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END OF YEAR REPORTS

DOGGONE GOOD NEWS: Cullman Tribune, Cullman County Animal Shelter 'Pet of the Week' partnership enjoys 98% adoption rate in 2019

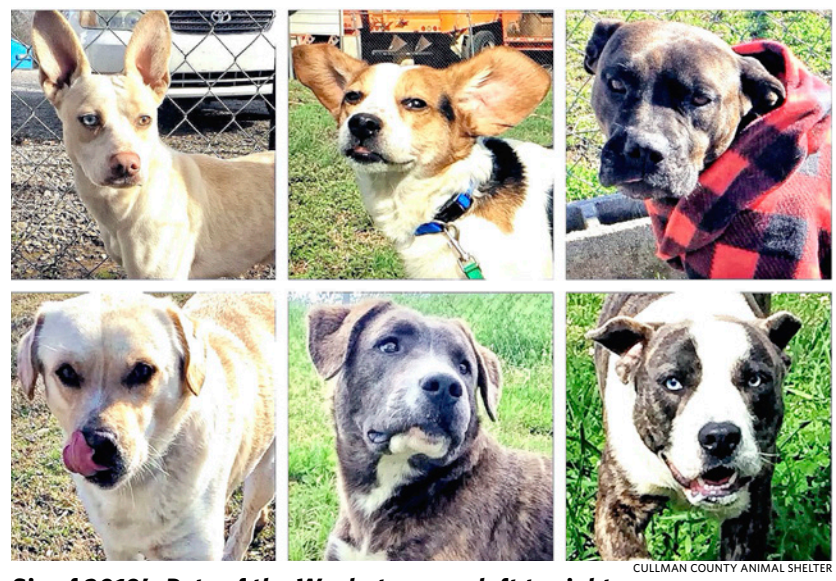
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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week project, created in partnership with the Cullman County Animal Shelter to highlight available animals (especially those who may have been overlooked) and promote pet adoptions, finished 2019 with wonderful news: 98% of the dogs featured through the year were adopted!

"We are so very grateful for The Cullman Tribune's willingness to post one of our shelter babies every week to help get them adopted. People who see them in The Tribune and read about their personality fall in love, and the chances of that baby getting adopted increase greatly," said the shelter's Andrea Hudson. "Cullman is such a special and caring community. We are so blessed with all the donations we receive for the animals, and we appreciate every like and share these fur babies get by our community on Facebook. A special thank-you goes out to Donna (Ruttkay), one of our volunteers, who unselfishly gives her time to all the animals here, and for her great photos she takes and her on-point bios on the dogs for the Pet of The Week. It is always a good day at the shelter when we are able to place the right dog or cat in the right home with the perfect family."

Ruttkay added, "Without the passion and dedication from The Cullman Tribune's staff and their commitment to the Pet of the Week, our dogs' exposure would be at a minimum."

Ruttkay went on » PAGE 4



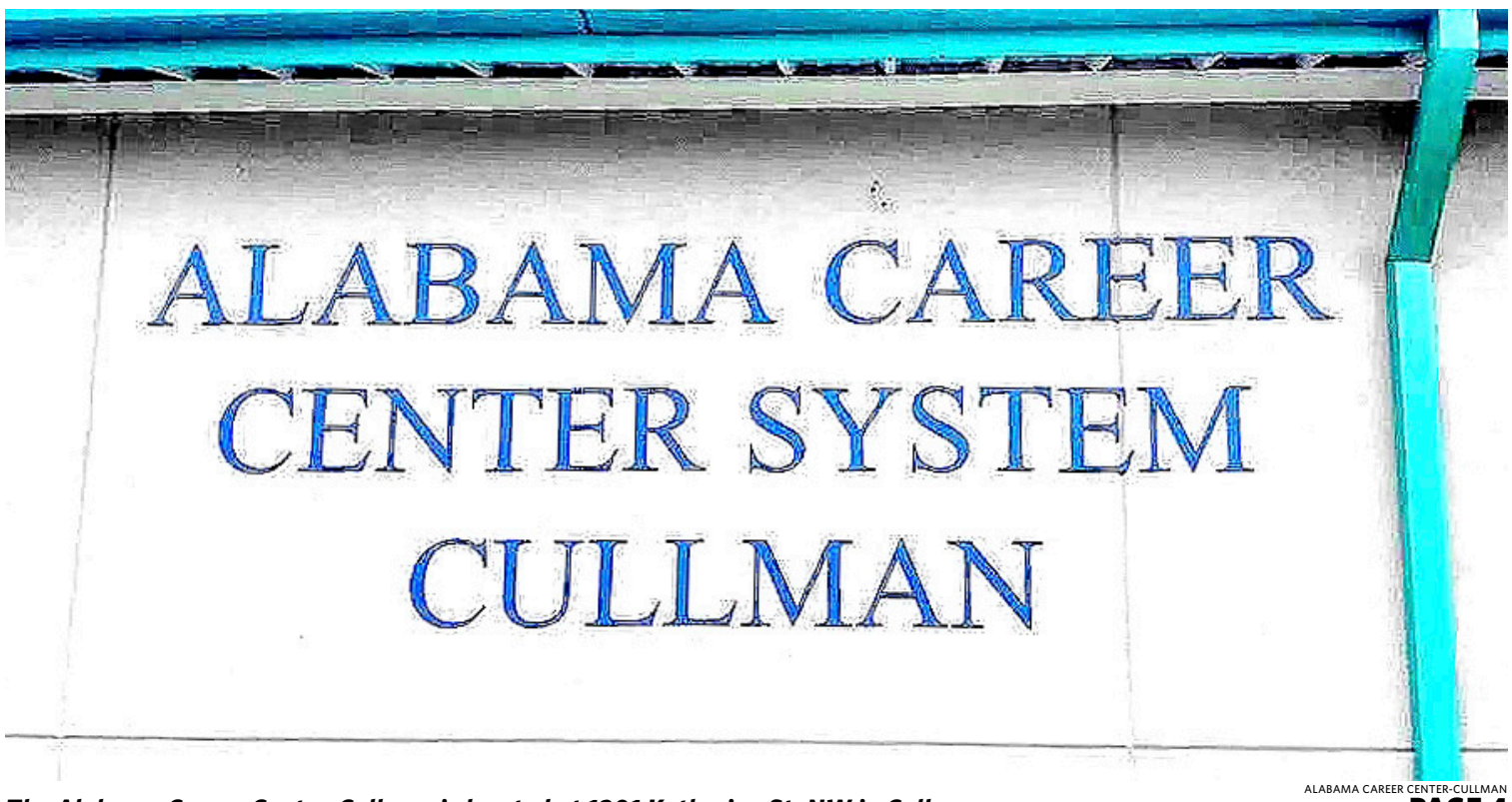
CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Six of 2019's Pets of the Week- top row, left to right are Auggie, Bilbo and Bobby-Socks; bottom row, left to right are Fonzie, Houla and Pugsley.

– ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT –

Getting to work: WIOA funds available to help local job seekers

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act provides funding for training, education



ALABAMA CAREER CENTER-CULLMAN

The Alabama Career Center-Cullman is located at 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman.

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DAR Good Citizens recognized

Dr. Nancy Horton,
W.C. Mann

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Dripping Springs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently awarded the winners of its Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest, a contest between the DAR Good Citizens named by high schools in Cullman County.

The DAR Good Citizen Award program "recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. These students are selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrate these qualities to an outstanding degree." (www.DAR.org)

- **DAR Good Citizen Essay Competition Winner for Cullman County** - Morgan Haynes, Fairview High School

- **Overall DAR Good Citizens** - Will Akin, Hanceville High School and Della Kelly, Cullman High School » PAGE 4



NANCY HORTON

DAR Good Citizen Award winners and presenters: front row, left to right are Dr. Nancy Horton-DAR essay chair, James Schomburg, Julia Floyd-DAR regent, Will Akin and Zack Reynolds; back row, left to right are Morgan Haynes, Mallory Campbell, Allison Powe and Della Kelly. Not pictured is Carmen Tizapa.



VICTIM SERVICES OF CULLMAN, INC.

Puppy Bella, seen in this 2019 image, is now a support dog working in the VSC shelter.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Victim Services works to break cycle of domestic violence

Carol Horstman,
W.C. Mann

CULLMAN, Ala. – The stated purpose of Victim Services of Cullman, Inc. (VSC) is "to lead the community in the prevention of domestic abuse by providing emergency shelter, advocacy and education throughout Cullman County, all in an effort to break the cycle of abuse and help promote peace in every family."

Executive Director Carol Horstman told The Tribune, "Domestic and sexual violence represents a significant public health problem in our community. As a provider of domestic and sexual violence crisis recovery services, Victim Services is committed to the mission of ending the cycle of violence in Cullman County. It is gratifying to watch the men, women and children we serve begin to heal and change as they participate in our programs. We believe that through helping individuals heal from the trauma of domestic and sexual violence, we are helping create a stronger and healthier » PAGE 5

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Baileyton to rename old town hall to honor Walker Brothers; council talks broadband

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BAILEYTON, Ala. – Once the Town of Baileyton officially opens and moves into its new town hall, the current town hall will be renamed. Suggested by Councilman Gene Sumner and approved by the council at Monday night's meeting, the current building will be renamed The Walker Brothers-Baileyton Center.

"This won't be a township hall anymore," said Sumner. "As much as the Walker Brothers have done for the Town of Baileyton, and I understand they built this, I wanted to name the building the Walkers Brothers Center."

Dr. Josiah Daily of Baileyton Family Medicine has offered to rent the office space upstairs inside the current town hall while allowing the Town to rent the conference room and kitchen area when needed.

"He already rents the downstairs and wants to use the office space and bathrooms and he will pay the utilities," said Mayor Johnny Dyar. "If anyone wants to rent this room they still can."

The council agreed to rent the space to Daily.

Security cameras have been installed throughout the town to help monitor town properties including the town hall, medical center, senior center, storm shelters, maintenance building, park, parking lot, playgrounds and bathrooms.

Dyar joked, "That's going to be a big lifesaver on toilet paper and toilets, too!"

Signs indicating the camera locations are posted with more signs ordered.

The council also approved adding Wi-Fi to the town park as suggested by the security service. The mayor and council members have the capability with the new system to monitor the cameras from their cellphones.

Residents of Baileyton who attended Monday's meeting inquired about the possibility of broadband service in the community.

Town Clerk Pat Gilbert explained, "As of right now, Jay Fuller, the owner of Cyber Broadband, who has service in areas of the town but not all over, he was awarded a grant to expand his internet service around Smith Lake. Another grant opportunity came open and (he) worked over the weekend and added 15-20 letters that was sent in with the grant application. It is a bigger grant, and if awarded, he would be able to expand from the other side of Chesley Oaks clear to Joppa and up to the county line at least and over and down to Holly Pond."

Gilbert also said a representative from Spectrum has been in the area surveying and gathering data to determine the possibility of future broadband service. AT&T told Gilbert they had no plans of extending its service area.

On the agenda for the February meeting, the council will consider an ordinance setting the pay for the next mayor and council members. The proposed change to existing salaries would be raising the next mayor's pay from $8,700 to $10,200.

Dates for baseball sign-ups have not been set, but the cost of registration will be the same as last year. Look for announcements for registration dates at Baileyton Town Hall.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Holly Pond approves election ordinances, splits on pay for officials, declares January Human Trafficking Awareness Month

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – The Holly Pond Town Council on Monday evening suspended the regular rules of procedure to approve its first readings of two ordinances governing election policies. In unanimous votes, the council set the mayoral candidate qualification fee at $10, with a clause allowing for candidates who cannot afford the fee, and set the positions for which council candidates run as places one through five instead of "at-large" seats.

When the issue of pay came up, though, the votes changed. An ordinance that would have raised the mayor's salary to $400 per month and the council members' salaries to $200 per month (an approximately 33% raise) starting with the new session in November was tabled after its first reading when the council vote to suspend the rules split 3-2.

The ordinance will still be considered, but it will have to wait until its second reading scheduled for next month's meeting.

The council also voted to proclaim January 2020 Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Holly Pond.

With the proclamation, the Town committed itself to "ensure that all of our residents are aware of this problem and how to spot it. We must work together as a community so that human traffickers are punished and to protect and assist their victims."

The proclamation continued, "We ask all residents of this community to join us in raising visibility of this crime whose victims are all too often invisible. Together, we can become more informed about this pressing issue and work to combat its injustices."

The council also passed a motion to make Warren Strickland, who was hired as a temporary full-time employee to assist with maintenance around town, a permanent full-time employee at a pay rate matching that of other employees.

In other council business:

- Mayor Bill Oliver shared that the Town's fiscal year 2018 audit came back clean, with only one minor bookkeeping error.
- Oliver noted that Holly Pond's storm shelter, which was found to be leaking after recent rains, was repaired Monday.
- The mayor and multiple council members noted the success of 2019's Cards in the Park, with a larger number of participants and decorations. Oliver commended inmate and county work crews for their efforts.

The Holly Pond Town Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first Monday evening of each month at the Guy Hunt Library. The public is invited to attend.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 7

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 7, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
Jan. 6

- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $232
- fourth-degree theft of property; Enterprise Rental Company; Hwy. 157; tag; $75

ARRESTS
Jan. 6

Myrick, Cynthia W., 38
- FTA- driving while revoked

Davis, Kelly I., 44
- fourth-degree theft of property

Nidiffer, James D., 43
- fourth-degree theft of property

Hill, Justice A., 21
- first-degree theft of property

Courtney, Joy V., 46
- fourth-degree theft of property

Bailey, Amber L., 32
- fourth-degree theft of property

Villa, Joseph S., 48
- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- failure to register vehicle

Shepherd, Andrea L., 24
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Pugh, Ashley C., 20
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

Yoga at the Library
- Every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Cullman County Public Library, 200 Clark St. NE, Cullman, AL 35055
- Bring your own mat, strap and block. These items are optional.

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.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
Prayer meeting at 6 p.m. Bible study class at 6:30 p.m. by Pam Dodd, Pastor Bobby Dodd and others. Spirit Life Church, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman

THURSDAY, JAN. 9

Cullman County Sheriff's Office Church Safety Class
- Thursday, Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church, 30 County Road 1184, Cullman, AL 35057
- Registration for the class is not mandatory, but it is encouraged so the CCSO has a good idea of the number of participants attending. To register, email your name and number of people in your group to Deputy Bradley Williams at bwilliams@cullmansheriff.org.
- For more information, call 256-734-0342.

Hanceville City Council Meeting
6 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall

Heartland Quilt Guild
The Heartland Quilt Guild will meet Thursday night, Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman.

Find Your Kingdom Purpose
6:30 p.m. "Find Your Kingdom Purpose" by Darlene Alvis. Snacks provided. Spirit Life Church, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman

Dodge City Town Council Meeting
7 p.m. at Dodge City Town Hall

FRIDAY, JAN. 10

Human Trafficking Awareness Day at Karma's Coffee House
The Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force will be at Karma's Coffee House all day to share information about human trafficking. Stop by and learn more! 103 First Ave. NE #140, Cullman

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 pickup. 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.
- 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. 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

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

Hydroponic Gardening Class
- Thursday, Feb. 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex, 1714 Tally Ho St. SW, Cullman
- The class will cover the basics of hydroponic gardening and will show you how to set up a small system. You will be provided a flier with steps to walk you through setup, along with a materials list of everything you will need for a seven-container system. The cost to attend the class will be $10 per person. Register in person at the Cullman County Extension office at 402 Arnold St. NE, Suite G1, Cullman or mail your registration check made out to the Cullman County Extension to that address. If you mail it put in a note that it is for the hydroponic class and the name of who is coming with an email if available.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Cold Springs sweeps Hanceville on the road

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – After the Lady Bulldogs fell to Glencoe Friday and the Bulldogs came up just short against Lindsay Lane Saturday, Hanceville returned home Monday night host the Eagles and Lady Eagles of Cold Springs. The Lady Eagles got off to a fast start and pulled away to defeat Hanceville 55-40 and the Eagles managed to keep their distance from the Bulldogs in the second half to collect a 62-49 road win. Cold Springs and Hanceville will both be on the road Tuesday night, traveling to Southeastern and Good Hope respectively.

Cold Springs 55 – Hanceville 40 (varsity girls)

Cold Springs managed to build a 13-3 lead by the end of the opening quarter and a basket from Elizabeth Hill made it a 15-3 at the start of the second. A pair of free throws by Hanceville's Kelly Pickett made it an 18-5 game with just under six minutes to play in the quarter and a jumper from Jessica Thompson trimmed the lead to 18-7.

Cassidy Campbell then converted an and-one play at the free throw line to cut it to 19-10 with three minutes to play in the half.

A three-pointer from Neely Ellison gave the Lady Eagles a 24-10 lead late in the second but the Lady Bulldogs got those points back with a three from Victoria Stanley on the other end. Toni West drilled a three-pointer with just 30 seconds remaining in the period to put Cold Springs in front 27-13 but Thompson knocked down another triple at the buzzer to make it a 27-16 game at halftime.

A put back by West gave the Lady Eagles a 34-21 advantage early in the third quarter but another and-one play from Campbell on the other end trimmed the lead to 34-26 midway through the period. A pair of free throws from West made it 38-26 with 27 seconds remaining in the third Stanley drilled another three-pointer with under 20 seconds in the quarter to cut the lead to 38-29 at the start of the fourth.

A pair of Hill free throws stretched the Cold Springs lead to 40-29 early in the fourth quarter and the Lady Eagles were able to keep their distance from Hanceville the rest of the way.

A basket from Lacey Rice made it 42-29 with under five minutes to play and Brooke Crider knocked down a pair of free throws to extend the lead to 16 midway through the fourth. Pickett added a three-pointer for the Lady Bulldogs to cut it to 55-40 but they couldn't chip away any more than that and Cold Springs left with a 15-point road win.

Hill led the Lady Eagles with 20 points in the win. West put up 17, Ellison finished with 14 and Crider and Rice each added two. Pickett finished with 11 in the loss for Hanceville. Stanley added 10, Campbell and Thompson each finished with eight and Katelynn Boyd scored two for the Lady Bulldogs.

Cold Springs 62 – Hanceville 49 (varsity boys)

The Eagles and Bulldogs were knotted at two early in Monday's nightcap until a pair of Raiden Morgan free throws put Hanceville in front 4-2. Tanner Kilgo scored on the other end for Cold Springs to tie the game at four with just over three minutes to play in the opening quarter and an and-one play by Adam Hill gave the Eagles a 7-5 lead late in the period.

A three-pointer from Zach Campbell on the other end put the Bulldogs in front 8-7 but Hill added two more free throw and another basket just before the end of the first to make it an 11-8 game at the start of the second.

A basket from Cainon Moore cut the Cold Springs lead to one early in the second and he knocked down a pair of free throws on the next possession to put Hanceville in front 14-13.

Kilgo scored to put the Eagles back ahead 17-15 midway through the quarter and a three-pointer from Logan Rice stretched the lead to 23-17 with just over two minutes to play in the half.

Peppers knocked a couple free throws to make it a 26-17 game with under a minute to play in the second and finished off an and-one play at the line to with three seconds in the half to give Cold Springs a 29-20 advantage at the break.

Morgan converted an and-one play at the line to cut the Eagles lead to four early in the third, but Micah Calvert responded with a three on the other end to make it 32-25.

Another and-one basket from Moore trimmed the lead to 37-31 midway through the period and a basket by Matthew Cornelius made it a 37-33 game with three minutes to play in the quarter. Rice drilled a three on the other end to put Cold Springs back up by seven and the Eagles went into the final frame with a 42-33 lead over the Bulldogs.

Brodie Malcom turned a steal into a quick layup early in the fourth quarter to make it a 4-point game, but Peppers answered with a basket to make it 44-38.

Rice knocked down another three to put Cold Springs up by seven, but Tyson Bellmon responded with a triple that cut the lead down to 47-43 with just under six minutes to play. Back to back buckets by Hill and Peppers stretched the Eagles lead to 53-44 with under five minutes to play and Cold Springs was really able to pull away at the charity stripe from that point and collected a 62-49 road win over Hanceville.

Peppers led the Eagles with 19 points in the win, followed by Rice with 13, Kilgo with 12, Hill with 11 and Calvert with five. Bellmon led the way for the Bulldogs with 11 points in the loss. Morgan and Malcom each added nine and Moore finished with eight for Hanceville.



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Cold Springs' Toni West (4) finished with 17 points in the Lady Eagles' 55-40 win at Hanceville Monday night.

Alabama falls in double overtime at Florida in SEC opener, 104-98

UA Athletics
Contributor

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – The Alabama men's basketball dropped a heartbreaker in its Southeastern Conference opener on Saturday night, falling on the road at Florida, 104-98, in double overtime. The Crimson Tide led for all but 6:30 in the contest and by as many as 21 points in the opening half, but the Gators scored 51 second half points and outscored UA 12-6 in the second overtime to secure the win.

The Tide, which entered the game having won back-to-back contests inside the Stephen O'Connell Center, dominated the opening half and led by a score of 46-25 with 2:19 remaining before intermission.

However, Florida scored seven straight to end the half and collected nine of the first 10 points of the second half to cut the lead 47-41.

Alabama held strong and led until 21 seconds remained in regulation. That's when Florida's Kerry Blackshear stole a pass and laid it in to tie the game at 83-83 and force the first of two overtimes.

The Gators hit 30-of-36 (83.3 percent) free throws for the game, including 11-of-13 in both overtimes combined, to secure the victory.

Alabama was led by junior John Petty Jr., who scored 19 points, knocking down four (4-of-10) from beyond the arc. Junior Herbert Jones finished with 15 points and 9 rebounds, while Kira Lewis Jr. (17), Alex Reese (15), Beetle Bolden (14) and Jaden Shackelford (11) all reached double figures for the Tide.

Coach Oats Postgame Comments

"You have to give Florida credit. We were able to jump out and get a big lead on them.

"I think we led by 21 but they scored the final seven points of the half, so instead of being up 20 or 25 at half, we were only up 14.

"Then they came out in the second half and hit two threes, one of which came off an offensive rebound. I told our guys the tougher team would win tonight.

"I thought we were the tougher team for large portions of this game.

"But they made tough plays in the second half to win the game. You have to tip their hat to them and give them credit. [Florida head coach] Mike (White) did a good job with his team in keeping their heads in the game when they went down big.

"At the same time, we have to find ways to win these games and when you are up 20 on the road in your SEC opener, you have to find a way to win that game."

Team Stats

- The 202 combined points marked the fifth-highest combined scoring game in program history and the most since Alabama and Charlotte combined for 201 points in 2004
- The 98 total points scored by the Tide was the fourth consecutive game UA topped 90 points; the first time since the 2000-01 season it has achieved the feat
- Six players finished with double digit scoring points for a second straight game
- Alabama shot 48 percent in the opening half but only 33 percent after intermission while Florida connected on 36 percent of its shots in the first half but improved that number to 53 percent over the final 30 minutes (second half and both overtimes)
- Three UA players (Galin Smith, Javian Davis and Herbert Jones) fouled out as the Tide was whistled for 29 total fouls compared to 19 fouls called on Florida
- Fifteen of the game's final 20 fouls were called against Alabama

First Half

- Shackelford drilled his first two three-point attempts as Alabama took an early 9-5 lead at the 17:34 mark
- With the Crimson Tide trailing 11-9, UA scored 12 straight points to take a 21-11 with 11:03 to play in the first half
- After Florida cut the Tide's lead to 28-21 with 7:36 remaining in the first, Alabama used a 13-1 burst to widen its advantage to 41-22 with 3:21 to play in the opening stanza
- Alabama led 46-25, but a 7-0 spurt by the Gators over the final two minutes of the half cut the Tide's advantage to 46-32 at the break
- In all, UA outscored UF, 37-21, over the final 14:37 of the opening stanza

Second Half

- After ending the first half on a 7-0 spurt, the Gators opened the second half on an 9-1 run to cut the Tide's advantage to just 47-41 at the 18:43 mark – a combined Florida run of 16-1 that spanned halftime
- Alabama was able to stretch its lead back out to 63-50 with 12:00 remaining in the game, when UF head coach Mike White was called for a technical foul arguing with officials
- With the Tide leading 65-52, the Gators scored seven straight points to cut into the Alabama lead to 65-59 with 8:52 remaining in the game
- The Tide and Gators exchanged baskets over next several minutes, but a three-pointer by Florida made the score 80-75 with 1:55 remaining
- With UA leading 83-78 with 29 seconds left, Florida buried a triple to make it an 83-81 and followed by forcing a Crimson Tide turnover which resulted in a layup to tie the game at 83 to force overtime

First and Second Overtimes

- In the opening extra period, Alabama trailed for a majority but a big three by Petty evened the game at 92-92 with 16 to go
- Florida was unable to convert at the buzzer and the game went to double overtime tied at 92-92
- The second overtime began with Florida scoring the first four points
- Alabama answered with four-straight of its own to draw even at 96-all with 2:30 remaining
- The Gators ended the second overtime on an 8-2 run to grab the 104-98 victory

The Tide will return to action on Wednesday, Jan. 8, for its SEC home opener against Mississippi State. Tipoff is slated for 6 p.m. CT and will be available on SEC Network.

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

J'Von McCormick leads No. 8 Auburn to 80-68 win in SEC opener at MSU, Tigers improve 13-0

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

STARKVILLE, Miss. – With an assortment of 3-pointers, second-chance buckets and free throws, J'Von McCormick scored a career-high 28 points to lead No. 8 Auburn to an 80-68 win Saturday in the Tigers' SEC opener.

"He took over," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said. "We gave him the keys to the car and he drove it. He's leading our team. He's leading off the court, he's leading on the court. He's leading with his work ethic."

All five Auburn starters scored in double figures. Isaac Okoro scored 16, Samir Doughty scored 13, Danjel Purifoy scored 11 and Austin Wiley added 10.

McCormick scored 20 in the second half, making 8 of 11 free throws while adding four rebounds to lead Auburn to victory in a venue where wins have been elusive. The Tigers won at Humphrey Coliseum for the third time since 2001.

One of two unbeaten teams in the country, Auburn improved to 13-0 (1-0), winning for the 25th time in 26 games.

"That's big for us, starting off SEC play 1-0," McCormick said. "Coming here, knowing we were going to be faced with a challenge."

Auburn built a nine-point lead to start the second half by scoring four points seconds apart. After Okoro's fast-break reverse layup, McCormick stole the inbounds pass and scored instantly to put Auburn up 33-24.

McCormick's 3-pointer, Auburn's first of the game after 12 misses, gave the Tigers a 10-point lead, 36-26. Wiley's left-handed hook shot extended the lead to 12 points at the 16:24 mark.

"That's what we work on all the time," McCormick said. "Just repetition. I knew one of them was going to fall, so I just needed to keep shooting and that gave us a spark."

State pulled within two, but Purifoy scored the next eight points on a pair of 3-pointers and a transition putback to restore Auburn's double-digit advantage with 7:58 left.

Purifoy, Doughty and Okoro led Auburn with eight rebounds apiece, limiting State's advantage on the boards to 46-44.

"It was very important," Okoro said. "Just putting a body on them. It started our fast breaks and that's how we got most of our points." Auburn enjoyed a 24-13 advantage in fast-break points.

"Our three starting guards did a tremendous job defensively," Pearl said. "It's been a different guy for us every night. Tonight, J'Von McCormick was brilliant. Samir Doughty's defense was incredible. Isaac Okoro did not play like a freshman at all. He was one of the best players on the floor."

Auburn led 29-24 at halftime after outscoring State 20-4 to close the first half.

Okoro's 3-point play ended State's 7-0 run, starting a 9-0 Auburn run.

McCormick's baseline jumper capped the run, tying the game at 18-18.

McCormick's assist on Okoro's transition dunk gave Auburn a 21-20 lead to start an 8-0 Auburn run late in the half. McCormick hit a floater in the lane and a layup before Doughty's fast-break bucket gave Auburn its largest lead, 29-22 with 38 seconds left.

McCormick, Doughty and Okoro each scored eight in the half for Auburn, which led by five despite missing all 11 3-point attempts.

The Tigers return to Auburn Arena for Wednesday's SEC home opener against Vanderbilt at 8 p.m. CT.



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Auburn's J'Von McCormick scored 28 in the Tigers' 80-68 win at Mississippi State Saturday.

Work (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – If you need a job, Alabama Career Center-Cullman would like to meet you and talk to you about the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which can help job seekers get the training they need to go to work, and find good jobs in which to use that training.

The WIOA, signed into law in 2014, replaced the earlier Workforce Investment Act, but with the same basic goal: to create a skilled workforce of people gainfully employed in jobs they can perform well.

The act provides services to youth and adults, with help for people with significant barriers to employment, dislocated worker programs for employees who have lost their jobs through layoffs or other causes beyond their control, incumbent worker training to give currently employed persons the skills they need to stay employed in a changing business world, on-the-job training programs that provide funding for employers to train new employees in-house, apprenticeships and other programs.

According to the Alabama Department of Commerce Workforce Development Division, "Under the Adult program, individuals are eligible for services such as comprehensive and specialized assessment of skills levels, aptitudes, abilities and needs; development of an Individual Employment Plan; individual career counseling; and out-of-area job search assistance. More intensive services are also available for eligible adults who experience more difficulty in obtaining jobs such as Individual Training Accounts, On-the–Job training, and job readiness training conducted with a commitment by an employer or a group of employers to employ an individual upon successful completion of training."

Likewise, "The Dislocated Worker Program is intended for workers who lost jobs due to plant closures, company downsizing, or some other significant change in market conditions. In most cases, it must be unlikely that these dislocated workers will return to their previous employment, and they must be eligible for (or have exhausted) unemployment compensation. Other conditions can lead to eligibility, such as being self-employed (but not working as a result of general economic conditions) or being a displaced homemaker.

"The program tailors employment and training services to meet dislocated workers' needs; works with workers and firms facing substantial layoffs; and encourages labor, management, and community partnerships with government to address worker dislocation.

"Dislocated workers are eligible for services such as comprehensive and specialized skill assessment, development of an Individual Employment Plan, labor market information, and job search and job placement assistance. Additional services are available for eligible dislocated workers who need additional help in getting jobs.

"The sequence of services is individualized and may include more intensive assessments, career counseling, occupational skills training, Individual Training Accounts, On-the–Job training, and job readiness training conducted with a commitment by an employer or a group of employers to employ an individual upon successful completion of training."

WIOA programs seek to prepare workers for high-demand jobs in their regions. In Alabama these include automotive, aerospace, maritime, biomedical, healthcare, advanced manufacturing and energy efficiency-related industries.

For those who attend orientation at an Alabama Career Center and are found eligible for WIOA services, federal funding can pay up to $19,000 to approved providers (such as Wallace State Community College) to give job seekers education and skills training for up to two years to help them gain the credentials needed to get and keep good jobs.

WIOA funding is not a loan; eligible recipients do not have to pay back any of the money spent by the program on their behalf.

Group orientation this Thursday; other times available

Alabama Career Center-Cullman will hold a WIOA group orientation this Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 at 1 p.m. at its office at 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. According to the Career Center, "Before an orientation meeting, you must have an account with an active resume on joblink.alabama.gov."

One-on-one WIOA orientations are also available on any day the Career Center is open, though clients are asked to arrive before 2 p.m. in order to get through the full orientation on that day.

Work-based learning programs for youth and young adults; opportunity coming soon

WIOA offers "innovative programs to assist out-of-school youth and youth with significant barriers to employment between the ages of 16-24 by providing a broad array of activities designed for educational and occupational skills training throughout five of the Local Workforce Development Areas (North Alabama Works, East Alabama Works, West Alabama Works, Central Alabama Works and Southeast Alabama Works). The current youth programs throughout the state focus on educational attainment, work-based training opportunities and training linked to careers aligned with the skills needs of industries throughout the state. The goal of these programs is to help youth attain the education and employability skills that are necessary to get a job, keep their job and advance in their chosen career pathway."

Work-based learning activities offer young people work experience in public nonprofit businesses and paid internships in private for profit businesses.

According to the WIOA website:

The program targets young adults who are not attending secondary school and meet the requirements of the WIOA out-of-school youth program. The goal of the program is to promote the development of good work habits and basic work skills by participation in a structured paid work-based learning activity. Work-Based Learning is not a stand-alone activity but is an integral part of the overall services for young adults. Objectives include:

- *To improve a participant's work maturity skills through meaningful work-based learning assignments and proper supervision; and/or*
- *To improve a participant's occupational skills through worksite instruction and well-supervised job tasks; and*
- *To enhance a participant's academic and other basic skills through relevant worksite experience.*

Alabama Career Center Cullman will hold a work-based learning program orientation for youth Feb. 5, 2020 at its office located at 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Participants must have a high school diploma or GED and not be enrolled in secondary education.

"Sit down and talk with us"

Alabama Career Center-Cullman Manager Billy Dussett told The Tribune, "Our biggest thing is to let the people know in Cullman County that these services are available to them. It is free, it is not anything that they have to pay back if they don't complete the process. We're trying to encourage people in our area to take advantage of these services. This is something that can benefit them short- as well as long-term on down the road. My biggest push is: please come to the office, sit down and talk with us. It costs them nothing, and this can impact their future."

For more information

For more on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, visit https://wioa-alabama.org.

For more information on local programs, orientations or training opportunities, contact Alabama Career Center-Cullman at 256-734-5580, drop by the office at 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman or visit www.facebook.com/Alabama-Career-Center-Cullman-107865812574529/.

DAR (from Front)

Other DAR Good Citizens

- Allison Powe, Vinemont High School
- Carmen Tizapa, Good Hope High School
- Zack Reynolds, Holly Pond High School
- Mallory Campbell, West Point High School
- James Schomburg, Saint Bernard Prep School

Each year all public high schools in Cullman County, along with Saint Bernard, are asked to name one DAR Good Citizen. Those named then compete in the Dripping Spring's Chapter's Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest.

The students are judged by a panel of three judges using the criteria of school awards and activities, community service, grade transcripts, recommendation letters and the completion of an essay on a given topic. The students are given two hours to complete the essay after they have been given the topic.

This year the essay question was, "You and your peers are our nation's leaders of tomorrow. How would you energize America's youth to fully engage as effective citizens?"

Essay competition chairperson Dr. Nancy Horton told The Tribune, "DAR is proud to sponsor this competition. This group of fine young students is an asset to our community and our schools. It is encouraging to know that the future of our community and state lies in the capable hands of these young people and their commitment to making the world a better place through their service and leadership."

The winner from the Dripping Spring's Chapter has his or her resume and essay submitted to the northern district competition. The winner of that competition is sent to the state competition and that winner goes on to the national competition.

Adoption (from Front)

to share some shelter stories:

"Families continue to seek the shelter for a companion for their children. Many young adults who struggle with social anxiety, depression, etc. with their doctor's recommendation stop and typically find the most perfect match for their need.

"A young fellow about 8 years old, along with his older sibling and their mom stopped in. He had just lost his pet cat. Still grieving, he bravely explained, with tears in his eyes, how his special friend died.

"Mom indicated should he find another companion as he walked around the shelter, he could have one. The young fellow said, 'I'm not ready yet.' One caught his eye. She was quite shy and wouldn't come to the gate. The suggestion was made: 'A biscuit might bring her closer. Let me know if you are successful.' A moment later a small boy with an equally small, unassuming voice poked his head around the kennel room door and said, 'Success.'

"I asked what his cat's name was. 'Bennett.' I was given permission to name a dog in honor of his cat Bennett. So now you see how our sweet Bennett got his name.

"That's what coming to the shelter means to so many: getting past the grief of a lost pet, aka companion, who are sometimes closer than anyone else! Sharing when their beloved companion dies. 'I know it's not much.' Oh my, yes. it is! You thought of these magnificent shelter dogs/cats.

"I'm blessed. I see firsthand the emotions and joy when these folks come in.

"Sugar-pie was another shelter dog who had all the characteristics of a therapy dog. She came with me to a meeting. She reduced the stress of all in attendance! When Sugar-pie first entered the shelter, she had a large chain around her neck and crawled in on her stomach, never picking up her head.

"Her ears were jagged, where someone cut the tips of her ears to make her look fierce. And she was black. Black dogs are typically euthanized because people like flash (never understood that).

"She was petrified. Eventually she trusted a few, then became the dog I used to socialize other dogs with.

"Anyway, the lady who works where I took her (Sugar-pie) for my meeting: Sugar-pie snuggled up to a lady who worked there-she never did that, ever! The lady fell in love instantly. Yep, she adopted Sugar-pie. And I never tire of hearing about all the sweet escapades Sugar-pie entertains this lady with."

The numbers

Overall, the shelter saw 530 animal adoptions during 2019, averaging 44 per month. Additionally, 201 stray pets were recovered and returned to their owners.

Numbers were up at the shelter. In December 2019 alone, 60 animals were adopted, versus 34 adoptions in December 2018.

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior.

Several of the shelter's dogs have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

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





Victim Services (from Front)

community."

By the numbers
VSC services provided in 2019 included:
• 521 calls to VSC's 24/7 HELPline
• Emergency shelter to 134 adults and 47 children
• Domestic violence and/or sexual assault counseling for 212 individuals
• 80 participants in support groups for adults
• 37 participants in support groups for children
• 42 parenting class participants
• 296 safety plans
• 65 protection orders
• accompanied 22 domestic violence or sexual assault victims to medical appointments
• accompanied 34 victims at court or other law enforcement/legal interviews
• 204 referrals for housing, employment, other services
• 57 graduates of Domestic Violence Intervention Program
• 72 Community Education presentations
• 27 children sponsored for Christmas
• Volunteers contributed more than 4,500 volunteer hours.

Said Horstman, "(It) 2019 has been an exciting year of growth for Victim Services. We are continually looking for ways to better serve our community and improve upon our existing services and programs. Through grant funding from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs totaling $921,490.69 and local contributions of over $73,000, Victim Services has been able to continue and expand upon our abuse recovery services for individuals and families."

New VSC services begun in 2019 included:
• Transition Shelter - Horstman explained, "Because many survivors of domestic abuse are not equipped to live independently when they have to exit our short-term emergency shelter, we opened a long-term transition shelter and established programs to help survivors get back on their feet and be able to support themselves and their children. While in the transition shelter, residents have access to counseling, support groups, life skills classes, parenting classes, job, education, and housing assistance and referrals. It is our hope that this program will decrease the likelihood of clients returning to their batterer or to homelessness."

• Children's Trauma Recovery Program - Said Horstman, "We believe that in order to complete our mission of ending the cycle of violence, early intervention is key. Children who witness abuse are far more likely to either become abusers or victims in the future which continues the generational cycle of abuse in families. To better meet the needs of these children, Victim Services has expanded our services to include age-specific support groups using the S.K.I.T. program (Supporting Kids in Transition) and therapeutic play activities for children while in shelter, as well as children of outreach clients.

• Spanish Language Outreach and Services - Horstman said, "To remove any obstacle to receiving services, we have added a 24-hour Spanish helpline and an on-staff interpreter to better serve our growing Spanish-speaking community."

Community support a big key to success
Horstman explained, "We had amazing community support over the past year and are extremely grateful to our community partners, United Way of Cullman County, City of Cullman, Cullman County Commission and TJ Maxx, and the civic groups, businesses, churches and individuals who provided financial support.

"We are also thankful for those who gave their time and donated items to our agency. Monthly donations from Wal-Mart Distribution Center provided essential items that are used in our shelters and to clients as they move into their own home.

"We appreciate support from other local agencies such as Curt's Closet who provides clothing to our families who many times leave their abuser with nothing but the clothes they are wearing, and the Cullman food pantry who has generously given meat and other food items to our shelters.

"Last year's inaugural Masquerade Ball was a great success, raising over $6,000 for our shelters. It was so much fun to see members of the community get all dressed up (complete with masks) and enjoy food, drink and dancing in support of Victim Services.

"We were pleased to have such a great response from local businesses who contributed items for the silent auction. We are already making plans and looking forward to this year's Masquerade Ball and expect even greater community participation."

Planning for the future
VSC hopes to see its services continue to expand, and its wish list includes:

• Sexual assault examination room in Cullman County - "At this time, adult victims of sexual assault must travel to Huntsville or Birmingham for a sexual assault examination or rape kit," said Horstman. "With increased funding, Victim Services could open a sexual assault examination room and employ a nurse who is certified to perform the exams so that victims can have the care they need here at home and not have to experience the additional trauma of having to travel an hour for care."

• Satellite offices throughout the county to provide easier access to VSC services.

• A van or car to transport clients to and from work, appointments, etc., and to transport children to and from school.

Get involved!
How can community members help out VSC? Horstman had a few ideas:

"As with all nonprofits, funding is always a big need. We are grateful for any financial donations whether it be $10 or $10,000. Our financial officer knows how to make the most of any financial donations we receive!

"We are always happy to get items collected during food, toiletry or paper drives. This allows us to use the money that would go to those items to purchase other necessities.

"Volunteers are crucial and are used for all types of services - receptionist, housekeeping, repairs, lawn care, HELPline response, office help, outreach and fundraising events."

The final word

Horstman concluded, "Cullman may be a small town, but our shelters and outreach programs rival those of larger communities across the state. I may be biased, but I believe we have the best, most qualified staff around.

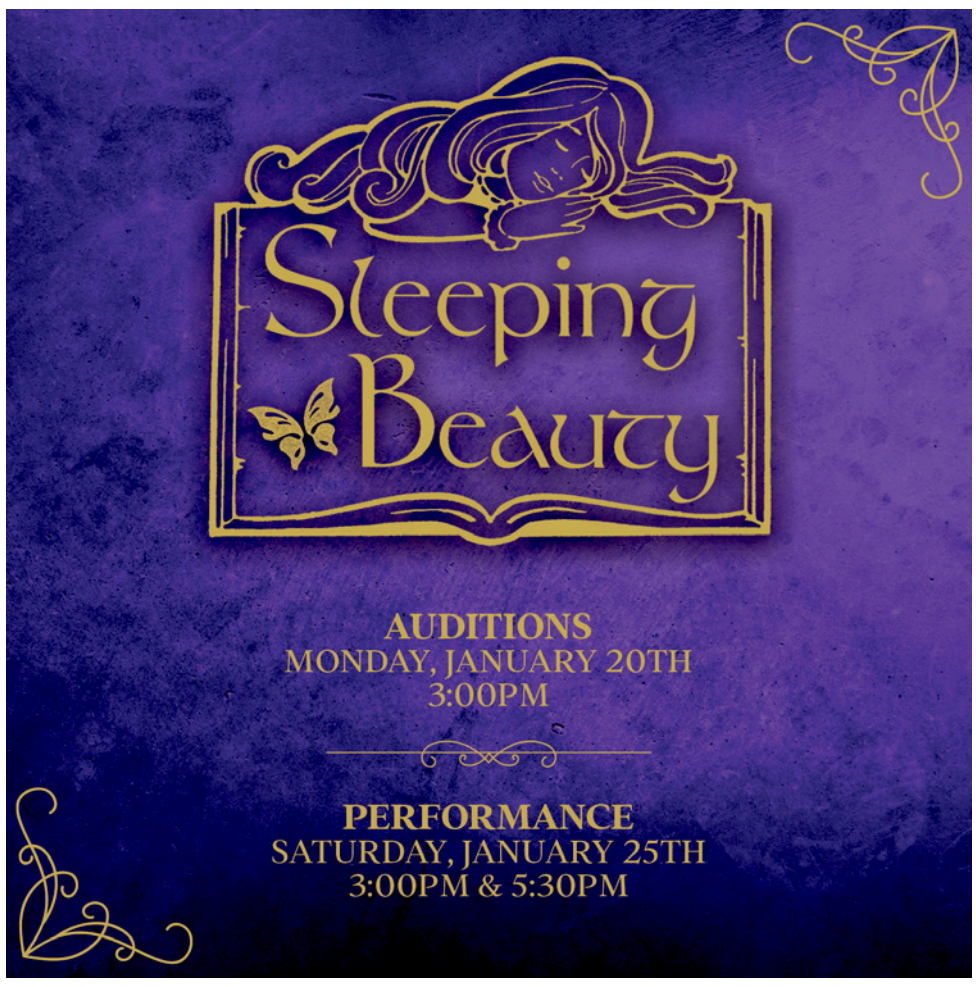
"Victim Services' administrative staff have countless hours of training and experience to go along with their degrees.

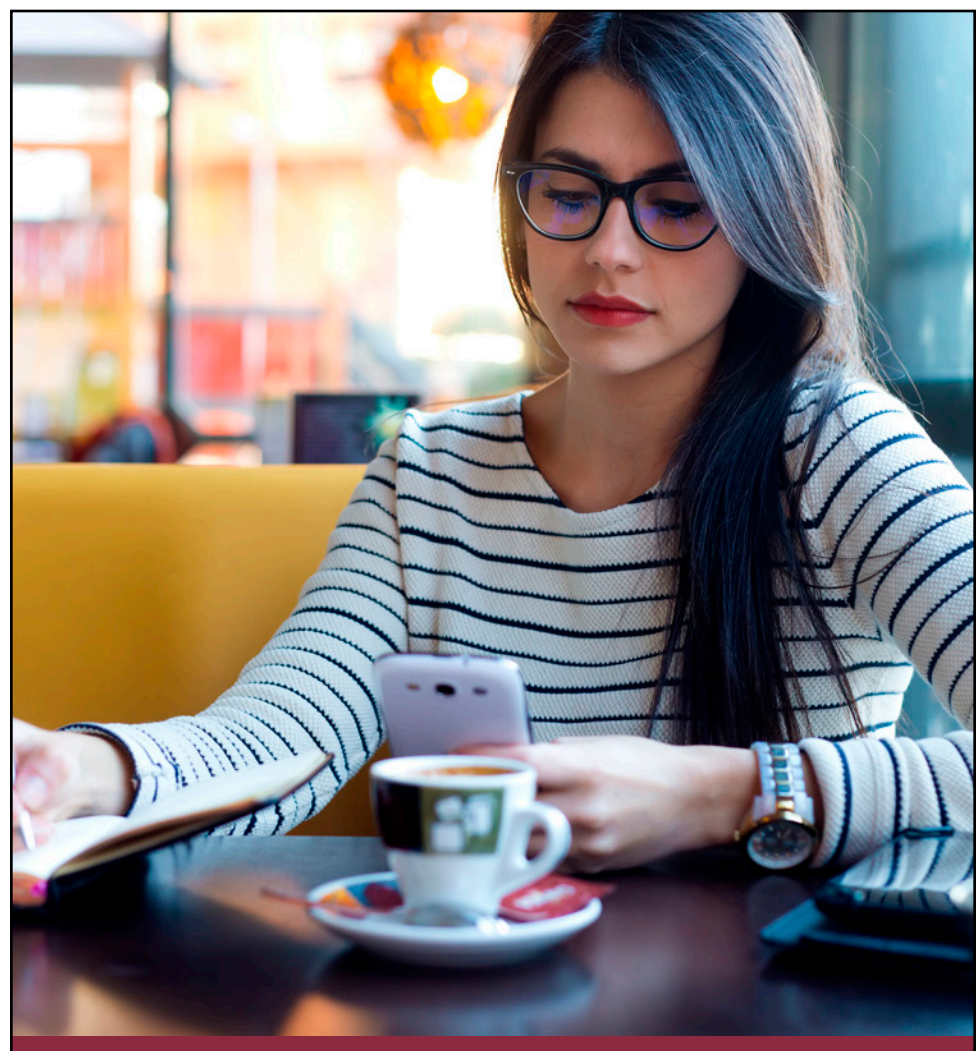
"Our shelter staff go through extensive training from the Alabama Coalition Against Rape and the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and are required to complete the National Advocate Credentialing Program provided by the Office for Victims of Crime.

"Survivors who come to Victim Services for help can be assured of receiving a high standard of care from well-trained, caring professionals."

For more on Victim Services of Cullman, Inc., visit www.victimservicesofcullman.com or /www.facebook.com/victimservicescullman/ or call 256-775-2600.









Sports

7:00 a.m. FSEE Women's College Basketball West Virginia at Kansas State.
12:00 p.m. FSEE Women's College Basketball West Virginia at Kansas State.
5:00 p.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow
5:30 p.m. FS1 College Basketball St. John's at Georgetown. (Live)
6:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Notre Dame at NC State. (Live)
6:30 p.m. ESPN NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Dallas Mavericks. (Live)
FSEE NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Atlanta Hawks. (Live)
7:00 p.m. TNT All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (Live)
USA WWE NXT (Live)
7:30 p.m. FS1 College Basketball Seton Hall at Xavier. (Live)
8:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Oklahoma at Texas. (Live)
9:00 p.m. ESPN NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Golden State Warriors. (Live)
10:00 p.m. FSEE NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Atlanta Hawks.
GOLF Asian Tour Golf Hong Kong Open, First Round. (Live)

Movies

9:00 a.m. TMC "Airplane!" ★★★½ (1980) Robert Hays A pilot afraid to fly follows his stewardess ex-girlfriend and must take over for the poisoned crew.
9:40 a.m. MAX "Tomb Raider" ★★½ (2018) Alicia Vikander
10:00 a.m. AMC "Mission: Impossible III" ★★★ (2006) Tom Cruise. Now a trainer for IMF recruits, agent Ethan Hunt squares off against the toughest foe he has ever faced: a ruthless arms and information broker.
10:30 a.m. FX "Terminator Genisys" ★★ (2015) Arnold Schwarzenegger.
TMC "The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course" ★★½ (2002) Steve Irwin
10:45 a.m. TCM "The Haunting" ★★★½ (1963) Julie Harris. An anthropologist, an heir and two ESP-prone women explore a New England mansion.
11:00 a.m. SHOW "Mad Max" ★★★½ (1979) Mel Gibson (Premiere) In an Australia of the not-too-distant future, a police officer strikes back against motorized menaces to what is left of society after a nuclear holocaust.
11:25 a.m. HBO "Welcome to Marwen" ★★ (2018) Steve Carell
11:40 a.m. MAX "Fight Club" ★★★½ (1999) Brad Pitt Two young professionals create an underground club where men can compete in hand-to-hand combat.
12:00 p.m. TMC "Clue" ★★ (1985) Eileen Brennan
12:35 p.m. 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.
1:00 p.m. AMC "The Hunger Games" ★★★ (2012) Jennifer Lawrence. A resourceful teen takes her younger sister's place in a brutal contest in which youths from each of 12 districts fight to the death on live television.
FX "Passengers" ★★ (2016) Jennifer Lawrence.
1:25 p.m. HBO "Rush Hour 2" ★★ (2001) Jackie Chan
2:00 p.m. TCM "House on Haunted Hill" ★★★ (1959) Vincent Price. The owner of a haunted mansion offers a group of people reward money if they can survive a night at his scary estate.
MAX "The Ruins" ★★ (2008) Jonathan Tucker
3:00 p.m. HBO "Breakthrough" ★★½ (2019) Chrissy Metz
3:30 p.m. FX "Avatar" ★★★½ (2009) Sam Worthington. On an alien planet, a former Marine falls in love with a blue-skinned warrior and sides with her people against humankind's encroachment on their lush world.
TCM "Tormented" ★★ (1960) Richard Carlson.
WE "Last Holiday" ★★½ (2006) Queen Latifah.
MAX "Stay" ★★ (2005) Ewan McGregor
4:00 p.m. AMC "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" ★★★ (2013) Jennifer Lawrence. After their unprecedented victory in the 74th Hunger Games, Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark embark on a Victors Tour. Katniss senses rebellion is stirring, but a cruel change in the upcoming 75th Hunger Games may change Panem forever.
4:45 p.m. SHOW "On the Basis of Sex" ★★½ (2018) Felicity Jones
5:00 p.m. FREE "The Blind Side" ★★★ (2009) Sandra Bullock. A well-to-do white family takes in a homeless black teen and helps him realize his potential on and off the football field.
TCM "Poltergeist" ★★★½ (1982) Craig T. Nelson. A suburban couple's little girl is drawn from her bedroom into a nightmarish other dimension.
TNT "London Has Fallen" ★★ (2016) Gerard Butler.
HBO "Crazy, Stupid, Love." ★★★ (2011) Steve Carell A self-styled Lothario teaches a suddenly single 40-something how to be a hit with the ladies.
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."
5:10 p.m. MAX "In Bruges" ★★★ (2008) Colin Farrell Two hit men have strange and life-changing experiences while hiding out in the medieval city.
5:30 p.m. BET "Tyler Perry's The Single Moms Club" ★★ (2014) Nia Long.
6:00 p.m. WE "Pretty Woman" ★★★ (1990) Richard Gere. A corporate raider pays a gorgeous hooker to be his escort for a business week in Beverly Hills.
7:00 p.m. AMC "I Am Legend" ★★★ (2007) Will Smith. After a man-made plague transforms Earth's population into bloodthirsty vampires, a lone survivor desperately searches for a cure.
CMTV "Stepmom" ★★ (1998) Julia Roberts.
FX "Hidden Figures" ★★★½ (2016) Taraji P. Henson. NASA mathematicians Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson cross gender and race lines to help launch astronaut John Glenn into outer space.
PARMT "The Hangover" ★★★ (2009) Bradley Cooper. After a wild stag party in Las Vegas, three hazy groomsmen must find their missing friend and get him back to Los Angeles in time for his wedding.
TCM "Some Like It Hot" ★★★★ (1959) Tony Curtis. To evade gangsters, two men don skirts and makeup and join an all-girl band with a sizzling singer.
HBO "Mrs. Doubtfire" ★★★ (1993) Robin Williams Estranged from his wife, an out-of-work actor masquerades as a nanny to be with his children.
MAX "Spy Game" ★★½ (2001) Robert Redford
SHOW "Flashdance" ★★½ (1983) Jennifer Beals (Premiere)
TMC "The Death of Stalin" ★★★½ (2017) Steve Buscemi When dictator Joseph Stalin dies, his parasitic cronies square off in a frantic power struggle to become the next Soviet leader. As they bumble, brawl and back-stab their way to the top, the question remains — just who is running the government?
8:32 p.m. WE "Pretty Woman" ★★★ (1990) Richard Gere. A corporate raider pays a gorgeous hooker to be his escort for a business week in Beverly Hills.
8:35 p.m. SHOW "Ghost" ★★★½ (1990) Patrick Swayze A slain Manhattan yuppie reaches out to his lover, with a medium as his middlewoman.
9:00 p.m. AMC "Deep Impact" ★★ (1998) Robert Duvall.
TNT "The Longest Yard" ★★½ (2005) Adam Sandler.
TMC "Death at a Funeral" ★★★ (2007) Matthew MacFadyen Secret revelations and chaos reign when members of a dysfunctional British family gather to lay their patriarch to rest.
9:08 p.m. USA "Bad Boys" ★★½ (1995) Martin Lawrence.
9:10 p.m. HBO "The Sun Is Also a Star" ★★ (2019) Yara Shahidi
MAX "The Mustang" ★★★½ (2019) Matthias Schoenaerts A violent convict is given the chance to participate in a rehabilitation therapy program centered around the training of wild mustangs.
9:15 p.m. TCM "The St. Valentine's Day Massacre" ★★½ (1967) Jason Robards. Premiere.
9:30 p.m. PARMT "The Hangover" ★★★ (2009) Bradley Cooper. After a wild stag party in Las Vegas, three hazy groomsmen must find their missing friend and get him back to Los Angeles in time for his wedding.
10:00 p.m. CMTV "Where the Heart Is" ★★ (2000) Natalie Portman.
FX "Hidden Figures" ★★★½ (2016) Taraji P. Henson. NASA mathematicians Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson cross gender and race lines to help launch astronaut John Glenn into outer space.
10:35 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.
10:45 p.m. SHOW "Phenomenon" ★★½ (1996) John Travolta
10:50 p.m. MAX "Nocturnal Animals" ★★★ (2016) Amy Adams A writer asks his ex-wife to read a manuscript of his new novel, a troubling story about a family man whose life takes a dark turn.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

MOVIES

JANUARY 8, 2020

		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 (N)	America Says	Family Feud	Family Feud	Dateline Hannah Hill's body is found in her car.		Dateline A 16-year-old Utah girl dies by suicide.		Dateline The murder of Travis Alexander.		Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing
WBIQ-PBS	4	Ready Jet Go! (El)	Peg & Cat (El)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature Tom Mustill investigates whales. (N)		NOVA Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars. (Part 1 of 5)		Ozone Hole: How We Saved the Planet		Bluegrass Underground	Sub Carrier
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	Chicago Med Halstead's former patient resurfaces. (N)		Chicago Fire Firehouse 51's boundaries are redrawn. (N)		Chicago P.D. The team awaits news of Halstead's fate. (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)	Flirty Dancing "Episode 3: Anna & Ted" (N)		Almost Family Roxy speaks out against Nick. (N)		WBRC FOX6 News at 9pm	WBRC FOX6 News	WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm	(:35) TMZ (N)
WIAT-CBS	8	CBS42 News 5pm (N)	CBS Evening News	CBS42 News 6pm (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Undercover Boss The CEO of Walk-On's Bistreaux & Bar.		Criminal Minds "Under the Skin; Awakenings" (Season Premiere) The team searches for Everett Lynch. (N)				CBS42 News 10pm (N)	Late Show-Colbert
WTTO-CW	9	The Goldbergs	2 Broke Girls	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Riverdale Veronica declares war on Hiram.		Nancy Drew A search for George's missing sister.		Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	The Andy Griffith Show	The Andy Griffith Show
WPXH-ION	11	Blue Bloods Danny and Linda plan a romantic weekend.		Blue Bloods A call from a church leads to trouble.		Blue Bloods Jackie and Danny track a serial killer.		Blue Bloods "Thanksgiving" Henry has a heart attack.		Blue Bloods A dangerous ex-mobster helps Danny.		Blue Bloods Frank deals with a whistleblower.	
WABM2-ABC	12	ABC 33/40 News at 5PM	ABC World News	ABC 33/40 News at 6PM	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time (N)		Modern Family "The Prescott"	(:31) Single Parents (N)	Stumptown Dex must find a TV judge's brother. (N)		ABC 33/40 News at 10PM	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!
A&E	42	(3:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 02.09.19"		(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 289" (N)		Live PD "Live PD -- 01.08.20 (Hour 1)" (N) (Live)		America's Top Dog A veteran K-9 competes.		Live PD "Live PD -- 01.08.20 (Hour 2)" (N) (Live)		Alaska PD Jaime Ramos meets a Kodiak bear.	
AMC	53	(4:00) ★★★ "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" (2013, Science Fiction) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson.				★★★ "I Am Legend" (2007, Science Fiction) Will Smith, Alice Braga. Bloodthirsty plague victims surround a lone survivor.				★★ "Deep Impact" (1998, Drama) Robert Duvall, Tea Leoni, Elijah Wood. A large comet is on a collision course with Earth.			
ANPL	47	I Was Prey A hippo drags a man into the water.		I Was Prey A moose attacks a female hiker.		(:01) I Was Prey: Under Attack "Brink of Death" (N)				(:01) I Was Prey Attacked by a massive crocodile.		(:01) I Was Prey Chimpanzee escapes; shark attacks.	
BET	55	(1:35) 2019 BET Awards	★★ "Tyler Perry's The Single Moms Club" (2014, Comedy-Drama) Nia Long, Amy Smart. Single mothers from different backgrounds form a support group.					Tyler Perry's The Oval Victoria manipulates White House. (N)		Tyler Perry's Sistas Andi is suspicious of her lover. (N)		Tyler Perry's The Oval Victoria manipulates White House.	
BRAVO	58	The Real Housewives of New Jersey "The Last Supper"		The Real Housewives of New Jersey		The Real Housewives of New Jersey "Abs & Jabs" (N)		The Real Housewives of Dallas "Reunion, Part 2" (N)		Watch What Happens Live	(:45) The Real Housewives of New Jersey "Abs & Jabs"		(:45) Blind Date
CMTV	61	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	★★ "Stepmom" (1998, Drama) Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon, Ed Harris. A woman tries hard to make her lover's children accept her.						★★ "Where the Heart Is" (2000) Natalie Portman.	
CNBC	35	Mad Money (N)		Shark Tank Product that makes coffee taste better.		Shark Tank A pitch prompts a harsh brush-off.		Shark Tank Camping cookware.		Five Day Biz Fix "Bowling for Dollars" (N)		Five Day Biz Fix "VR Re-Invention" (N)	
CNN	37	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer (N)		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	
COM	56	South Park "Casa Bonita"	South Park "Ass Burgers"	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park Animated. Cartman freezes himself.		South Park "TSST!"	The Daily Show	Lights Out-David Spade
DISN	49	Gabby Duran	(:35) Raven's Home	(:05) Raven's Home	(:35) Bunk'd	Bunk'd "Lone Wolf"	Gabby Duran	(7:50) Sydney to the Max	(:40) Just Roll With It	Coop & Cami Ask the World	Sydney to the Max	(9:55) Bunk'd	Gabby Duran
DSC	43	Alaskan Bush People A major storm is predicted.		Alaskan Bush People: Off the Grid "A Very Bush Wedding"		Alaskan Bush People A predator encroaches onto the ranch.		(:01) Man vs. Bear Arm wrestler; MMA fighter. (N)		(8:57) Naked and Afraid: Uncensored (N)		(:02) Alaskan Bush People Family confronts Bam.	
E!	21	Keeping Up With the Kardashians "Cattle Drive Me Crazy"		Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Nightly Pop (N)
ESPN	29	SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter/ Smith	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Dallas Mavericks. (N) (Live)					NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Golden State Warriors. (N) (Live)			
ESPN2	30	Daily Wager (N) (Live)		College Basketball Notre Dame at NC State. From PNC Arena in Raleigh, N.C. (N) (Live)				College Basketball Oklahoma at Texas. From the Frank Erwin Center in Austin, Texas. (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) (Live)	
FOOD	45	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games Judges prepare best cheese dishes.		Guy's Grocery Games Dinner least favorite ingredients.		Guy's Grocery Games (N) (Part 2 of 4)		Guy's Grocery Games A healthy lunch; four firefighters.		Guy's Grocery Games Grandparents compete for the prize.	
FREE	48	★★★ "The Blind Side" (2009, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron. A well-to-do white couple adopts a homeless black teen.						Party of Five "Pilot" Emilio puts his music career on hold.		Party of Five The family struggles with separating. (N)		The 700 Club Using food as medicine. (N)	
FS1	20	Inside the Big East	College Basketball St. John's at Georgetown. (N) (Live)				College Basketball Seton Hall at Xavier. (N) (Live)				FS1 College Hoops Extra	NFL Turning Point (N)	
FSEE	32	Sports Stars of Tomorrow	SportsMoney	Hawks Live! Pregame (N)	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Atlanta Hawks. From State Farm Arena in Atlanta. (N) (Live)					Hawks Live! Postgame (N)	Hawks 4th Quarter	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Atlanta Hawks.	
FX	28	(3:30) ★★★ "Avatar" (2009) Sam Worthington. A former Marine falls in love with a native of a lush alien world.				★★★ "Hidden Figures" (2016, Historical Drama) Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe. Mathematicians help launch astronaut John Glenn into space.						★★★ "Hidden Figures" (2016) Taraji P. Henson.	
GOLF	82	Golf Central (N) (Live)		Playing Lessons	PGA TOUR: The CUT	PGA Tour Golf Matt Kuchar closes with a four-under 66 and a total score of 22-under to secure the 2019 Sony Open.						Asian Tour Golf Hong Kong Open, First Round. (N) (Live)	
HALL	72	"Anything for Love" (2016, Romance) Erika Christensen, Paul Greene. A man and a woman lie on their online dating profiles.				"Winter in Vail" (2020, Drama) Lacey Chabert, Tyler Hynes, Chris W. Cook. A woman inherits her uncle's chalet.				"Love on the Slopes" (2018) Katrina Bowden, Thomas Beaudoin. A copy editor meets an extreme sports enthusiast.			
HGTV	46	Property Brothers "New Start, New Home, New Memories"		House Hunters International	House Hunters (N)	Property Brothers: Forever Home		Property Brothers: Forever Home (N)		House Hunters International	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters International	House Hunters
HIST	40	Forged in Fire "The Partizan" The re-creation of the Partizan.		Forged in Fire An iconic American blade.		Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper "The Chinese War Sword" (N)		Forged in Fire Finalists must forge a legendary sword. (N)		Vikings The bandits attack Lagertha's village. (N)		(:02) Forged in Fire Final two must re-create a Greek kopis.	
LIFE	23	Married at First Sight Couples have two weeks to plan.			Married at First Sight (N)	Married at First Sight "Here Comes the Stranger" Five couples prepare for marriage. (N)				Supernanny "Corry Family" Maria deals with four children.		(:03) Married at First Sight Five couples prepare for marriage.	
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	Locked Up Abroad A skier smuggles coke in wine bottles.		Locked Up Abroad "Undercover Biker"		Locked Up Abroad A man is busted with hash in India. (N)		Locked Up Abroad A teacher becomes a drug kingpin. (N)		To Catch a Smuggler HSI conducts a delivery of MDMA. (N)		Locked Up Abroad A teacher becomes a drug kingpin.	
PARMT	57	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	★★★ "The Hangover" (2009, Comedy) Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis. Three pals must find a missing groom after a wild bash.					★★★ "The Hangover" (2009, Comedy) Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis.		
TBS	25	Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld "The Old Man"	Seinfeld "The Implant"	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan Actor Matt Damon.	Full Frontal
TCM	79	★★★ "Poltergeist" (1982, Horror) Craig T. Nelson. A suburban family's lives are disrupted by vengeful ghosts.				★★★★ "Some Like It Hot" (1959, Comedy) Tony Curtis. Two gangland murder witnesses disguise themselves as women.				(:15) ★★ "The St. Valentine's Day Massacre" (1967, Crime Drama) Jason Robards, George Segal. Premiere.			
TLC	24	My 600-Lb. Life "John & Lonnie's Story" Estranged brothers are brought together.				My 600-Lb. Life "Lindsey's Story" Lindsey goes on a weight loss journey. (N)				1000-lb Sisters The dietician has more bad news for Amy.		My Feet Are Killing Me Life-threatening scar on a foot.	
TNT	26	★★ "London Has Fallen" (2016) Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart. A Secret Service agent must save the captive U.S. president.				All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite Moxley on whether he'll join Chris Jericho's Inner Circle; Lucha Bros vs. Cody and Dustin Rhodes.				★★ "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler, Chris Rock. Prisoners train for a football game against the guards.			
USA	27	NCIS An openly gay Navy lieutenant is slain.		NCIS "Cadence" A slain Marine is found holding a photo.		WWE NXT (N) (Live)				(:08) ★★ "Bad Boys" (1995) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. Two Miami cops attempt to recover stolen police evidence.			
WE	71	(3:30) ★★ "Last Holiday" (2006, Comedy) Queen Latifah.		★★★ "Pretty Woman" (1990, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy. A corporate raider hires a hooker to act as a business escort.					(:32) ★★★ "Pretty Woman" (1990, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts. A corporate raider hires a hooker to act as a business escort.				
HBO	518	★★★ "Crazy, Stupid, Love." (2011) Steve Carell. A suddenly single 40-something needs help finding his groove again.				★★★ "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993, Children's) Robin Williams. An estranged dad poses as a nanny to be with his children. 'PG'				(:10) ★★ "The Sun Is Also a Star" (2019) Yara Shahidi. A teen who's about to be deported meets her first love. 'PG-13'			
MAX	549	(:10) ★★★ "In Bruges" (2008, Comedy-Drama) Colin Farrell. A stay in the Belgian city transforms the lives of two hit men. 'R'				★★ "Spy Game" (2001, Suspense) Robert Redford. A CIA agent tries to rescue his one-time protege from prison. 'R'				(:10) ★★★ "The Mustang" (2019) Matthias Schoenaerts. A convict participates in a program involving wild mustangs. 'R'			
SHOW	578	(4:45) ★★ "On the Basis of Sex" (2018, Biography) Felicity Jones. 'PG-13'			(:45) The Making of: 1917	★★ "Flashdance" (1983, Drama) Jennifer Beals, Michael Nouri. Premiere. 'R'			(:35) ★★★ "Ghost" (1990, Fantasy) Patrick Swayze. A murder victim returns to save his beloved fiancee. 'PG-13'				(:45) "Phenomenon" (1996)
TMC	598	★★★ "Capote" (2005, Biography) Philip Seymour Hoffman. Writer Truman Capote researches a family's murder. 'R'				★★★ "The Death of Stalin" (2017) Steve Buscemi. A power struggle ensues when dictator Joseph Stalin dies. 'R'				★★★ "Death at a Funeral" (2007, Comedy-Drama) Matthew MacFadyen, Keeley Hawes. 'R'			(:35) ★★★ "Dead Again"

Best Bets

7 p.m. on WBIQ
Nature

Inspiration for a new episode called "The Whale Detective" comes from a 2015 kayaking experience wildlife filmmaker Tom Mustill and his friend Charlotte Kinloch had, when a 30-ton humpback whale breached the bay waters and barely missed landing on them. Both the humans survived, but Mustill was haunted by a question: Was the whale deliberately trying to hurt them or doing everything it could not to? Mustill returns to those same California waters to seek answers from whalers who have had similar close scrapes.

7 p.m. on WVTM
Chicago Med

Dr. Will Halstead's (Nick Gehlfuss) world is thrown into complete turmoil when a former patient unexpectedly resurfaces in the new episode "Guess It Doesn't Matter Anymore." Meanwhile, April (Yaya DaCosta) debates whether to confess a secret she is hiding from Ethan (Brian Tee), and Dr. Charles (Oliver Platt) tries to maintain his professional focus during a deeply troubling period in his life. S. Epatha Merkerson also stars.

7 p.m. on WIAT
Undercover Boss

This hit unscripted series opens Season 9 with "Walk-On's Bistreaux & Bar," a premiere that features two undercover bosses. When Brandon Landry, the founder and CEO of the titular sports bar and restaurant chain resolves to go undercover to make improvements at his rapidly expanding company, NFL Super Bowl Champion Drew Brees, Landry's co-owner and partner, trades in his New Orleans Saints jersey for a separate clandestine undercover mission at a location in the Big Easy.

8 p.m. on WVTM
Chicago Fire

Much to the dismay of the members of Firehouse 51, after a redrawing of city boundaries, their zone now overlaps that of an adjacent station, almost immediately leading to problems, confusion and strained relations among colleagues, in the new episode "Hold Our Ground."

8 p.m. on WIAT
Criminal Minds

This gripping crime procedural opens its 15th and final season with a story that spans two back-to-back episodes, opening as David Rossi (Joe Mantegna) and his BAU team investigates a subject who is strikingly similar to Everett Lynch (guest star Michael Mosley), aka "The Chameleon," who nearly killed Rossi and then vanished. Emmy winner Jane Lynch also guest stars as Lynch's mentally unstable mother; Alex Jennings, Tom Amandes and Paula Jai Parker also guest star; Paget Brewster and Matthew Gray Gubler co-star.

8 p.m. on A&E
America's Top Dog

Veteran sports broadcaster Curt Menefee hosts this promising new competition series, in which top K9 cop teams — including some that viewers may recognize from "Live PD" — will compete with civilian canines and their handlers on what A&E is calling "the ultimate K9 obstacle course." The dogs vie in a series of expert tasks designed to mimic real-life challenges and assess the canines' speed, agility, scent ability and teamwork. Expert dog trainer Nick White also is featured.

9 p.m. on ESPN
NBA Basketball

Can anyone stop Giannis Antetokounmpo and the MIlwaukee Bucks? The Golden State Warriors look to do just that, despite the fact that their starting lineup is a shadow of what it was just a year ago. Draymond Green is the lone participant from the Warriors championship run. The Bucks, meanwhile, have been the class of the Eastern Conference and look to take the next step, which is a championship of their own.



"America's Top Dog" airs on A&E Network.

OPINION

Op-Ed: Continue broadband expansion

Rep. Randall Shedd
Contributor

Can you imagine being without "city water" or electricity?

Without either of those utilities readily available, life would be difficult, and our local economy would be almost nonexistent.

Certainly, the poultry industry wouldn't be what it is in our area today.

We can't imagine being without electricity and "city water," and one day, we'll be saying the same about broadband/high-speed internet.

Broadband is an issue I've been championing since arriving in Montgomery.

Finally, this past year we passed meaningful legislation that is going to transform our area and our state (HB400 and SB90).

Getting true high-speed internet at a reasonable price to all areas including rural Alabama is a game changer for our state.

The impact of the opportunity is so great. Telemedicine for our senior citizens and actually all ages, for example. Education for our children. Being able to do business anywhere and everywhere. It impacts all ages.

Even today, it is difficult to sell real estate without it.

You may have recently read about our area receiving grants to expand internet in the Smith Lake area.

This came about through legislation (SB90) we passed this past year sponsored by Senator Clay Scofield, R-Guntersville. Hopefully, other internet carriers in our area will apply for these state grants to expand broadband.

The other broadband legislation we passed last year (HB400) authorizes electricity providers to use their existing and future power lines, rights-of-way and infrastructure to partner with companies to provide or expand broadband/telecommunications services or actually be in the business them-selves.

I was honored to sponsor this legislation along with co-sponsor Rep. Nathaniel Ledbetter, R-Rainsville in the House and Senator Steve Livingston, R-Scottsboro in the Senate and a large rural broadband coalition that developed and helped get it passed, which included Governor Ivey and House and Senate leadership!

I am proud that Joe Wheeler Electric Cooperative is using the new law to provide high-speed in-ternet and telephone services in Morgan and Lawrence Counties.

Their membership voted 93.62% to provide this service in their areas. A game changer!

Central Alabama Electric Cooperative in the Prattville area has already announced they are getting into the business using HB400.

Tombigbee Electric Cooperative in the Hamilton area is a trailblazer on this issue using USDA fund-ing, state grants and HB400 to transform their service area with high-speed internet.

I know many others are doing feasibility studies and I hope we will see other announcements in the near future.

Continued broadband expansion is an issue I will stay focused on!

Just as with electricity and "city water" in rural areas, broadband for everybody won't happen overnight, but because of the legislation we passed last year (HB400 and SB90) it will get to every-body much sooner!

I worked hard in the '70s and '80s to get "city water" throughout Cullman County. (In my job as chairman of the County Commission)

Cullman County was one of the first in the state to have near 100% population with "city water" which was a game changer for Cullman County.

That experience helped me in Montgomery to understand and explain the need for broadband leg-islation.

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

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OPINION

Op-Ed: What new overtime rules mean to Alabama businesses

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Federal overtime rules which took effect Jan. 1 are having a big impact on Alabama's small businesses.

The change means more management-level employees are eligible for overtime. According to the Labor Department, the new rule affects an estimated 1.2 million workers nationwide.

Previously, employees classified as managers who earn less than $23,660 annually must be paid time-and-a-half for the number of hours worked beyond 40 in a week.

The new rule increases to $35,568 the salary threshold necessary to exempt executive, administrative, or professional employees from the minimum wage and overtime pay requirements.

These "exempt" employees earn the same amount, whether they put in 40 hours a week or more (or less). Other workers get an hourly wage. The longer they work, the more they earn.

The nearly $12,000 increase in the threshold will increase compensation costs for some small business owners, including those who can't afford to raise prices, but it could have been worse.

In 2016, my association, NFIB, sued the Obama administration to block raising the threshold to $47,476 — a $23,816 increase that would have affected weven more small businesses.

The Trump administration's overtime rule is better than what Obama proposed.

However, it's still a significant burden for small businesses -- especially those in parts of the country where the cost of living isn't as high and, as a result, salary levels are lower.

That includes states like Alabama.

In practical terms, the change means small businesses can either:

• Raise an employee's salary to satisfy the new rule. Under this scenario, the employee will remain exempt from overtime pay requirements. For example, if the employee were making $455 per week, the company would have to provide a raise of $229 per week.

• Begin paying hourly wages and overtime rather than paying a higher salary. Under this scenario, the employer must begin tracking hours so that the company can accurately compensate for all time worked, and all overtime due. If the job requires more than 40 hours of work in a week, the company might choose to divide responsibilities among multiple employees to limit overtime liabilities.

Some supporters of the increase argued that being reclassified to non-exempt status will be an advantage. But NFIB members with vast experience running private sector businesses know that limiting an employee's work hours also limits opportunities for advancement.

Moving from a non-exempt to an exempt position is the first rung on the promotional ladder.

Exempt employees know this, too, and will view the reclassification to non-exempt necessitated by the rule as a demotion. Their morale will suffer as their hours are closely monitored, and they have to decide whether they can afford to leave work to attend a school play.

NFIB hosted a webinar last month to discuss strategies for complying with the new rule.

Small business owners can still watch it free at www.nfib.com/webinars/new-overtime-rule-effective-jan-1-what-small-business-needs-to-know/

To avoid legal trouble, every small business should get ahead on overtime compliance now. Meanwhile, lawmakers considering changes must understand that the costs of legislation extend beyond payroll – new rules can have real effects on employee morale.

Rosemary Elebash is NFIB's state director for Alabama.

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Obituary Announcements: Jan. 8



Tyler Wesley Walker of Vinemont, Alabama passed away Jan. 5, 2020 doing what he loved, forever together with his beloved daughter, Brooklyn. He was born March 15,1979 to Joe and Venita Walker of Vinemont. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Michelle Walker; son Easton Walker; daughter Skylynn Walker; and sisters Wendy (DJ) Smithson and Kristi Walker. He will leave an ex-tended family, friends and a community that dearly loved him. He enjoyed flying his plane with Brooklyn. He also had a passion for cars, and it showed at his business, Import Auto Service. Visita-tion for Tyler and his daughter Brooklyn will be Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020 from 5-9 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church and visitation from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday prior to the service. A celebration of their lives will be Jan. 9 at 1 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church with Rev. David Raley officiating. In-terment will follow the services at Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery. To leave condolences for the Walker family please go to mossservicefm.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.



Brooklyn Michelle Walker of Vinemont, Alabama passed away Jan. 5, 2020 doing what she loved to do with her dad, now they are forever together. She was born Sept. 1, 2009 to Tyler and Michelle Walker of Vinemont. She leaves to cherish her memory her mother Michelle Walker; brother Easton Walker; sister Skylynn Walker; grandparents Joe and Venita Walker, Jimmy Hudson, and Brenda New; aunts Wendy (DJ) Smithson Kristi Walker, Elizabeth (Wayne Yarbrough) Burgess and Laci New. She also leaves her extended family, friends at East Elementary, and a community who dearly loved her. Brooklyn loved doing everything with her dad. She also had a love for horses and was learning to ride a special horse named Cinnabar. Visitation for Brooklyn and her dad Tyler will be Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020 from 5-9 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church and visitation from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday prior to the service. A celebration of their lives will be Jan. 9, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church with Rev. David Raley officiating. Interment will follow the services at Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery. To leave condolences for the Walker family please go to mossservicefm.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Funeral services for Herman "Buddy" Brewer, 64, of Hartselle will be Friday, Jan. 10, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Peck Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Aaron Warnick officiating, burial in the Piney Grove Cemetery. Peck Funeral Home directing. Visitation will be Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Mr. Brewer was born Nov. 18, 1955 in Morgan County to Herman Brewer and Mary Woods Brewer. He was a member of Cedar Creek Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Joseph Brewer. He retired from General Electric after 38 1/2 years. Herman was a loy-al husband, unwavering father, affectionate grandfather, and resilient man. Survivors include wife Monica Smith Brewer, sons Thomas (Christina) Brewer and Justin (Tesha) Brewer; daughter Julia (Jeff) Brewer; brothers Alton "Bunky" Brewer, Paul "Johnny" Brewer and Burt Brewer; sister Kathy Davis; grandchildren Cayden Brewer, Avery Brewer, Ava Brewer, Mason Brewer, Sullivan Brewer, and Raelyn Brewer; and great-uncle Thomas "Bud" Hill. Pallbearers will be Nathan Steele, Billy Malone, Jeremy Brewer, Nick Easter, Jeff Grandstaff and Drew Sims. Close friends will serve as hon-orary pallbearers.

Enoch Walter Jones, Jr., 69, of Cullman passed away Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at Helen Keller Hospital in Sheffield. He was born May 5, 1950 to Enoch Walter Jones, Sr. and Mae Jones. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his aunt Shirley Ann Smith; sons Erick Jones, Quinton Jones, and Tim Smith; daughters Kathi Parker and Kristi Johnson; and a host of grandchildren, cous-ins, family, and friends.

Funeral services for Timothy Van Robinson, 62, of Baileyton will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10, 2020 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Gary Driver officiating; interment in Etha Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Robinson passed away Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at his residence. He was born Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1957 in Cullman, Alabama to Price and Imogene Robinson. He was preceded in death by his parents and niece Meg Robinson. Survivors include his brothers Stanley (Sandra) Robinson and Phillip (Anita) Robinson; nephews Ashley Mallo-ry, Seth (Tiffany) Robinson, and Stephen (Amber) Robinson; niece Hollie (Clay) Borden; four great-nieces; and three great-nephews. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10, 2020 at Cull-man Heritage Funeral Home.

Vickie Pugh, of Birmingham was born March 19, 1955 and passed away Jan. 7, 2020. Funeral ser-vices will be announced at a later date.

Elisha Don Pepper, 87, of Arley entered into rest Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Visitation will be held Friday, Jan. 10, 2020 from 11 a.m.-noon at Meek Baptist Church, where services will be at noon. Burial will follow in Meek Cemetery.

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Regulators Military MC, Saving Forgotten Warriors partner to assist veterans

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TRENT BARRON

Members of the Regulators Military MC North Alabama Chapter pose for a photo in November 2019.

CULLMAN, Ala. – Local veterans service nonprofit Saving Forgotten Warriors (SFW) has experienced an eventful last year or so, including establishing a relationship with the Regulators Military Motorcycle Club (MC) North Alabama Chapter. The Tribune spoke with Regulators Military MC North Alabama Chapter President Trent "Old School" Barron and SFW Founder Jeremy Hogan on the relationship between the two organizations.

"Regulators Military MC is a 501 (3)(c) nonprofit organization. We are a motorcycle club with its foundation and roots based on military veterans and giving them the camaraderie they once had while in the military," said Barron. "Our founders were/are current active duty/retired military personnel. We are a 70/30 club, meaning that our organization is made up of active duty/retired military, first responders and firefighters. We also accept civilians into our organization with the caveat that they are law-abiding citizens. Our goal is to give military personnel and average citizens a way to come together in brotherhood and fellowship in a law-abiding manner and to give back to the communities in which we live and work. We often raise money for various organizations and charities throughout the year."

So how did the Regulators and SFW come together?

"With our chapter we wanted to find an organization that we could get behind in raising money to benefit the local veterans in our area. SFW was brought to our attention by our chapter's vice president, Kenneth 'Happy' Lind, him being a decorated veteran himself," said Barron. "After a few talks with SFW and learning of their efforts in what they were doing for the local community and veterans alike, it was a perfect match for us. Jeremy Hogan and myself sat down and decided that our two organizations were a perfect fit for each other."

Barron is now a board member for SFW.

"Along the way after many talks with SFW Founder Jeremy Hogan we developed a common interest and bond and had similar goals in mind on how to grow and further SFW and get the word out," he said. "Me, having a background and history in law enforcement, us (Regulators) being a veteran based MC made sense. We had seen similar grounds, been through similar life experience. We are local, veteran based and want to see the veterans that are so often forgotten be taken care of. So, after a two-year friendship, Jeremy felt like I could be beneficial in the growth and development of the future with SFW and asked that I first become an advisor to the board, then a board member. After many meetings it was voted that I join the board on which I now sit." He continued, "Each organization is its own entity. Although very aligned in many ways, SFW and Regulators Military MC have separate ways of helping our community and its veterans. Regulators Military MC North will, as long as its existence remains, be a helping hand to SFW and all that they endeavor."

"The Regulators have been involved with us since last Christmas; they've been volunteering," said Hogan. "Trent reached out to me in 2018 about the Christmas Toy Drive and asked if they could adopt some children and they did, and during the discussion while they dropped off the toys, (we learned) their club is mainly veteran and police, EMS and first responders. So it was kind of just a fitting partnership and they are huge advocates holding events like benefit rides for us. Whenever I come up in a pinch and need somebody to help me out financially, they go around and they'll raise $1,000 in a heartbeat, you know what I mean? They're always helping us with our other events, and this year our partnership is going to be a bit more meaningful. With my (veterans) housing plan out here in Logan, I plan on putting a Regulators clubhouse on the property because they're all veterans and I think the clubhouse being there would help give our veterans an avenue of stress relief. (We'd) also have a group of like-minded individuals to help keep the veterans' morale up in the right direction. We've been very blessed with the partnerships in the motorcycle community. It's a great partnership, I love having them."

Barron is also passionate about helping veterans.

"Our veteran crisis we have here at home is a growing problem," he said. "So many men and women that have sacrificed for our country and its freedoms are being forgotten. SFW and Regulators Military MC North are on a mission to make sure they aren't forgotten after their service. Making sure their needs and home life are as normal as possible. Raising awareness of the growing homelessness of veterans and their families and making sure that the check they wrote to this country is never forsaken. Their dedication and sacrifices are never forgotten. They are the reason I am able to speak to you today. God bless SFW. God bless Regulators Military MC. God bless this great United States of America."

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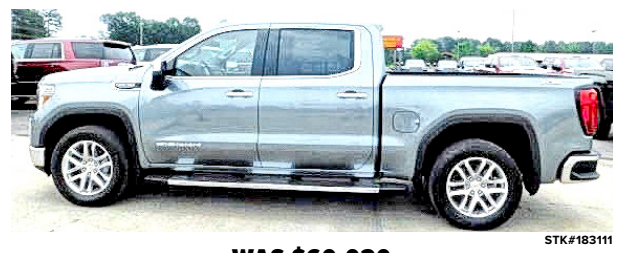
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