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Weather Alert: Flood Watch today, Friday

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The National Weather Service has issued a Flood Watch for the Tennessee Valley, including Cullman County, from Thursday at noon through Friday at 6 p.m.

The watch area includes the counties of Lauderdale, Colbert, Franklin (AL), Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Morgan, Marshall, Jackson, DeKalb, Cullman, Moore, Lincoln ad Franklin (TN).

"Periods of moderate to heavy rainfall will occur over the Tennessee Valley, beginning on Thursday and continuing through Friday morning.

"Rainfall totals of up to 4 inches are anticipated, with locally higher amounts possible.

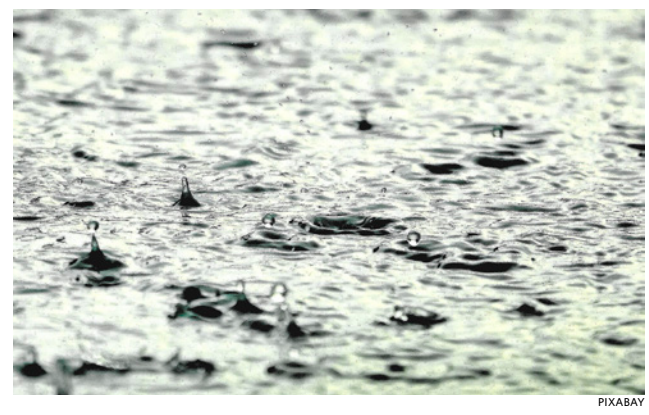
"Given saturated soils and above normal streamflows, rises on area rivers and streams are possible Thursday night and Friday.

"Residents should make preparations now if they live in a flood- prone area," said the NWS.

"You should monitor later forecasts and be alert for possible Flood Warnings. Those living in areas prone to flooding should be prepared to take action should flooding develop. Periods of moderate to heavy rainfall will impact the Tennessee Valley on Thursday and Friday.

"This will lead to rises on area rivers and streams, along with ponding of water on area roadways."

This information was up-to-date as of press time. For the very latest, go to www.weather.gov.



PIXABAY

Ringing in the 'Roaring' 20s



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Guests at the Cullman Moose Lodge pose for a group photo on New Year's Eve.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

No. 13 Alabama Football Beats No. 14 Michigan in the Vrbo Citrus Bowl, 35-16



ROBERT SUTTON/UA ATHLETICS

Alabama's Jerry Jeudy (4) goes 85 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the Crimson Tide's 35-16 win over Michigan Wednesday.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Auburn falls short to Minnesota in 2020 Outback Bowl

Greg Ostendorf
AU Athletics

TAMPA, Fla. – There were some early fireworks from No. 12 Auburn in the 2020 Outback Bowl, but it wouldn't be enough as the Tigers' bid for 10 wins fell short with a 31-24 loss to No. 18 Minnesota on Wednesday.

"Bottom line is they made plays," Auburn head coach Gus Malzahn said. "They made the plays to win the game when the game was on the line, so you have to give them credit.

"We didn't overlook them. I think our guys were ready to play. I think our guys played hard. But they made the plays. We didn't."

Auburn started the game on defense where linebacker K.J. Britt made a tackle for loss on the opening play, and then three plays later, senior cornerback Javaris Davis intercepted Minnesota quarterback Tanner Morgan and returned it 23 yards to the Gophers' 17-yard line.

The turnover led to three points as Anders Carlson drilled a 24-yard field goal to give the Tigers the early 3-0 advantage.

After Minnesota tied the game with a field goal, Auburn answered immediately with another big play. This time, it was on special teams where Noah Igbinoghene returned the kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown.

The junior cornerback found a seam thanks to a block from teammate Matthew Hill, and once he found daylight, there was nobody catching him.

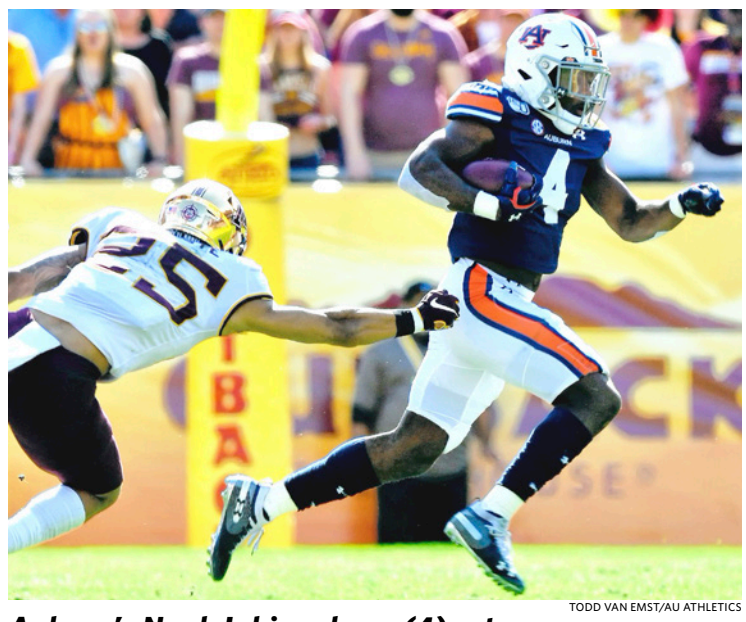
It's the first kickoff return for a touchdown by Auburn since a 96-yard return by Igbinoghene in 2018 against Arkansas, and it's the first in Auburn bowl history. It also matched the longest kickoff return for a touchdown in Outback Bowl history.

Minnesota scored the next 14 points to take its first lead of the game, but the lead didn't last long as the Auburn offense put together a 7-play, 64-yard drive capped by a 37-yard touchdown pass from Bo Nix to Sal Cannella on a critical 4th-and-5 play.

Nix, the SEC Freshman of the Year, escaped to his right and found Cannella wide open in the middle of the field. It was a career-long reception for Cannella and his second score of the season.

It was the 16th touchdown pass of the season for Nix, who added to his freshman records with 17 completions for 176 yards and the lone score Wednesday.

Minnesota reclaimed the lead with another touchdown drive before the half and took a 24-17 lead into the locker room at the intermission.



TODD VAN EMST/AU ATHLETICS

Auburn's Noah Igbinoghene (4) returns a kickoff for a touchdown during the Tiger's 31-24 loss to Minnesota Wednesday.

In the second half, Auburn struck first with another long scoring drive midway through the third quarter and tied the game at 24 with a 3-yard touchdown run from sophomore running back JaTarvious Whitlow. The Tigers went 86 yards on 13 plays, and the touchdown from Whitlow was his 10th of the season on the ground.

The Auburn defense responded with a three-and-out on the next drive and then made a critical fourth-down stop early in the fourth quarter to keep the score even.

Minnesota finally broke through with 10:26 left when Morgan connected with Tyler Johnson for 73 yards and the go-ahead touchdown. Johnson finished with 12 re-

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Benny

(BONUS) PET OF THE WEEK

Kick off 2020 with Benny!

W.C. Mann
craig@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay reported that the shelter enjoyed some last-minute adoptions to finish out 2019. Now, it's time to kick off 2020 on a high note for some animal friends hoping for a happy new year, so Ruttkay shares a bonus Pet of the Week:

Benny is a 1-1.5-year-old true "Heinz 57" pooch, described as a "combination of all that is sweet!" He's a medium-energy pet who's on the athletic side but not hyper. He's well behaved, submissive to his people and a fast learner. He has good spatial awareness and won't get in your way, and he's developing skills on his leash.

Ruttkay said, "His splash of a permanent smile portrays his personality."

Benny has the makings

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LEGALS

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on December 9, 2010 by Mindi A. Brown and husband, Treavor Brown, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1642, Page 511 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 10, 2020:

A parcel in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 9, Range 3 West described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the above described forty; thence running West along the North line of the forty to the Cullman and Eva Public Road, the point of beginning; thence South along aid Cullman Eva public road a distance of 70 yards; thence East 105 feet; thence North 70 yards to the forty line; thence West 105 feet to the point of beginning.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together with the real estate:
1987 Fleetwood, VIN 7760.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-December 19, 26, 2019, January 2, 2020

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on June 7, 2018 by Orin Reynolds, an unmarried individual, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1852, Page 516 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 10, 2020:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 5 West; thence West to a ditch; thence South and up said ditch to South line; thence East to Range line; thence North along range line to point of beginning.

This property is more particularly described as follows:

A tract or parcel of land being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 5 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows:
Begin at a found capped rebar marking the Northeast corner of said Quarter-Quarter and run North 88 degrees 06 minutes 19 seconds West and run along the North line a distance of 153.06 feet to a point in the center of a ditch; thence South 03 degrees 36 minutes 59 seconds West, and run along the center of a ditch, a distance of 169.74 feet to a point; thence South 88 degrees 06 minutes 19 seconds East, a distance of 160.19 feet to a found capped rebar marking the East line of said Section; thence North 01 degrees 12 minutes 36 seconds East, a distance of 169.68 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to any rights-of-way and/or easements of record.

This conveyance is made subject to matters of survey and other matters of record, if any.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
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MAXINE FULLER, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN RAYMOND FULLER, Defendant.
CASE NO: DR 2019-900367

NOTICE

John Raymond Fuller, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Maxine Fuller's Complaint for Divorce on or before the 10th day of February, 2020, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against her in case number DR-2019-900367 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County Alabama.

DONE this the 11th day of December, 2019.

Lisa McSwain
LISA MCSWAIN, Circuit Clerk

Plaintiff's attorney:
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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Branden Nibblett Husband Kelsey Nibblett Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for FirstBank, its successors and assigns dated February 3, 2017; said mortgage being recorded on February 6, 2017, in Book 1810, Page 55 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to FirstBank by assignment recorded in Deed Book 349, Page 81 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, FirstBank, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 21st day of February, 2020 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
A part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 4, Township10 South, Range 5 West, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the purported northwest corner of said forty; thence S 36'44'58" E a distance of 484.43 feet; thence S 21'04'30" E a distance of 225.08 feet; thence S 29'39'40" E a distance of 169.23 feet; thence N 54'57'16" E a distance of 198.70 feet to a found 5/8" rebar iron and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning run N 58'03'34" E a distance of 177.07 feet to a found 5/8" rebar iron; thence S 26'20'46" E a distance of 449.96 feet to a found 5/8" rebar iron in County Road 944; thence S 48'25'19" W along said road a distance of 19.92 feet to a found mag nail; thence leaving said road, run N 40'48'01" W a distance of 243.92 feet to a set 5/8" rebar iron; thence S 55'12'56" W a distance of 74.54 feet to a found capped iron; thence N 32'21'26" W a distance of 213.84 feet to the true point of beginning.

Said property is commonly known as 1360 County Road 944, Cullman, AL 35057.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.
Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Jan. 2 - 4

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.

FRIDAY, JAN. 3

Friday Night Magic at Outbreak Games
• 5-10 p.m. at Outbreak Games, 111 Commercial St. NE, Hanceville
• Magic the Gathering - Standard format - Entry is $5. Sign in starts at 5 p.m. and ends promptly at 6 p.m.
• Prize pool is determined based on attendance so don't forget to invite your friends!

Trifecta Live
7-10:30 p.m. at Goat Island Brewing, 1646-A John H Cooper Dr. SE, Cullman

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

Research Your Family History
• 10 a.m. at the Cullman County Public Library, 200 Clark St. NE, Cullman
• Come enjoy a free class concerning Family History work followed by one-on-one computer help to create and build your own family tree. We hope to see you there!

Eat More Diet Less Nutrition Seminar
• 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Tally Ho Fitness, 719 Logan Ave. SW, Cullman
• The seminar is about sharing the tips and tricks we have learned over our fitness journey with a crowd of motivated individuals who want success in 2020. Sign up at nutritionseminar2020.wodifylive.com.

Claws, Paws, and Unicorns Holiday Leftovers Event
• 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Tigers for Tomorrow at Untamed Mountain, 708 County Road 345, Attalla, Alabama 35954
• Recycle your holiday gift paper, bags, boxes, bows and ribbons by making them into toys for the tigers. Terrific for all ages.
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• 1-2:30 p.m. Community Tour- $7.50 a person and kids younger than 3 are free.
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Saturday Night - Yugioh!
• 5-10 p.m. at Outbreak Games, 111 Commercial St. NE, Hanceville
• Entry is $5. Sign up starts at 5 and ends at 6.
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Bingo at the American Legion
• Everyone is invited to Bingo every Saturday night at 6 p.m. at American Legion Post 4.
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UPCOMING...

Fairview United Methodist Swamp John's Dinner
Tuesday, Jan. 7, 4-7 p.m. at Fairview United Methodist Church. Plates are $12 including dessert and drink.

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.

Cullman County Republican Dinner
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IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF * IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
MITALBEN R. PATEL, * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
PLAINTIFF, *
and *
BRIJESH V. THAKKAR, *
DEFENDANT. * CASE NO.: DR2019-900380

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: BRIJESH V. THAKKAR

BRIJESH V. THAKKAR, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer the Complaint for Divorce filed by Mitalben R. Patel by the 10th day of February, 2020, or, thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case Number DR2019-900380 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE this the 12th day of December, 2019.

Lisa McSwain RT
LISA McSWAIN, Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

TO: PUBLISHER: Please publish once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE beginning on the 19th day of December, 2019.

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday, January 6, 2020, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

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Hormone replacement therapy (HRT) tablets are associated with a higher risk of rare but serious blood clots (known as venous thromboembolism or VTE), finds a large study in *The BMJ*. No increased risk was found for HRT skin patches, gels or creams, yet the vast majority of women choosing HRT continue to be prescribed oral preparations. HRT is used to relieve menopausal symptoms such as hot flashes and night sweats.

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Maintaining sufficient vitamin D levels may help to prevent the onset of inflammatory diseases like rheumatoid arthritis, research published in the *Journal of Autoimmunity* has discovered. In addition to its well-established actions on the skeleton, vitamin D is a potent modulator of the immune system. In particular, vitamin D can suppress inflammation in autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis. Patients with rheumatoid arthritis are frequently vitamin D deficient and may receive vitamin D supplementation.

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Patients with severe burns who have higher levels of vitamin D recover more successfully than those with lower levels, according to a study presented at the Society for Endocrinology annual conference. Despite improvements in burn care over the last ten years, many patients are still at risk of poor recovery. Complications can range from delayed wound healing through to infections. Patients with severe burns are at high risk of infection that may lead to life-threatening sepsis. Vitamin D is known to have antibacterial actions that may help combat infection and therefore aid in wound healing of burn patients.

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AmeriCorps volunteers make improvements at Lakepoint State Park

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Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

During this season of giving, one group of young adults donated their time, energy and work ethic to the Alabama State Parks System to help with improvements at Lakepoint State Park north of Eufaula.

As part of the AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) program, a team of young adults ages 18-25 made improvements to the bathroom facilities at the campground at Lakepoint.

AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs made up of three primary programs that take different approaches to improving lives and fostering civic engagement. Members commit their time to address critical community needs like increasing academic achievement, mentoring youth, fighting poverty, sustaining state and national parks, preparing for disasters, and more.

According to the AmeriCorps website, the program works with numerous people and groups in the following ways:

AmeriCorps members help communities recover from the damage caused by natural and other disasters.

AmeriCorps members build affordable housing units for families to increase economic opportunity for those living in poverty.

AmeriCorps members facilitate mentorship programs to connect students with community members who can help with academic performance and college preparation.

AmeriCorps members remove trash and other man-made debris from local ponds to promote environmental sustainability.

AmeriCorps members encourage community members to donate fresh produce to local schools to promote healthy futures and reduce childhood obesity.

AmeriCorps members assist veterans and military families in filing for benefits claims so that they get access to the resources they need.

Tasha Simon, Natural Resource Planner with the Alabama State Parks Division, said AmeriCorps NCCC, which focuses on young adults to promote team-building, made a visit to Alabama to explain the role of the program's service units. Simon quickly realized how State Parks could benefit from having one of the teams donate their time and effort to make one of the parks better.

After going through the tedious application and screening processes, Simon got word that Alabama had been selected from among 50 applicants for an AmeriCorps NCCC team.

"Our project entailed restoring the exterior of the bathhouses in the picnic area of the park. Exterior siding was removed and replaced with more-durable concrete board," Simon said.

"The Lakepoint staff was excited about the scope of work completed and the quality of the work performed by the team. We all hope to have more opportunities to work with AmeriCorps NCCC on future projects in the State Parks System."

Simon said State Parks' experience with AmeriCorps NCCC shows this is a team full of young, service-oriented people. It allows them to do service work all over the United States and in other areas. This particular team has just come from Puerto Rico where they helped that country rebuild from the destruction of Hurricane Florence.

"This allows young adults to learn new skills so they can take those skills into their life and kind of figure out where they're going with those skills," Simon said.

"Our staff at Lakepoint mentored them on how to use small power tools. They had never used those before. We gave them some training, and they will be able to take those skills to their next project."

Simon was especially impressed with Eric Cullen, the team leader from Bayou One, which is based in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

"Eric has got his stuff together," she said. "Eric has great potential in his career path."

Cullen, who is from Albany, N.Y., said he was pleased to dispel the stereotypes of the South during his AmeriCorps NCCC work, and he especially enjoyed the mild weather. The AmeriCorps program also gave him the opportunity to expand his experience outside of his field of study.

"I was two years out of college," Cullen said. "I had finished my bachelor's degree. I had worked in the private sector. I was thinking about grad school. I had some friends who had done AmeriCorps. To be honest, I wanted to stay out of the office as long as I could, dodge the cubicle for another year. I thought about working with my hands for a good cause. I'm learning good construction skills. It's not completely altruistic and selfless. It's definitely skills I can use at my home."

The team members who were able to finish out the project with Cullen in December were Eric Bataluna from Idaho, Julia Raup-Collado and Amy Skotek, both from Pennsylvania.

"Everyone I've worked with just likes helping other people," Cullen said. "In our last project we were doing construction with people who haven't had a functioning roof in two years.

"In the case of Lakepoint, it's nice to get a project where we can get it done. It's such a beautiful place. Some mornings when we get here, the fog is lifting off the water. We couldn't ask for a more scenic location to be working."

Simon said she hopes this isn't the last State Parks will see of the AmeriCorps NCCC teams.

"We have submitted applications for AmeriCorps NCCC's fourth round," she said.

"If we are awarded a second team, it would be the end of February through May. They will probably continue with general projects that we have at Lakepoint. That could renovate the docks or the decks on the cabins and cottages."

In addition to learning the benefits of working together as a team, the AmeriCorps NCCC members receive other benefits such as student loan deferment, skills and training, a living allowance, limited health benefit options, an education award upon completion of service to help pay for college, graduate school, or vocational training, or to repay student loans, and career opportunities with leading employers from the private, public and nonprofit sectors.

Eufaula Mayor Jack Tibbs was especially appreciative of the AmeriCorps NCCC volunteer effort.

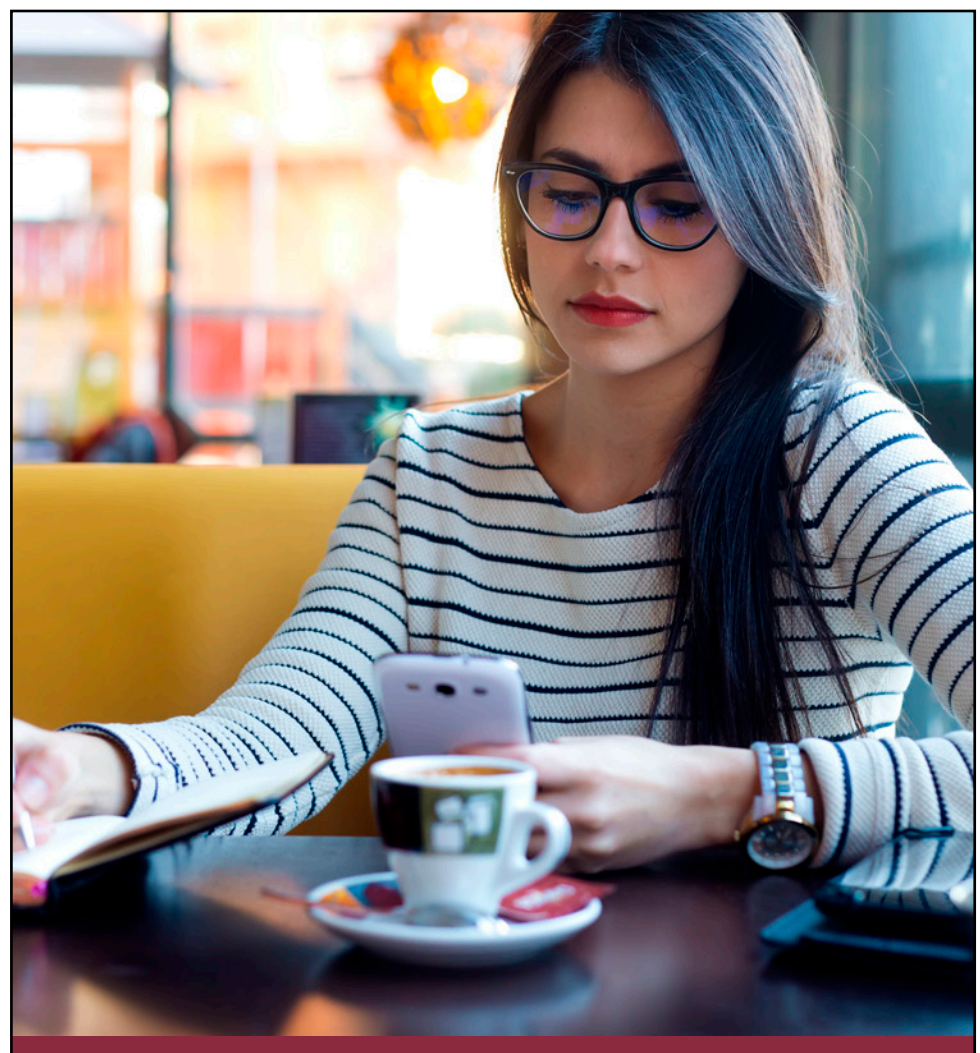
"It is an honor for our city to host you during the service project here at Lakepoint," Tibbs said. "Lake Eufaula and Lakepoint State Park are so important to our way of life here in southeast Alabama, and to have an AmeriCorps team here is just amazing. This was a perfect opportunity for the team members to meet young people in our community and show what is possible through volunteerism and public service."

Visit www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps/americorps-programs/americorps-nccc for more information.



DAVID RAINER, KENNY JOHNSON

AmeriCorps NCCC's Bayou One team makes improvements to the day-use bathroom facilities at Lakepoint State Park near Eufaula. The team replaced deteriorating wood planks with more durable concrete-based boards. Members of the team are, from left, Júlia Raup-Collado, Pennsylvania; Amy Skotek, Pennsylvania; Ruby Amaya, Texas; Eric Cullen, New York; Chris Bunker, Massachusetts; and Eric Bataluna, Idaho.



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'The things you see as a prosecutor, you can't un-see'

ADAA Chaplain Walt Merrell reflects on a year of tragedies and helping prosecutors cope with the stress of their jobs

Eddie Lard
Contributor

ANDALUSIA, Ala. – When fellow District Attorney Greg Griggers was injured in an ambush shooting outside his Demopolis office in November 2018, Walt Merrell knew it was time. Before the shooting, Merrell, the district attorney for Covington County, had felt a calling to use his faith and his experience assisting people dealing with personal struggles, to help prosecutors cope with the trauma and heartbreak they regularly encounter as part of their job.

The means to doing that was the creation of the position of chaplain for the Alabama District Attorneys Association (ADAA).

"It was something that was on my mind. I felt that it's something the association needed," Merrell said, though he was hesitant at first to ask to be appointed chaplain. "When Greg got shot, I was interested in reaching out to him. One of the things that came out of it is we have a much stronger relationship. I am grateful for that."

Less than a month after the shooting, the ADAA created the position of chaplain and appointed Merrell.

Why chaplain?

"I saw that too many of my peers, friends and casual acquaintances were drowning in the turmoil of doing their job," Merrell said. Prosecutors on a regular basis must confront heinous crimes, acts of cruelty and grieving families.

"The things you see as a prosecutor, you can't unsee. The way you recover from that is through hope. My job is to comfort and offer encouragement, and to suggest to them there is hope out there."

The past year has been an especially difficult one for the ADAA family. In November, Sloan Harmon, the 20-year-old son of St. Clair County District Attorney Lyle Harmon, was shot and killed while driving in St. Clair County. And over the course of the year, six law enforcement officers, including longtime and well-loved Lowndes County Sheriff John Williams, were killed in the line of duty.

In addition, the high-profile abductions and murders of a 3-year-old girl in Birmingham and a 19-year-old female college student in Auburn shook both the public and those in law enforcement involved in the desperate searches after they went missing. The emotional toll from dealing with such tragic cases is akin to post-traumatic stress disorder, Merrell said.

"Prosecutors and police officers face a secondhand trauma on a daily basis," he said. "Many suffer PTSD from reliving the tragedies through the victims.

"Prosecutors have to have a very rigid exoskeleton to be immune from personal attacks and attacks from defense attorneys when we are just doing our job. But that exoskeleton doesn't make us immune to the pain and suffering we see from the victims. It's just a shell. We are still people inside. What I hope happens (through my position as chaplain) is a mechanism of support for those who are worn out or need help coping, without them having to worry about the stigma of going to counseling."

Merrell has served as district attorney for Covington County since 2011. Before that, he worked four years as an assistant district attorney, preceded by six years in private practice as a criminal defense and plaintiff lawyer.

Outside of his work in the courtroom, Merrell puts in action his faith as a devout Christian as well as his desire to help others. He regularly speaks to schoolchildren and community and religious groups about the importance of making good decisions, staying out of trouble and avoiding the dangers of alcohol and drugs.

Fifteen years ago, Merrell helped found an addiction recovery program to provide resources to people trying to straighten out their lives. Crossover Ministry grew into a residential addiction recovery program six years ago with a facility in Opp and has served more than 1,000 people.



ADAA

ADAA Chaplain Walt Merrell meeting with, from left, Alabama Securities Commission Director Joe Borg, retired Madison County chief investigator Larry Smith and Houston and Henry County District Attorney Pat Jones following an ADAA prayer breakfast.

"The single biggest threat to the stability of our nation and to the structure of our society is addiction," Merrell said.

"Ninety to 95% of crimes are drug related or drug motivated. From that standpoint, you have to fix the problem. I tell people our job is not to prosecute, it's to fix the problem."

When he and six other men came together to create Crossover Ministry, there was a severe scarcity of resources in Covington County to treat those with substance abuse problems, Merrell said. Now, the residential program can accommodate up to 36 people – both men and women – at a time. Participants graduate after six months. All funding comes from donations, he said.

"We want them to successfully live sober," Merrell said. "A guy came back after going through treatment and said, 'You saved my life.' He wanted to start a drug treatment program in Covington County."

Barry Matson, executive director of the ADAA, said the DAs appreciate having Merrell available to talk with. Matson is usually the first to get the call when tragedy hits or a DA needs help.

"Having Walt is a real resource," Matson said. "I make it a point to be there personally when one of the DAs needs help or a family needs comforting. But having someone else available, especially someone they know well and who demonstrates such a strong faith, is a big plus for the association. I am proud of the work Walt does."

Merrell was first appointed ADAA chaplain last year by former association President Tom Anderson of Enterprise. The current president, Jill Lee of Shelby County, gladly kept him in the post this year.

"Walt is a no-nonsense guy, but he has a love for God and a passion for people," Lee said. "It shows in his willingness to reach out to other DAs who might be going through some things. It also shows in the work he's doing in his community. We are very fortunate to have him."

Joe Borg, director of the Alabama Securities Commission and an ADAA affiliate member, said it's important for the association to have a chaplain, and he believes Merrell is a great fit for the job.

"Walt has a deep conviction for the law. He has a deep conviction for his faith. He has a deep conviction for the truth," Borg said.

"A prosecutor's job is to serve and protect the citizens of his jurisdiction. When you have someone with deep convictions, it's a system that brings true justice."

Larry Smith is a retired chief investigator for the Madison County DA's office and has been an ADAA member since 1972.

"I was really pleased they created the position of chaplain," Smith said.

"We have things to celebrate, and we have things to grieve. Having established that position, DAs now have someone with their background to celebrate with and to grieve with.

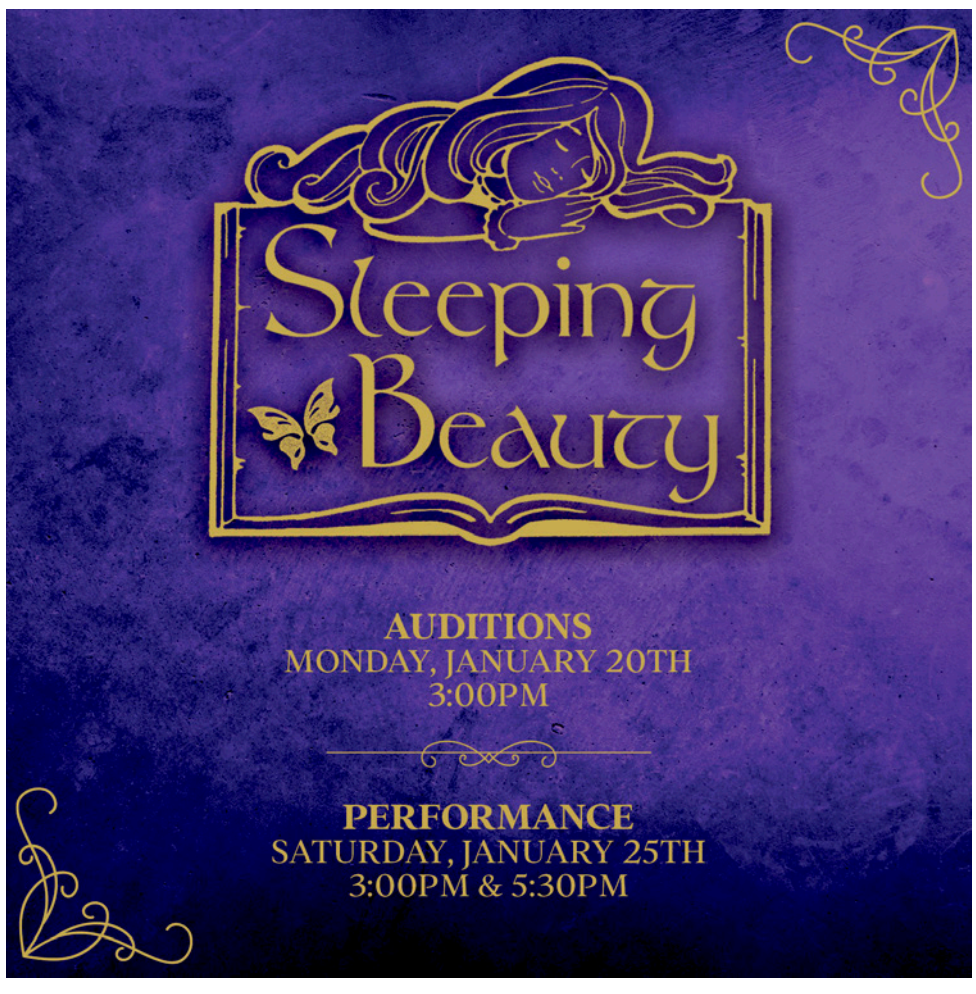
"Walt is a spiritual man who knows how to reach out and connect with other people."

Merrell said being a district attorney does make it easier identifying with the emotional and spiritual strains that other DAs face.

"There's a certain comradery that exists. We kind of think only other prosecutors can understand what we go through," he said. "The typical prosecutor is guided by two things: enforcement of the law and doing what we know to be right. The prosecutor who is working hardest to protect society is wearing himself or herself out. That's why we need a chaplain."









Sports

2:00 p.m. ESPN College Football TicketSmarter Birmingham Bowl — Boston College vs Cincinnati. (Live)
3:00 p.m. FSEE College Basketball North Florida at Dayton.
5:00 p.m. ESPN2 High School Football Under Armour All-America Game. (Live)
FSEE College Basketball Cal State Bakersfield at Texas Tech.
GOLF PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, First Round. (Live)
6:00 p.m. ESPN College Football TaxSlayer Gator Bowl — Indiana vs Tennessee. (Live)
7:00 p.m. FS1 College Basketball Illinois at Michigan State. (Live)
8:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Oregon at Colorado. (Live)
9:00 p.m. FS1 College Basketball UCLA at Washington. (Live)
10:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball California at Stanford. (Live)
GOLF PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, First Round.

Movies

6:00 a.m. FREE "Happy Feet" ★★★ (2006) Voices of Elijah Wood. Animated. Born without the ability to sing, a young emperor penguin expresses himself and hopes to attract a mate through his amazing dancing talent.
6:15 a.m. HBO "Get Over It" ★★ (2001) Kirsten Dunst
6:30 a.m. FX "The Longest Ride" ★★ (2015) Scott Eastwood.
6:35 a.m. SHOW "Stardust" ★★★ (2007) Claire Danes To win the heart of his beloved, a young man ventures into the realm of fairies to retrieve a fallen star.
6:45 a.m. MAX "Love Field" ★★ (1992) Michelle Pfeiffer
7:00 a.m. TCM "Fort Apache" ★★★★ (1948) John Wayne. An Arizona cavalry captain sees his stubborn colonel lead troops into a massacre.
7:45 a.m. HBO "Elektra" ★★ (2005) Jennifer Garner
8:00 a.m. AMC "K-9: P.I." ★★ (2002) James Belushi.
8:30 a.m. MAX "The Resurrection of Gavin Stone" ★★ (2017) Brett Dalton (Premiere)
TMC "Bran Nue Dae" ★★½ (2009) Rocky McKenzie
8:45 a.m. SHOW "Green Book" ★★★½ (2018) Viggo Mortensen An Italian-American bouncer and an African-American pianist confront racism and danger while taking a road trip through the Deep South in 1962.
9:15 a.m. TCM "The Letter" ★★★½ (1940) Bette Davis. A woman claiming self-defense for the murder of her lover is threatened by an incriminating letter.
9:25 a.m. HBO "Chocolat" ★★★½ (2000) Juliette Binoche The mayor opposes a single mother who is opening a chocolate shop in his 1950s French village across from a church during Lent.
10:00 a.m. AMC "Last Holiday" ★★½ (2006) Queen Latifah.
FX "X-Men: Days of Future Past" ★★★ (2014) Hugh Jackman. The X-Men join forces with their younger selves in order to change the past and save mankind's future as well as their own.
TMC "The Fighting Temptations" ★★½ (2003) Cuba Gooding Jr.
11:00 a.m. BET "The Wood" ★★ (1999) Omar Epps.
FREE "Alvin and the Chipmunks" ★★ (2007) Jason Lee.
TCM "Suspicion" ★★★½ (1941) Cary Grant. Alfred Hitchcock directs a thriller about a woman who thinks that her husband is plotting to murder her.
SHOW "Molly's Game" ★★★ (2017) Jessica Chastain Molly Bloom runs the world's most exclusive high-stakes poker game for a decade before being arrested by the FBI. Her only ally is defense lawyer Charlie Jaffey, who learns that there is much more to Molly than the tabloids lead people to believe.
11:30 a.m. HBO "Spanglish" ★★½ (2004) Adam Sandler
11:45 a.m. MAX "In Bruges" ★★★ (2008) Colin Farrell Two hit men have strange and life-changing experiences while hiding out in the medieval city.
12:00 p.m. LIFE "Aaliyah: The Princess of R&B" ★★ (2014) Alexandra Shipp.
12:30 p.m. AMC "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" ★★★½ (1987) Steve Martin. An ad exec and a shower-curtain-ring salesman become co-travelers on the way to Thanksgiving in Chicago.
12:45 p.m. TCM "A Streetcar Named Desire" ★★★★ (1951) Marlon Brando. Tennessee Williams' Blanche DuBois moves in with her sister, Stella, and brutish brother-in-law, Stanley Kowalski.
1:00 p.m. FX "X-Men: Apocalypse" ★★½ (2016) James McAvoy.
1:05 p.m. FREE "Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel" ★★ (2009) Zachary Levi.
1:30 p.m. SHOW "Spotlight" ★★★½ (2015) Mark Ruffalo Journalists from The Boston Globe investigate a cover-up of sexual abuse within the Roman Catholic Church.
2:00 p.m. TMC "Mimic" ★★½ (1997) Mira Sorvino
2:30 p.m. AMC "The Princess Bride" ★★★ (1987) Cary Elwes. A storybook stableboy turns pirate and rescues his beloved, who is about to marry a dreadful prince.
2:45 p.m. HBO "Signs" ★★★ (2002) Mel Gibson With the help of his brother, a Pennsylvanian investigates the appearance of 500-foot-diameter circles in his crop fields.
3:00 p.m. TCM "Adam's Rib" ★★★★ (1949) Spencer Tracy. Married lawyers clash in and out of court over a woman's right to shoot her husband and his lover.
3:10 p.m. FREE "Hotel Transylvania" ★★½ (2012) Voices of Adam Sandler.
3:20 p.m. MAX "A Good Year" ★★ (2006) Russell Crowe
3:45 p.m. SHOW "Girl, Interrupted" ★★½ (1999) Winona Ryder (Premiere)
4:00 p.m. FX "The Martian" ★★★½ (2015) Matt Damon. Left behind by his crew, a stranded astronaut must find a way to survive on Mars, while NASA and a team of international scientists work tirelessly to bring him home.
4:30 p.m. AMC "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" ★★½ (1992) Macaulay Culkin.
4:45 p.m. TCM "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre" ★★★★ (1948) Humphrey Bogart. Three unlucky Americans seek gold in Mexico, agreeing beforehand to split it equally.
4:50 p.m. HBO "The Day After Tomorrow" ★★½ (2004) Dennis Quaid
5:15 p.m. FREE "Despicable Me 2" ★★★ (2013) Voices of Steve Carell. Animated. Just as Gru settles into his new role as a suburban family man, the ultrasecret Anti-Villain League sends him on a mission to nab the perpetrator of a spectacular heist.
5:20 p.m. MAX "Black Knight" ★★ (2001) Martin Lawrence
6:00 p.m. PARMT "White House Down" ★★ (2013) Channing Tatum.
7:00 p.m. AMC "Ghostbusters" ★★★½ (1984) Bill Murray. Armed with proton packs, four paranormal investigators battle mischievous ghouls in New York.
FX "Pitch Perfect 2" ★★½ (2015) Anna Kendrick.
TCM "Road to Morocco" ★★★ (1942) Bing Crosby. Two shipwrecked stowaways ride a camel and meet a princess, whom they rescue from a desert chief.
TNT "Cast Away" ★★★ (2000) Tom Hanks. After a plane crash at sea, a Federal Express engineer survives on a remote island for four years in complete isolation.
HBO "Breakthrough" ★★½ (2019) Chrissy Metz (Premiere)
MAX "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again" ★★½ (2018) Amanda Seyfried
SHOW "Green Book" ★★★½ (2018) Viggo Mortensen An Italian-American bouncer and an African-American pianist confront racism and danger while taking a road trip through the Deep South in 1962.
TMC "Mile 22" ★★ (2018) Mark Wahlberg
7:25 p.m. FREE "The Game Plan" ★★ (2007) Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.
8:30 p.m. TCM "Road to Utopia" ★★★ (1945) Bing Crosby. Two vaudeville flops pose as bad guys and join the Klondike gold rush with a saloon singer.
8:55 p.m. MAX "What's Your Number?" ★★ (2011) Anna Faris
9:00 p.m. PARMT "White House Down" ★★ (2013) Channing Tatum.
HBO "Les Misérables" ★★★½ (2012) Hugh Jackman In 19th-century France, ex-prisoner Jean Valjean, pursued for many years by ruthless policeman Javert, agrees to care for a factory worker's daughter.
9:30 p.m. AMC "Ghostbusters II" ★★½ (1989) Bill Murray.
CMTV "The Vow" ★★½ (2012) Rachel McAdams. Premiere.
10:00 p.m. TNT "Sully" ★★★ (2016) Tom Hanks. After landing US Airways Flight 1549 in New York's Hudson River, Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger faces an investigation that threatens to destroy his career and reputation.
10:15 p.m. TCM "Sorrowful Jones" ★★½ (1949) Bob Hope. Premiere.
TMC "Fair Game" ★★★ (2010) Naomi Watts Valerie Plame's life becomes front-page news when someone leaks her status as a covert CIA operative after her husband, Joseph Wilson, wrote a controversial article for The New York Times.
10:45 p.m. MAX "Without a Paddle" ★★ (2004) Seth Green (Premiere)
11:00 p.m. E! "Dear John" ★★ (2010) Channing Tatum.
FREE "Alvin and the Chipmunks" ★★ (2007) Jason Lee.

THURSDAY EVENING

MOVIES

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		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** "Written in Blood" A message written in blood.		**Law & Order: Criminal Intent** "Sex Club" Little black book.		**Law & Order: Criminal Intent** A restaurant critic is murdered.		**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**
WBIQ-PBS	4	**Ready Jet Go!** (El)	**Peg & Cat** (El Part 2 of 2)	**PBS NewsHour** (N)		**The This Old House Hour** Installing a floating mantel. (N)		**Queen Elizabeth's Secret Agents**		**Queen Elizabeth's Secret Agents**		**Muscle Shoals to Music Row**	
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**	**Superstore** "Toy Drive"	**Superstore** "Negotiations"	**The Paley Center Salutes Law & Order: SVU** (N)		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit**		**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)	**Last Man Standing** Kristin announces her pregnancy.		**Deputy** "Graduation Day" Bill Hollister becomes LA's sheriff.		**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)	**Young Sheldon**	**(:31) Young Sheldon**	**(:01) Mom**	**Carol's Second Act**	**Evil** "2 Fathers" David and Kristen go to an art commune.		**CBS42 News 10pm** (N)	**Late Show-Colbert**
WTTO-CW	9	**The Goldbergs** "Big Orange"	**2 Broke Girls**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**Supernatural** All of the souls in hell are released.		**Legacies** Tensions rise between Landon and Josie.		**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**The Andy Griffith Show**	**The Andy Griffith Show**
WPXH-ION	11	**Chicago P.D.** "Brotherhood" Ruzek risks his career.		**Chicago P.D.** "Trust" Antonio returns to work.		**Chicago P.D.** "Outrage" Halstead puts his career at risk.		**Chicago P.D.** Atwater's allegiances are tested.		**Chicago P.D.** Upton and Burgess enter a bad situation.		**Chicago P.D.** Intelligence works with the CFD.	
WABM2-ABC	12	**ABC 33/40 News at 5PM**	**ABC World News**	**ABC 33/40 News at 6PM**	**Wheel of Fortune** (N)	**What Is Jeopardy!? Alex Trebek-America's Quiz Show**		**The Great American Baking Show: Holiday Edition** "Semi-Final and Final" (Season Finale) The winner is announced. (N)				**ABC 33/40 News at 10PM**	**(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!**
A&E	42	**The First 48: Cold Blooded Killer** "Ashes and Snow"		**The First 48: Cold Blooded Killer** A man is shot dead. (N)		**The First 48** "Taken" A man and his fiancée are executed.		**The First 48** A grandfather is gunned down. (N)		**60 Days In** Sheriff Horton enlists civilians.		**The First 48** "Tracked" A father of three is executed.	
AMC	53	**(4:30) ★★ "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"** (1992, Children's) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern.				**★★★ "Ghostbusters"** (1984, Comedy) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis. Four paranormal investigators battle mischievous ghouls.					**★★ "Ghostbusters II"** (1989, Comedy) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Sigourney Weaver.		
ANPL	47	**Jeremy Wade's Dark Waters** "Return of the Outback Beast"		**Jeremy Wade's Dark Waters** A half-human, half-fish beast.		**(:01) Jeremy Wade's Dark Waters** "Jurassic River Beast"		**Jeremy Wade's Dark Waters: How To Catch A River Monster**		**Jeremy Wade's Dark Waters: How To Catch A River Monster**		**(:07) Jeremy Wade's Dark Waters** "Cold Water Mystery"	
BET	55	**BET Star Cinema**						**★ "Baggage Claim"** (2013, Romance-Comedy) Paula Patton, Derek Luke, Taye Diggs. A woman sets out on a cross-country quest to find a husband.					
BRAVO	58	**(3:29) The Real Housewives of Orange County** Footage form the "Reunion" episodes. (N)			**Project Runway** "Sleigh the Runway" The designers create party dresses.			**Project Runway** "The Ultimate Upcycle" The designers recycle donated clothing. (N)			**The Real Housewives of Atlanta** "A Whine of a Time"		**Real Housewives-Dallas**
CMTV	61	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**★ "The Best of Me"** (2014, Romance) Michelle Monaghan, James Marsden. Premiere. Former high-school sweethearts have a hometown reunion.					**★★ "The Vow"** (2012, Romance) Rachel McAdams, Channing Tatum. Premiere.		
CNBC	35	**Mad Money** (N)		**Shark Tank** Salad dressing mix; golf ball cleaner.		**Shark Tank** Traditional handheld Argentinian snack.		**Shark Tank** Foldable, wheeled luggage; soaps.		**Shark Tank** A socially interactive party game.		**Shark Tank** An automatic dog potty; a tipping app.	
CNN	37	**The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer** (N)		**Erin Burnett OutFront** (N)		**Anderson Cooper 360** (N)		**Anderson Cooper 360** (N)		**CNN Tonight With Don Lemon** (N)		**Anderson Cooper 360**	
COM	56	**(:15) The Office** Michael handles conflict resolution.		**(5:50) The Office**	**(:25) The Office**	**The Office** "Initiation"	**The Office**	**The Office** "The Return"	**The Office**	**The Office** "Crime Aid"	**The Office** "The Duel"	**The Office** "A.A.R.M."	**The Office** "A.A.R.M."
DISN	49	**Jessie**	**Jessie**	**Sydney to the Max**	**Bunk'd**	**Raven's Home**	**Just Roll With It**	**Gabby Duran**	**Jessie** "Karate Kid-tastrophe"	**Coop & Cami Ask the World**	**Sydney to the Max**	**Raven's Home**	**Just Roll With It**
DSC	43	**Homestead Rescue: Deconstructed** (N)		**Homestead Rescue: Deconstructed** (N)		**Homestead Rescue** (N)				**(:02) Homestead Rescue** "Savage Wilderness" (N)		**(:05) Homestead Rescue** "Ozark Mountain Misery"	
E!	21	**(4:30) Botched** "Super Fupa"	**Botched** A patient wants to look like an alien.	**Botched** Dr. Nassif fixes a dinosaur nose.		**Botched** "I Love New Boobs" Beating breast implant illness.		**Botched** A viral sensation needs booty help.		**Nightly Pop** (N)		**Golden Globes: E!'s Inside Guide** (N)	
ESPN	29	**College Football**	**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)	**College Football** TaxSlayer Gator Bowl -- Indiana vs Tennessee. (N) (Live)						**SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt** (N) (Live)			
ESPN2	30	**High School Football** Under Armour All-America Game. (N) (Live)						**College Basketball** Oregon at Colorado. From Coors Events Center in Boulder, Colo. (N) (Live)				**College Basketball** California at Stanford. (N) (Live)	
FOOD	45	**Beat Bobby Flay**	**Beat Bobby Flay**	**Restaurant: Impossible** An Italian restaurant in need of help.		**Restaurant: Impossible** Uncle Andy's in Portland, Maine. (N)		**Restaurant: Impossible** Robert helps the owners clean up. (N)		**Beat Bobby Flay** (N)	**Beat Bobby Flay**	**Beat Bobby Flay**	**Beat Bobby Flay**
FREE	48	**(:15) ★★★ "Despicable Me 2"** (2013) Voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig. Animated. Gru and his new partner hunt the perpetrator of a spectacular heist.					**(:25) ★★ "The Game Plan"** (2007, Children's) Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Madison Pettis. A carefree football player learns he has a daughter.					**The 700 Club**	
FS1	20	**NFL Turning Point** (N)	**Divided We Stand**		**FS1 College Hoops Tip-Off**	**College Basketball** Illinois at Michigan State. From Breslin Center in East Lansing, Mich. (N) (Live)				**College Basketball** UCLA at Washington. From Alaska Airlines Arena in Seattle. (N) (Live)			
FSEE	32	**College Basketball** Cal State Bakersfield at Texas Tech. From United Supermarkets Arena in Lubbock, Texas.				**Fight Sports: Boxing**				**Boxing 30**	**Clemson: Dabo Swinney**	**Epic Trails**	**18 Holes Gulbis Hanlin**
FX	28	**(4:00) ★★★ "The Martian"** (2015) Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain. A stranded astronaut tries to survive on Mars.				**★★ "Pitch Perfect 2"** (2015, Musical Comedy) Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, Hailee Steinfeld. The Barden Bellas compete at the world championships.					**★ "Baywatch"** (2017, Comedy) Dwayne Johnson, Zac Efron, Priyanka Chopra.		
GOLF	82	**PGA Tour Golf** Sentry Tournament of Champions, First Round. From the Plantation Course at Kapalua. (N) (Live)								**Golf Central** (N) (Live)		**PGA Golf**	
HALL	72	**"A Christmas Love Story"** (2019, Drama) Kristin Chenoweth. A gifted boy joins a choir unbeknownst to his widowed father.				**"12 Gifts of Christmas"** (2015) Katrina Law, Aaron O'Connell. An executive hires an artist to do his Christmas shopping.				**"Miss Christmas"** (2017, Romance) Brooke D'Orsay, Marc Blucas. A woman searches for the perfect Christmas tree.			
HGTV	46	**Flip or Flop**	**Flip or Flop**	**Flip or Flop**	**Flip or Flop**	**Flip or Flop**	**Flip or Flop**	**Christina on the Coast**	**Flip or Flop** (N)	**Flip or Flop**	**Flip or Flop**	**Flip or Flop** La Puente, Calif.	**Flip or Flop**
HIST	40	**American Pickers** The guys encounter a mad scientist.		**American Pickers** Rescuing a carnival business.		**American Pickers** A Pittsburgh time capsule.		**American Pickers** "Big Dollar Days" (N)		**(:03) American Pickers** Two mind-blowing bicoastal picks.		**(:05) American Pickers** Guys get a lead from a fellow picker.	
LIFE	23	**Surviving R. Kelly** R. Kelly goes to trial in Chicago.		**Surviving R. Kelly** Accusations of keeping girls imprisoned.		**Surviving R. Kelly** Women's groups target the singer.		**Surviving R. Kelly** A gun threat wreaks havoc.		**(:05) Surviving R. Kelly** Tiffany Hawkins breaks her silence. (N)		**(:14) Surviving R. Kelly** A gun threat wreaks havoc.	
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	**Alaska State Troopers** Catching hunters who violate the law.		**Alaska State Troopers** Alaskan troopers search for a family.		**Alaska State Troopers** Finding thieves; a home intruder.		**Alaska State Troopers** "Double Trouble" (N)		**Alaska State Troopers** "Guns and Lies" (N)		**Alaska State Troopers** Finding thieves; a home intruder.	
PARMT	57	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**★★ "White House Down"** (2013, Action) Channing Tatum, Jamie Foxx, Maggie Gyllenhaal. Paramilitary soldiers take over the White House.						**★★ "White House Down"** (2013, Action) Channing Tatum, Jamie Foxx. Paramilitary soldiers take over the White House.			
TBS	25	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Seinfeld** "The Trip"	**Seinfeld** "The Trip"	**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 Aaron Paul.	**Brooklyn Nine-Nine**
TCM	79	**(4:45) ★★★★ "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre"** (1948, Adventure) Humphrey Bogart, Walter Huston, Tim Holt.				**★★★ "Road to Morocco"** (1942, Musical Comedy) Bing Crosby, Bob Hope.			**★★★ "Road to Utopia"** (1945, Musical Comedy) Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour.			**(:15) ★★ "Sorrowful Jones"** (1949) Bob Hope.	
TLC	24	**Dr. Pimple Popper** Melissa has a huge lipoma for years.	**Dr. Pimple Popper** Josh has a knot on his head.			**Dr. Pimple Popper: Countdown to the New Season** (N)		**Dr. Pimple Popper** Traci has bumps on her face.		**(:02) My Feet Are Killing Me** Life-threatening scar on a foot.		**(:04) 1000-lb Sisters** Sisters rely on each other and food.	
TNT	26	**Bones** "The Pain in the Heart" Serial killer strikes.		**Bones** The murder of a young British heiress. (Part 1 of 2)		**★★★ "Cast Away"** (2000, Drama) Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt, Nick Searcy. A courier company executive is marooned on a remote island.						**★★★ "Sully"** (2016, Drama) Tom Hanks, Aaron Eckhart.	
USA	27	**NCIS** "The Lost Boys" A terrorist group buys bombs.		**NCIS** "Neverland" The team suffers an emotional loss.		**NCIS** "Scope" An American couple is attacked in Iraq.		**NCIS** A missing Navy commander is found dead.		**NCIS** A deal is struck with a murderer.		**NCIS** Bomb materials are found on the roof.	
WE	71	**Law & Order: Criminal Intent** Detectives investigate a family.		**Growing Up Hip Hop** "A Proposal in the Heir"		**Growing Up Hip Hop** "No Run in the Oven"		**Growing Up Hip Hop** A secret marriage shocks all. (N)		**(:01) Growing Up Hip Hop** A secret marriage shocks all.		**(:01) Growing Up Hip Hop** A secret marriage shocks all.	
HBO	518	**(4:50) ★★ "The Day After Tomorrow"** (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid. Global warming leads to worldwide natural disasters.				**★★ "Breakthrough"** (2019) Chrissy Metz. Premiere. Parents pray for a miracle as their son fights for his life. 'PG'				**★★★ "Les Misérables"** (2012) Hugh Jackman. Former prisoner Jean Valjean flees a persistent pursuer. 'PG-13'			
MAX	549	**(3:20) ★★ "A Good Year"**	**(:20) ★★ "Black Knight"** (2001, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Marsha Thomason. 'PG-13'			**★★ "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again"** (2018, Musical Comedy) Amanda Seyfried, Lily James, Pierce Brosnan. 'PG-13'				**(8:55) ★★ "What's Your Number?"** (2011, Romance-Comedy) Anna Faris, Chris Evans. 'R'		**(:45) "Without a Paddle"**	
SHOW	578	**(3:45) ★★ "Girl, Interrupted"** (1999) Winona Ryder.		**Shameless** Frank uncovers the truth about Faye.		**★★★ "Green Book"** (2018) Viggo Mortensen. Two men confront racism during a 1960s Southern road trip. 'PG-13'				**(:10) The L Word: Generation Q** "LA Times"		**(:10) Work in Progress**	**(:45) Ray Donovan**
TMC	598	**(4:00) "11:55"** (2016) 'NR'	**"I'll Take Your Dead"** (2018, Horror) Aidan Devine, Ava Preston, Jess Salgueiro. 'NR'			**★★ "Mile 22"** (2018, Action) Mark Wahlberg, Lauren Cohan, Iko Uwais. 'R'			**(:35) ★ "Bangkok Dangerous"** (2008, Action) Nicolas Cage, Shahkrit Yamnarm. 'R'			**(:15) ★★★ "Fair Game"** (2010) Naomi Watts. 'PG-13'	

Best Bets

8 p.m. on WBRC
Deputy

When the sheriff of Los Angeles County dies, a legal quirk dating back to the days of the Old West thrusts into the job an unlikely successor: Bill Hollister (Stephen Dorff), a fifth-generation lawman who's perfectly at ease taking down bad guys, but woefully ill-suited to navigating the complex politics of his Southern California turf. Writer and executive producer Will Beall ("Aquaman") penned the pilot for this new police drama mixed with Wild West spirit. Yara Martinez and Brian Van Holt co-star.

8 p.m. on WABM2
The Great American Baking Show: Holiday Edition

This hugely popular reality competition series wraps up its brief holiday edition with "Semi-Final and Final," which opens with the final five bakers confronting six ultimate challenges that stand between them and the title of America's Best Amateur Baker. Emma Bunton and former NFL star Anthony "Spice" Adams are the hosts; Paul Hollywood and pastry chef Sherry Yard serve as the judges.

8 p.m. on HGTV
Christina on the Coast

Christina Anstead launches the sophomore season of her home improvement series with a premiere that finds her working with a local firefighter. This client is seeking what he calls a "firehouse functional" feeling in his home, but his wife prefers a very clean, all-white aesthetic. Christina finds a successful compromise for them as she creates a breathtaking open-concept living space. On a more personal note, she also confides to BFF Cassie that she's expecting her first child with husband Ant Anstead.

8 p.m. on TLC
Dr. Pimple Popper

Dermatologist Dr. Sandra Lee returns for her fourth season of new episodes that follow her as she tries to help patients with potentially life-threatening conditions, one needle, pop and scalpel at a time. In the season premiere, she meets Traci, whose confidence has been shattered by years of bullying about the bumps that have plagued her face for 20 years. In another segment, Ravon has a unique dangling growth on his leg.

8 p.m. on TRVL
Ghost Adventures

Zak Bagans and his "Ghost Adventures" team — Aaron Goodwin, Jay Wasley and Billy Tolley — kick back in their show's screening room to revisit some of their favorite adventures from the past decade in this new series, in which the guys also get candid with their fans (and each other) and spill some previously undisclosed anecdotes about what it's like to work on a show like this. The series premiere takes the foursome back to their Branson, Mo., investigation of the Titanic Museum.

9:02 p.m. on TLC
My Feet Are Killing Me

Created as a companion series to TLC's blockbuster "Dr. Pimple Popper," this new reality series follows podiatrists Dr. Ebonie Vincent and Dr. Brad Schaeffer as they try to restore the confidence of their patients and literally get them back on their feet. Each one-hour episode follows three patients plagued by a diverse assortment of foot problems, who turn to Drs. Vincent and Schaeffer for help. Among them: a paranormal romance novelist who wants to have her unsightly sixth toe amputated.

10:15 p.m. on TCM
Movie: Sorrowful Jones

Two beloved comedy stars, Bob Hope and Lucille Ball, team up for director Sidney Lanfield's 1949 makeover of the 1934 Shirley Temple classic "Little Miss Marker," a Damon Runyon yarn about a little girl (played this time by Mary Jane Saunders), who is left with Hope's title character as a marker for a bet. Ball plays a nightclub singer who gets involved with the little girl's situation. Bruce Cabot and William Demarest co-star.



Stephen Dorff stars in "Deputy" on Fox.

OPINION/PUBLIC SAFETY

Places with most (and least) traffic fatalities in America

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Editor's note: *The statistics in this article were gathered from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by PeronalInjurySanDiego.org.*

Each year, tens of thousands of people tragically die in traffic accidents. By latest count almost 37,000 people died last year in automotive accidents. Many of those people were pedestrians who were hit by cars. Others were passengers or drivers. Among children age 8 and older, motor vehicles accidents are the leading cause of death.

Still, some strides have been made to reduce vehicle deaths. Because of airbags, seatbelts and improved automotive technology, cars are generally safer today than in prior decades. Moreover, some municipalities are redesigning their roads to make them safer for both drivers and pedestrians.

So where are the roads most dangerous in America? The staff at PersonalInjurySanDiego.org decided to analyze the latest data available from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on the rate of traffic fatalities in states and cities across America.

Among states, we found that Mississippi has the highest rate of traffic fatalities in the country, while New York has the lowest. Montana has the highest rate of alcohol-related traffic fatalities in the country.

When it comes to wearing seat belts, Hawaii leads the nation with a 97.8% compliance rate. New Hampshire is last in the nation when it comes to seat belt safety as only 76.4% buckle up in the "live free or die" state.

The NHTSA is a governmental organization tasked with creating and enforcing automobile standards.

As part of its mission to "Save lives, prevent injuries, reduce vehicle-related crashes" the agency releases traffic fatality data on an annual basis. On a state level, the most recent data available is from 2018, which we have analyzed in this report.

To begin, let's look at the states that are most dangerous when it comes to motor vehicle-related deaths. The chart below shows the number of traffic fatalities per 100,000 living in each state.

States with the most and least traffic fatalities

By a considerable margin, Mississippi is the most dangerous state when it comes to automotive fatalities. In Mississippi there are 22.1 auto-related deaths per every 100,000 people living there.

In Mississippi, the probability of dying in a motor vehicle accident is nearly 5 times as high as in New York, the state with the lowest death rate.

According to the CDC, rural roads tend to be much more dangerous which helps explain why states like Mississippi and South Carolina top the rankings. On the other hand, states where a lot of the population live in an urban center like New York tend to have safer streets on average.

However, the rural-urban divide only explains part of the divide when it comes to deaths in car crashes. Another factor is that there is considerable variation in how likely the population is to embrace life-saving safety measures like wearing a seatbelt.

States ranked by population wearing seatbelts

Part of the reason a place like Mississippi has high traffic fatality rates is non-compliance with wearing seatbelts. In Hawaii, the state with the highest seat belt rate, 97.8% of people wear their seatbelts. In contrast, Mississippi has the 4th lowest seat belt rate at just 80.2%. Of note, New Hampshire is the only state in the country that does not require wearing seatbelts and therefore ranks last on this metric.

Seatbelts is just one safety measure that can be embraced or rejected by the population. Another measure to consider is the prevalence of drunk driving. The following chart shows the rate of motor vehicle deaths that involved a positive blood alcohol concentration (BAC) by state:

The states with the most (and least) deaths from drunk driving fatalities

When it comes to drunk driving deaths, Montana has the highest rate in the country, followed by Wyoming and South Carolina. On the other hand, drunk driving deaths are much rarer in New Jersey, New York and Minnesota.

Automobiles can be lethal. They are extremely heavy and are capable of moving at extraordinary speeds. A moment of distraction from a driver or a poorly designed intersection can easily result in death. In the United States, traffic fatalities are much more common than in others. Mississippi, South Carolina and Alabama lead with the highest fatality rates. These states also tend to have lower rates of seatbelt wearing and higher rates of drunk driving, indicating that many of these deaths are completely preventable.

Auburn (from Front)

ceptions for 204 yards and two touchdowns to earn MVP honors. Defensively, Jeremiah Dinson led the Tigers with nine tackles. The safety was part of a senior class at Auburn that all opted to play in the bowl game and finish together. The group also included Derrick Brown, the SEC Defensive Player of the Year, and Marlon Davidson, a First-Team All-SEC selection.

"I really appreciate our seniors," Malzhan said. "They just did an outstanding job their whole career. I'm disappointed for them that we couldn't get them out with a victory. They led us today and played extremely hard."

Highlighted by wins over Alabama and Oregon, Auburn finished the season at 9-4.

20s (from Front)

Christy Perry, Heather Mann

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman partygoers ushered in the new year with style and pizzazz Tuesday night and had a "roaring" good time doing so. While looking forward to 2020, New Year's Eve party fashions were a throwback to the era of the speakeasy, flappers and pinstripes. Whether stepping out to Top of the Town, Dreher's or 412 Public House, one couldn't help but enjoy the "Great Gatsby"-like atmospheres. Celebrations also took place at the Cullman Moose Lodge and Goat Island Brewing.

St. Paul's Lutheran School held its Inaugural New Year's Eve party and fundraiser at Top of the Town. Guests enjoyed a fun night of live music and amazing food. Guests danced, had a few cocktails and visited the photo booth while waiting for midnight to arrive with a champagne toast.

Down the street at Dreher's and Moe's, the parties were also in full swing. Downtown Cullman sparkled as the ladies in sequin flappers and the men donning fedoras and suits took in the grand soirées. The staff at Dreher's worked feverishly as midnight approached to make sure guests had the champagne ready. Dreher's was packed to standing-room only, making it party central for the more energetic crowds.

The Cullman Moose Lodge featured live music by Honeysuckle Blue with Chester Cox on percussion. The soft lighting, smooth music and spacious dance area inspired several couples to dance like it was their prom night all over again, and all the guests were kind enough to gather around for a group picture to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

412 Public House served dinner specials by Chef Ricardo, and by 10:30 the restaurant was a haven of calm for people who wanted to go out and celebrate without having to deal with large crowds and loud music.

Goat Island partiers enjoyed prime rib plates from Freddie Day Catering and live music by Round 2. Guests spent the hour before midnight dancing away the decade to songs like "Twist and Shout" and "La Bamba," while everyone watched a live broadcast of the countdown to 2020 on the largest screen in the room.

"As the decade came to an end, couples across the brewery embraced and danced to Round 2's rendition of "Auld Lang Syne."

Perhaps saying goodbye to the teens and making it to the 20s helping elevate enthusiasm and genuine optimism.

At least in the few hours leading up to midnight and in the time following, everyone was happy. In downtown Cullman, the laughter, hugs and kisses were plentiful and 2020 was off to a great start.

Live streams of the countdowns at Dreher's and Goat Island can be seen at www.Facebook.com/CullmanTribune.

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Classic history set to repeat on Lake Guntersville

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SEIGO SAITO/B.A.S.S.

Take off for the 2020 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Huk will mark the third time Lake Guntersville has hosted this iconic tournament.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – When the world's best anglers take off from Civitan Park for the 2020 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Huk, it will be the third time storied Lake Guntersville has hosted the Super Bowl of Bass Fishing.

The 50th edition of the Bassmaster Classic will pit 53 bass anglers against each other as they compete for a purse of over $1 million. The three-day competition and Bassmaster Classic Outdoors Expo March 6-8, 2020 will attract thousands of fans to Birmingham, Ala. and Lake Guntersville.

Lake Guntersville first hosted the Classic in 1976 and again in 2014, but has hosted 22 major B.A.S.S. events, making it one of the most visited fisheries in B.A.S.S. tournament history.

Commentators on those early Classics were often heard to complain that no "big names" ever won the championship.

They were hoping for a victory by Bill Dance, Roland Martin or Tom Mann.

While those victories would never come, the Classic created its own superstars, like Rick Clunn who won his first Classic in 1976 on Lake Guntersville. At 73, Clunn is still a dominant force in sportfishing, taking home a victory in the 2019 Bassmaster Elite at St. Johns River.

"For my whole career fishing the Bassmaster tournament trail, Guntersville has always been a marquee fishery, a place there's an opportunity to have record-breaking stringers," said Bass Fishing Hall of Fame member Davy Hite, host of Bassmaster LIVE and 1999 Classic champion. "All fisheries cycle, but year-in and year-out Guntersville is always in the top five fisheries in the country."

Guntersville is one of just seven lakes to produce Century Club catches — more than 100 pounds in four days of fishing with a five-bass creel limit — and it's done it five times. The first time it cracked the mark was in the 2009 Bassmaster Elite Series event when four anglers all broke triple digits.

Guntersville produced another Century Club entry a year later when the Elite event was won with 100-13. It marked the fifth time an angler broke 100 pounds on the lake.

Only four other bodies of water have posted more Century Club entries (Falcon, Clear, Amistad and Santee Cooper).

And while Guntersville is known for these big weights, it is unlikely to produce another Century Club weight in a three-day tournament.

According to Hite, if conditions are conducive, the record Classic weight of 69 pounds, 11 ounces could be eclipsed, and there's potential someone could top the one-day mark of 32-3, which Elite Series pro Paul Mueller weighed on Day 2 of the most recent Classic there in 2014.

"I think the 69-11 can be surpassed," Hite said. "It's the perfect time, but we may need a little help from Mother Nature. It could be lows in the 20s and high in the 40s the first week of March, but it could also be lows in the 40s and high in the 70s. Regardless of good weather or bad, big bass will be caught."

For information about the Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Huk, visit Bassmaster.com.

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Benny (from Front)

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Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.

Alabama (from Front)

UA Athletics
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ORLANDO, Fla. – No. 13 Alabama football beat No. 14 Michigan, 35-16, in the Vrbo Citrus Bowl at Camping World Stadium in the first game of the new year. With the win, the Crimson Tide climbs to 11-2 for the season, while the Wolverines fall to 9-4. The victory gave Alabama its ninth consecutive season with 11-or-more wins, the longest streak in the poll era (since 1936).

Junior wide receiver Jerry Jeudy used a career day to earn Citrus Bowl MVP honors, totaling a career-high 204 receiving yards on just six catches, averaging 34 yards per reception, including an 85-yard touchdown catch from redshirt sophomore quarterback Mac Jones on the Tide's first offensive play of the game.

Jones went 16-for-25 for 327 yards and three touchdowns through the air with completions to six different targets.

Junior defensive back Xavier McKinney and redshirt senior linebacker Anfernee Jennings had 10 total tackles apiece to lead the Crimson Tide defense. Freshman linebacker Shane Lee led UA with seven solo stops and had nine tackles overall. McKinney and Lee both came up with sacks while Jennings and senior defensive lineman Tevita Musika combined for a third sack.

Senior defensive back Shyheim Carter and sophomore defensive back Josh Jobe came up with interceptions, both of which came in the second half.

How It Happened

- Alabama opened the game and the second half with a pair of long touchdown catches, with Jones connecting with Jeudy for an 85-yard strike on the Tide's first offensive play of the day before opening the second half with a 42-yard touchdown toss to junior wide receiver DeVonta Smith.
- In between the Tide's first two passing touchdowns, Najee Harris leapt into the endzone for a nine-yard touchdown in the second quarter, giving him a rushing touchdown for the seventh game in a row
- Michigan scored four times in the first half, with a first-quarter touchdown and three field goals, including a 57-yarder to close the first half
- In the fourth quarter, redshirt junior tight end Miller Forristall scored on a 20-yard reception from Jones in his first game back after missing the final four regular-season games
- Harris iced the game by going up the middle to punch it in for a two-yard touchdown late in the fourth quarter to make it 35-16, the final score

Players of the Game

- Jeudy finished the game with six receptions for a career-best 204 yards, starting with an 85-yard touchdown grab on the Tide's first offensive play of the game
- Jeudy's 85-yard reception from Jones was the second longest completion in Citrus Bowl history
- Jeudy's 204 receiving yards put him over 1,000 yards for a season for the second time in his Alabama career, giving him 1,163 yards in 2019
- Jones threw for 327 yards and three touchdowns, spreading the ball to six different receivers, including three that scored touchdowns
- Harris accounted for 24 of the Tides' 30 rushes, rolling up 136 yards and two touchdowns, including 69 yards in the fourth quarter, giving him 1,262 rushing yards on the season

Key Stats

- After allowing 286 yards of total offense and 16 points in the first half, Alabama's defense held Michigan to just 109 yards and zero points in the second half
- Alabama outgained the Wolverines, 480-395, in total offense, including a nearly 100-yard differential through the air, 327-233

The 2019 Season

- Alabama finished the 2019 season with its NCAA-best 67th bowl trip and tallied its 39th bowl/postseason win, the most in college football history
- The Crimson Tide has won 10-or-more games each of the last 12 years and totaled 11-or-more wins the last nine years in a row

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