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EDUCATION

Cullman City Schools welcomes new CFO James Brumley

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City School Board Tuesday night welcomed Cullman City Schools' new Chief Financial Officer James Brumley. Brumley replaces longtime CCS CFO Russell Rainey, who served in the role for 17 years.

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson welcomed Brumley and his wife Beth.

"Mr. Brumley has worked in public education since 2001 and the banking industry before joining education," said Patterson.

"He is a certified Chief School Financial Officer and also holds a national certification as a certified Administrator of School Finance and Operation.

"We look forward to working with Mr. Brumley » PAGE 8



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Cullman City Schools' new Chief Financial Officer James Brumley, right, and his wife Beth

Once in a generation 'Colony Day' in the works

Proposed Colony celebration could be largest community event since early 1970s; planners reaching out to families across the country with local connections



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Colony Day's first planning meeting included Mayor Donnis Leeth and town council members Ethel Alexander and Samuel Ashford, and Councilman Melvin Hammond by phone.

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COURTS

Emotional first day of testimony in trial of Brad Meeks



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Defendant Brad Meeks (facing forward) and his attorneys (lower right) look up at a slide photo of Curtis Wilson as the court listens to Ashley Wilson's testimony Tuesday.

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CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

From left to right are Cullman County Commissioner Kerry Watson, Cullman County Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker, Nancy Maddox and Cullman County Commissioner Garry Marchman. Maddox is retiring after 11 years with Sportsman Lake Park.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Retirement(s) top commission agenda

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Commission Tuesday morning recognized Sportsman Lake Park employee Nancy Maddox, who is retiring after 11 years of service at the park. Other staff members from the park came to congratulate and wish Maddox well in her retirement.

Former Cullman County Sheriff Wendell Roden will receive an increase in his supernumerary retirement benefits after adjustments made necessary by the passage of local Amendment 1 in 2018.

Amendment 1, known locally as "the sheriff's food bill," » PAGE 7

EDUCATION

West Point, Cullman headed to state middle school scholars' bowl tournament

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Perpetual scholars' bowl powerhouse West Point Middle School took top honors last weekend in the Alabama Scholastic Competition Association Middle School District Tournament in Horton. Second place finisher Cullman Middle School will join West Point Feb. 22 for the state tournament in Hoover.

West Point's Brodie Henry was the district tournament's top scorer.

Lee Henry, West Point coach and Brodie Henry's proud dad, told The Tribune, "We have had a great year so far. Our overall record is 39-1 as we get ready for State. Brodie has led the team in scoring this year, but it is a team effort. Each kid has a role to play and we wouldn't have the level of success we have without each team member filling in the gaps on knowledge and performing their roles. A lot of teams have one really strong player. And, most of the time a good team will be able to best one strong player. What we have is a strong team made up of several strong players. They work hard and complement each other very well. I'm hoping that we can continue to work hard and make a good run at state on February 22."

In a separate pool at the same district tourna- » PAGE 7



LEE HENRY

West Point Middle School district winners, left to right, are Nora Dotson, Ryan Hancock, Brodie Henry (front), Eli Taylor (back), John Davis Yovino and Aaiden Jones.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 28

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 28, 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. 27
• third-degree domestic violence; person; Adelsheim Cir. SW
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; misc.; $65
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $201

ARRESTS
Jan. 27
Sherrell, Johnathan G., 22
• FTA- insurance violation

Hicks, Brian J., 29
• third-degree domestic violence

Mullette, Aaron P., 35
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Pigg, Buford E., 73
• fourth-degree theft of property

Flanigan, Emily M., 26
• fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Aaron, Benjamin L., 41
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing (2 counts)
• FTA- no seatbelt

Boyd, Lucas A., 32
• disorderly conduct

Underwood, Justin T., 39
• third-degree theft of property

Brooks, Oliver T., 35
• disorderly conduct

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SHELBY JEAN REAID PARRIS, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC-2019-354**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters of Testamentary having been granted to **Josh Carpenter,** Personal Representative of the Estate of **Shelby Jean Reaid Parris**, deceased, on the 27th day of January, 2020, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

Josh Carpenter
Personal Representative

Michael D. Haynes
Attorney for Personal Representative
412 First Avenue, Se
Cullman, AL 35055

TO THE PUBLISHER OF: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish the above notice for three (3) consecutive weeks and provide a proof of publication affidavit to the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

BETTIE S. MCCALL, and HAROLD WILLIAM MCCALL, PLAINTIFFS, v. CASE NO.: CV-2019-900429.00

A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND AND SITUATED IN THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A FOUND CAPPED CORNER (CONN-17831) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 23, HAVING AN ALABAMA STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83. COORDINATE VALUE OF N. 1446891.81', E. 2111416.40', AND RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST, (BEARING BASED ON ALABAMA STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83. GRID.), ALONG THE WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1056.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 254.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 424.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET TO A SET REBAR ON THE WEST LINE OF THE WEST-HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 424.00 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST ,A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS AND EXCEPT ALL THAT PART LYING WITH IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CULLMAN COUNTY ROAD NO. 89. SUBJECT TO ANY RIGHTS-OF-WAYS AND/OR EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

ROBERT E. CROCKER, SR, and JOYCE ANN CROCKER, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, DEFENDANTS.

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

This matter is before the Court on the Plaintiff's Complaint to Quiet Title to Sell Real Property and motion for service by publication. Having considered the complaint and motion, the Court finds that the action is appropriate for service by publication upon the real property described above and any unknown Defendants; It is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that any person claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion or other interest in the above described lands must answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff by the 14th day of March, 2020. or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the said Defendants. It is further

ORDERED that this Order and notice be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Cullman Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 13th day of January, 2020.

Martha E. Williams
Circuit Judge

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Jan. 29 - 31

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29
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.

THURSDAY, JAN 30
Introduction to Beekeeping
• Jan. 30, 4:30-7 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex, 1714 Talley Ho St., Cullman
• Taught by Alabama Beekeepers Association President Phillip Garrison; we will build a complete hive from foundation up, and it will be given as a door prize. Walk out and see the Agriplex bee hives and the learn the basics of beekeeping. $5 per person. To register go to www.Agriplex.org and click on the register tab. Follow the link to our new registration system RecDesk.

FRIDAY, JAN. 31
Chili Fest 2020
• 4-7 p.m. at Arley Fire and Rescue, 236 Helicon Way, Arley, AL 35541
• Try out all the different types of chili and vote for your favorite! Dine in or carry out. $6 for adults, $3 for children younger than 12. Sponsored by the Arley Women's Club.

Tyler Jones at Valley Tavern and Grille
7-11 p.m., 1710 Tally Ho St.

Matt Prater LIVE at Goat Island Brewing
7-11 p.m., 1646-A John H. Cooper Dr. SE

MORE...
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.
• 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. 30 6:30 p.m. "Find Your Kingdom Purpose" by Darlene Alvis. Snacks provided.

"Community First, a Home for the Homeless"
The Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College will present a free screening of "Community First, a Home for the Homeless," Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m. in the Burrow Center Recital Hall.

Free Heart Screenings
• Feb. 6, 13, 27 in Cullman Regional's Colonel Cullmann Room, located in Professional Office Building 2 (1912 Alabama Hwy. 157, Cullman, AL 35058)
• Screenings include lipid panel (LDL, HDL, total cholesterol and triglycerides), glucose, body mass index, EKG, blood pressure, ABI, bone density and PSA (to men who meet screening criteria).
• To schedule an appointment, call 256-290-3644. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Relay For Life Team Spirit Meeting
• Thursday, Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m.
• First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
• www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal

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.

24th Annual Big Band Dance
• Friday, Feb. 7 from 7-9 p.m. at Stone Bridge Farms, 281 County Road 717, Cullman
• Featuring the Cullman High School Jazz Band and honoring our WWII veterans
• Admission is $10. All ages welcome. This is not a chaperoned event. Kids younger 14 and younger require an adult chaperone.

17th Annual Empty Bowls of Cullman County
• Tickets are $10 and on sale now at Cullman Caring for Kids and First United Methodist Church.
• The dinner will be held Monday, Feb. 17 from 4-6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Hearin Hall, 320 Third St. SE, Cullman.
• Dine-in, drive-thru or carry-out.
• Southern gospel entertainment by Enell Baker, Joyful Hearts, The Potentials and FUMC Gospel Singers.
• Proceeds benefit Cullman Caring for Kids.

CASA Open House
• Thursday, Feb. 20 from 5-8 p.m. at CASA, 402 Arnold St. NE Suite W-1, Cullman
• We would like to invite you to our Open House! We have so many exciting things happening this year! Come meet with our volunteers and case managers! This is the perfect time for questions! Come join us in fellowship and fun!!

Relay For Life Team Spirit Meeting
• Thursday, March 4, 5:30 p.m.
• First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
• www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal

Relay For Life Team Spirit Meeting
• Thursday, April 9, 5:30 p.m.
• First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
• www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal

Relay For Life Team Spirit Meeting
• Thursday, April 23, 5:30 p.m.
• First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
• www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal

Relay For Life Team Survivors Breakfast
• Wednesday, April 29, 7 a.m.
• Cullman Church of Christ
• www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal

Relay For Life Team Spirit Meeting
• Thursday, April 30, 5:30 p.m.
• First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
• www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal

Relay For Life of Cullman County
• Friday, May 1, 6 p.m. to midnight
• Cullman County Fairgrounds
• www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal

PREP BASKETBALL

Cold Springs splits senior night matchups with Vinemont

Nick Griffin/ Sammy Confer

BREMEN, Ala. – Monday was senior night at Cold Springs High School and 11 Eagles were recognized between their games against Vinemont for their achievements during their athletic careers. Senior cheerleaders Taylor Teems, Jordan Light, Sadie McClendon, Mallory Ballenger and Hadley Hinds and senior basketball players Logan Rice, Kylon Hamby, Elizabeth Hill, Emi Harbison, Emma Chambers and Neely Ellison were honored after the Lady Eagles' 74-40 win over Vinemont. After the ceremony, the boys squads faced off and Vinemont collected a 58-48 road win. Cold Springs will travel to take on West Point tomorrow night while Vinemont returns home to host Winston County.

Cold Springs 74 – Vinemont 40 (varsity girls)

A Sadie Stanley basket tied the game at four midway through the opening quarter and she knocked down three later in the period to give Vinemont an 8-7 lead. Lacey Rice responded with a three-pointer on the other to put Cold Springs in front 10-8 and after Toni West drilled a three in the final 30 seconds of the quarter, Cold Springs led the way 14-10 going into the second quarter.

Five quick points from Neely Ellison and a basket by Elizabeth Hill stretched the lead to 21-10 at the start of the second and Ellison knocked down her second triple of the night to make it 26-10 around the six-minute mark. Back to back buckets from Hill gave Cold Springs a 35-12 advantage midway through the period but another trey by Stanley made it 39-15 with three minutes to play in the half. Hill responded with back to back three-pointers from the same corner to extend the lead to 47-17 with just over a minute remaining in the quarter and Cold Springs went to the locker room with a 47-18 lead at the break.

A triple from Bailey Preiss three cut the lead to 47-21 at the start of the second half. Priess and Hill exchanged threes around the five-minute mark of the third to make it a 52-25 game but a three from West put Cold Springs ahead 57-28 midway through the quarter.

Madison Bruer scored underneath the basket to add to the lead and West finished an and-one play at the free throw line to make it 62-28 with just over a minute to play in the period. Magdalen Burks scored for Vinemont to trim the lead to 62-30 in the final seconds of the third and we went into the final frame with Cold Springs in front by 32.

Emi Harbison laid one in to make it 64-30 early in the fourth but Madysen Hacker responded with a bucket on the other end. Bruer got another shot to fall and gave Cold Springs a 68-32 lead midway through the quarter but an Abby Young three cut the lead back to 68-35. Harbison buried a three from the left wing to make it a 71-37 game with two minutes to play and Cold Springs held on to win it 74-40.

Hill led the Lady Eagles with 27 points in the win. West added 15, Ellison scored 12, Rice and Bruer each posted six, Harbison finished with five and Kyla Aaron added three. Stanley led Vinemont with 22 points in the loss. Preiss finished with six, Young scored five, Burks added four and Hacker posted three.

Vinemont 58 – Cold Springs 48 (varsity boys)

Brody Peppers hit a layup for Cold Springs to start out the contest, but Vinemont's Jordan Hall gave the Eagles in red a 3-2 lead with a three-pointer. Katch Johnson gave Vinemont a 5-2 lead on a pair of free throws, but Cold Springs scored eight in a row to take a 10-5 lead and wound up taking a 12-7 lead into the second period.

Cold Springs kept its momentum going early in the second as a Tanner Kilgo layup stretched the lead to 16-7.

Vinemont countered with a run of its own as Curtis Kennedy hit a pair from the line and Johnson scored five straight to make it a 17-12 contest. Late in the period, Vinemont went on an 8-0 run as back-to-back threes by Tanner Brown and Teague Whatley gave them a 22-21 lead, but Peppers hit a layup to give Cold Springs a 24-22 lead at the half.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cold Springs' Emi Harbison chases after a loose ball during the Lady Eagles' win over Vinemont Monday night.

Both teams swapped leads to start out the third period. After a Peppers layup gave Cold Springs a 30-29 lead, Vinemont took the lead right back with an 8-0 run led by Johnson, Will Rhodes and Kennedy, to take a 37-30 lead. Cold Springs cut into the deficit when Micah Calvert scored the final five points of the period and the homestanding Eagles went into the final period trailing by just two at 41-39.

A Roberto Ayala layup gave Cold Springs a 46-44 lead early in the fourth quarter, but Kennedy converted an and-one play to give Vinemont a 47-46 lead. Peppers got Cold Springs the lead right back on a layup, but that ended up being their last basket of the game as Vinemont closed the game with an 11-0 run and kept Cold Springs scoreless for the last three minutes to take the game 58-48.

Johnson, who wore no. 24 during tonight's game to honor basketball legend Kobe Bryant, led Vinemont (10-16) with 20 points. Kennedy added 10 points, Rhodes ended up with eight and Hall and Collin Teichmiller each finished with five. For Cold Springs (13-13), Kilgo finished with 17 points. Peppers added 11 and Rice ended up with eight.

Local racer competes for national spotlight in upcoming off-road race

GNCC Racing
Contributor

ARAB, Ala. – Arab resident Taylor Pugh will compete with the best off-road racers in the world Sunday, March 15, 2020. The 24-year-old dirt bike racer will compete at the The General GNCC, in nearby Washington Georgia, round three of the 13-stop Grand National Cross-Country Series, presented by Specialized, an AMA National Championship.

More than 1,500 racers are expected to compete over the weekend, as the event includes four-wheeled ATV racing on Saturday and dirt bikes on Sunday.

Classes range from riders as young as four and as old as the 60-plus divisions. The top GNCC pro classes feature some of the world's top riders, including talent from England, Europe and Australia.

"We expect racers from all over the world to compete at this event," said GNCC Trail Boss Jeff Russell.

"Racer TV, series sponsors and local press will be in attendance.

"There's a lot of competition and pressure, but a local rider will definitely feel more comfortable and have the advantage on this terrain."

The tough local terrain makes for a great equalizer when it comes to the talent. Racers will start together on a massive Starting Line before rushing onto a course featuring tight trails, mud, rocks and hills.

Spectators can watch the action from a variety of vantage points throughout the course, which will be marked on race day.

Pugh is the Parts Specialist at the Honda Shop in Cullman, The Sport Center. Pugh has been racing Motorcycles for five years and competes in the highly competitive enduro class under number 2222. He rides a KTM 250 with help from his sponsors, Phoenix Handlebars, Oneal, Risk Racing, 396 Designs, Twin Air and Pro Taper

Pugh also competes in the Southeastern SECCA series.

Saturday's race format starts with Youth racers starting at 8 a.m., Micro (50cc) ATV racers at 9:15 a.m., Micro (50cc) bike racers at 10 a.m., Amateurs racing at 11 a.m., and the Pros and top amateurs at 2 p.m., rain or shine.

Sunday's race format will also begin with Youth racers starting at 8 a.m., then move onto Amateurs at 10 a.m., followed by the Pros and top amateurs at 1 p.m., rain or shine. GNCC events are grueling, endurance races, with Youth riders racing for 90 minutes, Amateurs two hours, and the Pros a whopping three hours.

Pugh will race Sunday with the MX division starting at 10AM for a grueling 2 hours.

Spectator passes run $20 for adults and $10 for kids (6-11), and ages 5 and under are free for the full weekend.

Gate admission includes pro pit access and free pro autograph sessions beginning at 11 a.m. on race days. Sponsor displays and food concessions will be available.

The economic impact for a community hosting an event of this magnitude is estimated in excess of $1.3 million dollars.

Each round of the GNCC Series is streamed LIVE on RacerTV.com, showcasing the top amateur racers and professional athletes.

For more information on the GNCC series, visit the official website at www.gnccracing.com or call (304) 284-0084. Join the conversation on the series Facebook page, follow us on Twitter and Instagram, and be sure to always hashtag #GNCC.

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About GNCC Racing

The Grand National Cross Country Series presented by Specialized is the World's premier off-road racing series. Founded in 1975, the 13-round championship is produced exclusively by Racer Productions. Cross-country racing is one of the most physically demanding sports in the world.

The grueling two and three-hour GNCC races lead as many as 2,400 riders through racetracks ranging in length from eight to 12 miles. With varied terrain, including hills, woods, mud, dirt, rocks, and motocross sections, GNCC events are tests of both survival and speed. The series draws talent from all over the U.S., Central America, South America, Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. GNCC Racing is televised live on RacerTV.com. For more information, please visit www.gnccracing.com.

About eMTB Racing

The Specialized Turbo eMTB GNCC National Championship brings off-road racing and pedal-assist or electric bicycles together for an eight-round championship produced by Racer Productions. Much like a typical cross-country racing event, these races feature varied terrain featuring hills, rocks, roots, and more but are limited to electric, or pedal assist model mountain bikes only. For more information, please visit www.gnccracing.com.

How to Watch

Racer TV is the official home for coverage of the Grand National Cross Country (GNCC) events. Racer TV provides live streaming coverage of the 2 p.m. pro ATV and 1 p.m. pro motorcycle races from each event. Catch all the action at http://www.racertv.com/.

About the American Motorcyclist Association

Founded in 1924, the AMA is a not-for-profit member-based association whose mission is to promote the motorcycle lifestyle and protect the future of motorcycling. As the world's largest motorcycling rights and event sanctioning organization, the AMA advocates for riders' interests at all levels of government and sanctions thousands of competition and recreational events every year. The AMA also provides money-saving discounts on products and services for its members. Through the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame in Pickerington, Ohio, the AMA honors the heroes and heritage of motorcycling. For more information, visit www.americanmotorcyclist.com. Not a member? Join the AMA today: www.americanmotorcyclist.com/membership/join.



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EDUCATION

City school board recognizes members, faculty, athletes

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City School Board Tuesday evening recognized several on a day the schools also recognized the board for all it does. January is School Board Recognition Month and the Cullman City School Board was treated to a luncheon at Cullman High School.

"It was really nice," Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson said "We had several that stood with their art work and we got to look at their art work.

"They had the chorus singing and the piano player. We really enjoyed it."

Students from Cullman City Primary School also participated in showing the school board appreciation by sending fun artwork to decorate the board room.

Patterson presented certificates of appreciation to each of the Cullman City School Board members including President Joey Orr, Vice President Chris Branham, Suzanne Harbin, Jason Neal and Lee Powell.The seventh and eighth grade Cullman Middle School volleyball teams were recognized for their impressive undefeated seasons. Both teams are coached by Leann Evans, who also reached the milestone of 300 victories this season. The board also congratulated East Elementary School principal David Wiggins for being chosen as the 2020 National Distinguished Principal for District 1 (Alabama).



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman City School Board Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson, left, smiles at East Elementary School Principal David Wiggins, right, as board member Jason Neal looks on. Wiggins was recognized for being chosen as the 2020 National Distinguished Principal for District 1 (Alabama).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cullman council hears details on Warehouse District Streetscape Project

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council on Monday evening voted to award a contract for streetscape improvements along First Avenue Northeast from Arnold Street to Second Street (the Warehouse District Streetscape Project) to Powe General Contracting, LLC in the amount of $1,380,053.16. The project is a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant project, and the City of Cullman received $640,000 for the project, according to Cullman City Engineer Erica York.

"This is a TAP project, this is federal funding that we received, so it's grant money. Similar to the streetscape project that was just completed along (U.S. Highway) 278, this is from Arnold Street to Second (Street), so it's improvements along First Avenue Northeast, what we call the Warehouse District, so it'll be formally known as the Warehouse District Streetscape Project," said York. "The purpose and goal of these TAP projects is to not only promote unification for downtown areas, it's also to enhance and bring areas back to into (Americans with Disabilities Act) ADA compliance."

On the costs of the project, she said, "The grant will cover almost half of the total project cost; they're providing $640,000 for us to improve these streets."

York shared some of the new features the project will bring, saying, "Some of the new features we'll see from the finished project is you'll see the nice brick pavers for crosswalks, overhead lighting and more decorative light poles. We're going to improve the lighting. We'll have new asphalt paving and center drainage so that will be a new feature. We're also in the process, but we're going to improve the utilities, so we're going to completely revamp water and the sewers."

Councilman Clint Hollingsworth asked for a project timeline, and York answered, "We start after the Valentine's season, so about a mid-March timeframe is when we'll actually start work in sequencing and phasing. We'll block out with signs to keep from closing whole sections of the street to keep businesses accessible, with completion by September. We will not close anything down for any major event; everything will be accessible. There will be few hiccups and headaches along the way."

The Council also voted to enter a contract for professional services with Renta Urban Land Design to provide master planning, hardscape design, landscape design, all construction documents and the construction administration for the complete renovation of Nesmith Park (a Land Water and Conservation Fund grant project).

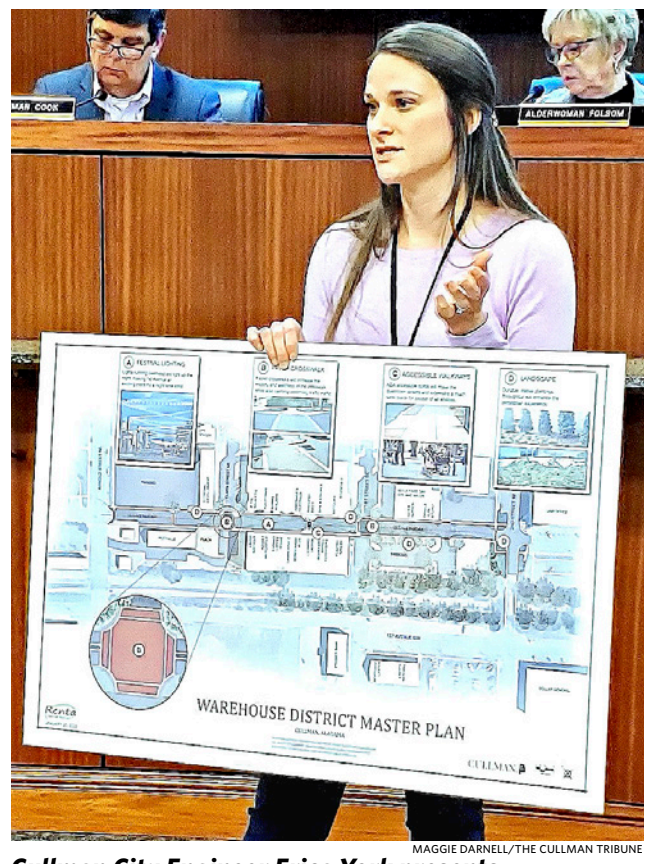
Renta Urban Land Design Landscape Architect Stephen Schrader said, "We will be the prime consultant on this site, so if we need any additional engineering services like a civil engineer or an the architect to view the plans for renovating the building that's already out there, we will hire those people and they will work under us. The swimming pool that is out there is actually an important part of the LWCF grant that the swimming pool will be filled in and will go away, but we will be replacing that with a splash pad feature out there, so there will be a water component there."

In other business the council voted approved:

- Resolution No. 2020-48 to purchase the Whittle property located at 608 10th Ave. SE (adjacent to East Side Park) in the budgeted amount of $125,000. Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs noted, "(Acquiring the property would) enable us to square-up East Side Park."
- Resolution No. 2020-49 to purchase the Ray property (Lot 6 of Terrace Heights Fourth Addition) in the budgeted amount of $38,250
- Resolution No. 2020-50 to enter into a pricing agreement with Cullman Regional for inmate care
- The surplus 33 air packs from Cullman Fire Rescue to the Cullman County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments

The council also recognized former Hanceville Police Department Officer and son of Hanceville Police Department Chief Bob Long, Rob Long, who took the oath to become a Cullman Police Department officer Monday evening.

The council also recognized City of Cullman Sanitation Superintendent Larry Jones.



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Cullman City Engineer Erica York presents the Warehouse District Master Plan, which is a streetscape improvement project made possible by a TAP grant.

After 45 years of service, Jones will officially retire Feb. 1, 2020. The City announced Jan. 13 that Samuel J. Dillender will take Jones' place.

The Cullman City Council meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the auditorium at Cullman City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Colony to repair Educational Complex roof; free potatoes this Saturday

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COLONY, Ala. – The Colony Town Council on Tuesday evening received an estimate on long-needed repairs to the town's Educational Complex roof, but could not sign the contract due to lack of a quorum. Councilman Melvin Hammond, who had been hospitalized, was released earlier in the day but was not ready to return to work. Councilman Curtis Johnson has now missed two consecutive meetings without a known reason.

The council received an estimate from Tim Nash of TSN Construction and Lawn Care for more than 800 square feet of roof in need of repair, with $5,645 in materials and $1,755 in labor, for a total of $7,400. Council members hope to be able to sign the contract as soon as possible.

Free potatoes!

During its work session, the council heard from the North Alabama Agriplex's Sonya Nail about plans for Colony's community garden, including low-cost sources for a variety of seedlings to transplant.

Nail also announced that the town will receive more than 100 pounds of Irish potatoes this Saturday morning at a distribution in Gardendale. The potatoes will be picked up and brought to Colony, and will be available at the Educational Complex Saturday afternoon.

The Colony Town Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month at Colony Town Hall, with work session at 5 p.m. and meeting following immediately after. The public is invited to attend.





Wallace State hosting Transfer Summit Feb. 4

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College is hosting a Transfer Summit on Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, in the Bailey Center for students seeking information about the transfer process from Wallace State to a four-year university.

At least six four-year universities will be on hand, including Athens State University, Jacksonville State University, The University of Alabama, The University of Alabama at Birmingham, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, and The University of North Alabama.

The event will begin with an information session at 9:30 a.m., provided by Karen Morris in the Bailey Center Auditorium where students will learn about Pathways, which were created to help streamline the education process for students and prevent them from taking classes they may not need.

They will also receive descriptions of the metamajors that make up Pathways: Applied Technology, Health Science, Liberal Arts/General Studies, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Participating four-year universities will then provide information about their institutions, including opportunities they offer for students in specific metamajors and scholarship opportunities for transfer students.

After the presentations, students will be able to visit with transfer representatives in the lobby, get literature about their schools of interest and about scholarship opportunities.

"The Transfer Summit is a great opportunity for any student who is thinking about transferring or will be transferring to a four-year university," said Jennifer McRea of Wallace State's Advising Center.

"They'll have the opportunity to meet with representatives of colleges and gather important information for planning their future."

For more information about Wallace State, call 256-352-8000 or visit www.wallacestate.edu.

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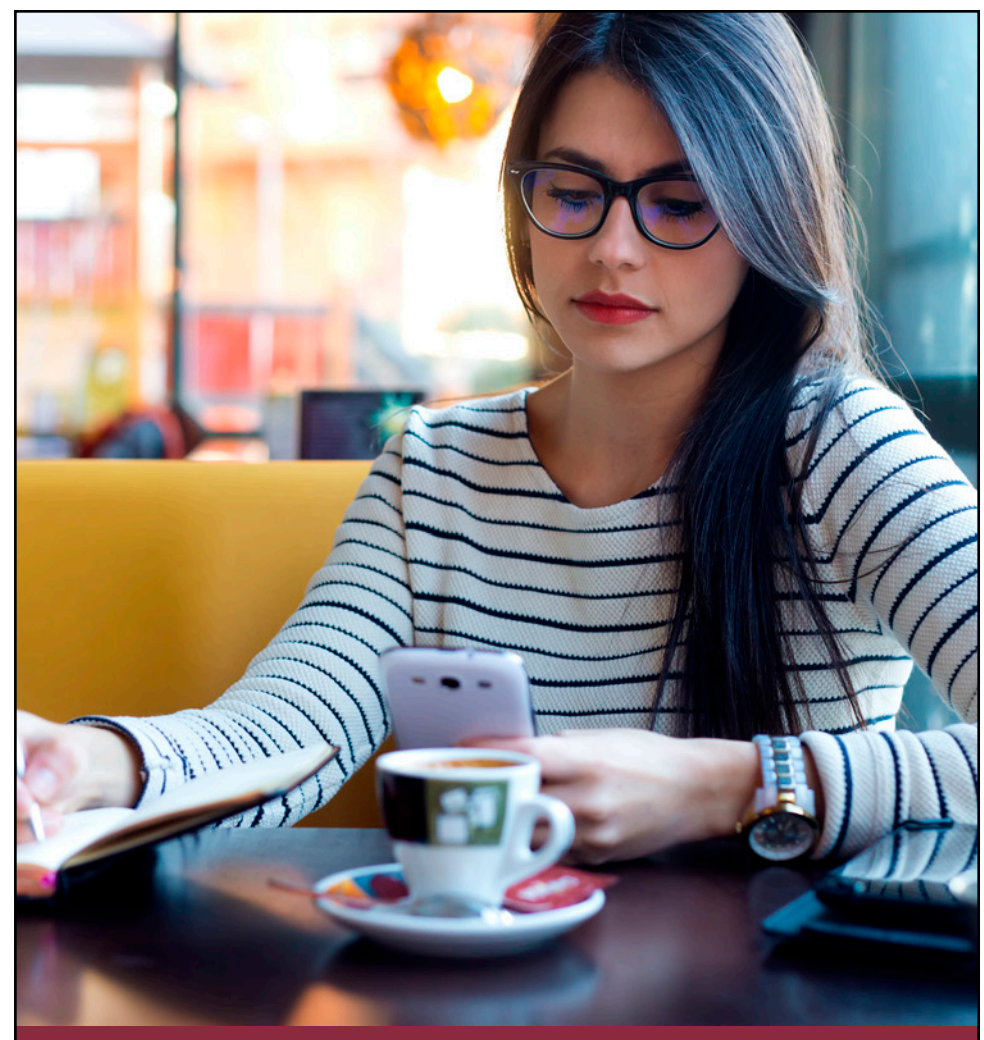
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Sports

8:00 a.m. FSEE Women's College Basketball Texas at Oklahoma.
10:00 a.m. FSEE NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Toronto Raptors.
1:00 p.m. ESPN2 2020 Australian Open Tennis Men's Quarterfinals. (Same-day Tape)
FSEE Powerboat Racing Nationals.
2:00 p.m. FSEE NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Toronto Raptors.
5:30 p.m. FS1 College Basketball DePaul at Seton Hall. (Live)
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7:00 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Waste Management Phoenix Open, Final Round.
TNT All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (Live)
USA WWE NXT (Live)
7:30 p.m. FS1 College Basketball Marquette at Xavier. (Live)
8:30 p.m. FSEE Powerboat Racing Nationals, Guntersville, Ala.
9:00 p.m. ESPN NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Portland Trail Blazers. (Live)
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2:00 a.m. GOLF European PGA Tour Golf Saudi International, First Round. (Live)
2:30 a.m. ESPN 2020 Australian Open Tennis Men's First Semifinal. (Live)
3:00 a.m. ESPN2 NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Portland Trail Blazers. (Same-day Tape)
4:00 a.m. GOLF European PGA Tour Golf Saudi International, First Round.
5:30 a.m. GOLF European PGA Tour Golf Saudi International, First Round. (Live)

WEDNESDAY EVENING

MOVIES

JANUARY 29, 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** An alleged abuser's behavior devolves.		**Dateline** A couple's romance turns tragic.		**Dateline** "Secrets in Pleasant Grove"		**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**
WBIQ-PBS	4	**Ready Jet Go!** (El)	**Peg & Cat** (El)	**PBS NewsHour** (N)		**Nature** A cheetah raises her five newborn cubs.		**NOVA** Uranus and Neptune; Pluto; Kuiper belt. (Part 5 of 5)		**Expedition With Steve Backshall** "Suriname: Lost World"		**Bluegrass Underground**	**Subcarrier** "Beach Slang"
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** There is a power outage at Med.		**Chicago Fire** Casey and Boden clash over a recruit.		**WVTM 13 Chronicle: Black History Special**		**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)	**Harry & Meghan: The Royals in Crisis** (N)		**Last Man Standing**	**Outmatched** "Pilot"	**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)	**Super Bowl Greatest Commercials 2020** (N)		**Criminal Minds** The team searches for a serial killer. (N)		**S.W.A.T.** A hunt for an escaped fugitive in Tokyo. (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** Archie gives Frank a job. (N)		**Nancy Drew** A search for who tried to kill Ryan. (N)		**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**The Andy Griffith Show**	**The Andy Griffith Show**
WPXH-ION	11	**Blue Bloods** Danny searches for two escaped convicts.		**Blue Bloods** Frank helps a rehabilitated ex-con.		**Blue Bloods** An eyewitness for a murder trial flees.		**Blue Bloods** Frank's safety is threatened.		**Blue Bloods** "Trust" Eddie and her new partner fail.		**Blue Bloods** A woman asks Frank for a favor.	
WABM2-ABC	12	**ABC 33/40 News at 5PM**	**ABC World News**	**ABC 33/40 News at 6PM**	**Wheel of Fortune** (N)	**The Goldbergs** (N)	**Schooled** "Titanic Love" (N)	**Modern Family**	**(:31) Single Parents** (N)	**Royal Divide: Harry, Meghan, and The Crown** (N)		**ABC 33/40 News at 10PM**	**(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!**
A&E	42	**Live PD Presents: PD Cam**	**Live PD Presents: PD Cam**	**Live PD Presents: PD Cam**	**Live PD Presents: PD Cam**	**Live PD Presents: PD Cam**	**Live PD Presents: PD Cam**	**America's Top Dog** Civilian underdogs battle professionals.		**(:01) Live PD: Police Patrol**	**(:32) Live PD: Police Patrol**	**Live PD Presents: PD Cam**	**Live PD Presents: PD Cam**
AMC	53	**(4:00) ★★★ "Captain Phillips"** (2013) Tom Hanks. Somali pirates storm a U.S. containership and take hostages.				**★★★ "I Am Legend"** (2007, Science Fiction) Will Smith, Alice Braga. Bloodthirsty plague victims surround a lone survivor.				**(:05) ★★ "The Punisher"** (2004) Thomas Jane, John Travolta. An FBI agent seeks revenge for the murder of his family.			
ANPL	47	**I Was Prey** A black bear attack; a crocodile.		**I Was Prey** Caught between a bear and her cub.		**(:01) I Was Prey: Under Attack** "Don't Close Your Eyes" A boy's nightmare becomes reality. (N)				**(:01) I Was Prey** "20-Foot Terror" A shark attacks a diver.		**(:01) I Was Prey** Polar bear chases woman; bull shark.	
BET	55	**(3:00) "This Christmas"**	**★ "A Madea Christmas"** (2013, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Kathy Najimy, Chad Michael Murray. Madea dishes out her own brand of Christmas spirit.					**Tyler Perry's Sistas** Karen has blood on her hands. (N)		**"Canal Street"** (2018) Bryshere Y. Gray, Mekhi Phifer. Premiere. A lawyer defends his teenage son against murder charges.			
BRAVO	58	**The Real Housewives of New Jersey** "Mama Drama"		**The Real Housewives of New Jersey** "Clearing the Heir"		**The Real Housewives of New Jersey** (N)		**Watch What Happens Live**	**Summer House** (N)	**The Real Housewives of New Jersey**		**The Biggest Loser** Twelve people arrive at campus.	
CMTV	61	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**
CNBC	35	**Mad Money** (N)		**Shark Tank** A modern phone booth design.		**Shark Tank** A pricing tool; a cleaning tool.		**Shark Tank** High design houses for nocturnal guests.		**Listing Impossible** A Tuscan-style castle in Newport Beach.		**Shark Tank** A pricing tool; a cleaning tool.	
CNN	37	**The Impeachment Trial of Donald J. Trump** (N) (Live)		**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	**(:15) South Park** Animated. Idol.		**(5:50) South Park**	**(:25) South Park**	**South Park** "The Hobbit"	**South Park**	**South Park**	**South Park** "Marjorine"	**South Park** "The List"	**Awkwafina Is Nora**	**The Daily Show**	**Lights Out-David Spade**
DISN	49	**Gabby Duran**	**(:35) Raven's Home**	**(:05) Raven's Home**	**(:35) Bunk'd** "Bad Dog!"	**Bunk'd**	**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** An ostrich lays an egg.		**Alaskan Bush People: Off the Grid** The Browns build an ark.		**Alaskan Bush People** News shakes the Wolf Pack. (N)		**(:01) Alaskan Bush People** "Bull by the Horns"		**(:02) Naked and Afraid** "Ryan's Journey" Ryan recalls past challenges.			
E!	21	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Chrisley Knows Best**	**Meet the Frasers**	**Nightly Pop** (N)	**Botched**	**Botched**
ESPN	29	**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**SportsCenter/ Smith**	**NBA Basketball** Detroit Pistons at Brooklyn Nets. (N) (Live)					**NBA Basketball** Houston Rockets at Portland Trail Blazers. (N) (Live)			
ESPN2	30	**Daily Wager** (N) (Live)		**College Basketball** Alabama at LSU. (N) (Live)				**2020 Pro Bowl Skills Showdown**		**2020 Australian Open Tennis** Women's Semifinals. From Melbourne, Australia. (N) (Live)			
FOOD	45	**Guy's Grocery Games** Budget barbecue blowout; ham dinner.		**Guy's Grocery Games** "Game Day Rush"		**Guy's Grocery Games** Teams face off for culinary supremacy.		**Guy's Grocery Games** The teams earn ingredients. (N)		**Guy's Grocery Games** "Wicked Aisle Games" (N)		**Guy's Grocery Games** Sports-loving chefs go head-to-head.	
FREE	48	**The Simpsons** "Duffless"	**The Simpsons**	**★★★ "Matilda"** (1996, Children's) Mara Wilson, Danny DeVito. A child uses her amazing abilities against uncaring adults.				**Party of Five** "Rafa" The Acostas confront hard truths. (N)		**Good Trouble** "Daylight" Mariana's job is threatened. (N)		**The 700 Club**	
FS1	20	**NASCAR Race Hub** (N) (Live)		**College Basketball** DePaul at Seton Hall. (N) (Live)			**College Basketball** Marquette at Xavier. (N) (Live)				**FS1 College Hoops Extra**	**FOX Sports Presents** (N)	**Gronk, Tony and Shannon**
FSEE	32	**Noles All Access**	**SportsMoney**	**Women's College Basketball** Texas at Oklahoma. From the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Okla.				**Running**	**Powerboat Racing**	**Fight Sports: Boxing**			
FX	28	**(4:30) ★★ "Terminator Genisys"** (2015) Arnold Schwarzenegger. Kyle Reese discovers that the past has been altered.				**★★ "Jurassic World"** (2015, Adventure) Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, Irrfan Khan. Man-made dinosaurs go on a rampage at an island resort.				**★★ "Jurassic World"** (2015, Adventure) Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, Irrfan Khan.			
GOLF	82	**Golf Central** (N) (Live)		**PGA TOUR Champions**	**PGA TOUR: The CUT**	**PGA Tour Golf** Waste Management Phoenix Open, Final Round. Phil Mickelson, Rickie Fowler, Justin Thomas and Jon Rahm are scheduled to compete.						**Golf Central**	
HALL	72	**"Hearts of Winter"** (2020) Rukiya Bernard, Victor Webster. An interior designer brings new life to the house of a widower.				**"Anything for Love"** (2016, Romance) Erika Christensen, Paul Greene. A man and a woman lie on their online dating profiles.				**"Very, Very Valentine"** (2018, Comedy) Danica McKellar. Helen finds that her perfect man may already be right in front of her.			
HGTV	46	**Property Brothers: Buying & Selling**		**Property Brothers: Buying & Selling**		**Property Brothers: Forever Home**		**Property Brothers: Forever Home** (N)		**House Hunters International**	**House Hunters** (N)	**Beachfront Bargain Hunt**	**Beachfront Bargain Hunt**
HIST	40	**Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper** "The Pipe Tomahawks"		**Forged in Fire** Smiths forge the WWII smatchet knife.		**Forged in Fire** "The Pira/French Pioneer Sword" (N)				**Vikings** "Resurrection" Erik returns from a scouting mission.		**(:02) Forged in Fire** Smiths re-create the muskateer rapier.	
LIFE	23	**Married at First Sight** "One Night Spouse" Spouses meet their new stranger in-laws.			**Married at First Sight** (N)	**Married at First Sight** "Trouble in Paradise" Some couples get off to a rocky start. (N)				**Supernanny** "Garcia Family" Children rule the roost. (N)		**(:03) Married at First Sight** "Trouble in Paradise"	
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** Woman carries suitcase full of cocaine.		**Locked Up Abroad** An arms dealer goes undercover.		**Locked Up Abroad** Sandra smuggles heroin into Japan. (N)		**Locked Up Abroad** (N)		**To Catch a Smuggler** "Smuggle Once, Smuggle Twice?" (N)		**To Catch a Smuggler** CBP searches a suspicious suitcase.	
PARMT	57	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**★★ "Four Brothers"** (2005) Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson. Siblings seek revenge for their adoptive mother's murder.				**68 Whiskey** "Daddy Issues" A mission to find Qasem. (N)		**★★ "Four Brothers"** (2005) Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson.	
TBS	25	**Family Guy** (Part 2 of 2)	**Family Guy**	**Seinfeld** "The Race"	**Seinfeld** "The Scofflaw"	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**Full Frontal**	**Conan** (N)	**Full Frontal**
TCM	79	**★★ "Mrs. Soffel"** (1984, Drama) Diane Keaton, Mel Gibson. A 1901 Pittsburgh warden's wife escapes with a prisoner.				**★★★ "Our Dancing Daughters"** (1928, Drama) Joan Crawford, Johnny Mack Brown.			**(:45) "Why Be Good?"** (1929, Comedy) Neil Hamilton, Edward Martindel, Colleen Moore.			**(:15) ★★★ "Thoroughly Modern Millie"** (1967)	
TLC	24	**My 600-Lb. Life** "J.T.'s Story" J.T. is almost 900lbs.				**My 600-Lb. Life** "Gina's Story" Gina's weight problem blamed on wife. (N)				**1000-Lb. Sisters** Amy has a real wedding ceremony. (N)		**My Feet Are Killing Me** Treating a toddler born with 12 toes.	
TNT	26	**(4:30) ★★ "The Mummy Returns"** (2001) Brendan Fraser. Two evil forces pursue the son of adventurer Rick O'Connell.				**All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite** Chris Jericho, Santana & Ortiz vs. Darby Allin & Private Party; Cody vs. Kip Sabian. (N) (Live)				**★★ "Fist Fight"** (2017, Comedy) Charlie Day, Ice Cube. A fired teacher challenges a snitch to a fight after school.			
USA	27	**NCIS** "Rogue" The team investigates a car explosion.		**NCIS** "Being Bad" A murder probe uncovers a theft ring.		**WWE NXT** (N) (Live)				**Miz & Mrs**	**(:32) Miz & Mrs**	**(:02) Modern Family**	**(:32) Modern Family**
WE	71	**Law & Order** "Excalibur" Jack McCoy's job is threatened.		**Law & Order** Stockbroker's death leads to a battle.		**Law & Order** "Challenged" A man reunites with his mother.		**Law & Order** A young woman escapes from a cult.		**Law & Order** "Falling" A crane collapses, killing a man.		**Law & Order** A Sheriff is suspected in a murder case.	
HBO	518	**(4:50) ★★★ "The Town"** (2010, Crime Drama) Ben Affleck. A woman doesn't realize that her new beau is a bank robber. 'R'				**The Outsider** Jack's behavior grows more erratic.		**★★ "Fast Five"** (2011, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. Dom Toretto and company ramp up the action in Brazil. 'PG-13'				**(:15) Avenue 5**	**(:45) The New Pope**
MAX	549	**(4:57) ★★ "Red Corner"** (1997, Suspense) Richard Gere. A visiting American is framed for a brutal murder in China. 'R'				**★★ "Jeepers Creepers"** (2001, Horror) Gina Philips, Justin Long, Jonathan Breck. 'R'			**★★ "The First Purge"** (2018, Action) Y'lan Noel, Joivan Wade. All crimes become legal for 12 hours during the first Purge. 'R'				**"Die Hard-Veng."**
SHOW	578	**(3:45) ★★★ "Misery"** 'R'	**(:45) ★★★ "A League of Their Own"** (1992, Comedy-Drama) Tom Hanks, Geena Davis. A women's professional baseball league debuts in 1943. 'PG'					**★★ "Major League"** (1989, Comedy) Tom Berenger. A ragtag team tries to turn its poor performance around. 'R'				**★★ "The Fast and the Furious"** (2001) Vin Diesel.	
TMC	598	**(:15) "Level 16"** (2018, Science Fiction) Katie Douglas. Teen girls are trapped in a prison-like boarding school. 'NR'				**★★★ "The English Patient"** (1996, Drama) Ralph Fiennes, Juliette Binoche, Willem Dafoe. Flashbacks reveal a plane-crash survivor's tragic tale. 'R'				**(:45) "In Harm's Way"** (2017, Historical Drama) Emile Hirsch, Yifei Liu, Fangcong Li. 'NR'			

Movies

6:00 a.m. FX "The Walk" ★★★ (2015) Joseph Gordon-Levitt. In 1974, French high-wire artist Philippe Petit attempts to walk on a tightrope attached to the north and south towers of the World Trade Center.
6:15 a.m. TCM "Dr. Crippen" ★★ (1963) Donald Pleasence.
6:45 a.m. HBO "The Thing About My Folks" ★★ (2005) Peter Falk
7:30 a.m. E! "Maid in Manhattan" ★★ (2002) Jennifer Lopez.
SHOW "Major League" ★★½ (1989) Tom Berenger
7:40 a.m. MAX "Black Knight" ★★ (2001) Martin Lawrence
8:00 a.m. TCM "I Am a Fugitive From a Chain Gang" ★★★½ (1932) Paul Muni. An innocent man is sent to a prison farm, where he endures the dehumanizing effects of a cruel criminal justice system.
8:25 a.m. HBO "The Kid Who Would Be King" ★★★ (2019) Louis Ashbourne Serkis Old-school magic meets the modern world when young Alex stumbles upon the mythical sword Excalibur. He soon joins forces with a band of knights and the legendary wizard Merlin when the wicked enchantress Morgana threatens the future of mankind.
8:30 a.m. AMC "Black Hawk Down" ★★★½ (2001) Josh Hartnett. U.S. soldiers take heavy fire while trying to capture a warlord's associates in Mogadishu, Somalia.
9:00 a.m. FX "Dumb and Dumber To" ★★ (2014) Jim Carrey.
9:30 a.m. MAX "Biloxi Blues" ★★★ (1988) Matthew Broderick During World War II, a Brooklyn writer contends with a drill sergeant and other situations at a Mississippi boot camp.
SHOW "Days of Thunder" ★★½ (1990) Tom Cruise
9:45 a.m. TCM "Escape From East Berlin" ★★½ (1962) Don Murray.
10:00 a.m. FREE "Letters to Juliet" ★★ (2010) Amanda Seyfried.
10:30 a.m. HBO "Signs" ★★★ (2002) Mel Gibson With the help of his brother, a Pennsylvanian investigates the appearance of 500-foot-diameter circles in his crop fields.
11:10 a.m. 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.
11:30 a.m. AMC "First Blood" ★★★ (1982) Sylvester Stallone. Green Beret veteran Rambo takes on a Pacific Northwest sheriff and the National Guard.
FX "Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising" ★★½ (2016) Seth Rogen.
TCM "Fearless Fagan" ★★ (1952) Janet Leigh.
SHOW "The Fast and the Furious" ★★½ (2001) Vin Diesel
12:00 p.m. TMC "3:10 to Yuma" ★★★ (2007) Russell Crowe A rancher and the captive outlaw in his charge learn to respect each other on a dangerous journey to catch a train.
12:20 p.m. HBO "Tolkien" ★★ (2019) Nicholas Hoult
12:30 p.m. BET "Out of Time" ★★½ (2003) Denzel Washington.
1:00 p.m. TCM "Triple Cross" ★★½ (1967) Christopher Plummer.
MAX "Halloween" ★★½ (2018) Jamie Lee Curtis
1:30 p.m. AMC "Safe House" ★★½ (2012) Denzel Washington.
FX "Fast & Furious 6" ★★½ (2013) Vin Diesel.
SHOW "Girl, Interrupted" ★★½ (1999) Winona Ryder
2:00 p.m. TNT "The Mummy" ★★½ (1999) Brendan Fraser.
2:05 p.m. TMC "The Deer Hunter" ★★★★ (1978) Robert De Niro The horrors of Vietnam affect three Pennsylvania steelworkers, lifelong friends who serve together.
2:15 p.m. HBO "Mrs. Doubtfire" ★★★ (1993) Robin Williams Estranged from his wife, an out-of-work actor masquerades as a nanny to be with his children.
3:00 p.m. BET "This Christmas" ★★½ (2007) Delroy Lindo.
3:15 p.m. TCM "Wings and the Woman" ★★★ (1942) Anna Neagle. Aviators Amy Johnson and James Mollison marry, set records and serve in World War II.
3:45 p.m. SHOW "Misery" ★★★ (1990) James Caan An author recovers from an accident, nursed by a twisted fan who insists he write a new book just for her.
4:00 p.m. AMC "Captain Phillips" ★★★½ (2013) Tom Hanks. In 2009, Somali pirates storm a U.S. containership and hold Capt. Richard Phillips and his crew captive.
4:30 p.m. FX "Terminator Genisys" ★★ (2015) Arnold Schwarzenegger.
TNT "The Mummy Returns" ★★½ (2001) Brendan Fraser.
4:50 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.
4:57 p.m. MAX "Red Corner" ★★ (1997) Richard Gere
5:00 p.m. TCM "Mrs. Soffel" ★★½ (1984) Diane Keaton.
5:45 p.m. SHOW "A League of Their Own" ★★★ (1992) Tom Hanks The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League begins in 1943 with a major-league has-been as a manager.
6:00 p.m. FREE "Matilda" ★★★ (1996) Mara Wilson. A little girl develops extraordinary mental abilities, despite neglectful parents and a brutal headmistress.
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.
FX "Jurassic World" ★★½ (2015) Chris Pratt.
PARMT "Four Brothers" ★★ (2005) Mark Wahlberg.
TCM "Our Dancing Daughters" ★★★½ (1928) Joan Crawford. Silent. A flapper loves a millionaire, but he tragically marries someone else.
MAX "Jeepers Creepers" ★★½ (2001) Gina Philips
TMC "The English Patient" ★★★½ (1996) Ralph Fiennes A Hungarian count's fling with a British newlywed leads to tragedy in World War II North Africa.
8:00 p.m. HBO "Fast Five" ★★½ (2011) Vin Diesel
SHOW "Major League" ★★½ (1989) Tom Berenger
8:30 p.m. MAX "The First Purge" ★★ (2018) Y'lan Noel
9:00 p.m. TNT "Fist Fight" ★★ (2017) Charlie Day.
9:05 p.m. AMC "The Punisher" ★★ (2004) Thomas Jane.
9:30 p.m. FX "Jurassic World" ★★½ (2015) Chris Pratt.
10:00 p.m. PARMT "Four Brothers" ★★ (2005) Mark Wahlberg.
SHOW "The Fast and the Furious" ★★½ (2001) Vin Diesel
10:15 p.m. TCM "Thoroughly Modern Millie" ★★★½ (1967) Julie Andrews. A would-be flapper in 1920s New York saves her friend from white slavers in a Chinatown firecracker factory.
10:17 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.

Best Bets

7 p.m. on WBRC
Harry & Meghan: The Royals in Crisis

The recent decision by Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, and his wife, Meghan Markle, to step away from their traditional responsibilities as senior figures in the British royal family is the focal point of this one-hour investigative special from the TMZ new service. Speculation ran rampant in the immediate aftermath of the couple's announcement, but this program includes comments from sources close to the two young royals to shed light on the outside tensions that led to their decision, and what it could mean to the monarchy.

7 p.m. on WTTO
Riverdale

To prove he's willing to give Frank (guest star Ryan Robbins) another chance, Archie (K.J. Apa) gets his uncle a job at Andrews' Construction in the new episode "Chapter Sixty-Eight: Quiz Show." Betty (Lili Reinhart), meanwhile, pours all her energy and concentration into taking down Stonewall Prep in the Quiz Show Championship, and Veronica and Cheryl (Camila Mendes, Madelaine Petsch) go in together on an unlikely business venture. Casey Cott and Cole Sprouse also star.

7 p.m. on BRAVO
The Real Housewives of New Jersey

When Jennifer forces herself to accept she never is going to be able to make peace with Melissa and Jackie, she starts to question why she should stay in the Hamptons at all in the new episode "The Hamptons Hangover." Elsewhere, Margaret tries to mend fences with her mother and Jackie has an epiphany about her eating disorder, while the Giudice family visits Joe in ICE.

7 p.m. on DSC
Alaskan Bush People

In a new episode called "When There's Water There's a Way," the siblings are absorbed in a race to complete their incredibly ambitious water system, until Billy gets some news that really shakes up the Wolfpack and points their future in a different direction. Meanwhile, Bear goes on an important hunt, during which he reflects on a crucial life decision he faces.

9 p.m. on FREE
Good Trouble

A case puts Callie and Jamie's (Maia Mitchell, Beau Mirchoff) on opposing sides, while Mariana's (Cierra Ramirez) position at Speckulate is in jeopardy in a new episode called "Daylight." Elsewhere, Malika (Zuri Adele) is presented with a new opportunity, but her legal issues could prove to be a hurdle. Davia (Emma Hunton) faces some unintended consequences of her recent behavior. Tommy Martinez and Sherry Cola also star.

9 p.m. on HIST
Vikings

Bjorn (Alexander Ludwig) gets a reality check and is forced to reconsider where his true enemies are when Erik (Eric Johnson) returns from a scouting mission bearing some very troubling information in the new episode "Resurrection." Bjorn realizes he may need to rally his allies, prompting him to wonder whether former foe King Harold (Peter Franzén) might be willing to join him. Meanwhile, Ivar (Alex Hogh Andersen) is reunited with someone close to him.

9 p.m. on USA
Miz & Mrs

Married WWE superstars Michael "The Miz" and Maryse Mizanin return for the sophomore season of this reality series, which chronicles their complicated personal lives as parents to 1-year-old daughter Monroe, with another child on the way. In the season premiere, "Monroe's First Wrestlemania," Mike and Maryse celebrate Monroe's first birthday at Wrestlemania, and try to sneak in some quality private time together.



Alex Hogh Andersen stars in "Vikings" on History.

HOME AND GARDEN

Cullman Forestry Planning Committee plant sale Feb. 20

Tony Glover
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – The annual Cullman Forestry Planning Committee plant sale will take place Thursday, Feb. 20 at the North Alabama Agriplex, 1714 Tally Ho St. SW (across from the Cullman Bowling Center). The sale will begin at 8 a.m. and will last until the plants are gone or until noon (whichever comes first).

There will be a nice selection of landscape trees, small ornamental trees and flowering shrubs for $2 each.

They are all seedling bare root plants, which are easy to transplant.

Come early for the best selection.

We will have the largest selection we have ever had, consisting of about 40 species of plants.

To learn more about what plants will be on sale, contact the Cullman County Extension office (cullmancounty@auburn.edu) and we will email you a plant list.

Also, on the day prior to the plant sale, County Agent Tony Glover will do a lunch-and-learn (no cost to attend, but bring your own lunch) showing and providing information on all the plants that we will have available at the plant sale the next day.

The lunch-and-learn will be from noon-1 p.m. Feb. 19 at the North Alabama Agriplex.

All sale proceeds above expenses will go toward the Forestry Awareness Week Now (FAWN) school program for sixth graders from participating schools and the FFA Forestry Judging contest.

For more information on the plant sale, contact the Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District at 256-734-1431 (Kathy) or the Cullman County Extension office at 256-737-9386 (Tony).

Commission (from Front)

related specifically to Cullman County, proposed an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that effective beginning the next term of office of the sheriff, all allowances or amounts received by the sheriff for feeding prisoners would be deposited in a special account and used for feeding prisoners in the county jail and any excess in the fund would be authorized to be used for law enforcement purposes by the sheriff and to provide that, at that time, the annual salary of the sheriff of Cullman County would be equal to the annual salary of the judge of probate of Cullman County. (Proposed by Act 2018-409)

Cullman County Attorney Chad Floyd explained, "He (Roden) is what is known as a supernumerary sheriff, and because of the proposed local Amendment 1 passing in 2018- it became effective in January 2019- Mr. Roden was due an increase in his retirement benefits. The passaged of local Amendment 1 tied his base pay to the base compensation of the probate judge."

Being a "supernumerary sheriff" means that when Roden was sheriff, a portion of his salary was paid into a retirement fund, and the County is responsible to pay Roden his retirement benefits.

The commission also passed a resolution requesting the Alabama attorney general's opinion regarding elected officials and whether they are allowed to participate in educational/military incentive pay programs. Cullman County recently implemented an incentive pay policy with elected officials being excluded.

Floyd said, "There is some legislation under Title 11 in the omnibus that would tend to support that elected officials should be allowed to participate if a uniform increase were given; however, there's a constitutional provision that states they cannot. This will help clarify that."

The Cullman Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) facility at 1950 Beech Ave. SE will soon receive security upgrades when a magnetic locking system is added to the facility's doors and new ADS badge security system is put into place. The badge security system will cost $4,839.75 to install and the security door system is $1,255.

In other business, the commission approved the following:

- Renewal of the firewall at Cullman County Courthouse for three years at the cost of $6,912
- Purchase of four Land Pride RC5710-10' heavy duty rotary cutters from Dixie Tractor through Source Well bid at a cost of $15,800 each
- Authorized Chairman Kenneth Walker to negotiate and sign a lease agreement with Cullman Electric Cooperative for the Bates property
- Authorized Walker to execute a right-of-way easement and underground easement in favor of Cullman Electric Cooperative in order to supply electricity to the storm shelters at Stony Lonesome OHV Park
- Authorized Walker to sign the Inmate Communications System agreement with Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC d/b/d/a ICSolutions
- Accepted a quote for inmate stop-loss insurance for $60,540, a 22% decrease in cost from the previous policy
- Surplus of two generators from the water department 1990 15KW and 1987 60KW
- Authorized water department head Randall Waldrep to trade surplus generators to the City of Hanceville in exchange for light tower
- Approved proposed plat for Loretto subdivision located in District 2 on County Road 255

The next commission work session will be Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 8:30 a.m., followed by the commission meeting at 10 a.m.

Tournament (from Front)

ment, Arab Middle School took first and East Lawrence Middle School took second and will also compete in Hoover.

POOL A RESULTS

Team, win/loss, total points

- West Point - 5/0, 2160
- Cullman - 4/1, 1325
- Hanceville - 2/3, 1025
- Holly Pond - 2/3, 860
- Fairview - 2/3, 745
- Good Hope - 0/5, 635

POOL B RESULTS

Team - win/loss, points

- Arab - 5/0, 2180
- E. Lawrence - 4/1, 1400
- Vinemont - 3/2, 975
- Cold Springs Elementary - 1/4, 745
- Harmony - 0/5, 390

Colony Day (from Front)

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COLONY, Ala. – On Saturday afternoon, Colony Town Council members held their first planning meeting for what could be the town's largest community celebration in 50 years. Councilwoman Ethel Alexander, who has coordinated numerous local events in recent years, headed up the meeting on behalf of Councilman Melvin Hammond, who spearheaded the project but could not attend due to illness. Alexander communicated with Hammond by phone, and brainstormed ideas with Mayor Donnis Leeth and Councilman Samuel Ashford.

Former State Representative Rev. James Fields, Jr., who was proposed to be the master of ceremonies for the event, will also serve on the planning committee. Additionally, the group will ask others to serve, and is seeking input from Colony's ministers and other local leaders.

While "Colony Day" is in its earliest stages, planners laid out a few ideas. The event will include most or all of the municipal complex- town hall, Educational Complex, community center/gym and park- as well as selected locations in other parts of the town.

Activities and exhibits could include:

- Storytelling, especially focused on Colony's history, churches, cemeteries and other noteworthy places
- Scheduled tours and presentations at locations outside the municipal complex
- Competitive cooking such as a barbecue cook-off, pie and cake contests
- Basketball at the gym, volleyball in the park and softball on the ballfield
- Presentations by elected officials from around Cullman County
- Inflatables, games, crafts and face painting for the kids
- Fire trucks and other emergency vehicles
- Live music and other entertainment
- Craft, food and retail vendors
- Antique cars and tractors
- Picnic in the park
- Poetry contest

Planners understand that putting on such an event will be a challenge in terms of both logistics and finances, but Alexander said, "I believe if the people really want to have it, they'll step up and donate money or donate their time. It just depends on where we want to go with it."

Homecoming!

Planners will reach out to folks around Alabama and even across the country, to get people with Colony connections to come back for a visit. Mayor Leeth said he hopes to coordinate a Leeth family reunion with the event, and he would like to see other families do the same.

Repeating history

The actual scale of Colony Day will, of course, depend on community interest and participation, as well as fundraising, but Fields, who spoke to The Tribune Sunday, already sees parallels to a massive celebration held in his community in the early 1970s.

"It was one of the best things Colony had ever done," said Fields.

"We had people from every family, people from all parts of the country: California; Wichita, Kansas; of course Detroit, Michigan; Ohio- Cleveland, Canton, Cincinnati- Florida; Georgia; Mississippi.

"People made contact with family members with family members with family members- extended family members, and they planned that thing well, and it was a great event.

"It was like a three-day event: Friday night, all day Saturday, Saturday night, and then Sunday worship. It was beautiful; it was something to behold."

Fields described a scene similar to what the current planners envision for this Colony Day, with folks frying fish and grilling, ball games, music and a pleasant evening banquet.

Fields continued, "There was people who met their relatives they didn't even know exist(ed), and you knew that they were relatives because they looked just like each other! That was a good thing about it.

"It was a blessing for the community, a blessing to families, because, you know, you've talked to people, and you're like, 'Lord have mercy!'

"And the talent that came out of Colony, that had its roots in the Colony, people that were doing things in other parts of the country, it was amazing. Yeah, it was absolutely amazing.

"And see, now, you take all these people that are out there, 99% of them have probably never been to the Colony, if you can get them to come home, probably have never been."

Fields is committed to whatever Colony can come up with this year, telling The Tribune, "I'm going to do all I can to make sure that this happens, because people need to know who they are, and they need to know their families. And we've got young people now who are doing exceptionally well in other parts of the country, and hopefully get them home."

Get involved!

To keep up with plans or to help with the planning yourself, visit www.facebook.com/colony.townhall.

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Obituary Announcements: Jan. 29

Rodger Dale Tankersley was born Jan. 7, 1955 and passed away on Jan. 27, 2020.

Barry Gene Odom, 57, of Arley passed away Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020 at DCH Regional Medical Center in Tuscaloosa. Mr. Odom was born Dec. 13, 1962 in Jasper. Barry lived in Arley and took an active part in his church and community. He was a kind and gentle person who was always happy and never met a stranger. Barry loved Meek sports, especially Meek Toy Bowl, serving as their manager. He was a big fan of Alabama football. At age 3, he began his schooling at the Shrine School in Jasper. At age 7, Barry started further education at the Alabama School for the Deaf in Talladega; graduating in May 1984. Visitation will be Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Arley Congregational Christian Church, with funeral to follow at 1 p.m. Reverend Robert Partridge and Doctor Tim Noland will officiate the service. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery. Barry is survived by his mother Annie Odom Evans; uncle Willard (Shelby) Wadsworth; aunts Nola Key, Loree Peppers and Gwenda (Thomas) Tidwell; special friend Shirley Martin; and a host of cousins. He was preceded in death by his father Roy Lee Odom; an infant brother; and grandparents Milford and Flora Wadsworth and Buel and Evelyn Odom.

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Brumley (from Front)

and we would also like to welcome him to Cullman City Schools."

Rainey will be leaving Cullman City Schools to "move to the next chapter."

"It's bittersweet," he said.

"This has been home for 17 years. Both boys went through school here.

"The great thing is I will still have my hand in public education.

"For those who don't know, I'm going to work for the Alabama School Board Association as their finance director in Montgomery."

Rainey will remain in Cullman for the next five weeks before leaving for his new position.

Brumley comes to Cullman City Schools from Huntsville City Schools where he served as chief school financial officer.

Brumley said of the move, "I thank the board and I thank Dr. Patterson for the opportunity.

"I'm proud to be a part of the team and I am ready to hit the ground running."

Meeks (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – After a marathon session to seat a jury Monday, the trial of Bremen resident Bradford Neal Meeks, 29, in the May 2017 death of Cullman High School student Curtis "Curt" James Wilson, 15, got underway Tuesday morning at the Cullman County Courthouse.

Meeks is charged in the May 7, 2017 car crash that killed Wilson. Meeks was indicted in October 2017 on charges of reckless murder, DUI, DUI with blood alcohol concentration .08 or greater, unsafe lane change, driving on the wrong side of the road, possession of open container of alcoholic beverages in a motor vehicle and third-degree assault.

In his opening statement, Cullman County Assistant District Attorney John Bryant re-read and explained the charges against Meeks.

Defense attorney Johnny Berry opened by promising, "No one's going to say anything bad about Curtis Wilson or Ashley Wilson."

He said some important prosecution witnesses were friends of the Wilson family, and said that defense testimony will indicate that Meeks' driving prior to the wreck was better than some claim.

He also insisted that the case does not meet the definition of reckless murder, saying, "This is not a murder case" and, "I'll stake my 32 years that (Judge Gregory Nicholas) is going to give you some different charges."

Prosecutors entered Meeks' medical records from UAB Hospital, followed by testimony from the nurse who drew blood from Meeks in the UAB emergency room, as well as the medical technologist who tested the sample in a UAB lab.

Both talked about the processes and safeguards involved in their duties.

After detailed explanations, the technologist stated that her test showed a blood alcohol concentration of .263 for Meeks.

On cross examination, Berry argued that machinery can fail and technicians can mishandle samples, from drawing to processing. He concluded his cross examination after getting the technologist to agree that both humans and machines can make mistakes.

Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) State Trooper and Traffic Homicide Investigator Seth Hannah talked about his attempt to get a blood sample from Meeks that was refused, and a subsequent effort with court search warrants that failed due to an equipment issue.

He also shared his observations of Meeks in the UAB emergency room the evening of the crash, noting conditions consistent with intoxication.

On cross examination, Berry pointed out issues in the trooper's report that, according to the attorney, showed Hannah's investigation was not as thorough as it could have been. Berry also pointed out that Meeks could have been given pain medications in the ER that could have made him appear intoxicated to the trooper.

In the late afternoon, a tearful Mark Wilson, Curt Wilson's father, testified about his experience the day of his son's death.

Then Ashley Wilson took the stand briefly to recount her experience of the wreck.

When asked what she remembered, a tearful Wilson replied, "I remember everything," and gave an account of the impact and immediate aftermath, including efforts to reach and get the attention of her unresponsive son, and demands to responding bystanders to help him before her.

Berry did not cross examine either parent.

Lisa Crane Hebert, who was following Ashley Wilson's truck at the time of the crash, next described what she witnessed.

Hebert, who tried to aid both drivers while emergency responders were still on the way, said of Meeks, "He seemed drunk."

When Berry pointed out her lack of medical expertise and questioned her ability to judge intoxication, she replied, "If you've ever been to college at a frat party, you could tell he was drunk."

Last to take the stand for the day was a cashier who was working at Van's Sporting Goods (located on County Road 222 where the crash occurred) on the day of the crash.

She testified that Meeks came in the store a little while before the wreck, exhibiting signs of intoxication.

On cross examination, attorney Brandon Little asked her why she did not call the police if Meeks left the store in that condition.

The trial continues Wednesday.



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