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End of year reports: CAAWA helps hundreds of animals in 2019

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Area Animal Welfare Association (CAAWA) is an all-volunteer nonprofit 501(c)(3) that rescues dogs and cats in Cullman County, fosters them and provides low-cost spay/neuter assistance through Snip It Tickets. According to CAAWA, all animals accepted into the foster program are quarantined to ensure their health before being placed in foster homes, where they can be socialized with people and other animals. CAAWA partners with the Cullman PetSmart and a New England adoption liaison to help animals find homes both around Cullman County and across the country.

Adoption Coordinator Pat Bentley shared CAAWA's 2019 achievements:

• 571 bags of dog and cat food given out at the CAAWA Dog/Cat Food Bank, which served 20 families in Cullman County

• A total of 360 animals (318 puppies/dogs and 42 cats/kittens) went through the organization, with most of them going to their three "partner rescues" in New England, Chicago and Huntsville.

• 208 spay-neuter surgeries completed for animals belonging to residents of Cullman, Winston, Morgan and Walker Counties

• 182 Snip It tickets purchased by the public, 19 purchased by an anonymous sponsor and seven by the organization itself for a total of 208

CAAWA will be at the Cullman PetSmart (1244 Cullman Shopping Center N) Saturday, Jan. 11 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. » PAGE 4

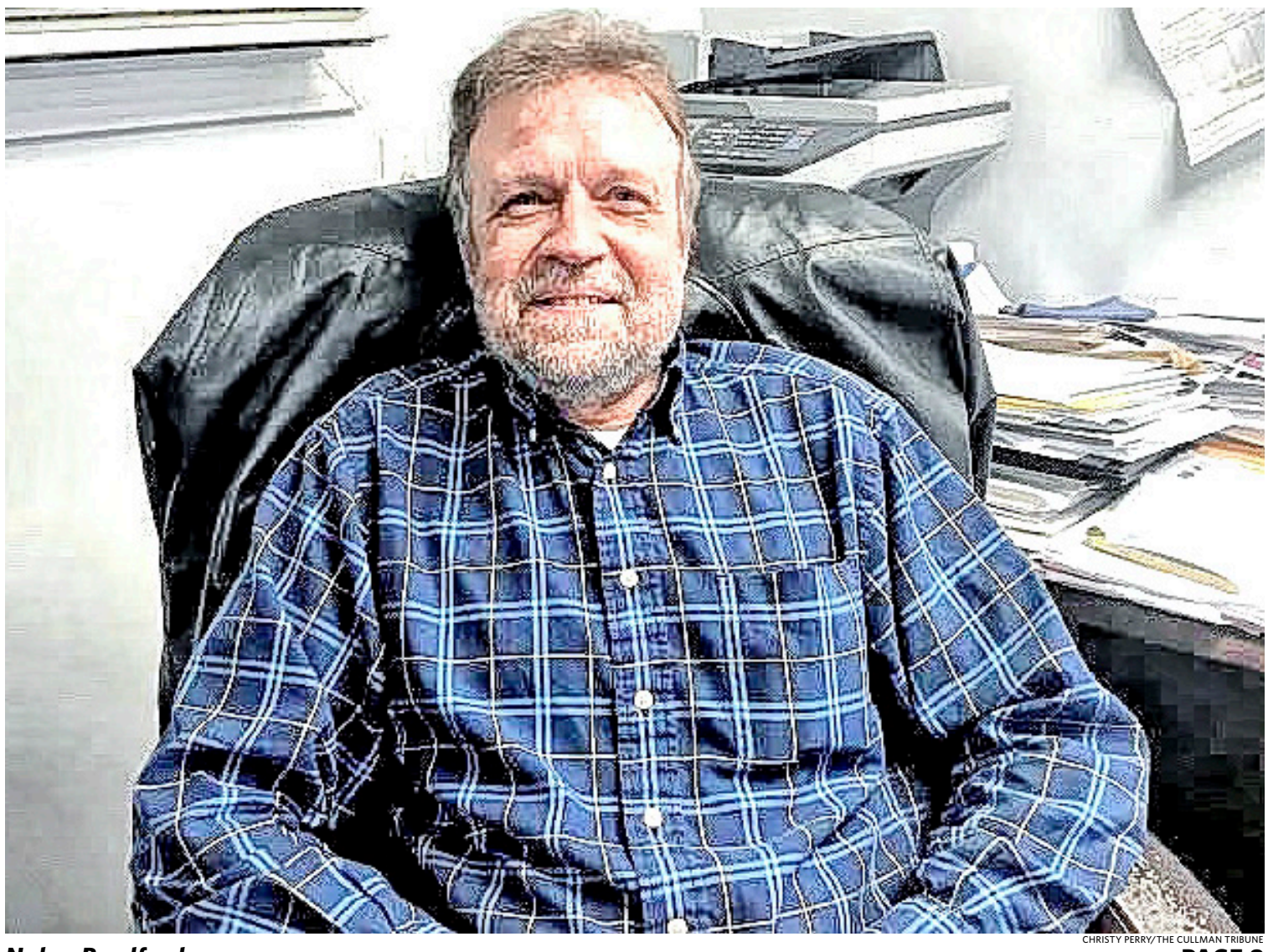

CAAWA

Cullman Area Animal Welfare Association (CAAWA) volunteers Becky Greggs and Sue Jones pose with three pups in February 2019.

– LIFESTYLE –

'There is something down here worth coming to see'

Businessman Nolan Bradford on his love for the city of Hanceville


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Nolan Bradford

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Westminster Assisted Living teams up with Cullman Caring for Kids



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Westminster Assisted Living is collecting cans of soup now until Jan. 10 to support the Cullman Caring for Kids United Way food bank.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – January is National Soup Month and Westminster Assisted Living is collecting cans of soup now until Jan. 10 to support the Cullman Caring for Kids United Way food bank. Westminster is asking the public to help by dropping off cans of soup at its main office at 1020 Olive St. SW in Cullman.

On Jan.10, the directors of Cullman Caring for Kids will visit Westminster where they and the residents will enjoy a soup bar.

Ashley Uptagrafft, activities director for Westminster, said, "Cullman Caring for Kids will provide us with a presentation about their organization and we will present them with the cans of soup we have collected. We are hoping to have a great positive impact with this event."

The residents of Westminster look for fun and creative ways to continue being active and engaged in their community.

The soup drive is just one of several giving efforts planned this year.

Uptagrafft added, "We hope people will also share their favorite soup recipes with us and letters of » PAGE 4

Community Wellness Week, Polar Bear Plunge coming up at CWAC Jan. 6-11

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Community Wellness Week begins Monday, Jan. 6 at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center (CWAC). During the week, non-member visitors can get day passes for only $5, get $50 off any membership package and can check out CWAC for free Saturday, Jan. 11 when the center holds its annual Polar Bear Plunge, along with a LifeSouth Blood Drive and Health and Wellness Fair.

Saturday, Jan. 11:

• Health and Wellness Fair, 8 a.m.-noon

• Registration for Polar Bear Plunge, 9-9:45 a.m.

• Polar Bear Plunge, 10 a.m. in the outdoor pool

Participants in the Polar Bear Plunge will be entered in a drawing for a free, one-year full-family membership to CWAC, and Director Aleah De- » PAGE 4


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Participants hit the water during the 2019 Polar Bear Plunge at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center.

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Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 2

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 2, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

No incidents to report.

ARRESTS

Dec. 30

Bagwell, Scotty Ray, 41
- public intoxication

Brenton, Brandon Wayne, 21
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- first-degree bail jumping – possession of drug paraphernalia

Hays, Daniel Jacob, 43
- fourth-degree receiving stolen property
- fourth-degree theft by deception

Rudloff, Kelly Nichols, 38
- public intoxication

Van Dyke, Amber Shirley, 27
- illegal possession of alcohol in a dry county
- obstructing government operations
- open container in vehicle
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- seatbelt required
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Van Dyke, Logan Thomas, 28
- driving on wrong side of the road
- DUI- alcohol and controlled substance
- illegal possession of alcohol in a dry county
- open container in vehicle
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- reckless driving
- seatbelt required
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Williams, Kristi Leanna, 36
- first-degree theft of property

Dec. 31

Bagwell, Brian Keith, 35
- attempting to elude

Jones, Patrick Eric, 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- public intoxication
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Jan. 1

Etheredge, Cody Patrick, 27
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Fuller III, Evan Jon Craig, 24
- FTA- improper lane usage
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana (not for personal use)
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Johnson, Jordan Andrew, 24
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Mooney, Clint Ronald, 40
- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence – harassment
- hunting after dark
- hunting without permission
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- reckless endangerment

Pate, Hollie June, 41
- disorderly conduct
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

Reid, James Wallace, 26
- second-degree theft of property
- third-degree theft of property

Rice, Derek Alan, 35
- third-degree burglary
- harassing communications
- FTA- public intoxication

Steele, James Tyler, 28
- third-degree burglary
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (with theft)

Stiefelmeyer, Carl Albert III, 55
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Wise, Zacharay Stephen, 25
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

No incidents reported.

ARRESTS

Dec. 31

Twilley, Jason A., 41
- FTA- speeding

Hafley, Tommy D., 35
- GJ- third-degree forgery (2 counts)
- GJ- third-degree possession of a forged instrument (2 counts)

Tucker, Lisa M., 39
- public intoxication

Fuller III, Evan J., 24
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- insurance violation

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

2-car wreck involving CPD vehicle, minor injuries

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A two-car wreck involving an SUV and a Cullman Police Department vehicle early Wednesday evening resulted in minor injuries to the police officer.

CPD Sgt. Joey Duncan said the police officer was traveling southbound on U.S. Highway 31 and a Chevrolet Equinox, driver not identified, was traveling westbound on Seventh Street Southwest.

The vehicles collided inside the intersection.

Duncan said the police officer was traveling with his lights and sirens on en route to a civil disturbance call when the wreck happened.

The driver of the Chevrolet was not injured. The police officer was treated at Cullman Regional for minor injuries.



Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

2001 Jeep Cherokee, Vin. #1J4FF48S21L584854.

This vehicle will be sold on Friday, February 21, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057, 256-775-3754.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF VERBON BLACK, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Rebecca Lynette Black on the 26th day of December, 2019, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Rebecca Lynette Black
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Jan. 3-5

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.
- 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Come out and help create and paint goodies for the animals. Some toys will be put in with animals during the community tour.
- 1-2:30 p.m. Community Tour- $7.50 a person and kids younger than 3 are free.
- We are doing preorders for lunches. You can also pack your own lunch and snacks if you wish. If you'd like to order a box lunch please let us know before the 2nd as they must be preordered. Box Lunches are $10 which include choice of entrée, one water or soda and a cookie dessert. Entrée Choice: BBQ and chips or potato wedges, Chicken Fingers and chips or potato wedges, Hot Dog and Chips or Hamburger and fries. Please RSVP to Wendy with your name, number of people in your party, and if you choose to preorder a box lunch, what box lunch choice you'd like to UntamedEnrichment@gmail.com.

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.
- Prize pool is determined based on attendance so don't forget to invite your friends!

Bingo at the American Legion
- Everyone is invited to Bingo every Saturday night at 6 p.m. at American Legion Post 4.
- 181 Reid Road, Good Hope, AL 35057

SUNDAY, JAN. 5

Special Needs Free Swim at the Aquatic Center
- 3-5 p.m. at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center- Free Swim Hosted by Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism
- Free swim is for those with special needs and immediate family members. All guests must sign in at the CWAC front desk before entering the pool. Parents/guardians/caregivers must stay in the pool area at all times during the therapeutic recreation swim time.

Sunday Night - Casual Commander
- 5-9 p.m. at Outbreak Games, 111 Commercial St. NE, Hanceville
- Magic the Gathering - Casual Commander - Entry is FREE! Sign-in starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m.
- This is a free play ~Casual~ Commander event so bring a deck and come hang out with us!

UPCOMING...

Spirit Life Church, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- Sundays- Bus ministry picks up children, youth & adults in Cullman. Call 256-962-0013 on Saturday for Sunday pick-up. Bus leaves church at 8:30 a.m. Free breakfast served at 9:30 a.m. Children, youth and adult Sunday School classes at 10 a.m. Church services, children's church and youth ministry at 10:45 a.m. Everyone welcome! Sunday p.m. services at 6 p.m. No bus ministry for p.m. services.
- Tuesdays- Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28 6 p.m. Free hot meal and teaching on "Hurts, Habits and Hang-ups" by Sheila Self, founder of Cross Ministries. Childcare & help with homework provided.
- Wednesdays- Prayer meeting at 6 p.m. Bible study class at 6:30 p.m. by Pam Dodd, Pastor Bobby Dodd and others.
- Thursdays- Jan. 9, 16, 23 & 30 6:30 p.m. "Find Your Kingdom Purpose" by Darlene Alvis. Snacks provided.
- Friday- Jan. 17- 10:30 a.m. Adult luncheon. Bring a dish, drinks or dessert. Everyone welcome.
- Saturday- Jan. 18- 9-11 a.m. FOOD BANK- box of free food

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!

Rosemarie Reinhard Musso at the Cullman County Public Library
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.

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
- Thursday, Jan. 23 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Loft 212, 212 Fourth St. SW, Cullman
- Dinner, fundraiser and silent auction
- Catering by Designs by Grace
- $50 per person; Reserved tables $400
- Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from an executive committee member; call Steve Cummings at 256-736-4028.

Free Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Jan. 25 from 8-10 a.m. at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, 11 County Road 1273, Cullman, AL 35057

PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Warriors pull away to defeat Gadsden City 63-50

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WEST POINT, Ala. – The West Point Lady Warriors returned to Jim Boyd Gymnasium Thursday to host the Lady Titans of Gadsden City and after falling behind in the opening quarter, the Lady Warriors rallied to outscore Gadsden City 31-20 in the second half and pulled away to win it 63-50.

Lexi Shadix knocked down a pair of free throws at the start of the game to give West Point an early 2-0 lead, but the Lady Titans scored five straight to claim the lead. Gadsden city led the way 7-4 early in the first but a three-pointer from Miriam Oldacre tied the game. The Lady Titans were in front 11-9 midway through the opening period and a three from Sheridan Bowers made it a 15-12 game late in the first. Turnovers from the Lady Warriors made it easy for Gadsden City to tack on a couple more baskets before the end of the quarter and led things 20-12 by the start of the second.

Back to back buckets from Miriam Oldacre cut the lead to 22-16 early in the second and West Point continued to chip away until three free throws from Micah Oldacre brought lead down to 22-21 midway through the quarter. The Lady Titans answered with another scoring run but a bucket from Sheridan Bowers trimmed the lead to 29-24 and Miriam Oldacre followed her with another three to make it 29-27 late in the second quarter. The late run continued for the Lady Warriors until a three-pointer from Micah Oldacre gave them a 32-30 lead at the half.

A quick three-pointer from Brooke Brownfield and another basket from Miriam Oldacre gave West Point a 37-30 lead early in the third quarter. Gadsden City added a three-pointer to cut into the lead, but Brownfield answered with another triple to make it 40-33 midway through the third. Brownfield later knocked down her third three-pointer of the quarter to put the Lady Warriors on top 43-33 with three minutes to play in the third. Miriam Oldacre knocked down a three with 30 seconds to play in the period to make it a 50-40 game and West Point went into the final frame with a 52-40 advantage. The Lady Warriors maintained a 12-point lead early in the fourth quarter until a three from Micah Oldacre stretched the deficit to 15 with five minutes to play. A basket from Ryleigh Jones kept them in front 59-44 midway through the fourth and another basket from Miriam Oldacre made it a 61-48 game with under two minutes remaining. West Point held on to defeat the Lady Titans 63-50 and collect another big win heading into the second half of the season.

Miriam Oldacre led West Point with 29 points in the win, followed by Brownfield with 10, Micah Oldacre with nine, Shadix with eight, Bowers with three and Jones finished with two. The Lady Warriors will be back in action Friday night to host Russellville in an area showdown.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West Point's Miriam Oldacre (20) led the Lady Warriors with 29 points in their 63-50 win over Gadsden City Thursday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Auburn, Alabama split New Year's Day bowl games to cap off exciting, but disappointing seasons

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Both the Alabama Crimson Tide and the Auburn Tigers wrapped up the 2019 season in the sunshine state Wednesday when they took on the Michigan Wolverines and Minnesota Golden Gophers in the Citrus Bowl and Outback Bowl respectively. The Tide dominated the second half against the Wolverines to pull away and win 35-16, collecting their 11th win of the season, while the Tigers came up short late against Minnesota to finish the year 9-4. Both teams may have had College Football Playoff aspirations at the start of the season but after some tight losses, injuries and poor performances, the Tide and Tigers both finished on the outside looking in.

AUBURN TIGERS (9-4)

- Points per game: 33.2
- Opponents points per game: 19.7

Individual statistic leaders

- Bo Nix: 2,542 yards passing, 16 Touchdowns and six interceptions. 57.6% completion percentage
- JaTarvious Whitlow: 156 carries, 763 yards and 10 touchdowns. Averaged 4.9 yards per carry
- Seth Williams: 59 catches, 830 yards and eight touchdowns. Averaged 14.1 yards per catch
- Jeremiah Dinson: 88 total tackles, two sacks, two interceptions and a forced fumble
- Marlon Davidson: 7.5 sacks, 49 total tackles and two forced fumbles

2019 was a season defined by ups and downs for the Auburn Tigers. The season kicked off with a dramatic, 27-21 win over the Oregon Ducks in which Bo Nix connected with Seth Williams for the go-ahead touchdown with just seconds remaining on the clock. The Ducks were the first of six 11-win teams that Auburn would see this season.

The Tigers moved to 3-0 with wins over Tulane and Kent State before conference play opened up with a road trip to Kyle Field for a matchup against Texas A&M. Auburn got off to a fast start when the fastest man in college football, Anthony Schwartz, took a handoff on a reverse and raced 57 yards to the end zone to give the Tigers an early 7-0 lead. Auburn took a 14-3 lead into the locker room at the half and despite a late push from the Aggies, the Tigers left the state of Texas with a 28-20 win and a 4-0 record.

Auburn returned home the next week to host Mississippi State and after building a 21-0 lead in the opening six minutes of the game, the Tigers pulled away to defeat the Bulldogs 56-23 and move to 5-0. After the win over Mississippi State at home, Auburn traveled to Gainesville where the offensive problems were impossible to hide. Nix tossed three interceptions and the Tigers finished with just 269 yards in the 24-13 loss. The Florida game was the first of several in which the Auburn defense seemed to be facing an uphill battle as the offense continued to struggle.

The Tigers were back on the road in their next game but got a boost on the offensive side of the ball against a struggling Arkansas team. Nix threw three touchdowns in the 51-10 road victory, two of them to Seth Williams, and Auburn racked up nearly 500 total yards in Fayetteville.

The next task for the Tigers was yet another October road trip, this time to Baton Rogue to face the LSU Tigers and Joe Burrow. Despite Auburn putting together another great defensive performance, holding the nation's number one offense to just 23 points, the Tigers were unable to overcome the Bayou Bengals at home and lost 23-20 to fall to 6-2 and were all but eliminated from the College Football Playoff.

Auburn then split a pair of home conference games against Ole Miss and Georgia to move to 7-3 on the year before routing the Samford Bulldogs 52-0 the weekend before the annual meeting with Alabama. The Crimson Tide entered Jordan Hare Stadium with just one loss and a chance to play their way back into the top four, but they were without star quarterback Tua Tagovailoa. The junior standout suffered a hip injury against Mississippi State earlier in the season.

Despite missing their starter under center, the Tide did not have trouble finding the end zone in this year's Iron Bowl but unfortunately for them, neither did the Tigers.

A first half full of explosive plays, including a pick-six and a kickoff returned for a touchdown, kept the game tied at 24 late in the second when Jaylen Waddle, who returned a kick 98 yards for a score earlier in the second, found the end zone again from 58 yards out to put Alabama in front 31-24 with less than a minute to play. However, Auburn's Anders Carlson was able to knock through a 52-yard field goal after a controversial replay review to trim the lead to 31-27 at the half.

More madness ensued in the second half. The Tigers cut the lead to one with a field goal early in the third but retook the lead when a Mac Jones pass off the back of Najee Harris landed in the arms of Auburn linebacker Zakoby McClain at the goal line and he ran it back 100 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. Two more big touchdown catches for Waddle put the Tide on top 45-40 midway through the fourth quarter but Shaun Shivers put the Tigers back in front for good when he blasted his way into the end zone from 11 yards out to make it a 48-45 game. Despite driving deep into Auburn territory late in the game, a missed field goal cost Alabama a chance to win it and the Tigers held on to win a dramatic Iron Bowl 48-45.

The huge win gave Auburn some momentum going into bowl season but despite playing well against the Crimson Tide in November, the Tigers failed to carry that energy into 2020 and fell to Minnesota 31-24 to wrap up Gus Malzahn's seventh season at Auburn with a 9-4 record.

The Tigers were faced with a brutal schedule in 2019, facing six teams that won 11 or more games this season, but the problem that held them back seems to be the same one that always does, inconsistency on the offensive side of the ball. This year's Auburn defense wasn't flawless but played at a championship level throughout most of the season and featured an All-American on the defensive front in Derrick Brown. There will be a lot of talent returning at the skill positions for the Tigers next year but if Malzahn cannot begin to adjust schematically, 9-4 might be the best Auburn fans can hope for.

ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE (11-2)

- Point per game: 47.2
- Opponents points per game: 18.6

Individual statistic leaders

- Tua Tagovailoa (started nine games this season): 2,840 yards passing, 33 touchdowns and three interceptions. 71.4% completion percentage.
- Najee Harris: 209 carries, 1,224 yards and 13 touchdowns. Averaged 5.9 yards per carry
- Devonta Smith: 68 catches, 1,256 yards and 14 touchdowns. Averaged 18.5 yards per catch
- Xavier McKinney: 95 total tackles, three sacks, three interceptions and four forced fumbles



TODD VAN EMST/AU ATHLETICS ; MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

L-R: Auburn's Bo Nix (10), Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa (13)

The Crimson Tide had high hopes in 2019, as they do every season, but with stars returning all over the field on offense, this year's Alabama offense was set up to mow down every team in front of it. The Tide rolled to a 5-0 start, outscoring their opponents 259-74 in that opening stretch before traveling to Texas A&M in week six.

A Kellen Mond touchdown run gave the Aggies an early 7-0 lead, but three touchdown passes from Tagovailoa gave Alabama a 24-13 lead by halftime. A field goal from Joseph Bulovas followed by another Tagovailoa touchdown pass made it 34-13 midway through the third quarter and the Crimson Tide pulled away to win it 47-28 and move to 6-0.

The Tennessee game is when Alabama fans started to become nervous. An ankle injury knocked Tagavailoa out of the game with a massive showdown against LSU coming up soon and Mac Jones entered the game to finish off a 35-13 home win for the Crimson Tide. Jones led the Alabama offense the following week as well and knocked off the Arkansas Razorbacks 48-7 to remain undefeated with Joe Burrow and the Bayou Bengals coming to Tuscaloosa.

This year's matchup between LSU and the Crimson Tide was one for the ages. Despite a 400-yard, four touchdown performance from Tagovailoa through the air, Burrow and the Tigers were too much for Alabama to handle and LSU edged the Crimson Tide 46-41 on the road to remain undefeated and snap an eight-game losing streak in the rivalry.

Alabama's playoff hopes were still very much alive after the loss, having made it into the final four with a regular season loss before, but those hopes took a big hit in Starkville, Mississippi. After bouncing back from an ankle injury to return to the field, Tagovailoa suffered a hip injury late in the first half against the Bulldogs, ending his junior season early. The Crimson Tide held on to win it 38-7 and routed Western Carolina the next week to move to 10-1 with an Iron Bowl victory between them and another potential trip to the College Football Playoff.

Despite missing their starter under center, the Tide did not have trouble finding the end zone in this year's Iron Bowl but unfortunately for them, neither did the Tigers.

A first half full of explosive plays, including a pick-six and a kickoff returned for a touchdown, kept the game tied at 24 late in the second when Jaylen Waddle, who returned a kick 98 yards for a score earlier in the second, found the end zone again from 58 yards out to put Alabama in front 31-24 with less than a minute to play. However, Auburn's Anders Carlson was able to knock through a 52-yard field goal after a controversial replay review to trim the lead to 31-27 at the half.

More madness ensued in the second half. The Tigers cut the lead to one with a field goal early in the third but retook the lead when a Mac Jones pass off the back of Najee Harris landed in the arms of Auburn linebacker Zakoby McClain at the goal line and he ran it back 100 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. Two more big touchdown catches for Waddle put the Tide on top 45-40 midway through the fourth quarter but Shaun Shivers put the Tigers back in front for good when he blasted his way into the end zone from 11 yards out to make it a 48-45 game. Despite driving deep into Auburn territory late in the game, a missed field goal cost Alabama a chance to win it and the Tigers held on to win a dramatic Iron Bowl 48-45.

The loss put the Crimson Tide out of the playoff race but despite a disappointing end to the regular season and rumors swirling about juniors potentially missing the bowl game, Alabama showed up determined to play well against Michigan. The Tide defeated the Wolverines 35-16 to cap off their ninth straight 11-win season under Nick Saban.

This year's Alabama defense left a lot to be desired after dealing with a lot of turnover from last season and injuries early in the year but with linebacker Dylan Moses deciding to return to the Crimson Tide defense in 2020 and Tagovailoa's decision still up in the air, Tide fans will probably have a lot to look forward to next season.

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
JANUARY 3, 2020

AG Marshall statement on church security and Alabama's 'stand your ground' law

Office of Ala. Attorney Gen. Steve Marshall

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – In the aftermath of the heinous attack on West Freeway Church of Christ in White Settlement, Texas, Alabama Attorney Gen. Steve Marshall has received inquiries from the media and the general public about the current state of the law in Alabama related to self-defense and the defense of others.

First, as a practical matter, Marshall urges every place of worship in Alabama to adopt and implement a church safety plan. In 2018, the Marshall traveled around the state with expert Robert Thetford to discuss the importance of church security. Any church seeking guidance on church security may call the Attorney General's Office for more information.

Second, as a matter of law, Alabama, like Texas, does not impose a duty to retreat from an attacker in any place in which one is lawfully present.

Section 13A-3 -23(a) of the Alabama Code states: *A person is justified in using physical force upon another person in order to defend himself or herself or a third person from what he or she reasonably believes to be the use or imminent use of unlawful physical force by that person, and he or she may use a degree of force which he or she reasonably believes is necessary for the purpose. A person may use deadly physical force…if the person reasonably believes that another person is… using or about to use unlawful deadly physical force.*

Alabama's law, like Texas's, goes further to say that an individual has a right to "stand his or her ground" so long as he or she is justified in using deadly physical force, is not engaged in an illegal activity, and is in a place where he or she has a right to be located. Ala. Code § 13 - A-23(b).

Questions have been raised about whether Alabama needs to enact new laws to adequately provide immunity for members of a church security team. The recently-enacted Texas law that has been cited in media stories as of late is not related to "stand your ground" or a duty to retreat; rather, the law provides that a license holder may carry a handgun on church property, unless a church provides effective notice prohibiting the handgun on its property. Texas Senate Bill 535 was enacted on June 7, 2019 and amended a state law that prohibited a handgun license holder from carrying a handgun "on the premises of a church, synagogue, or other established place of religious worship…" Texas Penal Code §46. 035 (b)(6).

As explained in Texas Attorney General Opinion No. KP - 0176, "The Texas Legislature provided churches the same option as most other private entities to decide whether to allow the carrying of handguns on the premises of church-owned property. If a church decides to exclude the concealed or open carrying of handguns on the premises of church property, it may provide the requisite notice, thereby making it an offense for a license holder to carry a handgun on those premises. However, churches may instead decide not to provide notice and to allow the carrying of handguns on their premises." In effect, the amended Texas law clarifies that churches are to be treated the same as other private property when determining whether a license holder may carry on premises.

Comparable provisions of the Alabama Code are found at §§13A-11-52 and 13A-11- 61. 2. This Office has previously advised that a citizen carrying a pistol onto private property without a valid pistol permit or the consent of the owner would be in violation of § 13 A- 11-52. The owners of private property may also choose to forbid firearms on their property, even if the person with the firearm has a permit. Opinion to Honorable Claud E. McCoy, Jr. Attorney, Chambers County Commission, dated July 7, 2014, A.G. No. 2014 -074. Unlike the Texas law (before i t was amended), §13A-11- 61.2 of the Alabama Code does not specifically list churches and other places of worship as premises where "express permission" to carry a firearm must be given. In other words, Alabama law already treats churches the same as other private property— meeting the same objective as the recently- amended Texas law. Moreover, an established church security team would inherently have the consent of the church to carry a firearm on the premises.



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Alabama Attorney Gen. Steve Marshall

Westminster (from Front)

encouragement."

For more information about donating cans of soup or dropping off recipes or letters, contact Westminster Assisted Living at 256-255-0361.

Learn more about Cullman Caring for Kids at www.cullmancaringforkids.com or www.facebook.com/CullmanCaringForKids.

CAAWA (from Front)

with dogs up for adoption and Snip It tickets available. Adoption donations are $125 for dogs and puppies and $70 for cats and kittens; the donations are tax-deductible and help offset the cost of vetting, emergency medical care and fostering needs. Spay-neuter assistance rates are $55 for female dogs, $45 for female cats and male dogs and $25 for male cats. All requests for assistance are considered, but priority will be given to lab, bulldog, sporting, herding, brindle, black and large female dogs belonging to people with low income who live in Cullman County.

When asked for any additional comments, Bentley said, "Unfortunately, we are an aging organization; the principal people in the organization are between 60 and 70. Our hope is to turn more attention to activism, including legislation, while continuing to focus on spay-neuter assistance."

Applications for adoption and volunteering can be found on CAAWA's website, www.caawarescue.com/, and any questions can be sent to spay-neuter@caawarescue.com (for the spay-neuter assistance program) or caawarescue@yahoo.com (for general questions, adoption or volunteer opportunities).

Learn more about CAAWA at www.facebook.com/rescueCAAWA.

Plunge (from Front)

Boer said, "The Polar Bear will be onsite for photos with the kids!"

CWAC membership includes access to the:

• fitness center and weight room with available trainer-assisted weight, core and flexibility training

• indoor aquatic center that offers water aerobics and stretch kickboard classes, as well as recreational swimming

• Wild Water outdoor water park featuring eight-lane competition pool, low and high diving boards, slides and other play features, splash station and drift river

"We are very excited about the 2020 Community Wellness Week at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center as we have several new vendors coming out and a lot of new and exciting benefits and offerings," said DeBoer.

"This is a special time of year for those looking to improve their overall health and wellness, and we love being part of anyone's wellness journey.

"eSome of the membership benefits include 24/7/365 fitness access, constant upgrades to fitness equipment and fitness classes, an aquatics facility that is one of the cleanest and most well-kept in the state, childcare, as well as an excellent staff.

"One of the new and exciting fitness classes we now offer is 10-41's 'GoToWork' led by strength coach Jeff Hannah and physical therapist Courtney Green.

"The GTW class has been very popular, and we are excited to see the benefits members are receiving from their expertise. Classes such as Cardio Party, HIIT, Yoga, Cycle and Water Aerobics continue to be popular, and we love having an excellent fitness staff who keep it fresh and exciting all year."

She continued, "For aquatics, we have new waterpark slides that were completed just last summer and a beautiful new floor for indoor aquatics.

"Aquatics Director Dianne Evans and her lifeguard staff are amazing and make the aquatics area a lot of fun for members and guests.

"We are so fortunate for their desire to help and welcome anyone who comes through our doors.

"We will continue to offer our popular birthday party and company picnic rentals. For the 2020 season, we are excited about some new and exciting changes for the waterpark, including earlier twilight times during the week, more members-only swim times and additional days for private party rentals, as well as the return of our annual Dive-In Movie series. We truly want the CWAC to be a one-stop-shop for the community's fitness and recreation needs.

"The benefit of our childcare service allows parents to focus on themselves for up to two hours at a time. We cannot brag enough on our childcare staff and how much they mean to CWAC and to so many of our members."

Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism Acting Executive Director Christy Turner told The Tribune, "Community well-being is one of Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism's main goals and we are fortunate to have CWAC as a major component of this focus. Our mayor, city council and community leaders also recognize and support this effort and are tireless supporters of this mission for our community. We look forward to seeing everyone during this week as we kick off 2020 with wellness as a focus."

CWAC is located at 1636 Field of Miracles Dr. SW, Cullman. Learn more at www.cullmanwellness.com.

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AGRICULTURE

Auxin herbicide trainings scheduled throughout the state

Katie Nichols
Contributor

AUBURN, Ala. – Many producers plant cotton and soybean varieties that are resistant to dicamba herbicides. Before making these herbicide applications, producers must have state certification and annual training because of a high injury risk.

Alabama Cooperative Extension System crop specialists will provide auxin herbicide trainings in 16 locations throughout the state to fulfill Xtendimax, FeXapan and Engenia label requirements.

Auxin Herbicide Training Program

The program is intended to help applicators reduce herbicide drift incidents with susceptible crops. The program will also provide information on technical application methods, tank cleanout and new chemistry.

The producer, certified applicator or person responsible for the application on resistant cotton and soybean varieties in Alabama, must receive this training.

Though trainings were offered in 2019, this program will highlight new information and research updates as well as information covered in previous trainings.

Applicators will need to have either a commercial or private applicator permit, in conjunction with this training, to be eligible to purchase and apply dicamba to resistant crops.

Meetings begin Jan. 14 and will continue through March 16. Registration is $15 and is available online at the Alabama Extension Store. People can also call their county Extension office to inquire about registration.

Trainings schedule

Jan. 14 — Limestone County
- 1 p.m.
- Calhoun Community College Aerospace Building
- 6250 US Hwy 31 North
- Tanner, Alabama 35671

Jan. 15 — Colbert County
- 10 a.m.
- Listerhill Credit Union
- E 2nd Street
- Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35661

Jan. 22 — Tuscaloosa County
- 1 p.m.
- Tuscaloosa County Extension Office
- 2513 7th St. Courthouse Annex
- Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

Jan. 23 — Cherokee County
- 1 p.m.
- Gadsden State Community College
- 801 Cedar Bluff Road
- Centre, Alabama 35960

Jan. 24 — Madison County
- 1 p.m.
- Alabama A&M University Winfred Thomas Agricultural Research Station
- 372 Walker Lane
- Hazel Green, Alabama 35750

Feb. 4 — Henry County
- 10 a.m.
- Wiregrass Research and Extension Center
- 167 AL-134
- Headland, Alabama 36345

Feb. 7 — Monroe County
- 9:30 a.m.
- Monroe County Extension Office
- 334 Agriculture Dr. #104
- Monroeville, Alabama 36460

Feb. 13 — Cullman County
- 10 a.m.
- Cullman County Extension Office
- 402 Arnold St. NE Suite G1
- Cullman, Alabama 35055

Feb. 17 — Covington County
- 5:30 p.m.
- Covington County Extension Office
- 23952 Alabama Hwy 55, Suite 4
- Andalusia, Alabama 36420

Feb. 18 — Escambia County
- 9:30 a.m.
- Grace Fellowship
- 1412 East Nashville Avenue
- Atmore, Alabama 36502

Feb. 19 — Dallas County
- 1 p.m.
- Black Belt Research Station
- 60 Co. Rd. 944
- Marion Junction, Alabama 36759

Feb. 21 — Shelby County
- 10 a.m.
- Harpersville Community Center
- 39321 Hwy 25
- Harpersville, Alabama 35078

March 10 — Autauga County
- 9:30 a.m.
- Autauga County Extension Office
- 2226 Hwy 14 W, Suite E
- Autaugaville, Alabama 36003

March 11 — Macon County
- 10 a.m.
- E.V. Smith Research Center
- 4725 County Road 40
- Shorter, Alabama 36075

March 12 — Henry County
- 10 a.m.
- Wiregrass Research and Extension Center
- 167 AL-134
- Headland, Alabama 36345

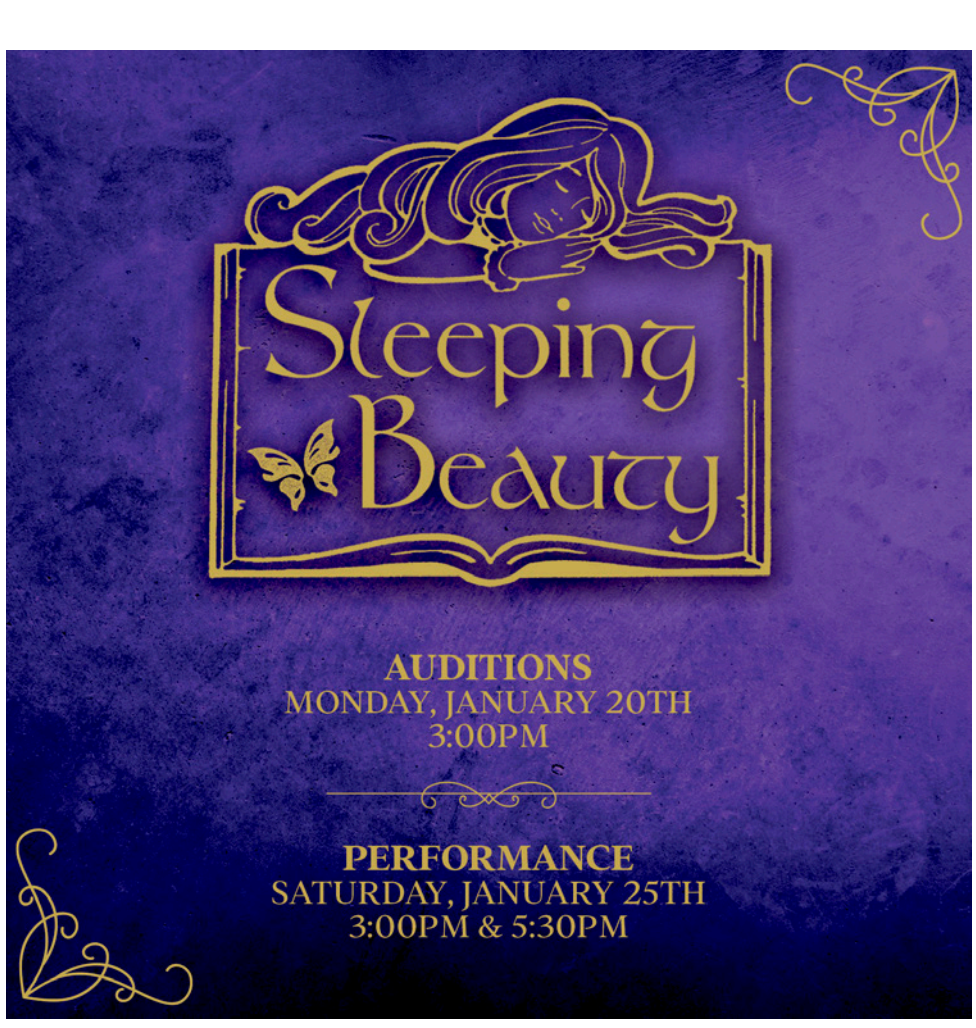
March 12 — Geneva County
- 6 p.m.
- Ketchem Restaurant
- 115 Main Street
- Hartford, Alabama 36344

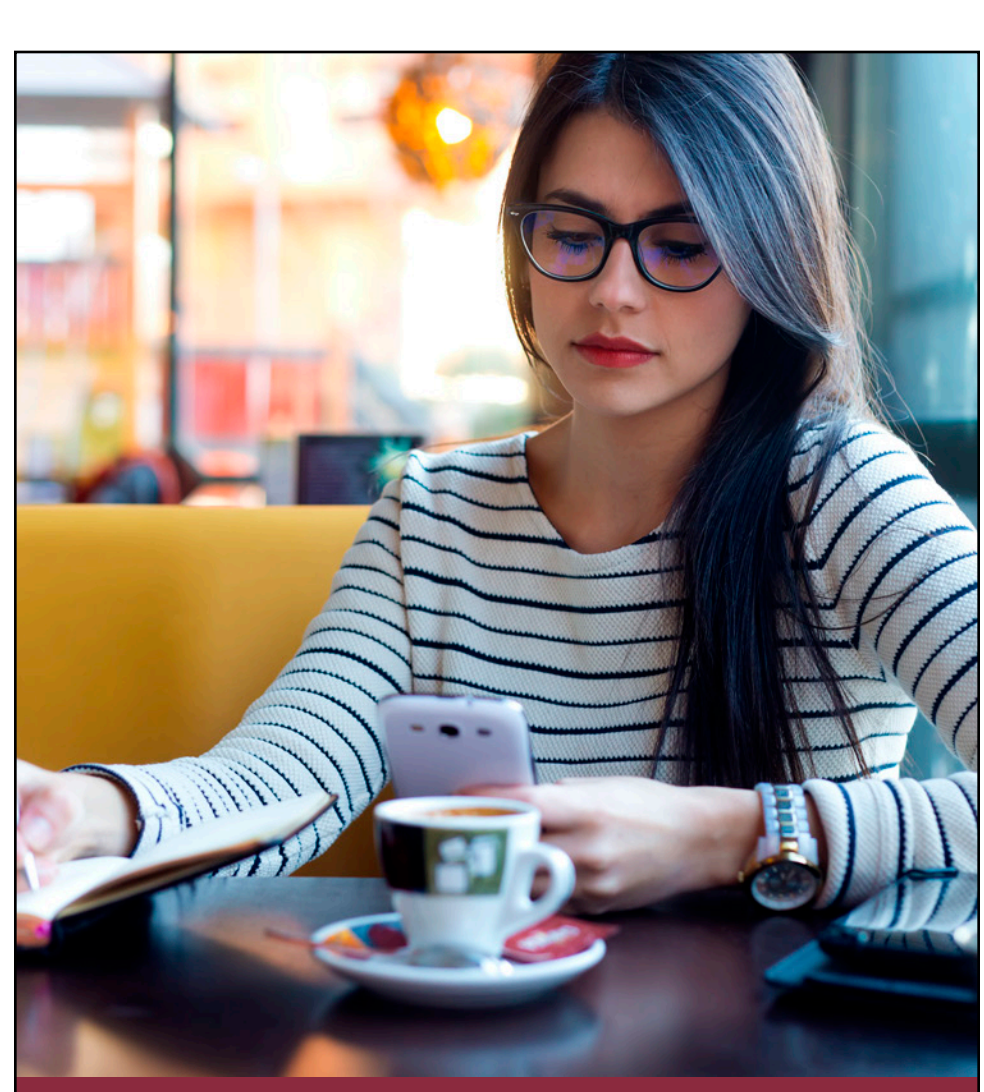
March 16 — Pike County
- 10 a.m.
- Cattleman Building
- 4100 US Hwy 231 South
- Troy, Alabama 36081

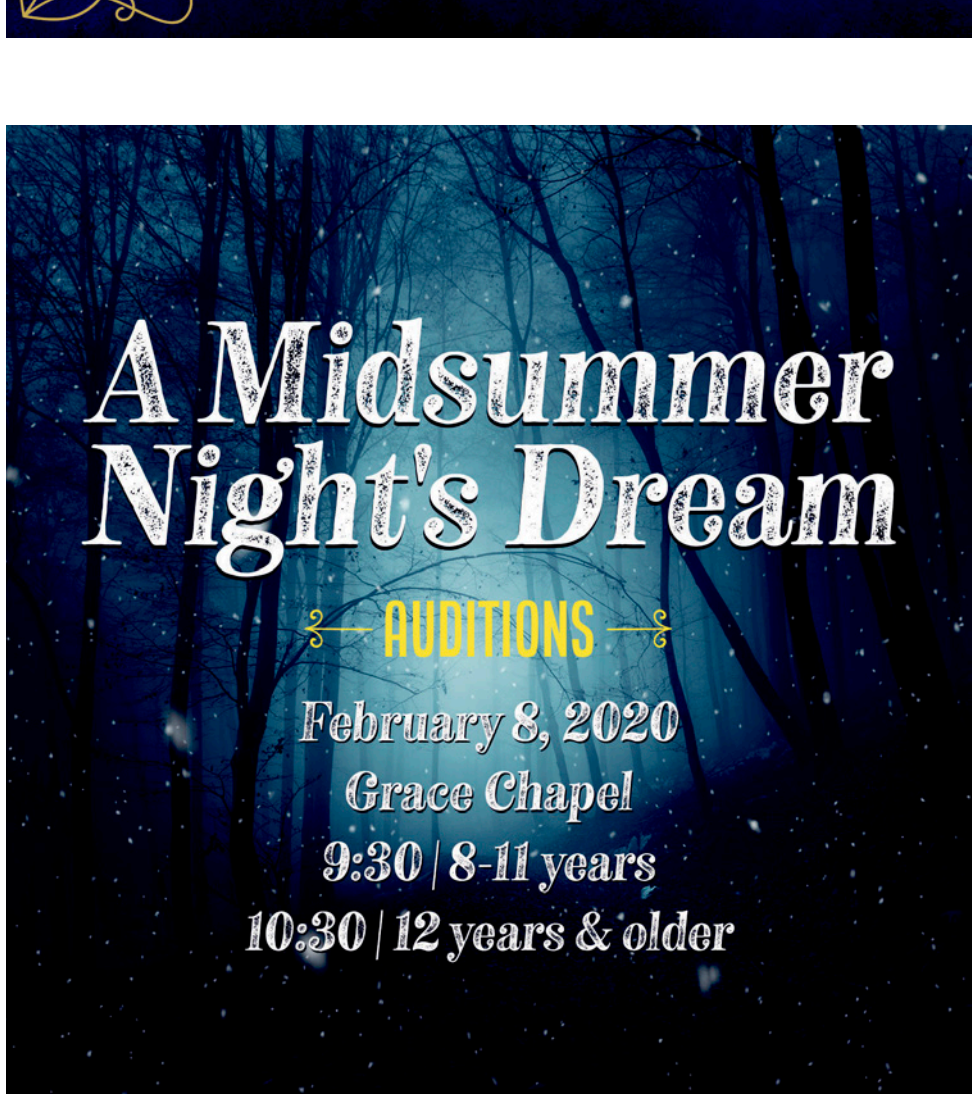
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Sports

7:00 a.m. FSEE College Basketball Cal State Bakersfield at Texas Tech.
8:00 a.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, First Round.
12:00 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, First Round.
1:30 p.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow
2:30 p.m. ESPN College Football Famous Idaho Potato Bowl — Ohio vs Nevada. (Live)
3:00 p.m. FSEE College Basketball Cal State Bakersfield at Texas Tech.
5:00 p.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow
GOLF PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, Second Round. (Live)
6:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball UCF at Houston. (Live)
FS1 College Basketball Wisconsin at Ohio State. (Live)
FSEE NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Boston Celtics. (Live)
7:00 p.m. WBRC WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live)
ESPN NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Houston Rockets. (Live)
8:00 p.m. ESPN2 High School Basketball Patrick School (N.J.) vs. Sierra Canyon (Calif.). (Live)
FS1 College Basketball Georgetown at Seton Hall. (Live)
9:30 p.m. ESPN NBA Basketball New Orleans Pelicans at Los Angeles Lakers. (Live)
10:00 p.m. FSEE NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Boston Celtics.
GOLF PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, Second Round.

Movies

11:00 a.m. FREE "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" ★★★ (2014) Chris Evans. Captain America, the Black Widow and a new ally, the Falcon, face an unexpected enemy as they struggle to expose a far-reaching conspiracy that puts the world at risk.
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.
TMC "Blaze" ★★★½ (2018) Ben Dickey A reimagining of the life and times of Blaze Foley, the unsung songwriting legend of the Texas Outlaw Music movement.
11:13 a.m. MAX "Dick Tracy" ★★★ (1990) Warren Beatty The comic-strip detective woos Tess Trueheart, dodges Breathless Mahoney and chases nicknamed crooks.
11:15 a.m. TCM "Conquest of the Air" ★★ (1936) Laurence Olivier.
12:00 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.
LIFE "Big Momma's House" ★★ (2000) Martin Lawrence. Premiere.
12:10 p.m. HBO "Keeping Up With the Steins" ★★★ (2006) Jeremy Piven With his parents caught up in preparations for his lavish bar mitzvah, a boy tries to heal the rift between his father and grandfather.
12:30 p.m. TCM "The Black Book" ★★ (1949) Robert Cummings.
1:00 p.m. MAX "Spy Game" ★★½ (2001) Robert Redford
SHOW "Timeline" ★★ (2003) Paul Walker
1:10 p.m. TMC "Capote" ★★★½ (2005) Philip Seymour Hoffman Writer Truman Capote researches the brutal murder of a Kansas family to pen the book "In Cold Blood."
1:40 p.m. HBO "Catfish" ★★★ (2010) An unexpected odyssey rolls out when a filmmaker's brother begins receiving unusually advanced paintings from a girl, supposedly 8 years old.
2:00 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.
LIFE "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" ★★ (2005) Kimberly Elise.
2:15 p.m. FREE "The Game Plan" ★★ (2007) Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.
TCM "Address Unknown" ★★★ (1944) Paul Lukas. A German-American goes to Nazi Germany with his Jewish partner's actress daughter, his son's fiancee.
3:00 p.m. SHOW "Real Steel" ★★½ (2011) Hugh Jackman
3:10 p.m. HBO "The Town" ★★★ (2010) Ben Affleck A Boston bank robber looks for a way out of his criminal lifestyle after beginning a passionate romance with the woman that his gang briefly took hostage.
MAX "Michael Clayton" ★★★½ (2007) George Clooney A "fixer" at a corporate law firm faces the biggest challenge of his career when a guilt-ridden attorney has a breakdown during a class-action lawsuit.
3:30 p.m. E! "What to Expect When You're Expecting" ★★ (2012) Cameron Diaz.
3:45 p.m. TCM "The Whip Hand" ★★ (1951) Carla Balenda.
4:00 p.m. LIFE "Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail" ★★ (2009) Tyler Perry.
4:30 p.m. AMC "Ghostbusters II" ★★½ (1989) Bill Murray.
4:55 p.m. FREE "Matilda" ★★★ (1996) Mara Wilson. A little girl develops extraordinary mental abilities, despite neglectful parents and a brutal headmistress.
5:00 p.m. TMC "Dead Again" ★★★ (1991) Kenneth Branagh A private eye and an amnesiac echo a 1940s murder-case couple whom they may have been in a previous life.
5:10 p.m. MAX "The Adjustment Bureau" ★★½ (2011) Matt Damon
5:15 p.m. TCM "Things to Come" ★★★½ (1936) Raymond Massey. William Cameron Menzies' adaptation of the H.G. Wells novel tells of humankind's efforts to rebuild the war-torn planet.
HBO "Bruce Almighty" ★★½ (2003) Jim Carrey
SHOW "The Fugitive" ★★★½ (1993) Harrison Ford A U.S. marshal hunts a doctor on the run who was convicted of murdering his wife.
6:00 p.m. E! "Maid in Manhattan" ★★ (2002) Jennifer Lopez.
PARMT "Shooter" ★★½ (2007) Mark Wahlberg.
7:00 p.m. AMC "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian" ★★½ (2009) Ben Stiller.
DISN "Dr. Seuss' the Lorax" ★★½ (2012) Voices of Danny DeVito.
FX "Girls Trip" ★★★ (2017) Regina Hall. Four best friends travel to New Orleans for the annual Essence Festival. Along the way, they rekindle their sisterhood and rediscover their wild side by doing enough dancing, drinking, brawling and romancing to make the Big Easy blush.
TBS "Liar Liar" ★★½ (1997) Jim Carrey.
TCM "Planet of the Apes" ★★★★ (1968) Charlton Heston. An astronaut and his team crash on a world ruled by intelligent, talking simians who treat humans like animals.
TNT "Eagle Eye" ★★½ (2008) Shia LaBeouf.
HBO "Pokémon Detective Pikachu" ★★½ (2019) Voice of Ryan Reynolds
MAX "Die Hard" ★★★½ (1988) Bruce Willis A New York policeman outwits foreign thugs holding his wife and others in a Los Angeles high-rise.
TMC "Ghost" ★★★½ (1990) Patrick Swayze (Premiere) A slain Manhattan yuppie reaches out to his lover, with a medium as his middlewoman.
7:18 p.m. BRAVO "Sex and the City" ★★½ (2008) Sarah Jessica Parker.
7:30 p.m. SHOW "The Wedding Guest" ★★ (2018) Dev Patel (Premiere)
8:00 p.m. BET "Are We There Yet?" ★★ (2005) Ice Cube.
8:30 p.m. E! "He's Just Not That Into You" ★★ (2009) Ben Affleck.
9:00 p.m. PARMT "The Italian Job" ★★★ (2003) Mark Wahlberg. A master thief and his crew plan to steal back a fortune in gold bullion after they lose it to a double-crossing gang member.
TBS "Vacation" ★★ (2015) Ed Helms.
TCM "Beneath the Planet of the Apes" ★★★ (1970) James Franciscus. A time-warped astronaut lands on ape-ruled Earth and finds telepathic mutants worshiping an atomic bomb.
9:15 p.m. MAX "Die Hard With a Vengeance" ★★★ (1995) Bruce Willis Suspended from the police force, John McClane enlists a Harlem shopkeeper to help stop a terrorist bomber.
TMC "When Harry Met Sally..." ★★★★ (1989) Billy Crystal Two Manhattan careerists first hate, then like and eventually love each other over the course of 12 years.
9:30 p.m. FX "Girls Trip" ★★★ (2017) Regina Hall. Four best friends travel to New Orleans for the annual Essence Festival. Along the way, they rekindle their sisterhood and rediscover their wild side by doing enough dancing, drinking, brawling and romancing to make the Big Easy blush.
TNT "Red 2" ★★½ (2013) Bruce Willis.
9:35 p.m. AMC "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" ★★½ (1994) Jim Carrey.
9:45 p.m. HBO "The Darjeeling Limited" ★★★ (2007) Owen Wilson A man tries to re-establish family ties by taking his two younger brothers on a train trip across India.
10:00 p.m. CMTV "Daddy Day Care" ★★ (2003) Eddie Murphy.
10:24 p.m. BRAVO "Sex and the City" ★★½ (2008) Sarah Jessica Parker.

FRIDAY EVENING — JANUARY 3, 2020

MOVIES

		5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
WABM-MyTV	2	25 Words or Less	America Says	Family Feud	Family Feud	Dateline A cold-case investigator helps police.		CSI: Miami "Reality Kills" A reality TV star is murdered.		CSI: Miami Man claims to have dreamed of a murder.		Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing
WBIQ-PBS	4	Ready Jet Go! (El)	Peg & Cat (El)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Washington Week (N)	Capitol Journal		Country Music "The Rub (Beginnings -- 1933)" Country music's first big stars.				Antiques Roadshow
WVTM-NBC	5	WVTM 13 News at 5p (N)	NBC Nightly News - Holt	WVTM 13 News at 6p (N)	WVTM 13 News at 6:3	Ellen's Game of Games "The Good Son of a Monster"		Dateline NBC (N)				WVTM 13 News at 10p	Tonight Show-J. Fallon
WBRC-FOX	7	WBRC FOX6 News at 5pm	WBRC FOX6 News	WBRC FOX6 News at 6pm	Inside Edition (N)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				WBRC FOX6 News at 9pm	WBRC FOX6 News	WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm	(:35) TMZ (N)
WIAT-CBS	8	CBS42 News 5pm (N)	CBS Evening News	CBS42 News 6pm (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Hawaii Five-0 Higgins gives Tani some personal advice. (N)		Magnum P.I. Junior is kidnapped as leverage. (N)		Blue Bloods A series of ambulance robberies. (N)		CBS42 News 10pm (N)	Late Show-Colbert
WTTO-CW	9	The Goldbergs	2 Broke Girls	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Penn & Teller: Fool Us Hans Petter Secker; Xulio Merino.		Whose Line Is It Anyway?	Whose Line Is It Anyway?	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	The Andy Griffith Show	The Andy Griffith Show
WPXH-ION	11	NCIS: Los Angeles A U.S. Ambassador escapes an attack.		NCIS: Los Angeles Investigation into an anthrax poisoning.		NCIS: Los Angeles Callen and Sam are abducted.		NCIS: Los Angeles Sam is shot by a CIA spy.		NCIS: Los Angeles "Savoir Faire" A solider is found dead.		NCIS: Los Angeles An explosion kills three FBI agents.	
WABM2-ABC	12	ABC 33/40 News at 5PM	ABC World News	ABC 33/40 News at 6PM	Wheel of Fortune (N)	American Housewife	Fresh Off the Boat	20/20				ABC 33/40 News at 10PM	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!
A&E	42	(4:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 09.28.19"				(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 287" (N)		Live PD "Live PD -- 01.03.20" (N) (Live)					
AMC	53	(4:30) ★★ "Ghostbusters II" (1989, Comedy) Bill Murray. A long-dead Carpathian warlock attempts to return to Earth.				★★ "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian" (2009) Ben Stiller, Robin Williams. Exhibits come to life at one of the world's largest museums.					(:35) ★★ "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Courteney Cox.		
ANPL	47	Pit Bulls and Parolees A senior dog may get a forever home.		Pit Bulls and Parolees Rescuing an aggressive dog.		(:01) Pit Bulls and Parolees "Golden Girl"		(:01) Pit Bulls and Parolees Parolee Jammall returns.		(:01) Pit Bulls and Parolees "Love at First Sight"		(:01) Pit Bulls and Parolees A trucker wants to adopt a dog.	
BET	55	★ "Baggage Claim" (2013, Romance-Comedy) Paula Patton, Derek Luke, Taye Diggs. A woman sets out on a cross-country quest to find a husband.						★★ "Are We There Yet?" (2005, Children's) Ice Cube, Nia Long, Jay Mohr. A divorcee's two children torment a man on a road trip.					
BRAVO	58	(:14) Below Deck "Yacht-Pocalypse Now" Kate makes a dramatic decision.			(:16) Below Deck		(:18) ★★ "Sex and the City" (2008, Romance-Comedy) Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Chris Noth. Carrie Bradshaw and her gal pals continue their adventures in New York.						(:24) "Sex and the City"
CMTV	61	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	★★ "Daddy Day Care" (2003) Eddie Murphy, Jeff Garlin.	
CNBC	35	Mad Money (N)		Shark Tank Ingrid Michaelson helps an entrepreneur.		Shark Tank Homemade cupcakes in a jar.		Shark Tank Guest shark Ashton Kutcher.		Shark Tank Shoe slides; app to stop cyber-bullying.		The Profit Helping a failing sauce business.	
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) South Park "Insecurity"		(5:50) South Park	(:25) South Park	South Park	South Park Animated. An epidemic of Peruvian flute bands.		South Park	South Park	South Park "Bloody Mary"	South Park "Free Hat"	South Park
DISN	49	Jessie "Coffee Talk"	Jessie	Sydney to the Max	Raven's Home "Crewed Up"	★★ "Dr. Seuss' the Lorax" (2012, Children's) Voices of Danny DeVito, Ed Helms. 'PG'			Gabby Duran	Coop & Cami Ask the World	Sydney to the Max	Raven's Home	Just Roll With It
DSC	43	Gold Rush An engineering disaster shuts Rick down. (N)		Gold Rush: Pay Dirt Rick tries to outsmart a machine. (N)		Gold Rush (N)						(:03) Outback Opal Hunters The Rookies risk cave-ins. (N)	
E!	21	(3:30) ★★ "What to Expect When You're Expecting"		★★ "Maid in Manhattan" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes. A politician mistakes a hotel maid for a wealthy woman.					★★ "He's Just Not That Into You" (2009, Romance-Comedy) Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston. Men and women navigate through complex relationships.				
ESPN	29	College Football Famous Idaho Potato Bowl -- Ohio vs Nevada.		NBA Countdown (N) (Live)		NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Houston Rockets. From the Toyota Center in Houston. (N) (Live)					NBA Basketball New Orleans Pelicans at Los Angeles Lakers. (N) (Live)		
ESPN2	30	SportsCenter (N) (Live)		College Basketball UCF at Houston. From Fertitta Center in Houston. (N) (Live)				High School Basketball Patrick School (N.J.) vs. Sierra Canyon (Calif.). From Minneapolis. (N)			SportsCenter (N) (Live)		
FOOD	45	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
FREE	48	(4:55) ★★★ "Matilda" (1996) Mara Wilson, Danny DeVito. A child uses her amazing abilities against uncaring adults.				Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy "Nanny Goats"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	The 700 Club	
FS1	20	NFL Films Presents	FS1 College Hoops Tip-Off	College Basketball Wisconsin at Ohio State. From Schottenstein Center in Columbus, Ohio. (N) (Live)				College Basketball Georgetown at Seton Hall. From Prudential Center in Newark, N.J. (N) (Live)				FS1 College Hoops Extra	Elite Youth (N)
FSEE	32	Sports Stars of Tomorrow	Hawks Live! Pregame (N)	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Boston Celtics. From TD Garden in Boston. (N) (Live)					Hawks Live! Postgame (N)	Hawks 4th Quarter	Pro Football Weekly (N)	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Boston Celtics.	
FX	28	(4:30) ★ "Baywatch" (2017) Dwayne Johnson, Zac Efron. Elite lifeguards must save the beach from a crime wave.				★★★ "Girls Trip" (2017, Comedy) Regina Hall, Queen Latifah, Jada Pinkett Smith. Girlfriends get wild at the Essence Festival in New Orleans.					★★★ "Girls Trip" (2017, Comedy) Regina Hall, Queen Latifah, Jada Pinkett Smith.		
GOLF	82	PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, Second Round. From the Plantation Course at Kapalua. (N) (Live)								Golf Central (N) (Live)		PGA Golf	
HALL	72	"The Christmas Cottage" (2017) Merritt Patterson, Steve Lund. A cynical designer decorates the romantic Christmas cottage.				"The Sweetest Christmas" (2017, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Lea Coco. A chef makes it to finals of a national baking contest.				"My Christmas Dream" (2016, Drama) Danica McKellar. A manager has to choose between her dreams and her heart.			
HGTV	46	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home
HIST	40	Ancient Aliens Imagery of pyramids in Antarctica.		Ancient Aliens Examination into human genetic makeup.		Ancient Aliens Theorists speculate about reincarnation.		(:02) Ancient Aliens "The Alien Protocols" A strange object.		(:05) Ancient Aliens An ancient advanced civilization.		(:05) Ancient Aliens Archaeologists uncover ancient tombs.	
LIFE	23	(4:00) ★★ "Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail" (2009)		Surviving R. Kelly A gun threat wreaks havoc.		Surviving R. Kelly Tiffany Hawkins breaks her silence.		Surviving R. Kelly R. Kelly faces a round of charges. (N)		(:06) Surviving R. Kelly R. Kelly is released from jail. (N)		(:12) Surviving R. Kelly R. Kelly faces a round of charges.	
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	Drugs, Inc. New York is a drug distribution hub.		Drugs, Inc. The Dominican Republic and cocaine.		Drugs, Inc. The Dominican drug networks in Boston.		Drugs, Inc. The biggest party of the year.		Drugs, Inc. Phoenix, Arizona is the drug capital.		Drugs, Inc. The Dominican drug networks in Boston.	
PARMT	57	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	★★ "Shooter" (2007, Suspense) Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña, Danny Glover. A wounded sniper plots revenge against those who betrayed him.						★★★ "The Italian Job" (2003) Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron. A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.			
TBS	25	Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld "The Bubble Boy"	Seinfeld	★★ "Liar Liar" (1997, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Maura Tierney, Jennifer Tilly. A fast-talking lawyer cannot tell a lie.				★★ "Vacation" (2015) Ed Helms, Christina Applegate. Rusty Griswold and family take a road trip to Walley World.			
TCM	79	(:15) ★★★ "Things to Come" (1936) Raymond Massey, Ralph Richardson. H.G. Wells predicts war and a sterile utopia.				★★★★ "Planet of the Apes" (1968, Science Fiction) Charlton Heston. Astronauts crash on a world ruled by intelligent simians.				★★★ "Beneath the Planet of the Apes" (1970, Science Fiction) James Franciscus, Kim Hunter, Charlton Heston.			
TLC	24	90 Day Fiancé "I Don't Have a Choice" Anna reveals big news to her family.				Dr. Pimple Popper Traci has bumps on her face. (N)		My Feet Are Killing Me (N)		My 600-Lb. Life "Supersized: John & Lonnie's Story" Estranged brothers are brought together. (N)			
TNT	26	Bones Mysterious death of an office manager.		Bones Skeletal remains in the Chesapeake Bay.		★★ "Eagle Eye" (2008, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan, Rosario Dawson. Two strangers become pawns of a mysterious woman.					★★ "Red 2" (2013) Bruce Willis. Retired operatives return to retrieve a lethal device.		
USA	27	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family "Blindsided"	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family "Grab It"	Modern Family "The Alliance"	Modern Family	Modern Family "Snow Ball"	Modern Family	Modern Family "Sarge & Pea"	Modern Family
WE	71	Love After Lockup Lacey has a secret rendezvous with John.		Love After Lockup Lacey and John face off.		Love After Lockup John crashes Lacey's wedding.		Love After Lockup Andrea's secret stuns her friends.		Extreme Love "Love Is in the Air" A woman loves an aircraft.		Love After Lockup Andrea's secret stuns her friends.	
HBO	518	(:15) ★★ "Bruce Almighty" (2003, Comedy) Jim Carrey. A frustrated reporter receives divine powers from God. 'PG-13'				★★ "Pokémon Detective Pikachu" (2019, Children's) Voice of Ryan Reynolds. 'PG'			(:45) REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel		(:45) ★★★ "The Darjeeling Limited" (2007, Comedy-Drama) Owen Wilson. 'R'		
MAX	549	(:10) ★★ "The Adjustment Bureau" (2011) Matt Damon. A man battles the agents of Fate to be with the woman he loves.				★★★ "Die Hard" (1988, Action) Bruce Willis. A New York policeman outwits foreign thugs in an L.A. high-rise. 'R'				(:15) ★★★ "Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995) Bruce Willis. A New York cop must stop a mad bomber's game of revenge.			
SHOW	578	(:15) ★★★ "The Fugitive" (1993, Suspense) Harrison Ford, Tommy Lee Jones. An innocent man must evade the law as he pursues a killer. 'PG-13'					★★ "The Wedding Guest" (2018, Suspense) Dev Patel, Radhika Apte. Premiere. 'R'			(:05) Flack Mayhem at a soccer star's wedding.		(:05) The L Word: Generation Q "LA Times"	
TMC	598	★★★ "Dead Again" (1991, Mystery) Kenneth Branagh. An amnesiac may be the reincarnation of a murdered pianist. 'R'				★★★ "Ghost" (1990, Fantasy) Patrick Swayze. Premiere. A murder victim returns to save his beloved fiancee. 'PG-13'				(:15) ★★★★ "When Harry Met Sally..." (1989) Billy Crystal. Two romantically bruised New Yorkers become close friends.			

Best Bets

7 p.m. on WIAT
Hawaii Five-0

A crossover storyline that concludes on "Magnum P.I." begins in the new "Ihea 'oe i ka wa a ka ua e loku ana?," a Hawaiian phrase meaning, "Where Were You When the Rain Was Pouring?." National security is threatened by the theft of a classified document that contains the names of several undercover CIA agents, so Steve (Alex O'Loughlin) and his Five-0 team enlist the help of Magnum, Higgins, Rick and TC (guest stars Jay Hernandez, Perdita Weeks, Zachary Knighton, Stephen Hill) to retrieve it.

7:30 p.m. on SHOW
Movie: The Wedding Guest

Writer-director Michael Winterbottom gives Dev Patel ("Slumdog Millionaire") a role outside his usual wheelhouse in this 2018 British-American thriller about a hitman, Jay (Patel), who travels from Great Britain to Pakistan, where he kidnaps Samira (Radhika Apte), a young Muslim woman. Actually, "kidnaps" may be too strong a word: Samira doesn't need a lot of persuading to take off with Jay, since she's about to be forced into an unwanted arranged marriage. Jim Sarbh also stars.

8 p.m. on WIAT
Magnum P.I.

Continuing a crossover event that began on "Hawaii Five-0," Junior (guest star Beulah Koale) is kidnapped in a bid to gain leverage to retrieve the stolen CIA document, and the CIA rounds up most of Team Five-0 as well in the new "Desperate Measures." With few options available, Tani and Quinn (Meaghan Rath, Katrina Law) turn to Magnum and Higgins (Jay Hernandez, Perdita Weeks) for a solution to this crisis. Melissa Tang and Amy Tsang guest star.

8 p.m. on TRVL
Kindred Spirits

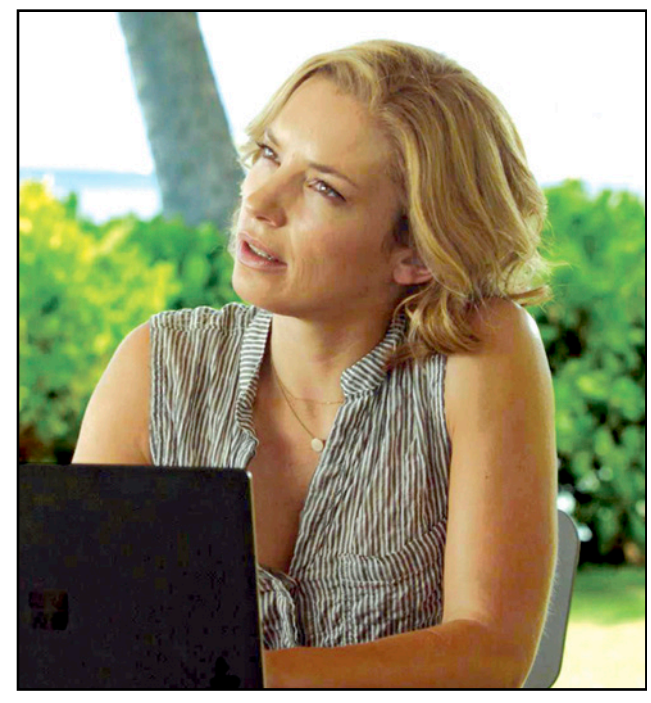
Medium Chip Coffey ("Paranormal State") joins investigators Amy Bruni and Adam Berry as they return for their fourth season of seeking answers to unsolved mysteries with a supernatural element. Each exploration includes delving into past events to identify any restless spirits who may be involved. The opening episode, "School Spirit," takes the trio to the abandoned Farrar Schoolhouse in Maxwell, Iowa, where the empty structure recently has exhibited signs of being occupied by a dark power.

9 p.m. on WIAT
Blue Bloods

Danny and Baez (Donnie Wahlberg, Marisa Ramirez) investigate a chain of ambulance robberies after an EMT is fatally shot in the new episode "Careful What You Wish For." Elsewhere, Frank (Tom Selleck) defends New York's homeless community against a new mayoral policy, and Erin (Bridget Moynahan) tries to put away a violent perp that a judge recently acquitted. Will Estes and Vanessa Ray also star.

9 p.m. on WE
Extreme Love

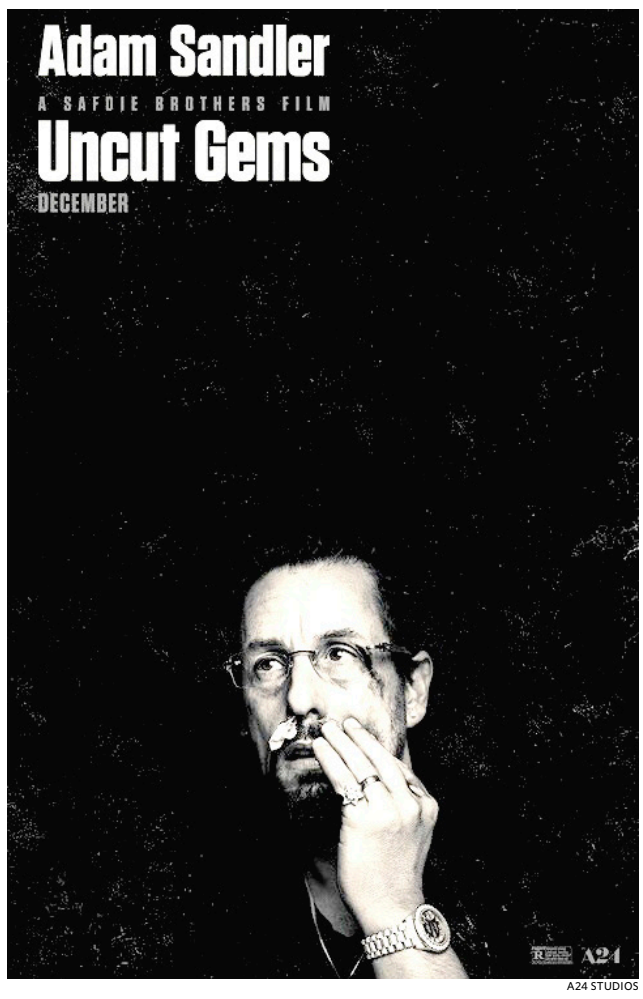
This docu-series returns for its sophomore season, taking a deeper exploration of some truly unusual real-life relationships, real people who find themselves in extraordinary circumstances. Nevertheless, the stories that emerge from these situations usually turn out to be strongly relatable, even though they involve people who exhibit surprising relationship preferences: mermaid couples, those with a passion for "kitten play," a grandmother who has a sex addiction and even one young woman who feels an erotic attachment to a



Perdita Weeks stars in "Magnum, P.I." on CBS.

"Uncut Gems" an unrelenting experience grounded by Sandler's performance; Griffin's score 8/10

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A24 STUDIOS

"Uncut Gems" is the latest film written and directed by the Safdie brothers, Josh and Benny Safdie, and stars Adam Sandler as Howard Ratner, a New York City jeweler constantly living on the edge of high-stake bets and trying to collect the biggest score he can. As his wagers pay off or fall through, Howard's life is thrown into a constant state of flux and he continues to grow further away from his family while getting too close to some unsavory characters in the gambling world. Julia Fox, LaKeith Stanfield, Kevin Garnett and Eric Bogosian join the cast as well and play different people in Howard's anxiety-fueled life. He has different relationships and power dynamics with all of them and they each present a new challenge or opportunity for Howard whenever they enter the frame.

Similar to a film that came out earlier this year, Sandler's performance is the load-bearing wall of "Uncut Gems" in the same way Joaquin Phoenix's performance does most of the work holding up "Joker". Sandler has made some dramatic turns in his acting career before, but this may be award-winning work for the longtime comedic star. Howard is not a character that we're supposed to like. He's sleazy, dishonest, selfish and obnoxious and if anyone else was playing him, it could be a problem for the movie. However, Sandler is the perfect acting choice for this character, and he brings a familiar charm to the role that makes us pull for him against our better judgement. As the film progresses, you find yourself hoping that Howard will make the right decisions to get himself out of his situation and even if he doesn't, you're still pulling for him to make it out of his mess ok. We want to see Howard pull everything off and that is critical when you consider the technical aspects of the movie.

The Safdie brothers have already firmly established their style of filmmaking; relentless, fast-faced, intense films designed to make the audience anxious in their seats. The editing, sound design, camera work, script and everything else in "Uncut Gems" is designed to make you uncomfortable. Even two people just talking to one another gets the Safdie treatment and often becomes a stressful screaming match between the two characters. That's where Sandler's performance really gives this movie a bump. Because he is so endearing as Howard and we want to see him get through the film safely, we feel every anxiety-filled speed bump along the way and aren't allowed to take a breath until the credits finally roll.

Overall, "Uncut Gems" is another solid entry to the Safdie brothers' growing filmography and gives us arguably Adam Sandler's greatest dramatic performance to date. If you can stand the intensity that builds throughout the runtime and culminates in a powerful ending, "Uncut Gems" is definitely worth checking out as awards season begins to wind down.

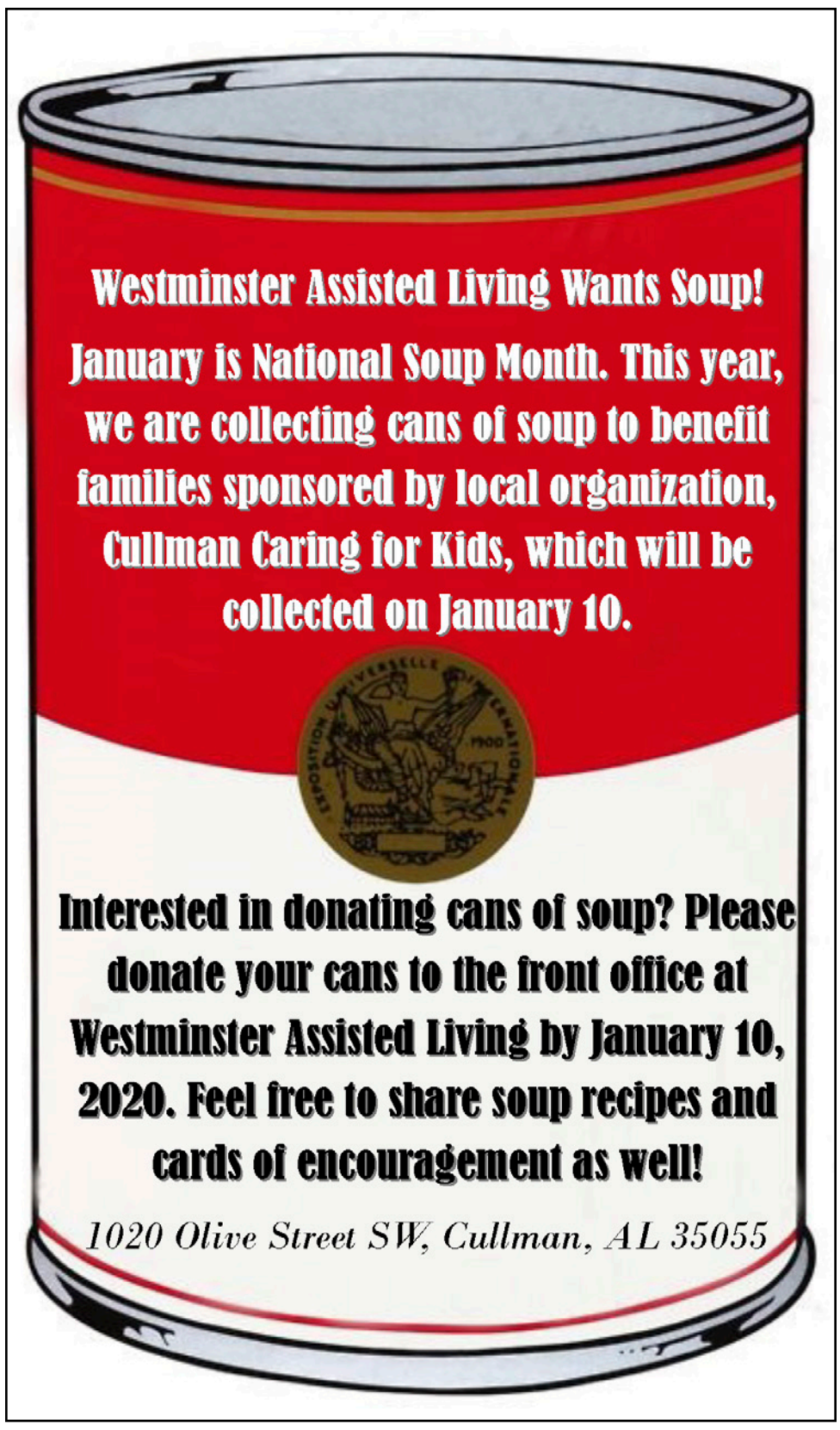
Griffin's score: 8/10

Welcome Home

Randy Williams had a stroke in California four weeks ago. Angel Flight flying him to Huntsville on Friday, January 3.

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Obituary Announcements: Jan. 3

David Nail, 61, of Holly Pond entered into the arms of his loving Savior Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. He was born April 20, 1958 in Cullman County to Bennie and Lottie Huffstutler Nail. David was a man of many talents. His skills were used in several industries over the course of time including equipment operator, truck driver and chicken farmer. He was also a loving father to his boys and he was looking forward to the upcoming birth of his first grandchild. Mr. Nail is preceded in death by parents Bennie and Lottie Huffstutler Nail. Survivors include sons David Nail and Jim Nail (Cara Hardey); brother Rick Nail; sister Patty Ann Nail; and his granddaughter Baby Girl Nail due later this year. Funeral services for David are at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020 in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Friends may visit with the family from noon until services begin. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Nail family.

Brenda L. Stracener, 57, of Double Springs entered into rest Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019. Miss Stracener was born Feb. 17, 1962 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Graveside services will be held at noon Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020 at Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery in Addison, Alabama. Brenda is survived by brothers Johnny Stracener, Billy Stracener and Roy Stracener; sister Flora Stracener; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by parents John and Margaret Stracener and brother David Stracener.

Memorial services for James Roy Reynolds will be Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Fairview Methodist Church with Brother Hollis Gardner officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Reynolds went to be with the Lord Jan. 1, 2020 at the age of 75. He was born to James Woodrow Reynolds and Ruby Pauline Henderson Reynolds July 1, 1944. Mr. Reynolds was preceded in death by his parents and sister Diane Gloster. He is survived by his wife of 29 years Katie Gardner Reynolds; son Jason Reynolds; daughters Teresa Reynolds, Angela Reynolds, Teresa (Ricky) Yates and Kathy (Patrick) Watson; brother Bobby Reynolds; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and a host of family and friends. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Encompass Hospice and to Fairview Methodist Church in memory of Roy Reynolds. Friends may sign the online guest book at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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BUSINESS

U-Haul to implement nicotine-free hiring policy

Jeff Lockridge
Contributor

PHOENIX, Ariz. – U-Haul International will soon be the first major company in its field to decline job applicants who are nicotine users.

The nicotine-free hiring policy will go into effect in 21 states Feb. 1. The employment of team members hired prior to that date will not be impacted by the policy.

"We are deeply invested in the well-being of our Team Members," stated Jessica Lopez, U-Haul chief of staff.

"Nicotine products are addictive and pose a variety of serious health risks.

"This policy is a responsible step in fostering a culture of wellness at U-Haul, with the goal of helping our Team Members on their health journey."

U-Haul employs more than 30,000 across the U.S. and Canada and is among Arizona's largest employers with 4,000-plus team members. Arizona is among the 21 states where it is lawful to decline hiring individuals who use nicotine products.

Other states where the policy will be enacted are Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and Washington.

Headquartered in Phoenix since 1967, U-Haul offers team members an array of benefits and resources to become the best versions of themselves through its "Healthier You" program. The wellness program is designed to assist team members in four areas: health, mindset, nutrition and fitness.

Program features include nicotine cessation assistance for current team members; gym and personal trainer reimbursements; registered dietitian plans; health fairs; farmers' markets; healthy meals and vending; an online health portal; U-Haul Active Day for group fitness events; and a robust benefits package. In September, U-Haul addressed the mental health of its team members and their households by adding the "You Matter" program.

"If we take care for our team members, they will take care of our customers," Lopez added.



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Individuals seeking U-Haul jobs in the aforementioned 21 states will see statements regarding the nicotine-free hiring policy on applications and will be questioned about nicotine use.

In states where testing is allowed, applicants must consent to submit to nicotine screening in the future to be considered.

Bradford (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – In a small unassuming office on Commercial Street in Hanceville, a stack of books "to be read" continues to grow as their owner Nolan Bradford works tirelessly to promote and better his hometown. A simple purchase of an office space in historic downtown Hanceville has led to Bradford and his partners investing their time, energy and money into saving the old buildings from crumbling.

If you go to an event, festival, concert, council meeting or community meeting of any kind in Hanceville, Bradford is going to be there. He is dedicated to making sure Hanceville is a great place to live and visit. He owns Bradford Development, is partnered with Dan Willingham in Welcome Back Hanceville, LLC. and is partners with Tim Burney in Friends of the Festival.

Bradford is a Hanceville native and graduated from Hanceville High School in 1982.

"I moved to Birmingham in the early '90s and moved back in 2003 when my parents started getting elderly," he said. "I came back and helped them take care of the farm."

He worked at home doing computer work when he thought about finding an office.

He explained, "I was just driving through, and I saw this little office with a red door on it. The ceiling was falling down in the bathroom. It kept being for sale, so I bought it and remodeled it. Shortly thereafter, the City put the right side of Romine's Dry Goods up for sale. I thought, 'Cool, I'll put a little shop in it or something.' So I got it. These buildings just kept being available and by that time, I guess I had gotten the fever that it was starting to look better and I just kept getting as many as I could so I could fix them up. My main goal was to get these buildings revived before they fell to the ground. Honestly, some might have been better to fall but they had four walls and that's a start. They've all been gutted and all up to code on electrical and plumbing. As long as you have a good base you are OK. Cullman rent is outlandish, and you get good rent per square foot here. I think it will work. I hope it works."

Now, Bradford is working to renovate the upstairs of the downtown businesses into apartment spaces.

The apartment spaces above Outbreak Games are complete, but Bradford added, "I am currently working on five in Romine's, including my little cubby hole where I don't have to go home all the time." He will be adding at least a dozen more in the loft areas down Commercial Street and said he thinks they will make perfect places for students from Wallace State to rent.

Bradford said the Commercial Street retail space filled up, but then new opportunity came to be.

"That was essentially my goal, to get it full, but then the Wall Center became available. Then the building next door and I HAD to get it," he said.

Bradford feels that once he can get the buildings on Bangor Street remodeled and the apartments completed, downtown Hanceville will be finished.

He added, "All of this should feed off itself. We have a variance of things here. I think the coffee shop (Arise Coffee Co.) is really going to do well. It's going to get Wallace engaged back again. The gym will get people in town. There's antique stores and dress shops and everything else."

What would Bradford like people to know about Hanceville?

He said, "That it's here! It's not Jack's, McDonald's, Subway and Warehouse Grocery and all that. There is something down here worth coming to see. It's got good people, and everyone is nice and friendly and it's a place worth visiting."

Besides the renovation of the downtown buildings, Bradford and partner Burney also hope to rejuvenate the city's social scene. They created the Friends of the Festival to provide fun activities and events for the Hanceville community. Friends of the Festival organizes the Irish Heritage Festival as well as the Mud Creek Festival.

Bradford stays involved with all things Hanceville by attending every city council meeting, and he also played a part in helping Hanceville achieve its Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE) designation.

He said, "We set up things we wanted to do to the town to make it better. Rejuvenating downtown was one of them. There were other things on the list that (Mayor) Kenneth (Nail) is working hard to get going so that list of things and that drive to do that is one of the things that makes you eligible to be an ACE community."

He continued, "I want to see everything thrive and I want to see the streets full again. I want to see something happen at the old Blue Bell plant. I want to get some sort of jobs in here that will employ more than just one person."

A new electronics store is being planned for the old theater building and Bradford added, "We've got a nice little complement of different things. The game room was really different. I wasn't expecting it, but it has brought a lot of people down here. I would like to get the bus tours back from the Shrine (of the Most Blessed Sacrament) and we probably need another antique store to make that happen."

Bradford admits he spends most of his time brainstorming ways to promote Hanceville. His work ethic combined with his entrepreneurial spirit and love for his hometown have resulted in a resurrection to the heart of Cullman County's oldest city.

In his spare time, Bradford enjoys reading, but based on the large stack of books, he doesn't find much down time.

He enjoys fiction and smiled, "I love (John) Grisham and Stephen King, even though he's a liberal."

Bradford invites everyone to come check out the city of Hanceville.

"There is stuff here that is interesting to see and do. By bettering Hanceville, if I can get the infrastructure right, I think that the rest will follow. If I can give the people a nice place to come and do business, then people will come, and customers will come, and commerce will happen. I am rejuvenating downtown, and I am promoting everybody I know that's here. We have the best eye doctor in town, I know that.

"This is the first time my prescription has been right in 40 years. She's really good. Things like that people should know about that they probably don't. We have the best steaks in the county (at Bulldogs Country Cook'N), so I've been told. People will drive right by and not know it's there. I want to change that!"







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