimes you worry about the last game going into Christmas or the first game coming out of Christmas – if you are going to be sharp and locked in. I thought we played well in both of them. Richmond is a quality team, they've been playing well, their record is great. We didn't have the greatest start to the game, which isn't typical, we have been having some pretty good starts. The start wasn't good today, I didn't think we closed the half well. We challenged them at halftime to make sure our start to the second half was better and I thought we were a lot better. I thought we had multiple guys play pretty well. Herb is getting better every game, if he can stay out of foul trouble. When he's not in foul trouble, like last game, he played 38 minutes or something. His value shows when he's healthy and he's getting much healthier for us. This was the first game he hasn't worn the elbow brace. I thought he looked pretty good. It was the first double-double of his career, which is shocking to me. I think he should be a double-double machine if he's healthy and out of foul trouble. Hopefully like Petty, who didn't have any double doubles for 76 straight games and then he gets three out of the next five games. Hopefully Herb starts going on a tear here with a bunch of double-doubles. I did challenge him before the game and told him, you should be tired of JP leading the team in rebounding, you've got to go get some rebounds! He did, so it was good. I was happy with the effort our guys gave."

**Team Stats**

- Alabama led for all but 3:41 seconds of the contest, taking the lead for good at the 15:07 mark on a Shackelford three-pointer
- Shackelford had a standout night, breaking personal records in points (28), rebounds (8), field goals made (8) and threes made (6)
- Jones earned his first career double-double in 80 games played with 11 points and 10 boards
- Four players finished with double-digit points
- Shackelford and Reese were close to earning double-doubles, both with 10-plus points and eight boards

**First Half**

- Richmond jumped out to a 10-5 lead at the game's first media timeout
- Alabama came out of the media timeout red-hot, using an 11-0 spurt to take the lead for good at 16-10 with 13:53 remaining before intermission
- Lewis converted a three-point play to extend Alabama's lead to 29-21 with 7:59 remaining in the first half
- A 6-0 Spiders run cut the Alabama lead to just 38-37 with 1:40 to go in the first, but Alabama would carry a 43-39 lead into the break
- Shackelford led the Crimson Tide with 14 points and six rebounds, while Lewis added 10 points

**Second Half**

- Alabama made three triples in the first five minutes of the second half to stretch its advantage to 54-47 with 15:11 remaining
- A tip-in by Jones at the 12:02 mark gave Alabama a 12-point advantage, 61-49, giving the Crimson Tide its largest lead of the game to that point
- Alabama kept pouring it on, as a Shackelford three-pointer extended the Tide's lead to 67-51, the team's biggest lead of the game, with 10:31 to go in the contest
- A 13-3 surge by Richmond got the Spiders back in the game, as Alabama held tight to a 70-64 with 8:09 to play
- At the game's final media timeout, Alabama owned an 84-72 edge with 3:08 left in the game
- The Tide ended the game hitting 10-of-13 free throws to seal the win

The Tide will return to action on Saturday, Jan. 4, as it begins SEC play with a trip to Gainesville, Fla. to take on the Florida Gators. Tip-off is slated for 5 p.m. and will be available on ESPN2.

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.

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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# What's coming up at the Cullman County Public Library

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – With the new year beginning, The Tribune reached out to the Cullman County Public Library to see what's coming up in January.

Library Outreach Coordinator Willette Harbison said the library's Book Mobile will return to its route Jan. 8, 2020.

"There's 2,444 books on the Book Mobile," she said. "I go to four different schools- Cullman Christian, Vinemont Christian and I go to two homeschools, Legacy down at Crosshaven Church and I also go to Classical Connections up on Highway 157. We also go where we're invited."

Also happening Jan. 8, author Rosemarie Reinhard Musso will be at the library at noon to share her experiences in Nazi Germany and how she learned to forgive.

Musso's book is "Father Forgive Them- the Four Laws of Forgiveness: Memories of Survival During WWII in Nazi Germany." This presentation was rescheduled from this past October.

Harbison also talked about the Children Services Book Reading Program.

"Every Monday and Tuesday of the month, we have a children's program here at 10 a.m., usually here," she said.

"We have community leaders come out from different places that read to the children.

"And then Ms. Polly Easterwood comes once a month, and there's not sitting or standing room; she's big on coming out, she does music."

Continuing on Jan. 15 will be the Bifocal Program.

"It's a program where I go out to assisted living homes, right now I'm just serving Morningside and we just have a great time," smiled Harbison.

"It might be a holiday, things of the past, but we'll have like a 20-minute program and then we will just discuss things they did when they were younger and how they came up through the (Great) Depression; most of these people did, and they'll tell me stories and I just enjoy it so very much."

Other library events happening in January include: Family History this Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020 at 10 a.m.; Children Services Book Reading Jan. 6, 2020 at Panera Bread at 10 a.m. (Also occurs every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the library); 2020 Census Recruiting, Jan. 7 and 9 from 5-8 p.m. and Medicare Seminar, Jan. 11, 2020.




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***Cullman County Library main branch at 200 Clark St. NE***

Harbison said schools or other organizations interested in having the Book Mobile make a stop should call 256-734-1068.

Find out more about the Cullman County Public Library System at www.facebook.com/cullmancountypubliclibrarysystem.

## 2020 (from Front)

• 7 p.m.-midnight at Goat Island, 1646-A John H Cooper Drive SE, Cullman.
• Say GOODBYE to 2019 and HELLO to 2020 with us at Goat Island Brewing! Live music by Round 2 and prime rib plates catered by Freddie Day Catering.
• $25/plate - RESERVATION REQUIRED
• To make a reservation, please email your name and number of guests attending to felicia.morris@goatislandbrewing.com or stop by the brewery and have the bartender add you to the list.

**New Year's Eve Celebration**
• 7 p.m.-midnight at Hanceville Ablaze Revival Center, 201 Main St. NW, Hanceville.
• Hanceville Ablaze is excited to announce a night of intense worship and encounter with the love of the Father!
• Paul Metcalf and John Purcell will release a prophetic word concerning 2020.
• We would love to have you and your family come and worship with us that night!
• We will begin at 7 p.m. and will have dinner as well!
• Come expecting a move of the Holy Spirit!

**Watch Night Service**
• 8 p.m.-midnight at Ole' Time Way Baptist Church, 1530 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, 35058.
• A great time of singing, preaching, praying, eating and fellowship, while saying goodbye to 2019 and hello to 2020.

**New Year's Eve Dance at Cullman Moose Lodge**
• 8 p.m.-midnight- Honeysuckle Blue featuring Chester Cox on percussion performing at the Cullman Moose Lodge - OPEN TO PUBLIC, not just members - $25 per couple, $15 for singles. 1729 Eva Road NE, Cullman.

**New Year's Eve Celebration to Benefit St. Paul's Lutheran School**
• 8 p.m.-midnight at Top of The Town, 316 Second Ave. SW, Cullman
• Roaring 20s-themed to welcome in 2020- Jazz Age attire is strongly encouraged for patrons who wish to come enjoy a night of great live music, incredible food from Designs by Grace, fun and fellowship capped off with a champagne toast at midnight.
• A 2020 adventure-themed treasure chest will be raffled off as well.
• Tickets are available for purchase now at www.stpaulscullman.com. This event is 21 and up.
• Groups interested in purchasing tables for the event can contact Emily Trahan at emilytrahan@stpaulscullman.com.

**The Great Gatsby NYE Bash!**
• 8 p.m.-2 a.m. at Dreher's, 216 First Ave. SE, Cullman.
• Calling all flappers and dappers; NYE at Dreher's is going to be the bee's knees. We'll be featuring specialty Prohibition era cocktails and dancing the night away with a live DJ.
• The Roaring 20s are back, folks. Dress your best and get ready to swing.
• 4-8 p.m.: Dinner as usual
8 p.m.: Time to Speak Easy









# Federal law raises minimum age for tobacco purchases to 21

**Scott Harris**
Contributor

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** – On Dec. 20, 2019, President Donald Trump signed legislation to raise the federal minimum age of sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21 years. It is now illegal for retailers to sell any tobacco products, including cigarettes, cigars and e-cigarettes, to anyone under the age of 21.

Prior to this change, the minimum age to buy tobacco products in Alabama was 19.

Retailers with questions about the new requirements can contact the Center for Tobacco Products Office of Small Business Assistance at 1-877-287-1373, or via email at smallbiz.tobacco@fda.hhs.gov, for help.

Further resources on regulations surrounding the retail sale of tobacco products can be found at www.fda.gov/tobacco-products/compliance-enforcement-training/retail-sales-tobacco-products.

Alabama Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris said he supports the increase in the buying age.

"Most people who smoke start before they turn 21, and adolescent brains are especially susceptible to nicotine addiction," he said. "We hope this change will help reduce the habit, since tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable disease, disability and death in the United States."

Smoking kills more than 8,600 adults in Alabama each year. Annually, the state spends more than $1.88 billion in health care costs directly caused by smoking.



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# Get a healthy start in 2020 with the Alabama Tobacco Quitline

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Contributor

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** – Ringing in the New Year is often seen as a chance to get a fresh start. As we approach the beginning of a new decade, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) encourages Alabama's smokers to start a healthier, tobacco- and vape-free life with the help of the Alabama Tobacco Quitline.

Using the Alabama Tobacco Quitline is simple: Alabama residents can call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or visit quitnowalabama.com for free help.

"Many people make that New Year's resolution to quit smoking, but too often they try to do it by themselves and end up failing," said ADPH Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Cessation Manager Monica Moore.

"What we're offering through the Quitline is an improved chance at success because you're going to get the support you need to succeed."

That support includes individualized coaching services available over the telephone or online seven days a week from 6 a.m. to midnight. Residents who are medically eligible and enrolled in the Quitline program can also receive up to eight weeks of free nicotine replacement therapy (NRT).

Moore said using the Quitline will not only provide immediate health benefits to the smoker, but to the smoker's family, friends, and co-workers as well.

"Children exposed to secondhand smoke see an increased risk in sudden infant death syndrome and respiratory infections, among other things," Moore said.

"Adults can see their risk of stroke and lung and heart disease grow because of secondhand smoke as well.

"With the Quitline, we're offering a chance to not only improve and protect your own health, but the health of your loved ones also."

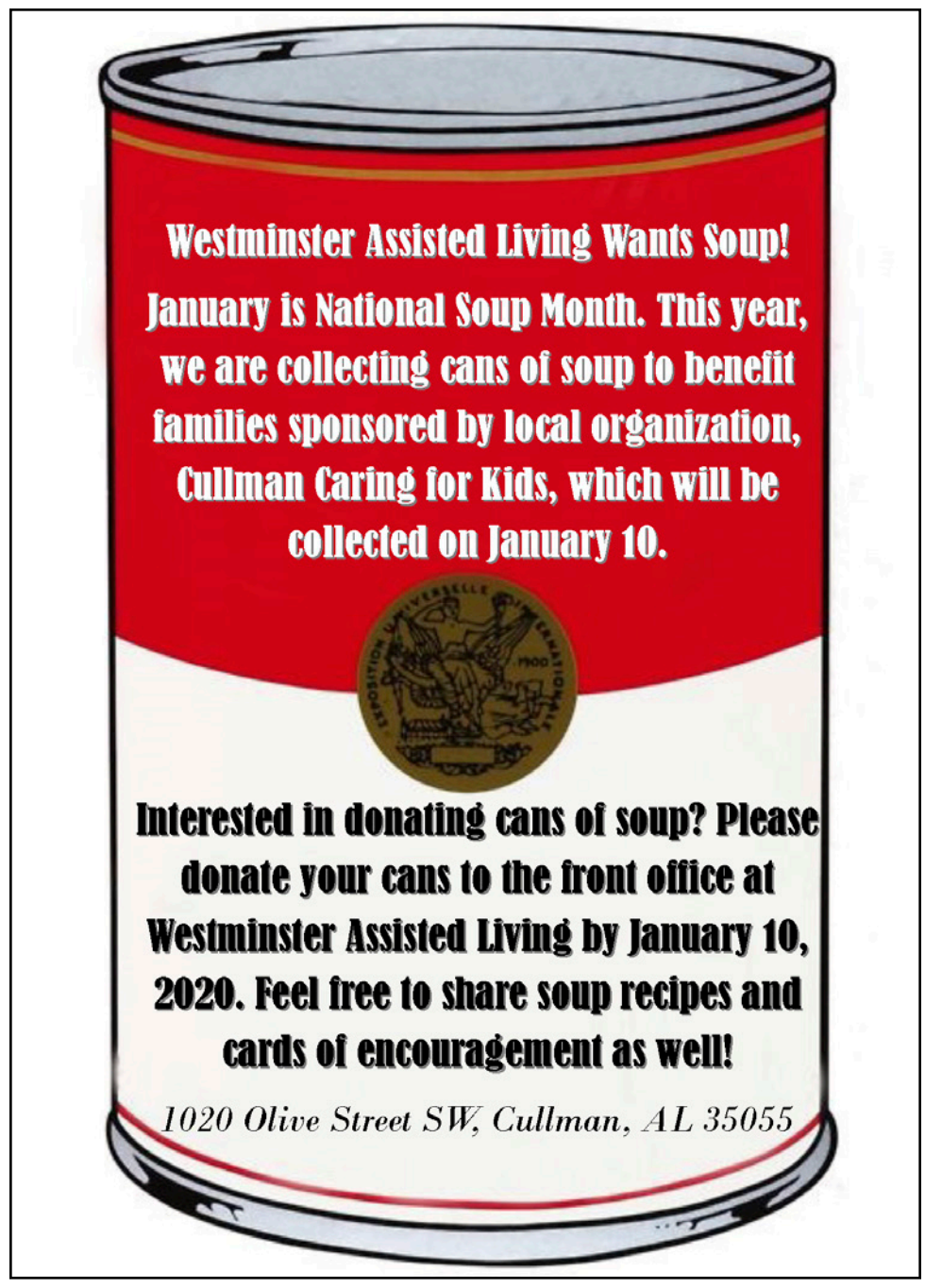
In Alabama, 19.2 percent of adults are smokers compared to the national rate of 16.1 percent, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) 2018 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Smoking is the number one cause of preventable death and disease in the nation, and kills more than 8,600 adults in Alabama each year. Annually, the state spends more than $1.88 billion in health care costs directly caused by smoking.

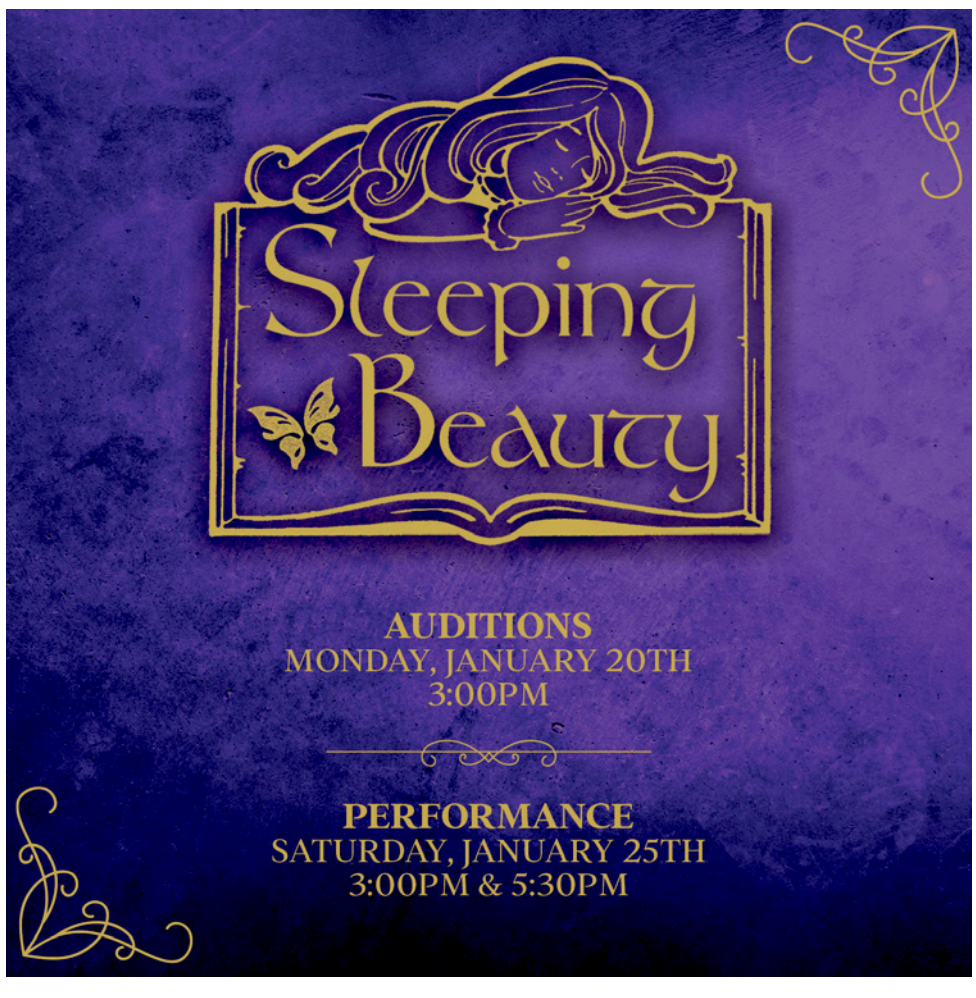
Concern over the use of e-cigarettes and vaping products is growing as the CDC continues to investigate a national outbreak of lung disease associated with e-cigarettes and vaping products.

As of December 10, over 2,400 cases of e-cigarette or vaping product use associated lung injury have been reported to the CDC from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. ADPH has confirmed 13 cases of this lung disease as of December 26. One Alabama resident has died due to this lung disease.

For additional information on electronic cigarettes and their health effects, visit www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/index.htm. For more information on quitting tobacco, please visit ADPH Tobacco Prevention and Control at alabamapublichealth.gov/tobacco.






## TUESDAY EVENING

MOVIES

DECEMBER 31, 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 |
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| WABM-MyTV | 2 | 25 Words or Less | America Says | Family Feud | Family Feud | Dateline A woman dies after hosting a party. | | Chicago P.D. "Disco Bob" A double murder investigation. | | Chicago P.D. Platt's new demeanor is questioned. | | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing |
| WBIQ-PBS | 4 | Ready Jet Go! (El) | Peg & Cat (El) | PBS NewsHour (N) | | Live From Lincoln Center (Season Finale) The music of Stephen Sondheim. (N) | | | Live From Lincoln Center The music of Stephen Sondheim. | | | Ray Stevens CabaRay Nashville "Billy Dean" | |
| 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 | A Toast to 2019! The biggest moments of the year. (N) | | | | NBC New Year's Eve Special 2020 (N) (Live) | | WVTM 13 News at 10p | NBC New Year's Eve |
| WBRC-FOX | 7 | WBRC FOX6 News at 5pm | WBRC FOX6 News | WBRC FOX6 News at 6pm | Inside Edition (N) | Fox's New Year's Eve With Steve Harvey: Live From Times Square Steve Harvey rings in the new year. (N) | | | | WBRC FOX6 News at 9pm | WBRC FOX6 News | WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm | TMZ (N) |
| WIAT-CBS | 8 | CBS42 News 5pm (N) | CBS Evening News | CBS42 News 6pm (N) | Entertainment Tonight (N) | NCIS "Friendly Fire" A string of soldiers are killed. | | FBI "Invisible" Kidnappers try to become famous. | | FBI "Apex" A struggle to find justice for victims. | | CBS42 News 10pm (N) | Late Show-Colbert |
| WTTO-CW | 9 | The Goldbergs "Rush" | 2 Broke Girls | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | iHeartRadio Music Festival Night 2 Highlights of the event in Las Vegas. | | | | Two and a Half Men | Two and a Half Men | The Andy Griffith Show | The Andy Griffith Show |
| WPXH-ION | 11 | Criminal Minds Former rehab patients die of overdoses. | | Criminal Minds Prominent businessmen are murdered. | | Criminal Minds The team investigates an abduction. | | Criminal Minds Children appear to have been abducted. | | Criminal Minds A killer seems to outsmart the BAU. | | Criminal Minds Murders take place in haunted houses. | |
| WABM2-ABC | 12 | ABC 33/40 News at 5PM | ABC World News | ABC 33/40 News at 6PM | Wheel of Fortune (N) | Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest 2020 New Year's Eve in Times Square. (N) | | | | Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve-2020 | | ABC 33/40 News at 10PM | Dick Clark's New Year's |
| A&E | 42 | (4:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 10.04.19" | | | | Live PD "Top 40 Moments of 2019, Part 1" The year's top moments recalled. (Part 1 of 2) | | | | Live PD "Top 40 Moments of 2019, Part 2" The year's top 40 moments recalled. (Part 2 of 2) | | | |
| AMC | 53 | (4:30) ★★★ "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2" (2015) Jennifer Lawrence. Katniss and her team attempt to assassinate President Snow. | | | | | ★★★ "The Hunger Games" (2012, Science Fiction) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth. In a dystopian society, teens fight to the death on live TV. | | | | | | "Catching Fire" |
| ANPL | 47 | Lone Star Law Locating drug smugglers. | | Lone Star Law Fishing without a license leads to jail. | | Lone Star Law: Uncuffed "Oyster Heist" The wardens protect oysters. (N) | | | | Lone Star Law A woman is served an arrest warrant. | | Lone Star Law Busting deer poacher; baby rattlesnake. | |
| BET | 55 | (4:55) ★★★ "What's Love Got to Do With It" (1993, Biography) Angela Bassett, Laurence Fishburne, Vanessa Bell Calloway. The life of singer-actress Tina Turner. | | | | | | ★★★ "Dreamgirls" (2006, Musical) Jamie Foxx, Beyoncé Knowles, Eddie Murphy. Three singers learn that fame has a high price. | | | | | |
| BRAVO | 58 | (3:30) ★★ "Fifty Shades of Grey" (2015) Dakota Johnson. | | ★★ "Fifty Shades Darker" (2017, Romance) Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan, Eric Johnson. Christian Grey rekindles his romance with Anastasia Steele. | | | | | ★★ "Fifty Shades of Grey" (2015, Romance) Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan, Jennifer Ehle. An inexperienced student begins a daring love affair. | | | | |
| CMTV | 61 | (1:30) ★★★★ "Titanic" (1997) Leonardo DiCaprio. | | ★★★★ "Titanic" (1997, Historical Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. | | | | | | | | | ★★ "Where the Heart Is" |
| CNBC | 35 | Mad Money (N) | | Shark Tank Military members and veterans. | | Shark Tank Enclosed tabletop food screen. | | Shark Tank Survival kits; a throwable microphone. | | Shark Tank A boutique shave club for women. | | Shark Tank Cooking grease disposal system. | |
| CNN | 37 | The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer (N) | | CNN Special Report "All the Best, All the Worst 2019" | | New Year's Eve Live With Anderson Cooper and Andy Cohen Celebration from Times Square. (N) (Live) | | | | | | | |
| COM | 56 | South Park "Damien" | South Park "Gnomes" | South Park | South Park "Succubus" | South Park | South Park | South Park "The Ring" | South Park | South Park "Kenny Dies" | South Park | South Park | South Park |
| DISN | 49 | Sydney to the Max | Sydney to the Max | Sydney to the Max | Gabby Duran | Gabby Duran | Gabby Duran | Raven's Home | Raven's Home | Raven's Home | Big City Greens | Big City Greens | Big City Greens |
| DSC | 43 | Moonshiners: Holiday Spirits Tickle takes on his first big run. | | Moonshiners: Holiday Spirits "In the Name of Shine" (N) | | Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts Tickle runs for cover. (N) | | Moonshiners A drone invades Josh's airspace. (N) | | (:01) Guardians of the Glades "Rules of the Hunt" | | (:04) Moonshiners Tim Smith has a visitor from his past. | |
| E! | 21 | Sex and the City | Sex and the City | Sex and the City | Sex and the City | Sex and the City | Sex and the City | Sex and the City | Sex and the City | Sex and the City | Sex and the City | Sex and the City | Sex and the City |
| ESPN | 29 | College Football: AutoZone Liberty Bowl | | Football Scoreboard | College Football Valero Alamo Bowl -- Utah vs Texas. (N) (Live) | | | | | | | SportsCenter (N) (Live) | |
| ESPN2 | 30 | SportsCenter (N) (Live) | | Professional Fighters League Championship. Featuring six world title fights. From Madison Square Garden in New York. (N) (Live) | | | | | | | | High School Football Under Armour Skills Challenge. (Taped) | |
| FOOD | 45 | Chopped Competitors embrace fermentation theme. | | Chopped A small fish and a strange condiment. | | Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives "Hometown Heroes" | | Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Barbecue; Neapolitan pizza. | | Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives "Rockstar Chefs" | | Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives "All-American All-Stars" | |
| FREE | 48 | (4:50) ★★★ "Shrek" (2001) Voices of Mike Myers. Animated. A monster and a donkey make a deal with a mean lord. | | | | (6:55) ★★★ "Iron Man" (2008, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard, Gwyneth Paltrow. A billionaire dons an armored suit to fight criminals. | | | | | | The 700 Club A demonic force tries to overpower her. | |
| FS1 | 20 | (4:30) College Basketball Georgetown at Providence. (N) (Live) | | | College Basketball Butler at St. John's. From Carnesecca Arena in Queens, N.Y. (N) (Live) | | | | NFL Films Presents (N) | WWE WrestleMania's Legendary Moments | | WWE Backstage (N) | |
| FSEE | 32 | Golf America (N) | Clemson: Dabo Swinney | College Basketball Cal State Bakersfield at Texas Tech. From United Supermarkets Arena in Lubbock, Texas. | | | | College Basketball North Florida at Dayton. From UD Arena in Dayton, Ohio. | | | | Sports Stars of Tomorrow | Power of Sports |
| FX | 28 | ★★ "Daddy's Home" (2015, Comedy) Will Ferrell. An insecure man competes with his stepchildren's freewheeling father. | | | | ★★ "Jurassic World" (2015, Adventure) Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, Irrfan Khan. Man-made dinosaurs go on a rampage at an island resort. | | | | | ★★ "The Hangover Part III" (2013, Comedy) Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis. | | |
| GOLF | 82 | Wonderful World of Golf | Wonderful World of Golf Classic match between Nick Price and Payne Stewart. | | | Wonderful World of Golf Classic match between Fred Couples and Tom Watson. | | | Wonderful World of Golf Classic match between Paul Azinger and Jesper Parnevik. | | | Wonderful World of Golf | |
| HALL | 72 | "Christmas at the Plaza" (2019) Elizabeth Henstridge. Historian Jessica is hired to create the Plaza's Christmas display. | | | | "Picture a Perfect Christmas" (2019) Merritt Patterson. A photographer helps a neighbor look after his young nephew. | | | | "Christmas at Graceland: Home for the Holidays" (2019, Romance) Adrian Grenier, Kaitlin Doubleday, Sunny Mabrey. | | | |
| HGTV | 46 | Love It or List It Nevada is tired of chaos. | | Love It or List It Kim and Tyler contemplate moving. | | Love It or List It A family needs more functional space. | | Love It or List It A real estate agent finds a family home. | | Love It or List It A couple has a problematic first home. | | Love It or List It A family has outgrown their home. | |
| HIST | 40 | The UnXplained "Evil Places" A look at an evil place. | | The UnXplained The human mind remains inscrutable. | | The Curse of Oak Island: Drilling Down | | (:02) The Curse of Oak Island: Drilling Down | | (:05) The Curse of Oak Island: Drilling Down | | (:05) The Curse of Oak Island "The Templar Connection" | |
| LIFE | 23 | ★ "The Ugly Truth" (2009) Katherine Heigl, Gerard Butler. A romantically challenged woman faces outrageous tests. | | | | ★★ "50 First Dates" (2004) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore. A man falls for a woman who has short-term memory loss. | | | | (:03) ★★ "The House Bunny" (2008, Comedy) Anna Faris, Colin Hanks. A sexpot teaches misfit sorority sisters about men. | | | |
| MSNBC | 36 | The Beat With Ari Melber | | Hardball With Chris Matthews | | All In With Chris Hayes | | The Rachel Maddow Show | | The Last Word With Lawrence O'Donnell | | Global Citizen Prize Stars perform to honor changemakers. | |
| NGC | 22 | The 2000s: A New Reality Key events from 2000. | | The 2000s: A New Reality "Moment of Truth" | | The 2000s: A New Reality "End of Innocence" | | The 2000s: A New Reality Special effects; reality TV shows. | | The 2000s: A New Reality Key events from 2000. | | The 2000s: A New Reality "Moment of Truth" | |
| PARMT | 57 | (4:30) ★★★ "The Goonies" (1985) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin. Young misfits find a 17th-century pirate's treasure map. | | | | ★★ "The Sandlot" (1993, Children's) Thomas Guiry, Mike Vitar, Patrick Renna. The new boy in town falls in with neighborhood ballplayers. | | | | | ★ "Dirty Grandpa" (2016, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Zac Efron, Aubrey Plaza. | | |
| TBS | 25 | ★★ "Central Intelligence" (2016, Action) Dwayne Johnson. A CIA agent recruits an ex-classmate for a top-secret case. | | | | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | Conan Actor Tim Robbins. | New Girl "Valentine's Day" |
| TCM | 79 | (:15) ★★ "Song of the Thin Man" (1947) William Powell. Nick and Nora investigate a murder aboard a gambling ship. | | | | ★★★ "That's Entertainment!" (1974, Documentary) Fred Astaire, Bing Crosby, Gene Kelly. Clips from 1928-58 MGM musicals. | | | | | ★★★ "That's Entertainment, Part 2" (1976, Documentary) Narrated by Fred Astaire. | | |
| TLC | 24 | Dr. Pimple Popper Heather has a huge growth on her leg. | | Dr. Pimple Popper Lump on a neck causes immobility. | | Dr. Pimple Popper Louis is covered in scaly, dry skin. | | Dr. Pimple Popper "Every Rosacea Has Its Thorn" | | Dr. Pimple Popper Ronen has a large, mysterious lump. | | Dr. Pimple Popper Rhonda has bumps on her head. | |
| TNT | 26 | (3:40) ★★★ "The Dark Knight Rises" (2012) Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway. Batman faces a masked villain named Bane. | | | | ★★ "The Accountant" (2016, Suspense) Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick, J.K. Simmons. An agent tracks an accountant who works for criminals. | | | | | ★★ "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back" (2016, Action) Tom Cruise, Cobie Smulders. | | |
| USA | 27 | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Revenge" | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Accredo" | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Exile" | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Caretaker" | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Hell's Kitchen" | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Mea Culpa" | |
| WE | 71 | Law & Order A TV show lures suspected pedophiles. | | Law & Order A body-armor executive is gunned down. | | Law & Order Police pull over a drunken celebrity. | | Law & Order "Release" Chris Drake finds his friend dead. | | Law & Order "Deadlock" A mass murderer escapes. | | Law & Order "Corner Office" An attorney is found dead. | |
| HBO | 518 | ★ "Hellboy" (2019, Action) David Harbour, Milla Jovovich. Legendary half-demon Hellboy battles a vengeful sorceress. 'R' | | | | ★★★ "Shazam!" (2019, Action) Zachary Levi. Shazam squares off against the evil Dr. Thaddeus Sivana. 'PG-13' | | | | (:15) ★★ "Aquaman" (2018, Action) Jason Momoa. Aquaman must save Atlantis from his power-hungry brother. 'PG-13' | | | |
| MAX | 549 | (:10) ★★★ "Twins" (1988, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A genetically enhanced man seeks his shortchanged twin. 'PG' | | | | ★★ "The Beautician and the Beast" (1997) Fran Drescher. A Jewish hairdresser gives a foreign despot a new attitude. 'PG' | | | | (8:50) ★★★ "Crazy Rich Asians" (2018) Constance Wu. A woman learns more about her boyfriend and his rich family. | | | |
| SHOW | 578 | (:05) ★★ "Road House" (1989, Action) Patrick Swayze. A legendary bouncer agrees to tame a notorious gin mill. 'R' | | | | Ray Donovan Mickey learns the truth about the heist. | | Inside the NFL Highlights from the 17th week. (N) | | Shameless Frank uncovers the truth about Faye. | | Inside the NFL Highlights from the 17th week. | |
| TMC | 598 | (4:05) ★★★ "Wildlife" (2018) Carey Mulligan. 'PG-13' | | ★★★ "Misery" (1990, Horror) James Caan. Premiere. A missing injured author has a twisted fan for a nurse. 'R' | | | | ★★★★ "Rosemary's Baby" (1968, Horror) Mia Farrow, John Cassavetes, Ruth Gordon. Satanists want a pregnant woman to bear the Antichrist. 'R' | | | | | ★★★ "Open Water" (2003) |

# Sports

**8:00 a.m. FSEE College Basketball** North Florida at Dayton. (Taped)
**10:00 a.m. FSEE NBA Basketball** Atlanta Hawks at Orlando Magic.
**11:00 a.m. ESPN College Football** Belk Bowl — Virginia Tech vs Kentucky. (Live)
**1:00 p.m. WIAT College Football** Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl — Arizona State vs Florida State. (Live)
**2:00 p.m. FSEE NBA Basketball** Atlanta Hawks at Orlando Magic.
**2:45 p.m. ESPN College Football** AutoZone Liberty Bowl — Navy vs Kansas State. (Live)
**4:30 p.m. FS1 College Basketball** Georgetown at Providence. (Live)
**6:00 p.m. ESPN2 Professional Fighters League** Championship. (Live)
**FSEE College Basketball** Cal State Bakersfield at Texas Tech.
**6:30 p.m. ESPN College Football** Valero Alamo Bowl — Utah vs Texas. (Live)
**FS1 College Basketball** Butler at St. John's. (Live)
**8:00 p.m. FSEE College Basketball** North Florida at Dayton.
**9:00 p.m. FS1 WWE WrestleMania's Legendary Moments**
**10:00 p.m. ESPN2 High School Football** Under Armour Skills Challenge. (Taped)
**FS1 WWE Backstage**
**FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow**

# Movies

**1:00 p.m. LIFE "Just Wright"** ★★½ (2010) Queen Latifah.
**TBS "Vacation"** ★★ (2015) Ed Helms.
**1:30 p.m. CMTV "Titanic"** ★★★★ (1997) Leonardo DiCaprio. A society girl abandons her haughty fiance for a penniless artist on the ill-fated ship's maiden voyage.
**1:45 p.m. TCM "Shadow of the Thin Man"** ★★½ (1941) William Powell.
**MAX "Blockers"** ★★★ (2018) Leslie Mann Lisa, Hunter and Mitchell learn that their teenage daughters plan to lose their virginity on prom night. The worried parents soon join forces for a wild and chaotic quest to stop the girls from sealing the deal — no matter what the cost.
**2:00 p.m. AMC "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1"** ★★★ (2014) Jennifer Lawrence. After shattering the games forever, Katniss finds herself in District 13, fighting to save Peeta and a nation moved by her courage.
**PARMT "The Sandlot"** ★★½ (1993) Thomas Guiry.
**2:10 p.m. FREE "The BFG"** ★★★ (2016) Mark Rylance. A 10-year-old girl, Queen Victoria and the Big Friendly Giant must devise a plan to get rid of Bloodbottler, Fleshlumpeater and all the other bad giants once and for all.
**2:30 p.m. FX "Ted 2"** ★★ (2015) Mark Wahlberg.
**2:45 p.m. HBO "Glass"** ★★ (2019) Bruce Willis
**3:00 p.m. 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.
**SHOW "Point Break"** ★★★ (1991) Patrick Swayze An FBI agent turns California surfer to nab bank robbers who wear rubber masks of four ex-presidents.
**3:30 p.m. BRAVO "Fifty Shades of Grey"** ★★ (2015) Dakota Johnson.
**TCM "The Thin Man Goes Home"** ★★½ (1944) William Powell.
**MAX "Mean Girls"** ★★★ (2004) Lindsay Lohan Attending high school for the first time, a teenager becomes friends with three popular but manipulative students.
**3:40 p.m. TNT "The Dark Knight Rises"** ★★★ (2012) Christian Bale. Eight years after he took the blame for Harvey Dent's death and vanished into the night, Batman is forced out of his self-imposed exile by a cunning cat burglar and a merciless terrorist called Bane.
**4:05 p.m. TMC "Wildlife"** ★★★½ (2018) Carey Mulligan In 1960s Montana, 14-year-old Joe watches powerlessly as his parents' marriage slowly begins to fall apart.
**4:30 p.m. AMC "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2"** ★★★ (2015) Jennifer Lawrence. Katniss faces mortal traps, deadly enemies and moral choices when she and her closest friends leave District 13 to assassinate President Snow and liberate the citizens of war-torn Panem.
**PARMT "The Goonies"** ★★★ (1985) Sean Astin. Coastal Oregon kids follow the treasure map of pirate One-Eyed Willie past his deadly traps to gold.
**4:50 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.
**4:55 p.m. BET "What's Love Got to Do With It"** ★★★ (1993) Angela Bassett. Anna Mae Bullock meets singer/songwriter Ike Turner and goes into show business under the stage name Tina.
**5:00 p.m. FX "Daddy's Home"** ★★ (2015) Will Ferrell.
**TBS "Central Intelligence"** ★★½ (2016) Dwayne Johnson.
**5:05 p.m. SHOW "Road House"** ★★ (1989) Patrick Swayze
**5:10 p.m. MAX "Twins"** ★★★ (1988) Arnold Schwarzenegger A genetically perfected specimen meets his pint-size, wise-guy long-lost twin.
**5:15 p.m. TCM "Song of the Thin Man"** ★★½ (1947) William Powell.
**6:00 p.m. BRAVO "Fifty Shades Darker"** ★★ (2017) Dakota Johnson.
**CMTV "Titanic"** ★★★★ (1997) Leonardo DiCaprio. A society girl abandons her haughty fiance for a penniless artist on the ill-fated ship's maiden voyage.
**TMC "Misery"** ★★★ (1990) James Caan (Premiere) An author recovers from an accident, nursed by a twisted fan who insists he write a new book just for her.
**6:55 p.m. FREE "Iron Man"** ★★★ (2008) Robert Downey Jr.. A wealthy industrialist builds an armored suit and uses it to defeat criminals and terrorists.
**7:00 p.m. FX "Jurassic World"** ★★½ (2015) Chris Pratt.
**LIFE "50 First Dates"** ★★ (2004) Adam Sandler.
**PARMT "The Sandlot"** ★★½ (1993) Thomas Guiry.
**TCM "That's Entertainment!"** ★★★½ (1974) Fred Astaire. Fred Astaire, Liza Minnelli, Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra, Elizabeth Taylor, Donald O'Connor, Debbie Reynolds, Mickey Rooney, James Stewart, Bing Crosby and Peter Lawford show clips from 1928-58 MGM musicals.
**TNT "The Accountant"** ★★½ (2016) Ben Affleck.
**HBO "Shazam!"** ★★★½ (2019) Zachary Levi Billy Batson is a streetwise 14-year-old who can magically transform into the adult superhero Shazam simply by shouting out one word. His newfound powers soon get put to the test when he squares off against the evil Dr. Thaddeus Sivana.
**MAX "The Beautician and the Beast"** ★★ (1997) Fran Drescher
**7:30 p.m. AMC "The Hunger Games"** ★★★ (2012) Jennifer Lawrence. A resourceful teen takes her younger sister's place in a brutal contest in which youths from each of 12 districts fight to the death on live television.
**8:00 p.m. BET "Dreamgirls"** ★★★½ (2006) Jamie Foxx. After an ambitious manager gives them a shot at stardom, three singers learn that fame can carry a high personal cost.
**TMC "Rosemary's Baby"** ★★★★ (1968) Mia Farrow A pregnant woman's husband and their satanic neighbors want her baby to be the Antichrist.
**8:30 p.m. BRAVO "Fifty Shades of Grey"** ★★ (2015) Dakota Johnson.
**8:50 p.m. MAX "Crazy Rich Asians"** ★★★½ (2018) Constance Wu Rachel Chu is happy to accompany her longtime boyfriend, Nick, to his best friend's wedding in Singapore. She's also surprised to learn that Nick's family is extremely wealthy and he's considered one of the country's most eligible bachelors.
**9:03 p.m. LIFE "The House Bunny"** ★★ (2008) Anna Faris.
**9:15 p.m. HBO "Aquaman"** ★★½ (2018) Jason Momoa
**9:30 p.m. FX "The Hangover Part III"** ★★ (2013) Bradley Cooper.
**TCM "That's Entertainment, Part 2"** ★★★ (1976) Narrated by Fred Astaire. Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly bridge sequences featuring about 100 stars from about 75 movies, mostly musicals.
**TNT "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back"** ★★ (2016) Tom Cruise.
**10:30 p.m. AMC "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire"** ★★★ (2013) Jennifer Lawrence. After their unprecedented victory in the 74th Hunger Games, Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark embark on a Victors Tour. Katniss senses rebellion is stirring, but a cruel change in the upcoming 75th Hunger Games may change Panem forever.
**CMTV "Where the Heart Is"** ★★ (2000) Natalie Portman.
**TMC "Open Water"** ★★★ (2003) Blanchard Ryan Scuba divers struggle to survive in shark-infested waters after their tour boat accidentally leaves them behind.
**10:50 p.m. MAX "Death Becomes Her"** ★★★ (1992) Meryl Streep An actress and an author fight over a plastic surgeon and the secret of eternal beauty.

# Best Bets

### 8:15 a.m. on TCM
### Movie: The Thin Man

For many revelers, ushering in a New Year includes partaking of any variety of adult beverages, with champagne being a fizzy favorite. TCM gets an early jump on this holiday spirit with a six-movie marathon of "The Thin Man," starring the incomparable William Powell and Myrna Loy as everyone's favorite tippling sleuths, Nick and Nora Charles. The original 1934 film finds Nick and Nora on the trail of a missing inventor (William Henry).

### 7 p.m. on WBIQ
### Live From Lincoln Center

Tony Award winner Katrina Lenk ("The Band's Visit"), who will star later this season in a gender-blind Broadway revival of Stephen Sondheim's musical "Company," makes her New York Philharmonic debut as guest vocalist in this celebration of the Tony- and Pulitzer Prize-winning composer-lyricist behind such hits as "A Little Night Music," "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," "Sunday in the Park With George" and "Into the Woods." Longtime Sondheim collaborator Paul Gemignani conducts orchestral suites from the shows; frequent Sondheim leading lady Bernadette Peters is host.

### 7 p.m. on WVTM
### A Toast to 2019!

Most people probably would agree with the suggestion that 2019 was a pretty intense year, especially in terms of political developments, but thankfully "Today" co-hosts Hoda Kotb and Jenna Bush Hager employ a light touch as they page through the year's headlines in this new two-hour year-end special. Expect moments of undeniable poignancy, mixed with exhilarating stories of triumph (see: gymnast Simone Biles, among others). There also will be plenty of laughs, courtesy of such celebrity guests as Kristen Bell.

### 7 p.m. on WBRC
### Fox's New Year's Eve With Steve Harvey: Live From Times Square

Maria Menounos and Rob Gronkowski join host Steve Harvey for the festive coverage from the heart of Manhattan, with LL Cool J featuring DJ Z-Trip headlining the scheduled entertainment. The Village People also will appear, attempting to break the current record for the world's largest "YMCA" dance. In addition to celebrity guests Gordon Ramsay, Will Arnett and Jenna Dewan, the slate also includes appearances by The Chainsmokers, Florida Georgia Line, Tyga, the Killers and the Backstreet Boys.

### 7 p.m. on WABM2
### Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest 2020

Actress Lucy Hale, who previously hosted coverage of New Orleans festivities during this special, gets an upgrade this year to co-host from the plum Times Square location with host Ryan Seacrest, who returns for his 15th year in this gig. Emmy and Tony Award winner Billy Porter ("Pose," "Kinky Boots") picks up the Big Easy coverage from Hale. As far as West Coast coverage after the ball drops in New York, Ciara returns for her third time to anchor those events from Los Angeles.

### 9 p.m. on WVTM
### NBC New Year's Eve Special 2020

Carson Daly ("The Voice") returns to Times Square for NBC's coverage of the festivities in New York and elsewhere around the country as Americans eagerly await the dropping of the iconic ball at the stroke of midnight in New York City. This year, Daly is joined by Julianne Hough as his co-host. Scheduled performers included Stephen "Twitch" Boss, X Ambassadors, Brett Eldredge, Ne-Yo, Leslie Odom Jr. ("Hamilton"), Blake Shelton, Gwen Stefani, The Struts and Keith Urban.



"Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest 2020" airs on ABC.

OPINION

# Op-ed: Better paying jobs & continued economic growth

**Rep. Randall Shedd**
Contributor

Every working-age, able-bodied person needs a good paying job. Not too many years ago, the dominant manufacturing industry in Alabama was the textile industry. Just as Ross Perot predicted in presidential debates, the textile industry moved to other countries when Congress approved NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement).

Alabama's textile jobs became almost nonexistent.

Fortunately, Alabama's leaders had the vision and determination to recruit automotive and aerospace industries to replace the textile industry. Better paying jobs with better benefits!

Attracting new business and industries and good paying jobs continues to be a high priority of Governor Ivey and her team. And, they are good at it!

A good strong local economy is like a puzzle. One piece missing can ruin the whole thing, but the most important component in economic development is it must be a priority of local elected leaders and community leaders.

A strong local economy doesn't just happen; we have to have a plan and work the plan.

Alabama has a good workforce development network with workforce development councils, AIDT, universities in the state and the community college system that can adjust quickly to the training needs of a business or industry in their service area.

This is crucial in attracting and keeping business and industry in our state.

It is very important that we as a state and each locality make meeting the needs of existing business and industry a high priority. We don't want another state recruiting them and their jobs away from us.

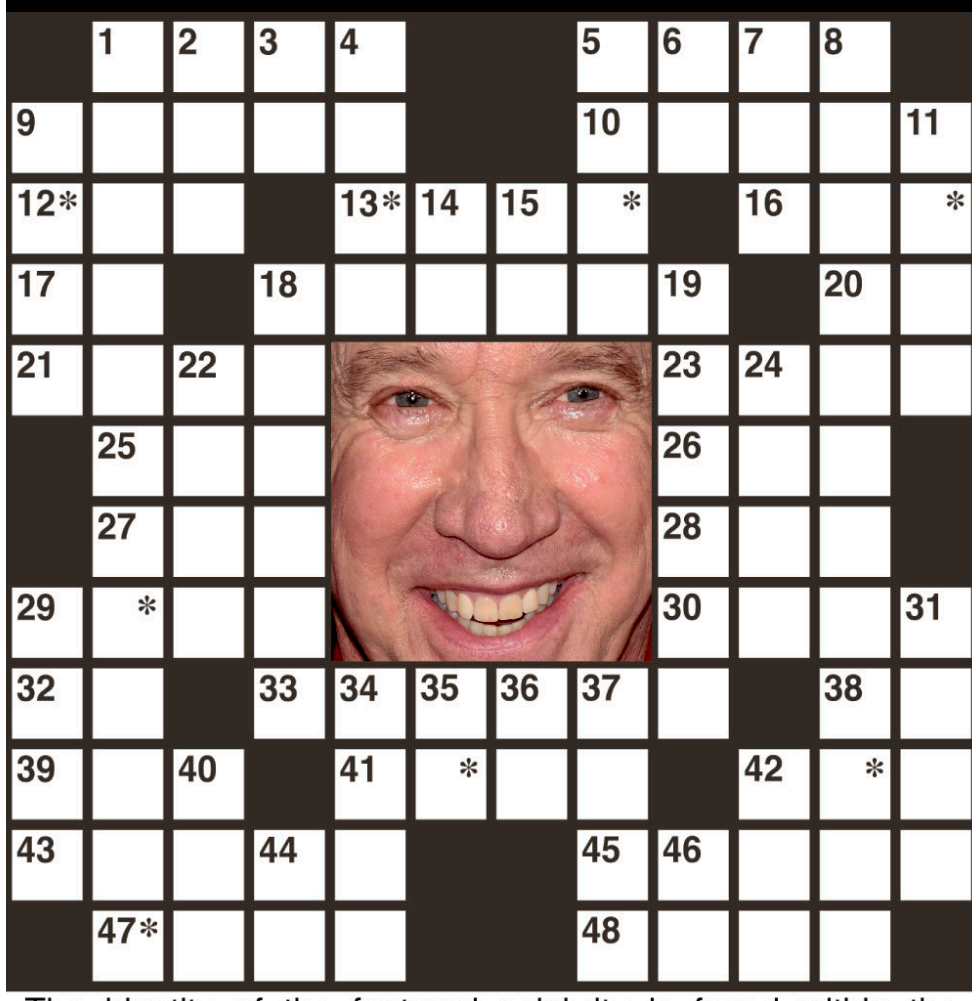
We need to be thinking and be prepared to deal with the next downturn in the national economy. It's not a matter of if, but when, that cycle happens.

We must continue our efforts to provide the infrastructure and business climate business and industry need to thrive. We have to keep in check unnecessary regulations, and we need to remember and support agribusiness, Alabama's $70 billion a year industry!

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

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## PUZZLES




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

ACROSS

1. Paquin or Faris
5. Deborah of "The King and I"
9. "__ John B"; Beach Boys hit
10. Actress Laura
12. "Chicago __"
13. "My Name Is __"
16. Bilko or Joe Friday: abbr.
17. "The __-Bow Incident"; Henry Fonda film
18. John and Sean
20. Cpl. Radar O'Reilly's home state: abbr.
21. Max of "Barney Miller"
23. Curtis or Randall
25. __ Lanka
26. Retirement acct.
27. Misery
28. Slangy refusal
29. Actor Rex
30. Shine
32. "Life __ Pieces"
33. One of the Seven Dwarfs
38. "__ Got It Made" (1983-88)
39. Sault __. Marie
41. Red Muppet
42. Actor Hunter
43. Vital vessel
45. Fannies
47. Captures
48. Dull sound

DOWN

1. Actress on "Emergence" (2)
2. __ off; fall asleep
3. Word in the title of Howie Mandel's show
4. "Dawn of the Planet of the __"
5. Potter's oven
6. Prefix for trap or title
7. Hosp. personnel
8. Role on "A Million Little Things" (2)
9. Air pollution
11. "If I __"; 2014 Chloë Grace Moretz film
14. "__ the Movies"; Siskel & Ebert series
15. Setting for "Providence": abbr.
18. E.T. and Alf
19. Penny-pinching
22. "__ Man"; movie for Robert Downey Jr.
24. Spoken
29. One of the Simpsons
31. Spider creations
34. Thompson & Michele
35. "Bad Times at the __ Royale"; Jeff Bridges film
36. Dorothy's aunt
37. "__ Charles" (1997-2003)
40. Historical period
42. Fraternity letter
44. Tallulah's initials
46. "Pardon me?"

Solution
Tim Allen



# Obituary Announcements: Dec. 31

**Graveside services for Clarence Dwight Pierce**, 71, of Cullman will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019 at Cullman City Cemetery, with Rev. John Richter officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Pierce passed away Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019 at Cullman Long Term Care. He was born Aug. 7, 1948 to Clarence Doyle and Ethel Nadean Pierce. He is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include sister Janice (Robert) Martin; brother Keith (Cynthia) Pierce; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Comfort Care Hospice.

**Funeral services for Ruth M. Kanaday**, 95, of Hanceville, Alabama will be at noon Dec. 31, 2019 at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Her burial will follow at the adjoining cemetery. The family will welcome guests for a visitation prior to the service beginning at 11 a.m. at the church Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019.

**Yvetta Rose Strobel**, 95, of Haleyville, Alabama entered into rest Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019. Mrs. Strobel was born April 2, 1924 in Chester, Illinois. She enjoyed bingo and going to auctions. Visitation will be held Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Rees Funeral Home, 600 West Old Ridge Road Hobart, Indiana, where services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Burial will follow in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Hobart, Indiana. Yvetta is survived by daughters Norma Baker, Dorothy (Gene) Nelson and Mary (Lee) Simpson; grandchildren Robert (Debbie) Gallup, Linda Hunt, Raymond Lane, Carolyn Hasty, Rose (Chris) Hyde, Betty (Gary) Taylor, Terrie Garcia, Jerry Nelson and Carrie Cabello; 21 great-grandchildren; 23 great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by parents Fred Daniel and Rose Mary Guitar Faverty; husband Everett Richard Strobel; grandchildren Richard Lee Gray, Eugene Nelson and Mary Nelson; sisters Laura Rowold, Viola Knoke and Luquita May Weaver; and brothers Charles Faverty, Leonard Faverty and Robert Faverty.

**Funeral services for Hobert Conn**, 75, of Crane Hill will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 2020 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Hopewell Baptist Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Conn passed away Dec. 29, 2019 at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born July 15, 1944 to T.V. and Estelle Hill Conn. He was a hard-working master carpenter. He loved old cars and loved his family. He was preceded in death by parents; wife Carolyn Miller Conn; brothers Brent Conn, Louie Conn, Harold Conn and Melvin Conn; and sister Melba Jean Johnson. Survivors include son Vann (Angela) Conn; daughter Tammie (Rip) Johnston; step-daughter Shelia (Blake) Evans; brother Hollis (Pat) Conn; sister Orverline Fulenwider; grandchildren Brad (Melissa) Charland, Laurence 'Buggie' Charland, Brent Hawkins, Jake Conn, Stacy Conn, Dakota McDaniel, April Conn and Samantha Conn; great-grandchildren Ashton andBella Charland, Xander Charland, Nevaeh Hawkins and Jaxson Conn; and family and friends. Visitation will be Friday at the funeral home from noon-2 p.m. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

**Mr. Everett Edward Perry Jr.** of Cullman passed away Dec. 26, 2019 at the age of 78. He was born Oct. 18, 1941 in South Charleston, West Virginia to Everett Edward Perry Sr. and Dorothea Geraldine Bond Perry. He is preceded in death by his parents. He served over 30 years before retiring from the United States Air Force. Military honors will be provided for Mr. Perry at the funeral home. Funeral services are Thursday Jan. 2, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jim Butts officiating. Survivors are wife Carolyn Jean Perry; daughters Stephanie A. Johnson andTricia Harris; sons William Else (Michele) Perry and Kenneth R. (Cindy) Harris; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Visitation is Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. until service time at 11:30 a.m. at Moss Funeral Home.

**Mrs. Nevada Hall Quick** of West Point passed away Dec. 29, 2019 at the age of 89. She was born Dec. 13, 1930 in Cullman to Leonard W. and Lura Mardis Hall. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Hershel A. Quick; and brothers Edward, James Kenneth and Walter "T.O." Hall. Funeral services are Friday, Jan. 3, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tim Aris officiating. Interment will be in Ebenezer Cemetery. Survivors are daughter Marsha (Chris) Nielsen; sons Steve Quick, Greg (Rita) Quick and Randall (Wanda) Quick; sister Jeanette Holcomb; brothers William "Cotton" Hall and Roger Hall; grandchildren Alan Quick, Aaron (Chasity) Quick, Jennifer Butler Taylor, Julie Butler (Reggie) Freeman, Ben (Emily) McSwain and Katie (Bo) Shirey; and 14 great-grandchildren. Visitation is Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home. Moss Funeral Home is in charge of services.

**Mrs. Miriam Estelle Jones** of Cullman, Alabama passed away Dec. 29, 2019 at Hanceville Healthcare and Rehab in Hanceville, Alabama. She was born May 19, 1933 to T.F. and Maud Thaxton in Carrollton, GA. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband Jimmie Wayne Jones; daughter Dita (Bobby)Hill; son Chris (Tammy) Jones; and grandchildren Robert Shannon Hill, Sarah Beth and Lauren Jones. Visitation will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home Dec. 31, 2019 from 10-11 a.m. with a Celebration of Life Service to follow. She will be buried at Cullman City Cemetery. To leave condolences for the Miriam Estelle Jones family please go to mossservicefm.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

**Funeral services for Max Randall Brannan**, 77, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020 at Moss Service with Randy Sellers officiating; burial will follow at Welti Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. Mr. Brannan passed away Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019 at Cullman Regional surrounded by family. He was a loving husband, dad and pawpaw. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany for two years. He received a degree as an electronic technician. He was a cattle farmer for many years and also grew cotton, soy beans and corn. He worked at Walmart Garden Center for 16 years before retiring. He loved and supported his Auburn Tigers. He was preceded in death by his mother Hazel Moore Brannan; father Alpheus Rosco Brannan and step-mom Elizabeth Brannan. Survivors include his wife Betty Gregory Brannan; daughters Tina (Michael) Horton and Joan Brannan; grandchildren Austin, Kaleb, Hunter and Lillian Horton; sisters Kathy (Doug) Burdette and Pat (David) Stricklin; nephew Jacob Stricklin; and a host of family and friends. Pallbearers are Austin Horton, Kaleb Horton, Jimmy Gregory, Billy Gregory, Sam Gregory and Bobby Metz. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at mosservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

**Funeral Service for Melba Ruth Moore** will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bill Hall and Jack Smith officiating; interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be noon-2 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home preceding the service. Melba Ruth Moore, 74, passed away Dec. 29, 2019. Ms. Moore was born Dec. 27, 1945 in Cullman, Alabama to Elbert and Ardes (Speegle) Moore. She was a 1964 graduate of Eva High School. After raising three children, she went to college and obtained a bachelor's degree in accounting from Athens State University in 1999 and served as a sales tax auditor for the State of Alabama for 14 years. She was a talented seamstress, making clothing, quilts, blankets and various works of art for loved ones. Ms. Moore cooked full-course Southern meals better than anyone around, and she prided herself in her flower beds and gardening. She cruised to Hawaii and visited New York City. She spent the majority of her life on the beloved family farm where she was raised. Her father was a well-respected farmer of cotton, corn, hogs, poultry and cattle. She had a great passion for St. Jude Children's Hospital and asked that in lieu of flowers, all donations be made to St. Jude's. She was preceded in death by her parents and infant brother Doyce Wayne Moore. She leaves behind brothers Harold (Donna) Moore and Royce (Susan) Moore; children Rhonda (Allen) Hayes, Cheryl (Butch) French, and Bryan (Dana) Beck; and three grandchildren.

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# Woman (from Front)

stealing cash and forging checks from the victim. She also allegedly co-signed on a new vehicle with the victim. A spokesman for the CCSO said in a statement, "After receiving the information, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office confirmed the information and consulted with the Cullman County District Attorney's Office to obtain a warrant for financial exploitation of the elderly." Financial exploitation of an elderly person in the first degree is a Class B felony.

# Burglary (from Front)

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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 $46,000 worth of merchandise and $2,000 in property damage, according to the Cullman Police Department.

The merchandise included electronics, jewelry and cigarettes.

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."

Monday, Clark said, "The suspects came back for a second time three hours after they left."

He said the second burglary lasted approximately 30 minutes.

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 inside the store or alarms, said Clark, but there is surveillance video. He said the perpetrators were fully masked.

Clark has confirmed a CPD officer was on duty in a patrol vehicle in the parking lot at the time of both burglaries.

He said Wal-Mart hired officers to provide security while the store was closed for the holiday.

He said the officers worked shifts, and the same officer was working during both break-ins.

"The suspects were able to get in there undetected through the rear of the building and were not detected by the officer on the scene." he said.

"We assume they were parked off-site in close proximity, but on the cameras, you couldn't see their vehicles, there's all those trees right there (behind the building)," he said.

"They parked somewhere, but they went in on foot."

Clark said the CPD has identified multiple suspects.

No further details are available at this time.

# Saving Forgotten Warriors (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Local nonprofit veterans' service group Saving Forgotten Warriors (SFW) is finishing 2019 in a huge way with very visible projects like its veterans' home in Hanceville and the 800 Club to provide free Stellate Ganglion Block (SGB) shots for veterans suffering from PTSD, but the organization has been hard at work throughout the year.

**According to founder Jeremy Hogan, SFW's 2019 achievements include:**

- More than 1,200 meals to veterans and their families
- More than 160 trips to the VA hospital
- 87 utilities bills paid
- Two cars given to veterans in need
- 60 days of hotel expenses for homeless veterans
- One bathroom remodeled
- Five handicap access ramps constructed
- Seven veterans provided permanent housing
- One mobile home underpinning replaced
- 23 tanks of gas filled
- Five vehicle repair bills paid
- 34 children sponsored for Christmas
- Four major home clean-up projects
- One veteran SGB procedure

Hogan added, "And a whole host of other odd assistance requests filled like taking garbage cans to road for garbage day, toenails clipped, lawns mowed, etc."

SFW's biggest projects came close to the end of the year.

The veterans' home in Hanceville, which has a capacity of up to 12, represents the initial phase of a much larger project that Hogan hopes to see come to pass in Cullman County: a three-campus veterans' transition center that will get veterans from across the state off the streets, provide them training in occupational and life skills and give them a foundation point from which they can successfully transition back into civilian life. The transitional program will last for up to 2.5 years with another 2.5 years of ongoing support, for a total of up to five years of assistance.

**The plan includes:**

- a 120-bed facility in the Logan community that will provide initial services like life skills, education and occupational training through partnerships with entities like Wallace State Community College, and addiction recovery for those who need it. The remote facility will also give vets an opportunity for plenty of quiet time and, as Hogan put it, "self-enrichment." The facility will become self-sustaining, maintained largely by the residents themselves.

- short-term residential homes in Hanceville and Vinemont: one for men and the other for women

- long-term apartments near the residential homes where vets can live for 2.5 years after completing the residential program

Said Hogan of the issue of veteran homelessness and his plan to combat it, "I really, truly believe that, if they come out and have the proper educational training and prior training to transitioning back to civilian life, that we can take a huge chunk out of that problem, and change a lot of what happens right now."

In December, SFW announced the creation of the 800 Club, a program to take veterans with PTSD to Annapolis, Maryland to receive SGB injections.

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

Army veteran and Cullman businessman Bo Winfrey joined SFW's project after receiving the shot and experiencing its benefits for himself.

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

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

**Volunteers make the difference**

Hogan told The Tribune, "We have three individuals that volunteer their time daily to keep this program running. We have a large group of volunteers that help us behind the scenes with administrative stuff; most all have full-time employment and work with us as volunteers just as many hours in a week as they do for their paid job!

"A few we would like to highlight, not that they all shouldn't be highlighted, but these individuals spend many hours per week helping Saving Forgotten Warriors:

"Pam Whitt, CFO and office management. She is also my devil's advocate and always keeps me on the right path! She has been with us from the start of the program and really always gives her whole heart when she gets involved!

"Julie May Hogan, events/logistics management. She not only has to put up with me all the time, but she gives just about every hour she has per week not working or taking care of our family to help me keep on track with merchandise, event coordinating and inventory management. She is a rock star at organizing our events and set ups. She is a godsend and I thank the Lord for her daily!

"Tamara Maddux, office assistant/transportation coordinator. She started off driving for us and has just recently started helping us more with the administrative side.

"She is a pit bull when it comes to getting the veterans the help they need when they get to the VA and has a huge heart for our men and women who served.

"Linda Johnson, fundraising/admin. A go-getter from the start, she is always willing to step up and help whenever and however she can. She has volunteered within the veteran community for many years and is always eager to get going in the next project.

"Mary Connolly and Joann Oswald are two special ladies. They probably think I am the most unorganized guy out there because I come into the office like once a week, if possible, and then dump all my paperwork and receipts, and it's like a tornado comes through. They are sweethearts and have really helped us out a lot in the office getting things in order.

"Brian and Rachel Monk, these two are amazing; they have been helping us for a little over a year now and both have very valuable skills needed to make all this happen! They also volunteer a lot of their time at the local VFW Post 2214 and made the partnership between VFW and SFW work seamlessly."

**Hogan also recognized new staffers and volunteers**

- Casey Hunt, creative director - "Amazing talent and a hard charger; he is always ready to jump in where needed and keeps our media graphics, shirt designs and all our other marketing materials on point! We are very glad to have him on board for 2020!"

- Jimmy Payne, project management - "He is coming on board to help me keep all these projects in order. I enjoy having Jimmy around, especially because he takes a huge load off of me when it comes to the work being done at the Hanceville houses."

- Dan Raley, transport driver - "Dan is new to the team as a physical volunteer but has been a huge supporter from the start and helped us raise money with all the in-kind donations he gave us at the beginning. Very dependable and loves his fellow veterans! We are so glad to have him on board!"

- Mick Whitt - "Also another of our board members that has been with us from the start. He is always lending a hand to help where he can. He has his hands full with The Fillin Station (restaurant) but is always advocating and supporting our needs."

- Josh Speakman, PR - "Is the all-around guy, someone you can call in a pinch when needed to get support in a hurry, always eager to make the program shine. His main focus for us each year is building a bigger and better Thanks-Giving dinner for veterans at the Brandin Iron in West Point."

- Trent Barron, "Our newest board member and president of the Regulators MC North Alabama chapter. His members always show up when needed and have been Johnny on the Spot when we needed it most!"

- Richard Neese "and his team are one of our partners with this housing project and Richard has been a huge supporter for a few years now. I've enjoyed the partnership so far and we have huge plans for 2020!"

- Bo and Jennifer Winfrey - "They are new to the team but have come with the right passion and are already making waves in the support system. Their passion toward our mission and their willingness to step up and get this new 800 Club program rolling has really been impressive. We look forward to their help in 2020!"

- Daniel Lauderdale "is one of those you can count on to be at every event and every project. He is always giving his all to help his brothers and sisters and has become a huge part of the team! We look forward to continued support into the future."

Hogan also expressed his gratitude for "the hundreds of other volunteers that give their time, business, family and friends to the mission," and concluded, "It's amazing to see where we have come from where we started in 2016."

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