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EDUCATION

Cold Springs High focusing on academics, positive culture

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BREMEN, Ala. – This school year is the first in the principal's seat at Cold Springs High School for Eric Dickerson, who assumed the role July 1, 2019. Dickerson was assistant principal at the school before longtime educator Tim Burleson retired last summer. The Tribune sat down with Dickerson to discuss the positive things happening on campus since his transition.

"It's been great so far," he said. "We came in and I met with our teachers and I met with our students on the first day of school and the only thing I asked of them was, "Do something for somebody else; that's what I want you to do this year. I want you to think of somebody besides you and think what can you do.' We've tried to have a culture set up where we do things for other people. We've had a positive culture and we're going to be great!"

The school, under Burleson's last and Dickerson's first years as principal, drastically improved its score on the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) State Report Card, jumping 14 points from its 2017-2018 score of 77 to its 2018-2019 score of 91.

The report card grades are based on:

- Academic Achievement – 20%
- Academic Growth – 25%
- Graduation Rates – 30%
- College and Career Ready Data – 10%
- Chronic Absenteeism – 10%
- Enrollment by Student Subgroup – 5%

Cold Springs High School's 2018-2019 results were 91/A:

- Academic Achievement 67.08
- Academic

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MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cold Springs High School Principal Eric Dickerson poses for a photo in his office Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020.

– FEATURE –

Colony Councilman, Vietnam vet Melvin Hammond receives Quilt of Valor



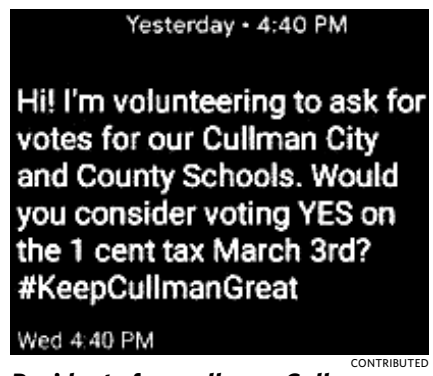
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Mary Harris (left) and Caroline East (right) wrap Melvin Hammond in his Quilt of Valor during a ceremony Thursday morning at the Colony Senior Center.

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Cullman-based PAC funding 1-cent tax campaign



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Residents from all over Cullman County have reported receiving this text message.

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2 local families celebrate 'Gotcha Day' finalizing adoptions

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CULLMAN, Ala. – It was a wonderful "Gotcha Day" for two families at the Cullman County Courthouse Thursday morning as two adoptions were made official by Cullman County Probate Judge Tammy Brown.

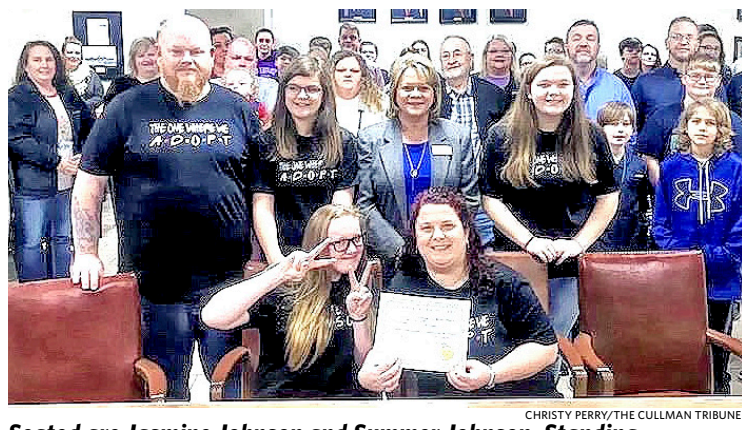
The commission conference room was standing room only as Jared and Summer Johnson's adoption of their daughter Jasmine was finalized. Jasmine was surprised as her entire eighth-grade class from Harmony School was bussed in to celebrate with their classmate.

The Johnson family began the adoption process in March 2018 after the passing of Jasmine's grandmother.

"She and my daughter were best friends when her grandmother died," said Summer Johnson.

"After that, we

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Seated are Jasmine Johnson and Summer Johnson. Standing immediately behind them, left to right are Jared Johnson, Laney Johnson, Cullman County Probate Judge Tammy Brown and Autumn Johnson. In the crowd are friends, family and faculty and students from Harmony School.

STATE

Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday this weekend

Nancy King Dennis
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – From Friday, Feb. 21 to Sunday, Feb. 23 Alabama will observe the state's ninth annual Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. The Alabama Retail Association encourages Alabamians to restock emergency supplies in homes, workplaces and vehicles during this three-day tax holiday. Certain emergency preparedness items will be exempt from the state's 4% state sales tax, and in some cities and counties, local taxes are waived on those items as well. The tax holiday means shoppers can save as much as 10% on these items in some areas of the state.

The cities of Cullman, Good Hope and Hanceville and Cullman County are all participating, along with the towns of Addison, Dodge

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 20

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 20, 2020. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 17
- domestic violence; CR 1338
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 433, CR 437
- domestic violence, menacing; CR 122
- domestic violence; CR 76
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- theft of property; CR 437
- domestic violence; CR 1725
- theft of property; CR 109
- theft of property; CR 437

Feb. 18
- harassment; Scott Dr.
- domestic violence, harassment; CR 1114
- theft of property; CR 747
- theft of property; CR 282

Feb. 19
- theft of property; CR 1763
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 N
- theft of property; CR 314
- harassment; Hwy. 157
- unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; Hwy. 69 S
- domestic violence; CR 230
- harassment; Scott Dr.

ARRESTS

Feb. 18

Black, Stormy Lynn, 35
- GJ- second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument (2 counts)
- GJ- second-degree forgery (2 counts)

Garner, Weslie Danielle, 32
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Gilley, Colton Chase, 23
- GJ- second-degree assault (2 counts)
- GJ- first-degree criminal mischief

Glaze Jr., James Ray, 41
- FTA- driving while revoked

Hopper, Cody Ryan, 29
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Jensen, Christopher Lee, 41
- probation denied- domestic violence- strangulation/suffocation

Sebastian, Andres Pascual, 27
- violation of state board of health rules or regulations

Smith, Timothy Maynard, 33
- GJ- third-degree burglary

Thornton, Zakariah Dewayne, 28
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

Varden, Lydia Anne, 26
- chemical endangerment of a child

Waid, Larry Andrew, 34
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Feb. 19

Abercrombie, William Paul, 42
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Golden, Kate Marie, 26
- plea agreement- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Lenz, Williams Dallas, 48
- illegal possession or use of a credit or debit card (3 counts)

Nail, Jodie Kline, 40
- GJ- third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument
- GJ- third-degree forgery (4 counts)
- GJ- fourth-degree possession of a forged instrument (4 counts)

Sheppard, Richard Blake, 33
- probation violation- third-degree burglary (2 counts)

Smith, Hester Jeanell, 35
- contributing to the delinquency of a minor

Stevens, Jeremy Wayne, 39
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (3 counts)

Strickland, Trey Michael, 19
- third-degree burglary
- first-degree theft of property

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 19
- identity theft; person
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; 4th St. SW; damage to '16 GMC Sierra; $1,000
- harassment; person; 13th St. SE
- duty upon striking and unattended vehicle; person; Hwy. 157; damage to '11 Kia Optima; $1,000
- third-degree burglary; Cabin Fever Beverages; Pear Dr. NW; damaged door, cash

ARRESTS

Feb. 19

Brannon, Thomas J., 33
- first-degree receiving stolen property

Nail, Jodie K., 40
- FTA- improper lane usage

Smith, Christopher N., 29
- FTA- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Feb. 21 - 23

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce February Community Luncheon
- 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the All Steak, 323 Third Ave. SE, Cullman
- North Alabama Works Assistant Director Stephanie McCulloch is the guest speaker.
- Chamber members: $20; Future members: $25
- Contact the Chamber at 256-734-0454 or info@cullmanchamber.org to reserve your seat.

Fairview High Class of 1963 Lunch
- Noon at the Golden Corral, 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW, Cullman
- For more information, call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

Spinning on a Drop Spindle: The Magic of Twist
- 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Peinhardt Living History Farm
- Learn how to spin your very own yarn from wool using the simplest of tools, the drop spindle!
- In this class you will learn how to take wool from fluff to usable yarn. We'll talk about some of the various types of spindles from around the world and discuss the different methods used to spin. The teacher will demonstrate a few of these spindles and methods for you!
- Whether you are a complete beginner or a seasoned spinner, we hope you'll join us for a fun day of learning. A drop spindle and wool will be provided at the beginning of the class. Please bring a sack lunch. If you wish to attend, please email peinhardtlhf@gmail.com.

Cullman EMS 9-1-1 Chili Supper & Cook-Off
- Saturday, Feb. 22 from 5-7 p.m. at Cullman First Baptist Church. All proceeds will benefit local nonprofit Curt's Closet.
- The cook-off competition is open to all law enforcement, firefighters, EMA, EMS personnel and dispatchers. The chili supper is open to the public for a $5 donation per person.
- Community members are encouraged to attend and vote for their favorite chili. First, second and third place will be awarded by popular vote from the community, as well as the award for Hottest Chili. Attendees will also have a chance to win door prizes and enjoy live music.
- Cullman First Baptist Church is located at 501 Second Ave. SW. For more information or to register your team, contact Curtis at 205-903-4486 or james.curtis@cullmanregional.com.

Benefit Singing For Jackie Camp
- 6 p.m. at Ole' Time Way Baptist Church, 1530 AL Hwy 157, Cullman, Alabama 35058
- New Dawn, Fellowship and Refined will be singing.

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

Bingo at Knights of Columbus Hall
- 6-9 p.m. at 3950 AL Hwy. 157, Cullman, Alabama 35055
- Open to everyone. Doors open at 6. Games start around 7.
- $5 per card (one $5 card is good all night)
- $1 extra for the jackpot drawing at the end of the night's games
- Coverall bingo are $1 extra per card (there will be 4 coverall games)
- Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Sunny Vaiden Live at Goat Island Brewing- 7-10:30 p.m.

Trifecta Live at Valley Tavern & Grille- 7:30-11:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

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

Free Community Meal
- Sunday, Feb. 23 at 5 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall, 1310 Katherine St. NW, Cullman, three blocks west of Publix
- Call 256-734-8717 if you need more information. Hot soup and chili on the menu!

MORE...

CCBOE Community Meetings
- The upcoming March 3 primary ballot will include a measure to create a new 1-cent tax to support schools. Between now and the March 3 vote, the Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) will hold a series of community meetings at local schools as well as the CCBOE office at 402 Arnold St. NE in Cullman to allow voters an opportunity to find out more about the plan and ask questions.

Remaining meetings are as follows:
- Monday, Feb. 24, Holly Pond in the Holly Pond lunchroom at 6 p.m.

Free Prostate Cancer Screenings
- Monday, Feb. 24 in the Cullman Regional Urology Clinic
- Screening checks your risk for prostate cancer through a PSA test and a digital prostate exam. The screening is available for men ages 50 - 69 or men over 40 who have a family history of prostate cancer. African-American men have a higher risk for prostate cancer and should start getting screened at age 40.
- While the screenings are free, an appointment is required. Schedule an appointment by calling the Cullman Regional Urology Clinic at 256-737-2177.

David Anthony Johnson at Wallace State
- Wallace State will welcome motivational speaker, storyteller and vocalist David Anthony Johnson to campus Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. in the Burrow Center Recital Hall as part of the college's Black History Month observances.
- Johnson is best known for his reenactments of the speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., emulating the reverend's vocal style. He has performed for and shared the stage with Civil Rights activists such as the late Rosa Parks, Johnnie Cochran, Maya Angelou and more. He also specializes in telling stories about the Underground Railroad and the Civil Rights Movements.
- The event is free, and the public is invited to attend.

Free Heart Screenings
- Feb. 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.

Heritage Homeschool A Gee's Bend Quilt
- Thursday, Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex
- Celebrated Alabama Gee's Bend Quilters will tell the story of their art and teach about their nationally acclaimed history. Storytelling, songs, and quilt show & tell will be a part of this one of a kind program! $8 per child, $16 per family. To register please go to www.Agriplex.org and click on the register tab. Follow the link to our new registration system RecDesk.

"I Love NY" Cabaret Dinner Show
- The Wallace State Community College Fine and Performing Arts program will present the "I Love NY" cabaret dinner show Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts.
- A Big Apple-themed three course dinner will be presented by the Wallace State Culinary Arts program. The meal begins with a Top of the Town Salad. The second course features Chicken Hash å la 21 Club, followed by New York Cheesecake Framboise for dessert.
- The "I Love NY" event will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Burrow Center Atrium. Cost is $40 per person, $75 per couple or $300 for a table of eight. Reserve your seats or get more details by contacting Heather Gillikin at 256-352-8277 or heather.gillikin@wallacestate.edu.

Cullman Lions Club Fish & Ham Dinner
- Saturday, Feb. 29, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Cullman Middle School cafeteria
- $10 per plate- Choice of catfish filet or ham, baked potato, slaw, hushpuppies, dessert and drink (eat in or carry out)
- Drive-Thru available on north side.

LEGALS

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2020-061

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EDNA B. MELVIN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Joel D. Melvin on the 12th day of February, 2020, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Joel D. Melvin
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO PC 2019-302
ROBERT WAYNE COOK *
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
JOINT PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: LISA JOYCE, PATTIE SUE WALSH, ROBERT COOK AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Joint Petition for Probate of Will for the Estate of Robert Wayne Cook, has been set for hearing on the **21st day of April, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.**

All persons of interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 5th day of February 2020.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2019-296

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF STEPHEN LAWRENCE GLENN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Edward Wesley Glenn on the 5th day of February, 2020, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Edward Wesley Glenn
Personal Representative

To the publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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Tammy Brown
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
LEONARD MATTHEW MISCONIS * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
DECEASED. * CASE NO.: PC-2019-385

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to BETTY BYE, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LEONARD MATTHEW MISCONIS, on the 5th day of February, 2020, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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Betty Bye
BETTY BYE, Personal Representative of the Estate of LEONARD MATTHEW MISCONIS, deceased

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ANNIE LOUISE PARKER SPEEGLE TUBBS* CASE NO.: PC2020-056
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to S. WAYNE SPEEGLE, as Personal Representative of the Estate of ANNIE LOUISE PARKER SPEEGLE TUBBS, deceased, on the 5th day of February, 2020, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Young Addison squad gearing up for 2020 season

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. – When the Addison Lady Bulldogs take the field this year under Lana Hines, in her eighth year as Head Coach, it will be the youngest Bulldog team in anyone's memory. The Lady Bulldogs will field a team with only one senior, one junior and three sophomores. The rest of the team will be a few freshmen and over half the team will be in the eighth grade. That is a stretch even for a small school in 2A like Addison. Hines thinks more specialization in high school athletes today is a factor in the small numbers and lack of upperclassman on the roster,

"A lot of the girls today are specializing in one sport," Hines said. "They don't play all sports like they used too."

Coach Hines credits her two assistants, Jeff and Jeremy Luker, in helping her to get the best out of the young Bulldogs.

"They both have full time jobs and still find time to come and assist me in making these young ladies better."

Hines has had an unusual challenge so far with this group when it comes to managing expectations. Despite their lack of experience, her team is excited the field and find out what they can do.

"Our biggest weakness is also probably one of our strengths. That being our youth and inexperience. I know it sounds weird, but the girls really don't know that they aren't expected to be great," Hines said.

"They really don't know what to expect since we have only a handful of girls that have actually even stepped on the diamond in a varsity softball game."

Sophomore Anna Grace Luker is the most experienced Bulldog returning this season. She was the ace for the Dawgs last year and appears to be set to resume that role this year. The next two Lady Dawgs to likely pitch this season are in the seventh grade, Katie Barrett and Preslei Atkins.

"You can see the drop off if we have to start someone else other than Anna Grace. Katie and Preslei have talent and are going to be good but they are only in the seventh grade," Hines said. "Defensively, I think that we can be pretty good. We are going to have to help out our pitchers."

Hines knows that her team is facing some adversity this season but is optimistic about her core of returning players and their leadership potential on the field.

"It is going to have to be a true team effort. Anna Grace and Madison (Aderholt) are going to have to lead us at the plate. Both of them homered a few times last year. I need both of them to show leadership due to our youth," Hines said.

"I think that Lexie Luker, Karley Early and Saig Carter can help us. The unknown we have on the team is Kaylee Brummett. I think that she is going to play second base for us, but she hasn't played softball in six years. Kaylee is a good athlete so I am sure that she can help us."

The Addison Lady Dawgs are in a pretty tough region. 2019 State 2A runner up Hatton and playoff regional participant Winston County are the odds-on favorites since they return a large portion of their teams. Tanner and Addison round out the region and will try to challenge Hatton and Winston County for a playoff berth.



JAMIE LUKER
Addison's Anna Grace Luker (40) returns as the most experienced arm on the mound for the Lady Bulldogs this season.

The 2020 Addison Lady Dawgs may be best described as the Addison "Baby Dawgs" due to their tremendous youth and inexperience but rest assured that these young ladies will go out each and every game and give it everything that they have to bring success to Addison High School. Addison's first two ballgames have been canceled due to weather but their next chance on the schedule a chance you should come out and see these young Baby Dawgs play, they just might surprise you.

Alabama falls in final minutes to Texas A&M, 74-68

Aaron Jordan
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – After leading for the first 17 minutes of the second half, the Alabama men's basketball team allowed a late 12-0 run and came up short against Texas A&M, 74-68, in Coleman Coliseum Wednesday night.

The Crimson Tide (14-12, 6-7 SEC) led by as many as nine points in the second half and was clinging to a six-point lead, 62-56, with 4:16 left.

However, the Aggies went on a 12-0 run over the next 3:18 to take a 68-62 lead with 58 seconds remaining and held on to steal the victory.

Freshman Jaden Shackelford led Alabama with 24 points, shooting 8-of-17 from the floor and 6-of-15 from three, marking his third consecutive 20-plus point scoring game and his seventh this season.

Sophomore guard Kira Lewis Jr. finished with 16 points, connecting on 4-of-10 from beyond-the-arc. Junior John Petty added 11 points and a game-high four assists.

Texas A&M (13-12, 7-6) was led by Quenton Jackson who scored 20 points.

Wendell Mitchell finished with 18 points, while Josh Nebo added 14 points and a game-high eight boards.

Coach Nate Oats Postgame Comments

"This was a disappointing loss, one we really needed if we're going to make a run at the NCAA tournament. You've got to give Texas A&M a lot of credit, they're playing hard. They outrebounded us and shot the ball well. They haven't shot it as well as they did tonight in any of the games I saw on film. You've got to give their guys a lot of credit. It's a very disappointing loss for us. The one bright spot, in my opinion, was Beetle (Bolden). If you look at the box score, we were +17 in the 17 minutes he was in. That's pretty impressive. I thought he turned the whole game around for us when he came in the first half. I also thought he had the best practice of anybody yesterday. That's kind of how this game works. You come in and practice hard and you get yourself ready to play, then you come here, and you play well in the game. He's a senior and he's seeing the end. It's close and I think he's ready to make sure he goes out like a senior is supposed to go out. I'm proud of Beetle. I got on him pretty hard in practice and coached him harder than anybody else and he responded well. On Tuesday's practice, he came out well and tonight played the best game of anyone. We have got to get this figured out. Some of this is on the coaching staff. We didn't do a great job of attacking the pressure. That's on me, and we've got to get them more prepared to play."

Team Stats

- Alabama finished the game going 16-of-44 from beyond the arc, and have now went 51-of-138 from deep over its last three games alone
- The Tide led for 22:13 of the game, with 17:46 of that time being in the second half
- Herbert Jones led the team with five rebounds and three steals, all while playing with one hand after having his left wrist surgically repaired two weeks ago
- Beetle Bolden finished with six points and had a +/- of +17 in his 17 minutes of action before fouling out

First Half

- Texas A&M scored the first eight points of the game to take an 8-0 lead at the 16:54 mark of the first half
- An 11-3 Alabama run tied the game at 11 with 13:16 to play in the opening half
- Jaylen Forbes converted a three-point play to cut the Texas A&M lead to 20-18 with 7:59 remaining in the first
- After falling behind 24-18, the Crimson Tide used four consecutive three-pointers to make a 12-0 surge and grab a 30-24 lead with 3:56 to play until halftime
- Alabama would finish the half on a 16-4 run and lead 34-28 at the half
- Shackelford led the Tide with 10 first half points while Petty added eight


RODGER CHAMPION/UA ATHLETICS
Alabama guard Jaylen Forbes (12).

Second Half

- A Petty triple extended the Tide's lead to 48-41 with 13:28 remaining
- With 11:32 to go in the game, Alabama held tight to a 48-46 advantage
- The Tide and Aggies exchanged three-pointers as Alabama clung to a 56-53 lead with 7:55 left in the contest
- Shackelford completed a three-point play to extend Alabama's lead to 62-56 with 4:18 to go
- Texas A&M used a 9-0 run to take a 65-62 lead with just 1:47 remaining
- With the Aggies leading by six, 68-62, with 58 seconds remaining, a three-pointer by Reese made it a 68-65 Aggies lead with 40.8 seconds left
- After two free-throws by the Aggies made it 70-65, a twisting three-pointer by Lewis cut the Tide's deficit to 70-68
- The Aggies would close the game with free throws to escape with the 74-68 win

The Tide will return to action on Saturday as it travels to face Ole Miss for their lone meeting of the regular season. The game will top off at 7:30 pm and will be available to watch 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 scores 22, Auburn falls 65-55 at Georgia

Cody Voga
AU Athletics

ATHENS, Ga. – For the J'Von McCormick scored a game-high 22 points but No. 13 Auburn fell to Georgia 65-55 Wednesday at Stegeman Coliseum.

"J'Von McCormick was terrific," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said. "He played hard and played effectively offensively. We just did not give him enough help."

Senior Austin Wiley narrowly missed a fourth straight double-double, tallying 11 points and nine rebounds.

With Auburn trailing by six at the half, McCormick hit a pair of 3-pointers and scored 11 in the second half to keep the Tigers within striking distance.

Samir Doughty's 3-pointer pulled Auburn within four at 54-50 with 3:37 to play but the Tigers were unable to get any closer. Doughty scored 14 of his 15 points in the second half.

"We've had a lot of close games. We've had a lot of overtime wins. We've been grinding," Pearl said.

"For this team to have started 15-0 tells you how hard they worked in the offseason. Tells you how we worked really hard to get good right away, and that's a grind."

The Tigers played their second straight game without Isaac Okoro, who left the Alabama game on Feb. 12 with an injury.

Freshman Jaylin Williams, a Georgia native, played a career-high 16 minutes, grabbing a career-best six rebounds.

"I thought Jaylin Williams coming in and playing the most he's played all season long, just trying to find a way at the three and the four positions to make up for Isaac Okoro, who I think is as good as any player in our league," Pearl said.

"We knew Jaylin could have an impact on the game," McCormick said. "He just stayed right and ready, and it showed tonight."

Georgia freshman Anthony Edwards led the Bulldogs with 18 points on 7-of-16 shooting with seven turnovers.

With Auburn trailing 22-14, McCormick engineered a 9-0 run to give Auburn its only lead at 23-22 at the 5:11 mark of the first half.

The senior made Auburn's only 3-pointer in the half during the run, finishing with 11 first-half points.

"I was just taking advantage of what the defense gave me," McCormick said. "My mid-range was working tonight and I made a couple 3s."

Georgia (13-13, 3-10) answered with a 9-0 run to regain the lead. The Bulldogs led 31-25 at the half.

The Tigers (22-4, 9-4) return to Auburn Arena Saturday to play Tennessee at 11 a.m. CT.

"We've got five games left. We're 22-4," Pearl said. "We've got to find a way to win without Isaac and win with him when he gets back. And see if we can't capitalize on all that we've done to put ourselves in such a good position."


RODGER CHAMPION/UA ATHLETICS
Auburn's Austin Wiley (50).



CRIME

Man held at gunpoint, arrested after entering 2 residences in SE Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A Cullman County man was arrested in the early morning hours of Thursday, Feb. 13 after entering two homes in the neighborhood of 11th Street Southeast and being held at gunpoint by a resident.

According to Cullman Police Department Capt. Gene Bates, Chad Steven Daugherty, 29 was charged with two counts of third-degree burglary.

Capt. Bates said residents alerted the CPD about an hour before the arrest, after several of them saw a man lurking around the neighborhood.

"The officers had been down there searching around the area for about an hour when a call from another residence came in," he said. "The male resident saw that Officer Roy Bates had arrived, and when he opened his door to talk to Officer Bates, that's when the suspect ran inside his home.

"The female resident held the suspect at gunpoint and told him to get out. The suspect complied and walked outside, where Officer Bates also held him at gunpoint. He complied with Officer Bates' commands."

Capt. Bates said the officers on the scene, based on the suspect's actions and statements, felt Daugherty might have been under the influence of drugs.

"The officers called Cullman EMS and the suspect was transported to Cullman Regional for treatment," he said.

Capt. Bates commended the female resident for showing restraint with her weapon.

"This could have easily been a different story," he said.

"Someone comes into your home...It was obvious they used discretion. If they hadn't used the discretion they used, it could have been a real different story."

Capt. Bates said surveillance video showed Daugherty had also entered the basement or storage area of another home prior to the arrest.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chad Seven Daugherty

COURTS

Formal state judicial complaint preceded Chaney's retirement from District Court

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CULLMAN, Ala. – State court documents filed eight days before Cullman County District Judge Kim Chaney officially retired Feb. 15, 2020 indicate he is now the subject of a formal complaint filed by the Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission (JIC, a commission on which Chaney himself served from 2012-16) with the Alabama Court of the Judiciary (COJ), the state's body charged with considering legal matters concerning judges, and which, according to its website, "shall have authority, after notice and public hearing to remove from office, suspend without pay, or censure a judge, or apply such other sanction as may be prescribed by law, for violation of a Canon of Judicial Ethics, misconduct in office, failure to perform his duties."

The formal complaint, filed Feb. 7, alleges, "While serving on the Commission, Judge Chaney, in his official capacity as judge, appointed his son as an attorney in more than 200 indigent cases during the period from August 2015 through July 2017, for which Judge Chaney's son was paid approximately $105,000, exclusive of any monies paid pursuant to an indigent-defense contract," and that "Judge Chaney took judicial actions in some of those cases although he was disqualified."

Chaney faces three charges:

- Appointing his son to the indigent cases
- "Improperly taking judicial action and hearing son's cases," including "hearing motions, entering orders, and granting fee declarations, on cases wherein his son was an attorney"
- "Pattern and practice of appointing son and taking judicial action in son's cases"

Official notification from the COJ to Chaney of the charges was dated Feb. 18 and gave Chaney 30 days to respond to the charges. The letter also indicated that Chaney would have faced suspension from his duties as a judge had he not retired over the weekend.

On Wednesday, Chaney waived his right to respond, and he and the JIC made a joint request that the COJ expedite a required public hearing on his case.

Also on Wednesday, the COJ set a public hearing for 2 p.m. Feb. 24 in Montgomery, "to consider a proposed resolution of the charges in this case."

The JIC complaint can be viewed at http://judicial.alabama.gov/docs/judiciary/COJ56Complaint.pdf.

The formal complaint this month stems from a complaint made in the fall of 2017 by Cullman attorney Thomas E. Drake II, alleging "nepotism." At that time, Alabama Ethics Commission Executive Director Tom Albritton confirmed to The Tribune, "The commission found probable cause that Judge Chaney used his position for personal gain, that he violated Section 36-25-5." The case was forwarded to Alabama Attorney Gen. Steve Marshall's office for review.

Judge Chaney's son is Cullman attorney Alex Chaney. According to the Alabama Department of Finance, through open.alabama.gov, Alex Chaney received $118,766.80 in compensation from the Fair Trial Tax Fund for fiscal year 2016 and $86,406.86 for fiscal year 2017.





Adoptions (from Front)

just knew she belonged with us."

She passed out special commemorative Hershey's Kisses to everyone with a special "Gotcha Day" printed on the bottom.

As the Johnsons celebrated outside with friends and family, another adoption proceeding began as 18-year-old Annabelle officially became a Killion. A

lso supported by a crowd of family and friends, Annabelle was all smiles in a T-shirt that read, "My parents chose me. Yours got stuck with you! #proud-2BEadopted"

Annabelle is now the daughter of Kyle and Jennifer Killion and was joined by her new siblings at Thursday's proceedings.

Now a freshman at The University of North Alabama majoring in art, Annabelle is a 2019 graduate of Cullman High School.

She said upon the completion of the adoption, "Yeah!"



Quilt (from Front)

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COLONY, Ala. – Melvin Hammond, Colony town councilman and U.S. Navy Vietnam veteran, was presented a Quilt of Valor during a ceremony Thursday morning at the Colony Senior Center. Quilts of Valor Foundation North Alabama District Coordinator Mary Harris made the presentation, assisted by volunteer quilter Caroline East, wrapping Hammond in the quilt decorated with the motif of naval pennants.

Harris advised Hammond she hopes he will use the quilt and not just display it, saying, "The highest honor you can pay me is to wear it out by loving it too much.

"If you do that, you give me a call, and I'll see that you get another one!"

The Quilts of Valor Foundation's stated mission is "to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor."

Since 2003, the group has presented more than 246,000 quilts to veterans and certain civilians who served in various capacities to support the U.S. military or veterans.

On the organization's website, founder Catherine Roberts wrote, "I knew a Quilt of Valor had to be a quality-made quilt, not a 'charity quilt.'

"A Quilt of Valor had to be quilted, not tied, which meant hand or machine quilting. Quilts of Valor would be 'awarded,' not just passed out like magazines or videos.

"A Quilt of Valor would say unequivocally, 'Thank you for your service, sacrifice, and valor' in serving our nation in combat."

Melvin Hammond

Hammond served in the U.S. Navy from 1968 to 1988, including combat tours in Vietnam.

His posts included the U.S.S. America, U.S.S. Nimitz and U.S.S. Forrestal. He related to The Tribune that, in his years at sea, he circumnavigated the planet and visited both the Arctic and Antarctic Circles.

Hammond holds:

- National Defense Medal
- Navy Unit Commendation Medal, second award
- Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, third award
- Good Conduct Medal, second award
- Vietnam Service Medal with star

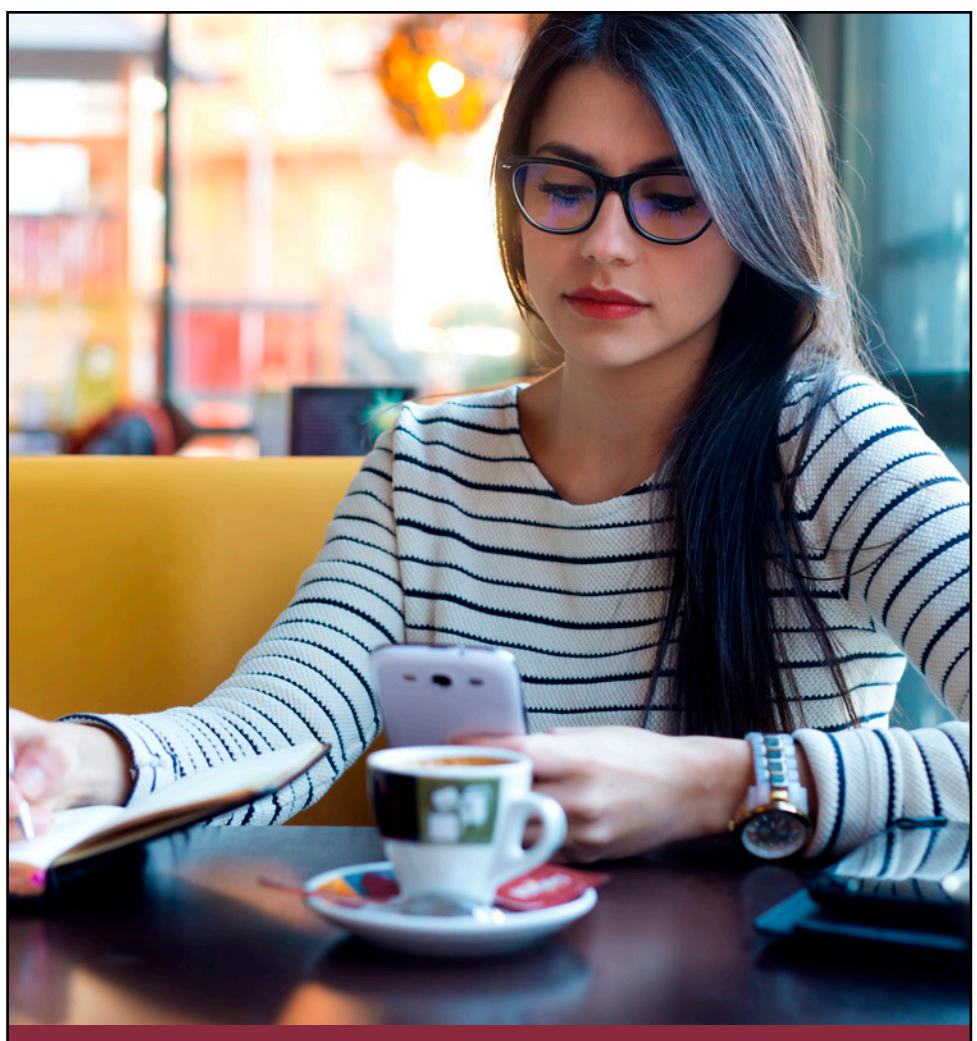
Hammond retired from the Navy and an E-6 yeoman first class, entering a second career with the U.S. Postal Service.

Hammond said of military service, "I think everybody should serve, because it's a unique experience and I got to see more of the world than I've seen of the United States.

"I believe that younger people would benefit out of this, too."









Sports

8:00 a.m. FSEE Women's College Basketball Baylor at Texas Tech.
9:30 a.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Puerto Rico Open, Second Round. (Live)
10:00 a.m. FSEE NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Atlanta Hawks.
1:00 p.m. FSEE Powerboat Racing Nationals, Guntersville, Ala.
GOLF PGA Tour Golf WGC - Mexico Championship, Second Round. (Live)
1:30 p.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow
3:00 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Cup Series Pennzoil 400, Practice. (Live)
4:00 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series Strat 200, Qualifying. (Live)
5:30 p.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow
6:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Buffalo at Kent State. (Live)
FSEE Boat Racing P1 APBA Offshore Championship.
6:30 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Cup Series Pennzoil 400, Final Practice. (Live)
7:00 p.m. WBRC WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live)
ESPN NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Oklahoma City Thunder. (Live)
GOLF PGA Tour Golf WGC - Mexico Championship, Second Round.
8:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball VCU at St. Louis. (Live)
FS1 NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series Strat 200. (Live)
9:30 p.m. ESPN NBA Basketball New Orleans Pelicans at Portland Trail Blazers. (Live)
FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow
10:00 p.m. FS1 NHRA Drag Racing Arizona Nationals, Qualifying. (Live)

Movies

9:35 a.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.
10:00 a.m. FREE "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" ★★ (2011) Kristen Stewart.
10:05 a.m. HBO "Shazam!" ★★★½ (2019) Zachary Levi Billy Batson is a streetwise 14-year-old who can magically transform into the adult superhero Shazam simply by shouting out one word. His newfound powers soon get put to the test when he squares off against the evil Dr. Thaddeus Sivana.
10:30 a.m. FX "War for the Planet of the Apes" ★★★½ (2017) Andy Serkis. A ruthless colonel leads his troops in a deadly battle against Caesar and his army of intelligent apes.
TMC "The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course" ★★½ (2002) Steve Irwin
11:00 a.m. TCM "It Happened One Night" ★★★★ (1934) Claudette Colbert. A newsman rides a bus and shares a cabin with a tycoon's runaway daughter.
11:30 a.m. AMC "Jack the Giant Slayer" ★★ (2013) Nicholas Hoult.
11:45 a.m. SHOW "Gremlins" ★★★½ (1984) Zach Galligan An inventor gives his son an odd little creature which multiplies into monsters which wreck the town.
12:00 p.m. TMC "Year of the Dog" ★★★ (2007) Molly Shannon After her beloved beagle dies, an office worker unsuccessfully searches for ways to fill the void in her life.
12:20 p.m. HBO "Van Helsing" ★★½ (2004) Hugh Jackman
MAX "The American" ★★★ (2010) George Clooney A hit man pursues a potentially dangerous romance with a local woman while hiding out in a picturesque Italian town.
12:30 p.m. FREE "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2" ★★½ (2012) Kristen Stewart.
1:00 p.m. TCM "Drums Along the Mohawk" ★★★ (1939) Claudette Colbert. Newlyweds face Indians and the British in upstate New York during the Revolution.

FRIDAY EVENING — FEBRUARY 21, 2020

MOVIES

		5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
WABM-MyTV	2	**25 Words or Less** (N)	**America Says**	**Family Feud**	**Family Feud**	**Dateline** "Lethal Weapon" A doctor poisoned with cyanide.		**CSI: Miami** "Caged" Horatio protects a martial artist.		**CSI: Miami** Investigation into a student's death.		**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**
WBIQ-PBS	4	**Ready Jet Go!** (El)	**Peg & Cat** (El)	**PBS NewsHour** (N)		**Washington Week** (N)	**Capitol Journal**		**Country Music** "Don't Get Above Your Raisin' (1984-1996)" Country music stays true to its roots.				**Antiques Roadshow**
WVTM-NBC	5	**WVTM 13 News at 5p** (N)	**NBC Nightly News - Holt**	**WVTM 13 News at 6p** (N)	**WVTM 13 News at 6:3**	**Lincoln Rhyme: Hunt for the Bone Collector** (N)		**Dateline NBC** (N)				**WVTM 13 News at 10p**	**Tonight Show-J. Fallon**
WBRC-FOX	7	**WBRC FOX6 News at 5pm**	**WBRC FOX6 News**	**WBRC FOX6 News at 6pm**	**Inside Edition** (N)	**WWE Friday Night SmackDown** (N) (Live)				**WBRC FOX6 News at 9pm**	**WBRC FOX6 News**	**WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm**	**(:35) TMZ** (N)
WIAT-CBS	8	**CBS42 News 5pm** (N)	**CBS Evening News**	**CBS42 News 6pm** (N)	**Entertainment Tonight** (N)	**MacGyver** A plane's pilot has a heart attack. (N)		**Hawaii Five-0** Murders follow the plot of an old novel. (N)		**Blue Bloods** Eddie clashes with her new boss.		**CBS42 News 10pm** (N)	**Late Show-Colbert**
WTTO-CW	9	**The Goldbergs** "Bill/Murray"	**2 Broke Girls**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**Charmed** "Breaking the Cycle" The trio rush to Harry's aid. (N)		**Dynasty** Liam gets a career opportunity. (N)		**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**The Andy Griffith Show**	**The Andy Griffith Show**
WPXH-ION	11	**NCIS: Los Angeles** A gang executes an undercover agent.		**NCIS: Los Angeles** Eric witnesses a friend being attacked.		**NCIS: Los Angeles** A rescue mission is organized for Blye.		**NCIS: Los Angeles** A former Marine is tracked by al-Qaida.		**NCIS: Los Angeles** The team takes an agent into custody.		**NCIS: Los Angeles** Aerial vehicle software disappears.	
WABM2-ABC	12	**ABC 33/40 News at 5PM**	**ABC World News**	**ABC 33/40 News at 6PM**	**Wheel of Fortune** (N)	**Fresh Off the Boat** (N)	**Fresh Off the Boat**	**20/20**				**ABC 33/40 News at 10PM**	**Jimmy Kimmel Live!**
A&E	42	**(4:00) Live PD** "Live PD -- 02.15.20"				**(:07) Live PD: Rewind** "Live PD: Rewind No. 303" (N)		**Live PD** "Live PD -- 02.21.20" (N) (Live)					
AMC	53	**(4:30)** ★★ **"The Book of Eli"** (2010) Denzel Washington. A lone warrior carries hope across a post-apocalyptic wasteland.				★★★ **"Taken"** (2008, Action) Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen. Slavers kidnap the daughter of a former spy.				**(:05)** ★★ **"A Walk Among the Tombstones"** (2014) Liam Neeson. A PI hunts the men who murdered a drug lord's wife.			
ANPL	47	**Tanked** NBA star Hassan Whiteside.		**Tanked** "NBA Wizardry" Giant pair of dice tank for John Wall.		**Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition** "A Tank Fit for a Tank" Tanks for Titus O'Neil and Urijah Faber. (N)				**Tanked** Wyclef Jean has tank emergencies.		**Tanked** Client wants 8-piece drum set tank.	
BET	55	**(4:00)** ★★★ **"Creed"** (2015, Drama) Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone. Rocky Balboa mentors Apollo Creed's son.				**(:05)** ★★ **"Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself"** (2009, Comedy-Drama) Tyler Perry, Taraji P. Henson, Adam Rodriguez. A boozy singer finds a way to change her life.						**Tyler Perry's Sistas** Personal choices threaten Andi's career.	
BRAVO	58	**(:13) Shahs of Sunset** "A Very Shouhed Passover"		**(:15) Chrisley Knows Best** An anniversary video.		**(6:46) Chrisley Knows Best**	**(:17) Chrisley Knows Best**	**(7:48) Chrisley Knows Best**	**(:19) Chrisley Knows Best**	**(8:50)** ★★ **"Office Space"** (1999, Comedy) Ron Livingston. A white-collar worker rebels against corporate drudgery.			
CMTV	61	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**Mom**
CNBC	35	**Mad Money** (N)		**Shark Tank** A capsule that keeps beverages hot.		**Shark Tank** Motion-activated LED light for toilets.		**Shark Tank** Motion-activated LED light for toilets.		**Shark Tank** An easy-to-use 3D printer for kids.		**The Profit** Ideal Cheese Shop is being neglected.	
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	**(:15) South Park** Animated. The outcome of the election.		**(5:50) South Park**	**(:25) South Park**	**South Park**	**South Park**	**The Comedy Central Roast** "Justin Bieber" Various celebrities roast Justin Bieber.				**This Week-Comedy**	**South Park**
DISN	49	**(:05) Jessie**	**"Zombies 2"** (2020) Meg Donnelly. A budding romance is threatened by werewolves. 'NR'			**Bunk'd** "Lava at First Sight"	**(:45) The Owl House** (N)	**(:07) Bunk'd**	**Gabby Duran**	**Coop & Cami Ask the World**	**Sydney to the Max**	**(9:55) Bunk'd**	**Gabby Duran**
DSC	43	**Gold Rush** Failure leads to an explosive uprising. (N)		**Gold Rush: Pay Dirt** "Frozen Treasure" (N)		**Gold Rush** (N)						**(:02) Outback Opal Hunters** "Machine Mayhem" (N)	
E!	21	★★★ **"Friday"** (1995, Comedy) Ice Cube, Chris Tucker, Nia Long. Buddies in South Central L.A. ponder repaying a dealer.				★★ **"Next Friday"** (2000, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps, Justin Pierce. A young man lives with kin who won the lottery.				★ **"Friday After Next"** (2002) Ice Cube, Mike Epps. Two cousins land jobs as security guards at a shopping mall.			
ESPN	29	**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**NBA Countdown** (N) (Live)		**NBA Basketball** Denver Nuggets at Oklahoma City Thunder. From Chesapeake Energy Arena in Oklahoma City. (N) (Live)					**NBA Basketball** New Orleans Pelicans at Portland Trail Blazers. (N) (Live)		
ESPN2	30	**Weigh-In: Deontay Wilder vs. Tyson Fury II** (N) (Live)		**College Basketball** Buffalo at Kent State. From the Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center in Kent, Ohio. (N) (Live)				**College Basketball** VCU at St. Louis. From Chaifetz Arena in St. Louis. (N) (Live)				**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)	
FOOD	45	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**
FREE	48	★★★ **"Tarzan"** (1999) Voices of Tony Goldwyn, Glenn Close. Animated. A man raised by apes meets other humans.				**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy** "Nanny Goats"	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**The 700 Club**	
FS1	20	**Weigh-In: Deontay Wilder vs. Tyson Fury II** (N) (Live)		**NASCAR Race Hub Weekend**	**NASCAR Cup Series** Pennzoil 400, Final Practice. (N) (Live)		**NASCAR Raceday**	**NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series** Strat 200. From Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Las Vegas. (N) (Live)				**NHRA Drag Racing** Arizona Nationals, Qualifying. (N) (Live)	
FSEE	32	**Georgia Tech Basketball**	**Sports Stars of Tomorrow**	**Boat Racing** P1 APBA Offshore Championship.		**Fight Sports: Boxing**				**3 Wide Life** (N)	**Sports Stars of Tomorrow**	**Auburn Basketball Review**	**Georgia Tech Basketball**
FX	28	**(4:30)** ★★ **"The Heat"** (2013, Comedy) Sandra Bullock. A federal agent and a Boston cop go after a drug lord.				★★ **"Bad Moms"** (2016, Comedy) Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell. Three overworked and stressed-out mothers go wild.				**The Weekly** "The Promise"	**(:32) The Weekly**	**(:03)** ★★★ **"Straight Outta Compton"** (2015, Biography)	
GOLF	82	**PGA Tour Golf** WGC - Mexico Championship, Second Round.		**Golf Central** (N) (Live)		**PGA Tour Golf** WGC - Mexico Championship, Second Round.							
HALL	72	**"My One & Only"** (2019, Romance) Pascale Hutton, Sam Page. A contestant on a dating show starts to fall for someone.				**"Valentine Ever After"** (2016, Romance) Autumn Reeser, Eric Johnson. A woman finds love and her true calling in life.				**"Christmas at Dollywood"** (2019, Comedy) Niall Matter. An event planner organizes the Christmas celebration at Dollywood.			
HGTV	46	**Love It or List It** Ken and Mark's cabin home.		**Love It or List It** Couple needs more room for their family.		**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**
HIST	40	**Washington** He is chosen to lead the revolution.				**Washington** Washington uses sheer force of will.				**(:02) Washington** Warring nations attack the borders.			
LIFE	23	**Supernanny** "Corry Family" Maria deals with four children.		**Supernanny** Children have serious food allergies.		**Supernanny** Parents must learn to work together. (N)		**Supernanny** A blended family clashes. (N)		**(:03) Supernanny** A family with two rambunctious boys.		**(:03) Supernanny** "Garcia Family" Children rule the roost.	
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	**Lockup: Tulsa: Extended Stay** "Shackled Love"		**Lockup: Tulsa: Extended Stay** "No Escape"		**Lockup: Tulsa: Extended Stay** "Beat Down"		**Lockup: Oakland: Extended Stay** "Church of Enemies"		**Lockup: Oakland: Extended Stay** "The New Girl"		**(:03) Lockup: Tulsa: Extended Stay** "Beat Down"	
PARMT	57	★★★ **"Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"** (1989, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott. Indy's hunt for his missing father leads to the Holy Grail.						**Bellator MMA Live** Former welterweight grand prix competitor Easy Ed Ruth takes on undefeated Yaroslav Amosov. (N)				**(:15)** ★★★ **"Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"**	
TBS	25	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	★★ **"San Andreas"** (2015, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino, Alexandra Daddario. A rescue pilot must save his family after an earthquake.					★★★ **"Guardians of the Galaxy"** (2014, Science Fiction) Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista. A man must unite a team of aliens against a cosmic threat.				
TCM	79	★★★ **"The Children's Hour"** (1961, Drama) Audrey Hepburn. A schoolgirl ruins her two headmistresses with a scandalous lie.				★★★★ **"Terms of Endearment"** (1983, Comedy-Drama) Shirley MacLaine, Debra Winger. A mother and daughter maintain a strong but often turbulent bond.					★★★ **"The Hours"** (2002, Drama) Meryl Streep, Julianne Moore. Premiere.		
TLC	24	**(4:00) 90 Day Fiancé** Shaun Robinson gets answers.		**90 Day Fiancé** Shaun get news about the season.		**Dr. Pimple Popper** TJ has a hard, curious lump on his side.		**My Feet Are Killing Me** "Footnotes: Fixing Frankenstein" (N)		**My 600-Lb. Life** "Supersized: Carlton & Shantel's Story" Shantel and her brother Carlton have hardly seen each other. (N)			
TNT	26	**Bones** "The Fury in the Jury" Brennan serves on a jury.		**Bones** The murder of a food scientist.		★★ **"The Accountant"** (2016, Suspense) Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick, J.K. Simmons. An agent tracks an accountant who works for criminals.					★ **"Gone in Sixty Seconds"** (2000, Action) Nicolas Cage, Angelina Jolie, Giovanni Ribisi.		
USA	27	**Modern Family** "The Feud"	**Modern Family**	**Modern Family**	**Modern Family** "Las Vegas"	**Modern Family**	**Modern Family** "Australia"	**Modern Family** "Sleeper"	**Modern Family**	**Modern Family** (Part 1 of 2)	**Modern Family** (Part 2 of 2)	**Modern Family**	**Modern Family** "Do Not Push"
WE	71	**Love After Lockup** Andrea and Lamar reveal a secret.		**Love After Lockup** Brittany begins a difficult search.		**Love After Lockup** Sarah faces off with Michael.		**Love After Lockup** Lacey risks everything. (N)		**(:09) Extreme Love** Married couple's new love slave.		**(:09) Love After Lockup** Lacey risks everything.	
HBO	518	**(4:30)** ★★★ **"John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum"** (2019, Action) Keanu Reeves. 'R'			**(:45)** ★★ **"Godzilla: King of the Monsters"** (2019, Science Fiction) Kyle Chandler. Godzilla collides with Mothra, Rodan and King Ghidorah. 'PG-13'					**Real Time With Bill Maher**		**High Maintenance** (N)	**The Outsider**
MAX	549	**(4:20)** ★★★ **"Die Hard"** (1988, Action) Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman, Bonnie Bedelia. 'R'			**(:35)** ★★ **"Bad Times at the El Royale"** (2018, Suspense) Jeff Bridges, Jon Hamm. Premiere. Strangers get one last shot at redemption at a seedy hotel. 'R'					**Strike Back** Section 20 launches a raid. (N)		**(9:50) Strike Back**	**"Dragged Across"**
SHOW	578	**(:15) "The Parts You Lose"** (2019, Drama) Aaron Paul. A deaf child befriends a potentially dangerous fugitive. 'NR'				★★★ **"Trumbo"** (2015, Biography) Bryan Cranston. Premiere. Screenwriter Dalton Trumbo gets blacklisted in 1947. 'R'				**(:05)** ★★ **"The Upside"** (2017, Comedy-Drama) Kevin Hart. A quadriplegic develops a friendship with his caretaker. 'PG-13'			
TMC	598	**(3:30)** ★★★ **"House Party"**	**(:25)** ★★ **"House Party 2"** (1991) Christopher Reid. Rappers try for college and quick cash.			★★★★ **"Stand by Me"** (1986, Comedy-Drama) Wil Wheaton, River Phoenix. 'R'			★★★ **"The School of Rock"** (2003, Comedy) Jack Black, Joan Cusack. An unemployed guitarist poses as a teacher. 'PG-13'				**"Wet Hot Smmr"**

1:30 p.m. FX "X-Men: Apocalypse" ★★½ (2016) James McAvoy.
1:35 p.m. SHOW "Real Steel" ★★½ (2011) Hugh Jackman
2:00 p.m. AMC "Total Recall" ★★½ (2012) Colin Farrell.
2:05 p.m. MAX "The Last Castle" ★★½ (2001) Robert Redford
2:30 p.m. PARMT "Raiders of the Lost Ark" ★★★★ (1981) Harrison Ford. Globe-trotting archaeologist Indiana Jones races the Nazis for possession of a legendary religious artifact.
2:35 p.m. HBO "Midnight Special" ★★★ (2016) Michael Shannon The government and a group of religious extremists pursue a man and his son, a young boy who possesses special powers.
3:00 p.m. TCM "Jezebel" ★★★½ (1938) Bette Davis. A New Orleans belle uses another man to make her fiance jealous.
3:30 p.m. TMC "House Party" ★★★ (1990) Robin Harris Kid is grounded by his dad for fighting, but he is determined to sneak out to go to a huge party at Play's house and meet up with the hottest girl in school.
4:00 p.m. BET "Creed" ★★★½ (2015) Michael B. Jordan. Long-retired boxer Rocky Balboa agrees to train Apollo Creed's son to become a fighter, even as the former champ battles an opponent deadlier than any he ever faced in the ring.
4:20 p.m. MAX "Die Hard" ★★★½ (1988) Bruce Willis A New York policeman outwits foreign thugs holding his wife and others in a Los Angeles high-rise.
4:30 p.m. AMC "The Book of Eli" ★★½ (2010) Denzel Washington.
FX "The Heat" ★★½ (2013) Sandra Bullock.
HBO "John Wick: Chapter 3 — Parabellum" ★★★½ (2019) Keanu Reeves Stripped of the High Table's protective services, legendary hit man John Wick must fight his way through the streets of New York as the world's most ruthless killers try to collect the $14 million bounty on his head.
5:00 p.m. E! "Friday" ★★★ (1995) Ice Cube. A South Central Los Angeles resident hangs out on his front porch with a pal who owes money to a drug dealer.
FREE "Tarzan" ★★★ (1999) Voices of Tony Goldwyn. Animated. A man raised by apes in the African jungle encounters a professor, his daughter and a suspicious hunter.
PARMT "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" ★★★½ (1989) Harrison Ford. Archaeologist Jones rescues his kidnapped father, and the two race the Nazis to find the Holy Grail.
TCM "The Children's Hour" ★★★ (1961) Audrey Hepburn. Based on Lillian Hellman's play about the effect of a student's malicious lie at an exclusive boarding school.
5:25 p.m. TMC "House Party 2" ★★ (1991) Christopher Reid
6:00 p.m. TBS "San Andreas" ★★½ (2015) Dwayne Johnson.
6:35 p.m. MAX "Bad Times at the El Royale" ★★½ (2018) Jeff Bridges (Premiere)
6:45 p.m. HBO "Godzilla: King of the Monsters" ★★ (2019) Kyle Chandler
7:00 p.m. AMC "Taken" ★★★ (2008) Liam Neeson. A former spy puts his extensive training to the test when he must rescue his kidnapped daughter from sex-slave traffickers.
E! "Next Friday" ★★ (2000) Ice Cube.
FX "Bad Moms" ★★½ (2016) Mila Kunis.
TCM "Terms of Endearment" ★★★★ (1983) Shirley MacLaine. A strong-willed woman and her equally independent daughter keep the lines of communication open as each deals with the curveballs life throws at them.
TNT "The Accountant" ★★½ (2016) Ben Affleck.
SHOW "Trumbo" ★★★ (2015) Bryan Cranston (Premiere) In 1947, successful screenwriter Dalton Trumbo and other Hollywood figures get blacklisted for their political beliefs.
TMC "Stand by Me" ★★★★ (1986) Wil Wheaton A boy and his three buddies set out in the summer of 1959 on a hike to find a dead body.
7:05 p.m. BET "Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself" ★★½ (2009) Tyler Perry.
8:30 p.m. TBS "Guardians of the Galaxy" ★★★ (2014) Chris Pratt. A space adventurer becomes the quarry of bounty hunters after he steals an orb coveted by a treacherous villain, but after he discovers the orb's true power, he must find a way to unite four ragtag rivals to save the universe.
TMC "The School of Rock" ★★★ (2003) Jack Black Fired from his group and desperate for money, a guitarist poses as a teacher for students who play in a school band.
8:50 p.m. BRAVO "Office Space" ★★½ (1999) Ron Livingston.
9:05 p.m. AMC "A Walk Among the Tombstones" ★★½ (2014) Liam Neeson.
SHOW "The Upside" ★★ (2017) Kevin Hart
9:30 p.m. TCM "The Hours" ★★★½ (2002) Meryl Streep. Premiere. The writings of Virginia Woolf affect a housewife and emulate the life of a New Yorker who is in love with a dying poet.
10:03 p.m. FX "Straight Outta Compton" ★★★ (2015) O'Shea Jackson Jr.. In 1988, N.W.A revolutionizes music and pop culture with their brutally honest depiction of life in Southern Los Angeles.
10:15 p.m. PARMT "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" ★★★½ (1989) Harrison Ford. Archaeologist Jones rescues his kidnapped father, and the two race the Nazis to find the Holy Grail.
10:30 p.m. TMC "Wet Hot American Summer" ★★ (2001) Janeane Garofalo
10:40 p.m. MAX "Dragged Across Concrete" ★★½ (2018) Mel Gibson
10:55 p.m. BRAVO "Office Space" ★★½ (1999) Ron Livingston.

Best Bets

6:35 p.m. on MAX
Movie: Bad Times at the El Royale

Set in 1969, this 2018 thriller from writer-producer-director Drew Goddard flopped at the box office, but may be a cult classic in the making, given its glowing reviews from several critics. The story follows seven shady strangers who converge at a hotel on the California-Nevada border. Jeff Bridges, Dakota Johnson, Jon Hamm, Cynthia Erivo and Chris Hemsworth star.

7 p.m. on WIAT
MacGyver

It's never a good thing when you're on a plane and your pilot suddenly has a major medical mishap, but such is the situation Mac (Lucas Till) and his team find themselves in mid-flight when their pilot is stricken with a heart attack. As they try to provide the limited aid on hand, they discover this medical emergency was intentional in the new episode "Kid & Plane & Cable & Truck." Christopher Convery guest stars; Tristin Mays and Meredith Eaton also star.

7 p.m. on WTTO
Charmed

The Charmed Ones (Melonie Diaz, Madeleine Mantock, Sarah Jeffery) rush to Harry's (Rupert Evans) side to lend their assistance after he fails in attempting to expel his past. Unfortunately, he ultimately makes a deal with the devil in the new episode "Breaking the Cycle." As the three sisters continue their determined effort to restore the Power of Three, they find themselves in the gravest situation they've ever confronted. Poppy Drayton also stars.

7 p.m. on WABM2
Fresh Off the Boat

The acclaimed family comedy closes out its sixth and final season with two back-to-back episodes, starting with "Family Van," which finds Jessica and Louis (Constance Wu, Randall Park) mourning in their own way when the ancient but heretofore faithful Huang vehicle finally gives up the ghost. Then, in the series finale "Commencement," which Park directed, change is on the horizon as each of the Huang boys (Hudson Yang, Forrest Wheeler, Ian Chen) crystallizes his personal vision of the future. Guest stars include Matt Oberg, Jaleel White and Andy Richter.

7 p.m. on SHOW
Movie: Trumbo

Bryan Cranston scored a well-deserved Oscar nomination as best actor for his performance in the title role of Jay Roach's 2015 biopic about the life of esteemed screenwriter Dalton Trumbo, who landed on the infamous Hollywood blacklist after he declined to cooperate fully with the House Committee on Un-American Activities as it explored allegations that the movie industry was putting Communist propaganda in its films. Diane Lane, Helen Mirren, Elle Fanning, John Goodman and Michael Stuhlbarg also star.

9 p.m. on TRVL
Haunting in the Heartland

In this new supernatural-themed series, documentary filmmaker and paranormal investigator Steve Shippy travels America in search of communities, particularly in the Midwest, that have been plagued by a haunting and reached out to him for help. The series premiere, "The Watchman," finds him in Merrill, Mich., an old farming village that effectively has been held hostage by a malign entity since the 1800s. The hauntings seemed to spread to a family farm in the mid-1970s, but now another household near that property is under siege.



Constance Wu stars in "Fresh Off the Boat" on ABC.

Holiday (from Front)

City, Eva, Fairview, Garden City and Arley.

To see which communities are participating, go to https://revenue.alabama.gov/sales-use/sales-tax-holidays/alabama-severe-weather-preparedness-sales-tax-holiday. (Localities that do not levy a sales tax are not listed.)

From 12:01 a.m. Feb. 21 to midnight Feb. 23, the tax-exempt items include the following priced at $60 or less:

- Flashlights, lanterns
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Batteries
- First-aid kits
- Cell phone charger
- Two-way radios
- Manual can openers
- Tarps and plastic sheeting
- Duct tape
- Fire extinguishers
- Tie-down kits, bungee cords or rope

Other tax-free items include coolers, ice packs, plywood, window film and smoke/fire/carbon monoxide detectors.

Portable generators and power cords costing $1,000 or less are also tax-free.

For a full list of items, see http://bit.ly/2uhkrll.

Alabama Retail recommends having enough supplies in emergency kits to last 72 hours following a disaster.

For information on what items to include in emergency kits, as well as steps to take before and after disasters, visit ready.gov.

Cold Springs (from Front)

Growth 100
- Graduation Rate 97.18 *(highest)*
- College and Career Readiness 97.18 *(highest)*
- Chronic Absenteeism 13.5
- Progress in English Language Proficiency n/a
- Students with Disabilities 12.83
- Economically Disadvantaged 39.25

Proficiencies
- Reading 54.05
- Math 44.59
- Science 45.95

Dickerson attributes the positive trajectory to the school's focus on the ACT test. The ACT is a standardized test used by colleges to measure high school achievement and readiness for college-level academics.

"The first thing we did is we tackled the ACT, like everyone else," said Dickerson. "That's nothing new, but we took the test to see the breakdown of the data. We tracked it, we worked very hard, we made it, and this year we took it to another level. I read an article in your paper on Dr. Chris Gambrill (principal of Fairview High School), so we're following a lot of his leads because he was the one that started pushing us a couple years ago and we've put an extreme importance on the ACT."

Dickerson said attendance at Cold Springs High School is at an all-time high. The school's attendance rate is the highest of all schools in the county system.

"Attendance was almost 97% for last semester," he said.

On how the proposed 1-cent tax up for a vote March 3 could affect the school, Dickerson said, "We share a lunchroom with the elementary school. They go to lunch at 10 in the morning, we go after 1 in the afternoon. We'd get an expansion in the lunchroom; if they could add seating for 200 or more students, it would consolidate that time to make it better for everyone.

"There's a possibility to add an auditorium downstairs. Right now, it's just an auxiliary gym, but if we had an auditorium with seating and a stage with sound and lighting, now we'd be starting to offer the things that everybody else has. So, will the sales tax help? From an infrastructure perspective, yes. In time, that would certainly help."

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette has said the tax would also fund expansion of paved parking, a new agriscience/family and consumer sciences building, a new gym and updated science labs at the school.

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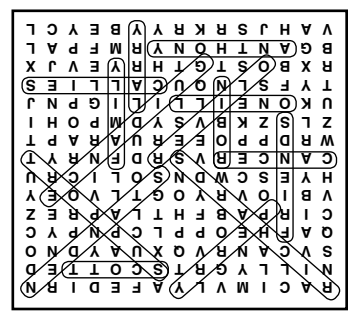
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"Council of Dads" on NBC

(Words in parentheses not in puzzle)

Robin (Perry)	(Sarah Wayne) Callies	Cancer
Anthony (Lavelle)	(Clive) Standen	Guidance
Oliver (Post)	(J. August) Richards	Support
Larry (Mills)	(Michael) O'Neill	Family
(Scott) Perry	(Tom Everett) Scott	(Close) Friends

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION



Obituary Announcements: Feb. 21

Funeral services for Marion Cornelius "Bo" Hudson, 83, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 at the Cullman Funeral Home chapel. The Reverend Doug Pitts will officiate. Visitation for Mr. Hudson will be Friday, Feb. 21, 2020 from 5:30-8 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home. The interment will be at Fairview West Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Hudson family. Mr. Hudson was born July 5, 1936 to Cornelius Greenberry Hudson and Idella Cone Hudson. He was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter Haley Scott; and sisters Kathleen Griffith, Thelma Pitts, Frances Quick, and Marie White. He is survived by his wife Rosanne Hudson; son Scott Hudson; step-son Gary Goodwin; daughter Lisa Scott, step-daughter Tracey Goodwin; grandchildren Adrea Ballew, Shaun Hudson, Rachael (Bobby) Childers, and Brandi (Chase) Hancock; great-grandchildren Breanna Ballew, Cameron Ballew, Bolyn and Emmitt Childers, Keeley Hudson, Kennedi Hancock, and Cohen Hancock; and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guest book at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Rodney Lee Hicks, 67, of McCalla, Alabama passed away Feb. 17, 2020. He was born Feb. 2, 1953 to Monroe and Rachel (Giles) Hicks. Survivors include brothers Darrell (Pat) Hicks and Randy (Janice) Hicks; nieces and nephews Heather (Dennis) Birdsall, Eli Hicks, Evan (Liz) Hicks, and Laura (John) Corbell; special friend Robert Everett; and a host of other family and friends. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 at Duck River Cemetery. Services will be led by Reverend Bruce Ellard.

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Cullman designated Tree City USA for 32nd consecutive year

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The city of Cullman on Thursday was designated a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for the 32nd consecutive year. During the ceremony, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs officially declared Feb. 23-29, 2020 "Arbor Week" in the city of Cullman and urged all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support Cullman's community forestry program.

Jacobs also mentioned that recent park projects have heavily incorporated trees and shrubbery.

"We hate to have to cut trees down," he said, "but even though we do have to cut some down, we always plant back more."

City Arborist Darrell Johns accepted the proclamation from Jacobs.

Jacobs praised Johns and the City Tree Commission, saying, "We appreciate Darrell, the tree commission and the forestry folks for all they do to ensure that Cullman's trees are protected.

"The tree commission members are all volunteers. They donate their time and efforts because they love this community and they want to help the City preserve and maintain our trees for future generations."

The North Alabama Forestry Commission's Albert Mayo presented the City of Cullman this year's Tree City USA materials which included a Tree City USA flag, two new "Tree City USA" reflective placards to be placed on existing signs in town and other materials.

Jacobs explained that due to inclement weather, the Tree City Flag could not be raised during the ceremony.

However, he stated that the flag would be raised in front of Cullman City Hall as soon as weather permits.

Jacobs also recognized the winners of this year's Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Each year in celebration of Arbor Week, fifth-grade students at each public and private elementary school in the city are invited to participate in the Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Four schools participated this year in the contest: West Elementary School, Cullman Christian School, Sacred Heart School and St. Paul's Lutheran School. First-place posters from each school were also judged at the state level.

"This year's poster theme was "Trees are Terrific... and Forests are too!"



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Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs (left) holds up Cullman's Tree City USA Flag with North Alabama Forestry Commission's Albert Mayo (right) Thursday morning.

The winners from each school are:

West Elementary
- 1st Place: Claire McPhillips
- 2nd Place: Colton Mason

Cullman Christian
- 1st Place: Aiden Sandlin
- 2nd Place: Vella Richter

St. Paul's
- 1st Place: Malachi Ard
- 2nd Place: Aubrey Murphy

Sacred Heart
- 1st Place: Karly Arndt
- 2nd Place: Yesenia Santiago

Campaign (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Residents from all over Cullman County have reported receiving text messages asking them to vote yes on the proposed 1-cent tax March 3. Complaints poured in to The Cullman Tribune via social media and email Thursday, with residents angry about being sent unsolicited campaign texts to their cell phones. The Tribune has learned the campaign is being handled by Ascend Agency Public Relations and Branding and is being funded by the Cullman County-based political action committee (PAC) Advocates for Excellence in Education. Ascend said it got registered voters' information from the Alabama Secretary of State's Office.

Texts

One text received read: *"Hi! I'm volunteering to ask for votes for our Cullman City and County Schools. Would you consider voting YES on the 1 cent tax March 3rd? #KeepCullmanGreat"*

Both the Cullman City School Board and Cullman County School Board quickly denied any involvement in the texts Thursday morning, each sending statements:

The Cullman City School Board statement, with the subject line "County Tax" read: *"Some individuals have received a text message seeking support for the 1-cent sales tax referendum supported by the Cullman County Board of Education. Cullman City Schools has not and will not share the contact information of students, parents, or employees at any time.*

"The City Board of Education has not taken a formal position on this referendum."

The Cullman County School Board statement read: *"Some individuals have received a text message asking if people support the 1-cent sales tax referendum. Cullman County Schools has not shared the contact information of students, parents, or employees. Volunteers are sending texts on behalf of the referendum."*

The #KeepCullmanGreat campaign

The Tribune reached out to Cydni Robertson, administrative assistant at Ascend Agency Public Relations and Branding (https://ascendagency.org), who, in an email dated Feb. 13, 2020 said, "We are currently working with the Cullman County Board of Education."

Thursday morning, Feb. 20, 2020, when asked about the text messages, Robertson said in an email to The Tribune:

"Just like President Trump, we are using technology to communicate with potential voters. The information did not come from the City nor the County schools. It is available to all campaigns in Alabama from the Secretary of State's office.

"We have hundreds of volunteers who are excited about doing something great for our community and when we have volunteers excited like this, that is something we should all get excited about.

"Per Superintendent Barnette, 'Yes there's always people who will vote no and always those who want to be left out or left alone, but we wouldn't be doing our job to support these kids if we did not speak up and do our best!'"

A media release sent from Ascend Agency Public Relations and Branding on the afternoon of Feb. 20, 2020 with the headline "#KeepCullmanGreat Text," said:

"Last night, 67 hard-working Cullman Countians and proud advocates for education volunteered their personal time to ask the people of Cullman County to support their City and County Schools on March 3rd. Each message sent was done so individually, by a volunteer who has a heart for our School Systems.

"On top of those 67, there are hundreds of volunteers who are excited about doing something great for their community and when there are volunteers excited like this, that's something we should all get excited about.

"Just like in President Trump's campaign for re-election, technology is being used to communicate with potential voters.

"The information didn't come from the City nor the County Schools. It is available to all campaigns in Alabama on a public list from the Secretary of State's office.

"There are always people who will vote no and always those who want to be left out or left alone, but we see it as our job to support these kids and we wouldn't be doing it if we didn't speak up and do our best for them and the future children who will call Cullman Schools a place where they come to learn and be welcomed!"

Funding

Robertson told The Tribune the PAC Advocates for Excellence in Education is funding the campaign.

According to the website of Alabama Sec. of State John Merrill, the PAC was formed Jan. 18, 2020 in Cullman County and is chaired by Wendy Crider, with Corey Whaley listed as treasurer.

Crider served on the Cullman County Board of Education from 2005-2017, according to her LinkedIn profile.

It's stated purpose is "Campaign for educational sales tax for public schools."

