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Cullman Chamber answers questions about its finances

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce (COC) held meetings Friday morning to allow stakeholders, Chamber members, the media and the general public to review its financial statements from the 2018-2019 Chamber year (ending Feb. 28, 2019).

For several months there have been discussion and controversy surrounding the use of lodging tax dollars by the COC, most notably surrounding Project X (which would have seen 2% of the lodging tax allocated to the Cullman County Schools endeavor, including a sports complex), the resignation of the COC president, resignation of COC board members, failure to disclose projects and expenditures to the tourism committee and a lack of transparency with the hotels that generate the lodging tax.

Project X was announced in March. In April, the Cullman Hospitality Association called for the lodging tax to be removed from the COC's control, and by June, the COC had voted to rescind its commitment of the lodging tax dollars to the project.

At Friday's meetings, the COC's Vice Chair, Finance & Administration Scotty Segroves and Charlie Eddy from accounting firm Warren Averett were present to answer questions, along with board members and staff from the COC.

COC Interim President Peggy Smith said, "It was just a few short weeks ago that I was appointed as interim president. During this time, I have worked very hard to try to understand the issues that are facing our Chamber."

Smith, who served as the longtime director of the Cullman Economic Development Agency prior to her work with the COC, came into the position this month after the resignation of former COC President and CEO Leah Bolin in May of this year.

Also resigning this year was Chamber Board Chair Dr. T.J Franey, who stepped down in early August, making Kay Shabel the new Chair of the COC's 2019-2020 Executive Committee.

Shabel was joined by Vice Chair of Tourism Jeff Tolbert to help answer questions in hopes of creating more transparency regarding how and where the COC spends its money.

Smith continued, "Change in leadership I know is difficult for any organization, and the Cullman Chamber of Commerce is no exception. I do want to thank the staff, officers, board and everyone in this community for making this Chamber what we need in Cullman."

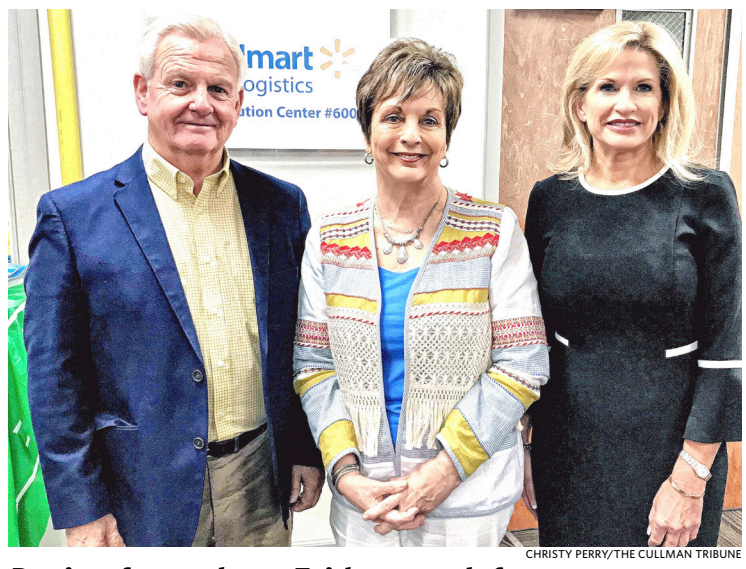
Eddy reviewed the 2018-2019 financial statements with the stakeholders, who had several questions.

Eddy explained why the COC financials were reviewed, as opposed to the organization undergoing a complete audit, which The Tribune called for in June of this year.

"Audits are much more expensive and take more time so we wanted to do our part and save the Chamber money and give them basically the same level of service at a lower cost," said Eddy.

The COC has not had a complete audit since 2007.

According to the financials provided for the 2018-2019 Chamber year, the COC has $411,401 in cash reserves with total assets of $1,390,920. The COC received $516,735 in revenue from the lodging tax, compared to $459,984 in 2017-2018. There was a noticeable spike in the money the COC spent on programs/events and salaries in 2018-2019. Programs and events expenditures increased to $481,468 in 2018-2019 compared to $302,040 in 2017-2018.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Posing for a photo Friday are, left to right: Chamber Vice Chair, Tourism Jeff Tolbert, Chamber Interim President Peggy Smith and Chamber Chair Kay Shabel.

Salaries increased by approximately $90,000 in 2018-2019, costing a total of $485,162 for the year.

Eddy defended the salaries, saying, "What we do is benchmark this chamber against other chambers that are in our network. (The) industry average based on what I see is salaries are generally 38-40% of revenues. The COC is right at 35% this year. I think now, if we benchmarked the chamber's salaries now, that would be even lower than it was in February of 2019."

Questions regarding lodging tax receipts seemed to be the largest concern.

The section of the financial statement addressing that states: "The proceeds of the 5% lodging tax levied by the State of Alabama are remitted to the Chamber by the Cullman County Commission. The Chamber will use 40% of the proceeds exclusively for the purpose of developing and promoting tourism and conventions, and 20% will be used exclusively for economic and industrial development purposes in the county. The Chamber recognizes these receipts as donors restricted net assets when are received from the Cullman County Commission. The remaining 40% is to be used as follows: 30% or the remaining amount will be used exclusively for the purpose of developing and promoting tourism and conventions, and 70% is designated to fund debt entered into by the Cullman County Commission in order to fund the 222 Interchange Project. The Chamber entered into an agreement with the Cullman County Commission to fund the 222 Interchange project during fiscal year 2014. In 2019, the Chamber received $711,495 in lodging tax receipts, of which $199,219 was remitted to fund the 222 Interchange Projects debt. The Chamber does not recognize

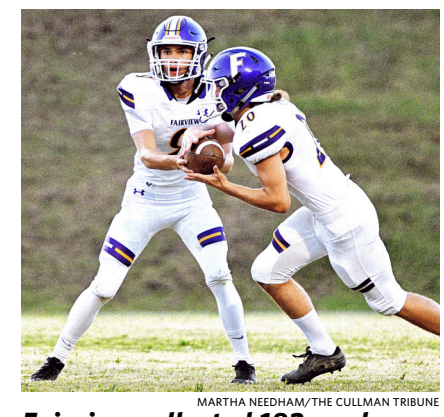
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PREP FOOTBALL

Aggies handle Bulldogs on the road 41-6



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview collected 183 yards on the ground during its 41-6 win at Hanceville Friday night.

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Labor Day Closings

CULLMAN, Ala. – City of Cullman and Cullman County offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 2 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Residential and commercial sanitation routes will run as normal in both the city and county.

Fairview Lions Club Labor Day Extravaganza set for Monday

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. – The Fairview Lions Club will hold its annual Labor Day Extravaganza Monday, Sept. 2 beginning at 7 a.m.

The celebration will include a parade and car show and other activities, which will take place at Randall Shedd Community Park. The parade will begin at 11 a.m., so roads will be closed beginning at 10:50. The parade will start at Clint Barbee Field and go down Wesley Avenue to the park.

The parade lineup will include fire trucks, grand marshal, Miss Fairala, the Fairview High School marching band, Fairview youth football players and cheerleaders, area churches and horses.

Also, the Brandin' Iron restaurant in Fairview will be open all day, with all proceeds going to the Fairview High School band.

Loretta's Bookstore & Storytelling opens in downtown Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Last week, Cullman welcomed a new used bookstore, when Loretta's Bookstore & Storytelling quietly opened its doors. Located at 320 First Ave. SE, the store, which can best be described as comfortable and inviting, is owned by Hannah and Luke Elliott.

Hannah Elliott said she didn't plan to open a bookstore right now.

"I wanted to open a bookstore later on in life," she said. "It was kind of on the backburner as a retirement plan, but I just kind of got a wild hair and went with it now. It's just something, like I said, that I've always wanted to do."

The business opened Aug. 23, 2019.

"It was a crazy process," she said. "Well really, like I said, it was just a wild hair, and I'm at an age where I thought it would be fun for my kids to grow into as well as my husband and I and it's something that we looked at realistically that if it doesn't work, well we tried something that we knew we would love and fall in love with, and it's just an adventure, really."

When asked, "Why Cullman?" Elliott shared, "For one, we like to shop just as locally as we can. We frequent the farmers' market and Berkeley Bob's and Karma's (Coffee House), and as far as downtown Cullman, we love what it has to offer; it just feels like home. I have a lot of people in my family that participate in the craft shows and it's just great being part of a community like that. I have a lot of friends that live in bigger cities and they love the small-town feel- it's just something we appreciate."

Elliott has plans for book clubs in the future.

"We're still getting to that point. This past week has just been trial and error, to see what's working for us and what's not working, and really so far our only criticism has been it does still feel empty, and of course it will because we are still filling up our bookshelves, but apart from the storytelling, what people have asked, both women and men, have asked, is will he have a spot or anything available for book clubs, and we do!"

She smiled, "There's a space back here that you'll see from this last bookshelf to the wall where it's empty. We bought a couple of tables to push together back there so that if anybody wants to get together and discuss a book, and we have multiple copies of certain novels that I think would be great discussion pieces, they can absolutely use that spot back there."

Storytelling times will (tentatively) be the first and third Friday of each month. For scheduling and more information on that, visit www.facebook.com/lorettasbookstore/.

"You don't have to be a big reader to fall in love with a piece of literature," said Elliot. "Really what we're aiming for is to help encourage people to read. It's really just promoting reading."

Loretta's Bookstore & Storytelling is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Oh, and where does the name Loretta come from?

According to Elliott, it's a nickname her husband Luke gave her: "It just stuck," she laughed.



Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 30

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 30, 2019. 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

Aug. 29

• third-degree burglary; person; 8th St. SW; tools; $420
• third-degree theft by deception; person; cash; unknown amount of property
• fraudulent use of a credit/debit card; person; misc. charges; unknown amount of property value
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; walkie talkies; $50
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $177
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; sunglasses; $76
• first-degree theft of property; person; CR 1601; '92 Jeep Cherokee; unknown amount of property value

ARRESTS

Aug. 29

Bagwell, Dachery D., 27
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- insurance violation (3 counts)
• FTA- driving without a license (2 counts)
• FTA- driving while revoked (3 counts)
• FTA- failure to register vehicle

Carter, Anthony L., 28
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Monroe, Ashley C., 33
• FTA- public intoxication

Stewart, Mary E., 34
• fourth-degree theft of property

Noe, Savannah B., 27
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- insurance violation
• FTA- driver's license not in possession
• FTA- failure to register vehicle
• FTA- open container in vehicle

Couch, Brandon S., 34
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
• FTA- driving while revoked

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Aug. 31 - Sept. 4

SATURDAY, AUG. 31

Inaugural Arab SugarFest
• A festival of delicious food trucks, car show, 5K, kids' games, rides, vendors & fireworks show! The event is free to attend.
• Saturday's festivities will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the Sugar Rush 5K.
• Beginning at 8 a.m. will be the Sweet Rides Car Show. The Miss SugarFest Beauty Pageant will start at 9 a.m. The Arts and Crafts Marketplace with food trucks is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Also at 10 a.m., the Sweetie Pies Children's Area will open. The Sugah' Bakers Cake and Sugar Cookies Cookie Decoration Contest begins at noon. Live music will be going on throughout the day, and guests can peruse the Dukes of Hazard rolling museum, complete with the General Lee, Boss Hogg and Daisy Duke replica cars.
• A sports lounge featuring two 65-inch TVs with seating and misting fans will be open. The Fireworks Spectacular will start at 9 p.m., followed by Movies in the Park, which will feature the film "I Can Only Imagine."
• SugarFest will take place at Arab City Park, 844 Shoal Creek Trail NE, Arab, AL 35016. From Cullman, take Alabama Highway 69 North to Arab, turn left at Main Street and turn right on Shoal Creek Trail NE.
• Find out more at www.thesugarfest.com.

Boston Butt/Rib Fundraiser
The local chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) will host a fundraiser Saturday, Aug. 31 from 8 a.m.-noon at Willingham Salvage, U.S. Highway 278 West. Boston Butts are available for a donation of $30 and ribs for $25. For more information, call 256-531-4591 or 256-709-7112. All proceeds will support Cullman Caring for Kids and the SCV's Southern historical preservation and education programs throughout Cullman County.

Ribeye Steak Sandwich Cookout
The Cullman County Cattlemen's / Cattlewomen's Associations will celebrate 25 years of preparing delicious ribeye steak sandwiches Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parking lot in front of the Cullman movie theater- sandwiches are $7 and drinks and chips are $1 each.

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, AL 35057

SUNDAY, SEPT. 1

23rd Annual Sweet Tater Festival
Smith Lake Park will host the 23rd annual Sweet Tater Festival Sunday, Sept. 1 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be live music, food vendors, arts and crafts, a car show and sweet taters. Admission is $5 per person and the armband is good for both days of the event!

Special Needs Free Swim at the Aquatic Center
• 3-5 p.m. 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.

MONDAY, SEPT. 2
LABOR DAY

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• Begins at 7 a.m. The celebration will include a parade and car show with other activities, which will take place at Randall Shedd Community Park. The parade will begin at 11 a.m.; roads will be closed beginning at 10:50. The parade will start at Clint Barbee Field and go down Wesley Avenue to the park.
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Holly Pond Town Council Meeting
7 p.m. at the Guy Hunt Memorial Library

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3

Bingo at Hilltop Senior Center
Seniors age 60 and older will meet at the Hilltop Senior Center, 1545 Vine Circle SW, in Cullman from 8:30 a.m.-noon for bingo, a penny auction and meal.

Lunch at the VFW
Everyone come to Tuesday's lunch at the VFW Post in Cullman. Starts at 11:30, $5 per plate. We have carryout if you can't stay and eat with us. We always have a great time. Love to see new folks and enjoy the usual group. See you on Tuesday! 112 Veterans Dr. SW

TOPS Meeting
• TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly- meets every Tuesday at the Donald E. Green Senior Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW Cullman
• Weigh-in 3-3:30 p.m.
• Meeting 3:30-4:30
• Contact- Candy Wachter 256-338-1272
• Facebook- TOPS AI0073 Cullman

Cullman City Planning Commission
5:30 p.m. at Cullman City Hall

Fairview Town Council Meeting
6 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall

Victory Support Group Meeting
• Victory Support Group is for all cancer survivors and co-survivors.
• 6 p.m. at Cullman Regional, Professional Office Building II, Depot Room
• Victory Support Group is supported by Cullman Regional and Clearview Cancer Institute, works closely with Nurse Navigators Ronda Neal and Jessica Nicholson, and is assisted by the guidance of Delbert Freeman, chaplain, Cullman Regional.
• Dr. Howard Williamson will be our guest speaker. He will speak about post or after cancer health (GYN) care. Come join us, ask those questions you have wanted to ask.
• For more information, contact Judy W. Grissom at 256-347-5993.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4

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.

UPCOMING....

Retiree & Senior Health Fair
• Seniors (50+), mark your calendars! The 2019 Retiree & Senior Health Fair is coming up Thursday, Sept. 5 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Donald E. Green Senior Center (1625 Cleveland Ave. SW in Cullman).
• Organized by the Cullman County Commission on Aging and Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism.

10-Mile Yard Sale
Gold Ridge Road (County Road 1545) Sept. 6-7 from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, call 256-5071376

28th Annual Golf Extravaganza
• Monday, Sept. 9, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. at Terri Pines Country Club
• Join the Cullman Regional Foundation for this fun-filled event while supporting your local hospital. This year, all proceeds will go to help with the purchase of a new ambulance.
• There will be a morning and afternoon golf session, along with other activities throughout the day which provides ample opportunity to get involved as a community partner by participating with the golf outing.
• Various levels of sponsorship are available.
• Non-sponsor teams can sign up to play for $600 or individuals can sign up for $150 per golfer.
• Secure your spot today to reserve the morning or afternoon session.

Activities include:
• 4-Person Scramble (Session I at 7:30 a.m. & Session II at 1 p.m.)
• Mulligan Packages
• Million Dollar Shoot Out
• Longest Drive Contest
• Putting Contest
• Helicopter Golf Ball Drop
– Breakfast & Lunch provided
– After-Tournament Social & Award Presentation

• For more information, contact the Cullman Regional Foundation at 256-737-2565 or crmcfoundation@crmchospital.com.

Cullman High School Class of 1956 Reunion
The Cullman High School Class of 1956 will have a reunion at the Brandin' Iron restaurant in West Point Sept. 10, 2019 at noon. All class members are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Jerry Smith at 256-734-1797 or Jim Rooker at 256-287-3210.

3rd Annual Bernard Blues & BBQ Festival
Sept. 14-15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at St. Bernard Arts and crafts, great music and plenty of delicious BBQ plus the giveaway of over $12,000 in cash! Admission to Ave Maria Grotto only $3 per person. Admission donation of $5 to the festival requested. No pets please!

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have its regular third Sunday night singing Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. Featured singers will be The Kellys from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. The church is located by U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986.

Cullman Forestry Planning Committee Field Day at Riverwood Farm
• Sept. 19, 8 a.m.-noon
• This event is for landowners, hunters, property managers and anyone interested in forest management. Topics will include wildlife habitat management, invasive species, NRCS cost-share programs and forestry management.
• Please RSVP to 256-734-1431 by Sept. 12, 2019. Please let us know if any accommodations are needed.
• 3.5 hours PLM available
• 7581 County Road 35, Bremen, AL 35033

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

TRADITIONS BANK,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) **CASE NO.: CV19 - 900205**
WENDY DUNLAP,)
Defendant.)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: The above named Defendant and her heirs or devisees, if deceased, whose whereabouts are unknown and which cannot be ascertained after the exercise of reasonable diligence, and to any and all other persons claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the above described matter.

You are hereby notified that on the 16th day of May, 2019, a complaint for ejectment was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama whereas the Defendant as named above is party to the instant action.

Defendant, Wendy Dunlap, is hereby directed to plead, answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint on or before the 30th day of September, 2019, else suffer judgment by default to be rendered against her, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who have not been personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

/s/ Lisa McSwain
Circuit Court Clerk

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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 *
GREGORY WAYNE YOUNG, * CASE NO.: PC-2019-248
*
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Patsy Hollis Young, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gregory Wayne Young, deceased, on the 30th day of August, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same be barred.

Patsy Hollis Young
Personal Representative

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, AL 35077

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
BEATRICE CARPENTER) CASE NO PC 2015-154
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR FINAL DISCHARGE AND AMENDED PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR FINAL DISCHARGE

TO: ANGELA K. LAPAN, ROYCE L. WALLEN, ROGER L. TURNER, JR., BARBARA D. DUFF AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice a Petition of Personal Representative for Final Discharge filed and made court record the 7th day of December, 2016, and Amended Petition of Personal Representative for Final Discharge filed and made court record the 22nd day of July, 2019. by Wilma J. Smith, Personal Representative of the Estate of Beatrice Carpenter. A Hearing has been scheduled on the **17th day of October, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.**

All persons in interest, residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear if you deem proper.

Done this the 30th day of August, 2019.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper

Wilma J. Smith
Personal Representative
Pro Se

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on March 14, 2006 by Angelique C. Kline, Richard D. Kline, wife and husband, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book 1465, Page 265 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 9, 2019:

Lots 4, 5 and 6 of the survey made by Joe R. Harkins on 31st day of December, 1969. Said land lying and being tin the Northeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama, and said survey being recorded in Deed Book 290 Page 676=B of the records of the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.
Subject to mineral heretofore granted or reserved and not owned by the Grantors. Subject to all rights of ways and easements.
Source of Title/Description: Deed Book 540 Page 327 and Survey of H.D. Harris, Al. Reg. No. 5742, dated October 27, 2005.

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

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

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FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

I thought it was a dog in the house

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.
Tribune Contributor



When Robin our daughter was in her early teens, she had several girlfriends that were very dear and close to her. They were constantly having spend-the-night parties on Friday nights. They would rotate this party from one girl's home to the next girl's home so that no one family would get burned out on enjoying having the talking, squealing and giggling girls keeping the family awake all night.

I was occasionally off on Saturday morning and was at home when these girls would eventually wake up. They would get up at different intervals and come sleepy eyed down the hall from the bedroom to the kitchen looking for something to eat.

I have always thought that a little scare to a person once in a while would help their blood circulation and make their heart work better. So occasionally I would give our children and sometimes other folks a little scare.

This particular Saturday morning, I was in one of the rooms at the end of the hall which was closest to the kitchen. I heard one of the girls close the bedroom door and start down the hall toward the kitchen. I actually thought it was Robin, our daughter, coming down the hall, so I thought I give her a little scare to start her day off right.

I crouched down on the floor right inside the doorway and waited for her to pass by. I reached out and caught her by the ankle and barked like a dog. It was not Robin who had come down the hall but one of her teenage friends. She let out a blood-curdling scream and tried to run. In her excitement her feet were running but she was staying in the same spot.

Rudene came running from the kitchen to see what had happened. By this time, I was rolling in the floor in laughter and the friend had calmed down. She said to Rudene, "I thought it was a dog in the house."

This young lady still lives in Cullman and is a dear friend to our family.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Does it get much better than this?

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Tribune Contributor



This morning, I'm sitting here thinking it doesn't get much better than this. It is still early. The sun is up and so I am. Everything is quiet. I'm sitting on a sixth floor balcony, drinking coffee, and looking out across the Gulf of Mexico. There is a huge ship in the far distance. A few people, mostly older ones, stroll along the sandy beach, near the edge of the water. Some hold hands. The younger ones are still asleep.

White seagulls and brown pelicans glide by at eye level. I am listening to the rhythmic sounds of the lapping gulf waves.

I could slip back into sleep sitting out here. Then, suddenly some guy cranks up a gasoline powered floor scrubber and begins cleaning the pool deck, directly below me.

Now I'm thinking, well, it could get a little better than this...it was better!

If my mama was still alive, she would go down there and ask him if he knew he wasn't supposed to do that on Sunday...especially when he's disturbing her youngest son's "It doesn't get much better time." Mama is in heaven where I'm sure there are no gas- powered floor scrubbers. They don't need them there.

Today is my daughter Ashley's birthday. She is now the exact age I was when she made me a father, and she is exactly half the age I am now.

Her mom and I rented this place for a long weekend for Ashley's birthday. Well, that's the truth but not the whole truth. I came down here to do a music concert Friday evening, at a church in Panama City.

In case any other churches or groups in this area, or any other beach area, need me to come, call me Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii!

I decided since I was going to be here on a Friday, the whole family might as well come for the weekend and celebrate her birthday. Yesterday my family swam with the jellyfish, while I watched from a safe distance and underneath a giant beach umbrella. I didn't so much as dip my big toe in the water.

Between the recent rise in reported shark bites, rumors of flesh eating bacteria in the water, and now jellyfish, I was tempted to stay on the balcony.

I guess my age might have something to do with it. I remember, but barely, a time when I wouldn't have thought of spending a weekend at the beach and not even get in the water.

I guess my problem now is not so much the dangers that lurk in those waters as it is that I've been in them so many times the thrill is gone.

I was practically grown before I ever laid eyes on the Gulf of Mexico. I thought she was one of the most

beautiful sites I had ever seen and larger than the Sylvania Lake! I stood there and gazed in wonder. Since that day I've looked across the oceans on both ends of our nation, not to mention other seas in other nations. I've seen lakes, such as the Great Lakes and Salt Lake that looked like oceans.

The shine has dulled for me, but this morning I'm looking with renewed sight. I'm pretending I'm looking for the first time and soaking it in. The site is still marvelous. If it has not changed, what has...or should I ask who has?

How about you, are there some things in your life you need to see again... like the first time? Maybe some people? Maybe even God?

Please don't allow some guy with a scrubber, or your "Been there, done that" spirit, spoil the wonder. Look again. It will get better, where there are no floor scrubbers, but there's still much to soak in here.

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Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1940

Beech Grove News

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fowler and family visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler this weekend and attended the decoration at Concord.

Misses Ella Ward and Ruth Johnston called on Mrs. Jewel Dye on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Jones and family were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Cook.

Several of this community attended the singing at Hulaco on Sunday.

Miss Marjorie Jackson was the Sunday guest of Miss Jennie Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pesnell and Mr. and Mrs. Buren Talley attended the decoration at Etha on Sunday.

Everybody please remember the decoration and memorial services at Lystra on the third Sunday, May 19th.

The McKensey Quartette from Gadsden and also the Little Boy Preacher will be there.

Reverend McKensey, 12 years old, will preach at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

Marriage Licenses

- May 9th – T.M. Bird, 30, to Lavern Shoemaker, 23.
- May 10th – Arlin D. Jones, 25, to Margaret Taylor, 21.
- May 11th – Lowell Via, 22, to Wilma Jean Cheatwood, 18; Lomer Brock, 20, to Evelyn Sellers, 19; Gilbert C. Yeager, 25, to Irene Estelle Bolte, 19 and Charley E. Glasscock, 24, to Theda McKelvie, 20.
- May 13th – Ernest P. Kroener, 27, to Edna Mae Peinhardt, 18.

Mrs. Emily C. Dial, 88, who died on May 10th on Cullman Route Two, was buried on May 12th, at 11 o'clock, at the Mount Zion Cemetery, with Reverend Wilson officiating and Drinkard in charge.

Surviving are one sister, Annie Brady; two sons, Joe Hunt and Dock; seven daughters, Mrs. Annie Thomas, Mrs. Kate Grey, Mrs. Mattie Philpot, Mrs. Carry Philpot, Mrs. Emma Darnell, Mrs. Ollie England and Mrs. Pearl Martin.

Last rites for Mrs. Ellen Clanton, who died earlier on May 8th as the result of an automobile accident in Christopher, Illinois, were held at Sardis Baptist Church on May 11th, with Fischer and Son in charge.

She is survived by three sons, Marion and Charles, of Birmingham and Harry, of Christopher, Illinois; three daughters, Mrs. Minnie McGee, of Clebourne, Illinois, Mrs. Ellen McKenzie, of Birmingham and Mrs. Mary Jones, of Christopher and a number of grandchildren.

Hanceville Happenings

Mrs. J.H. Caudell and James Kelly, Junior left on Saturday for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Caudell, at Louisville.

Mrs. B.D. Given, of Huntsville, spent several days of this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hamrick, of Birmingham, spent Sunday with Miss Beulah Hamrick.

C.H. Gray and Jack Morgan spent Thursday, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Miss Edith Edmondson, of Tuscaloosa and Mrs. Grady Elmore and children, of Jacksonville, spent the weekend with Professor and Mrs. J.R. Edmondson.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Dark, of Birmingham, spent Sunday with Mrs. Annie Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. E.K. Manning left Saturday for their home in Brooklyn, New York.

Misses Frances Lee, Owen Dunn, Beatrice Alexander, Nell Shelton, Evelyn Winn and Mrs. Lucille Rowell are spending the summer at their homes, after completing a year's work on the faculty of the high school.

Winfred Chappell, of Birmingham, spent the weekend with relatives.



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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on September 1, 2016 by Robert Michael Johnson, spouse of Donna Faye Johnson and Donna Faye Johnson, spuse of Robert Michael Johnson, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1797, Page 444 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 19, 2019:

Tract 2 according to that survey of H. D. Harris, AL. Reg. No. 5742, dated June 11, 2008.
A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 11 South, Range 3 West, more particularly described as follows:
Commencing at a found 5/8 inch rebar iron marking the point of intersection of the North line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter with the North right of way of Old Alabama Highway No. 69 (said point being in a curve to the right having a Delta Angle of 1 degrees 34 minutes 36 seconds a tangent of 256.09 feet and a radius of 18,611.30 feet); thence along the arc of said curve having a chord bearing and distance of South 49 degrees 04 minutes 09 seconds West 512.13 feet a distance of 512.15 feet to a found 5/8 inch rebar iron making the point of tangency of said curve; thence from said point of tangency continue along said right of way South 49 degrees 51 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 99.95 feet to a found rebar iron capped Conn; thence South 49 degrees 50 minutes 36 seconds West along said right of way a distance of 120.04 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning continue South 49 degrees 50 minutes 36 seconds West along said right of way a distance of 333.35 feet to a found rebar iron capped Conn; thence leaving said right of way run North 40 degrees 09 minutes 01 seconds West a distance of 555.96 feet to a found rebar iron capped Conn on the South bank of Bavar Creek; thence along said creek the following bearings and distances (all points marked by found 5/8 inch rebar irons); North 2 degrees 36 minutes 29 seconds East 26.39 feet; North 15 degrees 23 minutes 50 seconds East 53.61 feet; North 5 degrees 26 minutes 04 seconds East 103.12 feet; North 24 degrees 10 minutes 14 seconds East 39.69 feet; North 43 degrees 19 minutes 58 seconds East 22.62 feet; North 78 degrees 58 minutes 46 seconds East 57.11 feet; North 87 degrees 44 minutes 38 seconds East 119.89 feet; and South 54 degrees 25 minutes 57 seconds East a distance of 27.78 feet to a found 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence leaving the South bank of said creek run South 38 degrees 56 minutes 24 seconds East a distance of 569.33 feet to the true point of beginning.
Including a 2008 Deer Valley 8012B Chateau Pt. 30 x 76 modular home, Serial # AC-DVAL10802167A and AC-DVAL10802167B located thereon.
Source of Title: Book 577 Page 947
Subject to the following:
•Mineral and mining rights reserved and excepted in those certain deeds recorded in Deed Book 493 Page 111 and Deed Book 516 Page 700.
•Right of way Deed for public road to Cullman County dated November 17, 1947 and recorded in Deed Book 138 Page 391.
•Prior reservation of one-half minerals previously reserved as set forth in that certain deed recorded in Deed Book 262 Page 557.
•Right of way easement to South Central Bell Telephone Company recorded in Deed Book 333 Page 755 and Deed Book 334 Page 23.
•Sanitary Sewer Easement to the Town of Good Hope, Alabama, dated December 22, 1987 and recorded at Fiche 127 Frame F10.
•Right of way Easement to Southern Natural Gas Company dated September 3, 1997 and recorded in Deed Book 461 Page 163.
•Reservation of one-half treasure trove rights as set forth in that certain warranty deed from Matthew T. Knight and wife, Xan Knight, to SunRidge Development, LLC, recorded in Deed Book 493 Page 111.
•Reservation of a fifty-foot easement for ingress, egress and utilities along the South property line as set forth in that certain warranty deed from Carolyn M. Knight to Matthew T. Knight recorded in Deed Book 487 Page 365, as corrected by that certain correction deed recorded in Deed Book 516 Page 698 and from Matthew T. Knight and wife, Xan Knight to SunRidge Development, LLC recorded in Deed Book 493, Page 111 as corrected by that certain correction deed from the same Grantors to SunRidge Development, LLC recorded in Deed Book 515 Page 700.
•Right of way easement to Cullman Electric Cooperative dated May 18, 2002 and recorded in Deed Book 515 Page 124.
•Restrictive covenants and joint driveway/joint maintenance agreement filed by SunRidge Development, LLC pertaining to a portion of the property recorded in Misc. Book 189 Page 259.
•a portion of the property described on Schedule A constitutes "Wet Lands" and is subject to federal statutes, rules and regulations pertaining thereto and may be subject to state laws, rules and regulations pertaining thereto.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together with the real estate:
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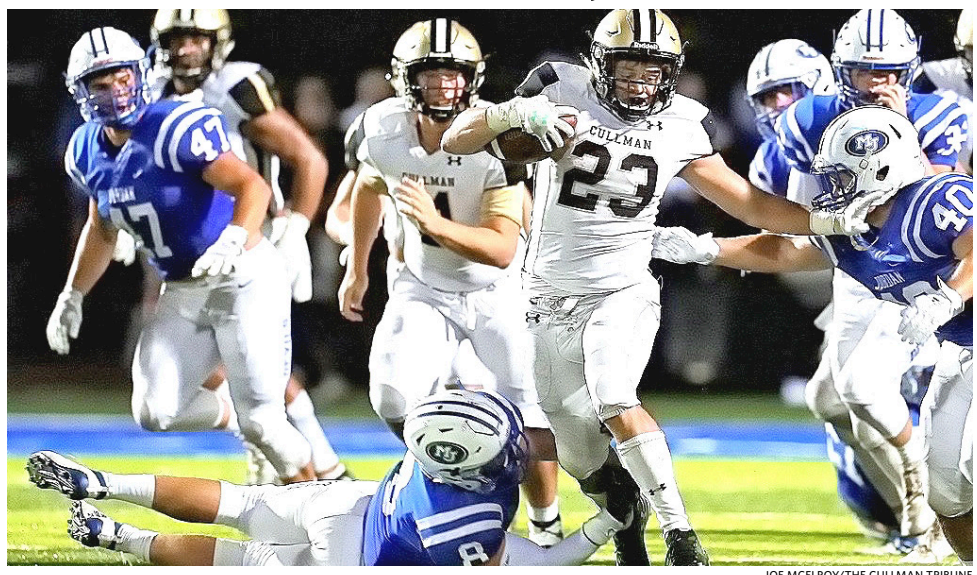
Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

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

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Bearcats fall just short at Mortimer Jordan, 20-17

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Cullman running back Jayden Sullins (23) bursts through the line during Cullman's 20-17 loss at Mortimer Jordan Friday night.

KIMBERLY, Ala. – The Cullman Bearcats looked to get their first win under head coach Oscar Glasscock on Friday as they traveled to Kimberly to take on Mortimer Jordan. In what was a defensive affair, the Bearcats fell just short at the end in a 20-17 game that saw both teams pull out all the stops down the stretch.

On its first series, Cullman's defense looked for a stop on a 3rd-and-12 from the 47, but a roughing the passer flag would hurt them later in the drive as the Blue Devils threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to put them on the board first with 8:46 remaining in the opening period. Each defense forced a punt on the next couple of series, but the Bearcats converted a huge third down on their next drive, as Max Dueland found Jake Dueland for a nine-yard pass play. Then Jaylen Hughey found a big hole on the right side of the line and scored on a 70-yard run to tie the game up at seven with 4:08 remaining in the quarter.

The defense came up with a huge turnover on the next series as Dustin Speake picked off a pass at the 46. Then a pass interference penalty on the first play put the Bearcats at the 31. After getting a first down, they settled for a 35-yard field goal, which was blocked, keeping the score tied at seven after one.

Cullman got the ball back after a punt by Mortimer Jordan. Big passes from Dueland to Isaiah Jones for 17 and eight yards later on in the drive, put the Bearcats in field goal position, as Brody Adams nailed a 27-yard field goal to give them a 10-7 lead with 7:25 remaining in the half. The Bearcats coughed the ball up on their next series, but their defense forced a punt, and the score still stayed at 10-7 at the half.

The Bearcats were forced to punt on their opening possession of the second half, and Mortimer Jordan needed just six plays to find the end zone as a three-yard touchdown run put them back in front, 14-10, with 8:37 remaining in the third period. Another Cullman punt put the Blue Devils in great field position at the 47 and they got off to a fast start, quickly getting to the seven on three plays, but a holding penalty halted their drive and Cullman's Drew Ball recovered a fumble later in the drive.

Jayden Sullins touched the ball on the first four plays of the ensuing series, including converting a huge fourth down on a fake punt. Some big runs and passes by Dueland, plus a couple of offsides penalties, kept the drive alive for the Bearcats. Another big pass from Dueland to Sullins netted them another first down, but were called for a personal foul after the play, putting them back at the 30. On the next play, Dueland left with a cramp and JT Blackwood stepped in his place and on the first play, he found Jones wide open on a 29-yard touchdown pass to give the Bearcats a 17-14 lead with 11:08 remaining in the game.

Cullman burned a lot of clock on their next series, but were forced to punt. A couple of passes wound up killing the Bearcats' momentum, as the Blue Devils would find the end zone on a 14-yard touchdown pass and they took the lead right back at 20-17 with 3:39 remaining in the game. A crucial block in the back flag after the kickoff return backed Cullman up at the 12. They converted a first down during the drive, but Dueland later got sacked for a 10-yard loss, and the Bearcats wound up falling just a half-yard short on fourth down. Mortimer Jordan milked the rest of the clock and Cullman wound up falling 20-17 to move to 0-2 on the season.

Max Dueland finished the game 9/17 for 87 yards. Blackwood ended up 3/3 for 54 yards and a score. Hughey finished with 103 yards on 11 carries and a touchdown, while Sullins added 67 yards on 15 carries. Jones ended up with 59 yards on four receptions and a touchdown.

The Bearcats will be looking for their first win of the season in their home opener next week against Decatur.

Cold Springs falls at Berry 43-15

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BERRY, Ala. – After trouncing the Meek Tigers 25-0 on the road to kick off the season last week, the Cold Springs Eagles hit the road again Friday night, this time to take on the Berry Wildcats. A fast start helped lift the Eagles over Meek last week but after falling behind 8-0 in the opening quarter, Cold Springs wasn't able to muster enough offense to hold off the Wildcats, falling on the road 43-15.

Berry took an early 8-0 advantage in the opening period but began to pull away in the second quarter.

The Eagles were able to find the end zone in the second and cut into the lead, but the Berry Wildcats scored three more touchdowns before the half to take a 28-8 advantage into the break.

The Eagles found the end zone again in the third quarter to make it a 28-15 game, but Berry tacked on two more scores in the final period to put the game out of reach and hand Cold Springs its first loss of the season.

The Eagles will start region play next week when they return home to host Southeastern.



Aggies (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – After falling at home against West Point to kick off the season last week, the Fairview Aggies bounced back with a dominant performance on the road against the Hanceville Bulldogs. The Aggies were held to just eight points in their loss a week ago and responded by hanging 41 on the board this week.

After a scoreless first quarter, Fairview scored the first points of the game on a 1-yard touchdown run from Tyler Simmons, but the Bulldogs tied things up immediately when Brodie Malcom took the ensuing kickoff back 74 yards for a touchdown.

Those were the only points Hanceville would score however as the Aggies went on to score 35 unanswered points and collect the road win.

A 5-yard touchdown pass from Parker Martin to Mason Black stretch the lead to 14-6 and a JT White interception late in the second quarter set Fairview up with another chance to score. Just a few snaps later, Martin found White over the middle for a 19-yard touchdown that put the Aggies on top 22-6 at the break.

Things started a little shaky in the second half for Fairview as the Hanceville defense forced and recovered a fumble on the first play of the third quarter but after forcing a turnover on downs, the Aggies went back to work.

Fairview collected another interception midway through the third quarter, but this time Dalton Payne took the pick and ran it all the way back for six points, making it a 28-6. An 11-yard touchdown run from Tyvn Ellis made it 35-6 and put the game out of reach late in the third quarter before 2-yard touchdown run from Payne put things away in the fourth quarter.

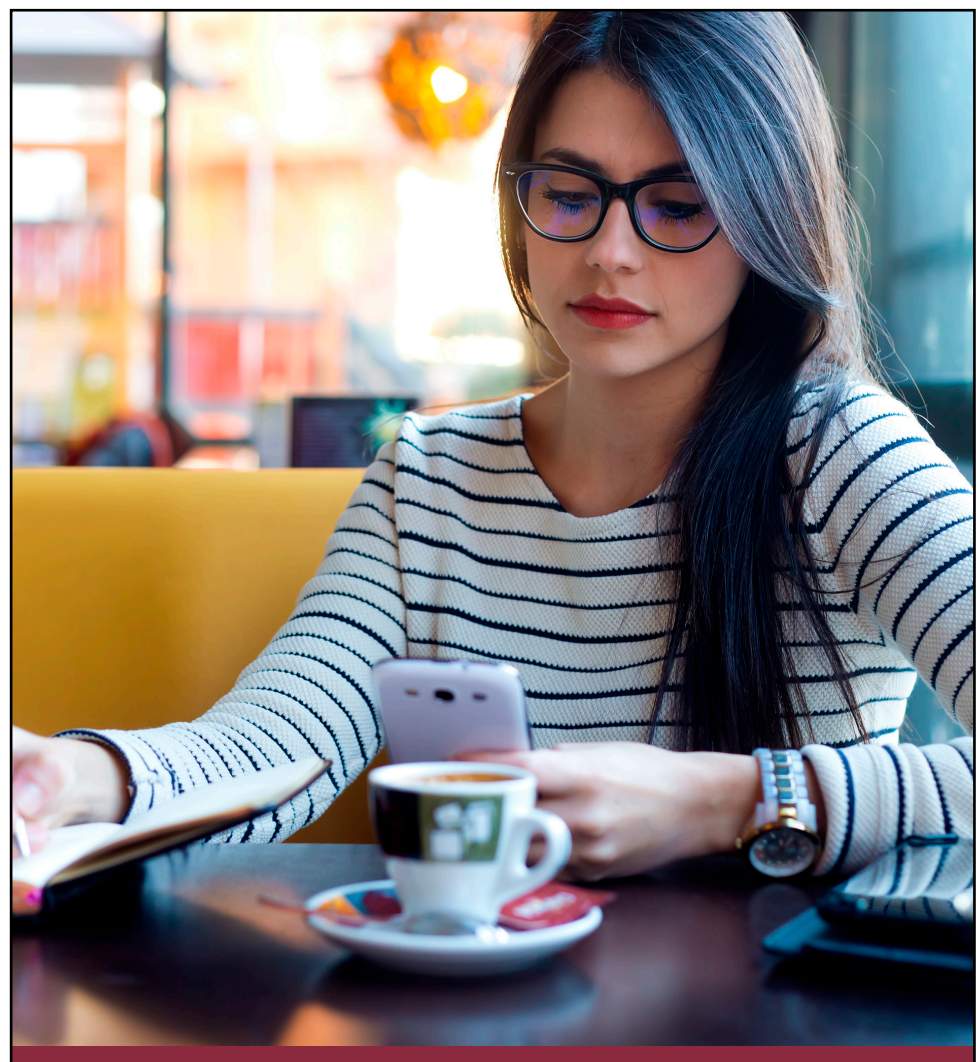
Fairview racked up 183 yards on the ground, led by Ellis with 100 yards and a touchdown, Martin finished 12 of 18 for 112 yards and two touchdowns and the Aggies finished with 314 yards of total offense while holding Hanceville to just 71 yards of offense.

Fairview Head Coach George Redding is excited to get the win and hopes to see his team build off this game going forward this season.

`"It's always good to win you know and I felt like we had some opportunities last week and didn't come up with but hopefully we're still growing each and every week whether we win or lose," Redding said. "It's all about our own personal progress and I feel like we made more progress this week."

The Aggies will begin region play next week when they travel to face D.A.R and Hanceville will travel to JB Pennington for a region game of its own.





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Raiders hold off Priceville at home, 41-26

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Contributor

GOOD HOPE, Ala. – After getting things started with a 28-9 win over Carbon Hill last week, the Good Hope Raiders were at home once again Friday night to take on Priceville.

Priceville won the toss and deferred till the second half. Good Hope got the ball first with a quick punt. Priceville got the ball and drove 78 yards to finish with a 32-yard touchdown.

With a missed extra point, the game moved into the second quarter with the score 6-0, Priceville.

Another quick punt by the Raiders gave the ball back to Priceville, but with a great defensive stop, Good Hope got the ball back and put together a physical drive to score a touchdown 56 yards later. An extra point gave the Raiders the lead, 7-6.

The Raiders came back with a defensive hold and following a botched snap on the punt, they got the ball back on the Bulldogs' 8-yard line and a 3-yard run by Tanner Malin stretched the lead to 13-6 after the missed extra point.

Priceville responded with a 73-yard touchdown run that tied the game at 13 going into the half.

The Raiders came out and made a defensive stand to get the ball back and drive 54 yards down the field to bring the score 21-13 following the 2-point conversion.

Priceville retaliated with a 69-yard touchdown with a failed 2-point conversion that brought the score to 21-19 Good Hope headed into the fourth quarter.

Good hope's Malin connected with Drew Maddox to bring the score to 28-19 following the extra point, but Priceville fired right back with a 45-yard touchdown run to make it 28-26 following the extra point.

The Raider defense made a big stop, and Colton Bagwell ran in a 5-yard touchdown to make it 35-26 following the extra point. The Raiders got the ball back and Bagwell put things away with a 52-yard touchdown run that brought the final score to 41-26.

It was a very physical football game by both teams by far.

When asked what the turning point was to such a slow start, Raiders Head Coach Alan Scott's response was simple: "When it came time to step up and keep hitting, they stepped up. Our boys played a physical ball game tonight. I'm very proud of all of them tonight; they didn't give up and all their hard work paid off."

Addison falls to Piedmont on the road 28-16

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PIEDMONT, Ala. – fter crushing the Curry Yellow Jackets 37-0 to open the season a week ago, the Addison Bulldogs travelled in week two for one of their toughest matchups of the season. Piedmont is coming off another stellar season and got off to a fast start against the visiting Addison Bulldogs.

Piedmont blocked an Addison punt early in the game and returned it all the way down to the 1-yard line.

Piedmont made it 7-0 just one play later and they weren't done scoring in the first quarter. A 35-yard pick six made it a 14-0 game late in the first.

Addison turned the ball over a couple more times in the second quarter, but the Bulldogs' defense held Piedmont out of the end zone and an Addison touchdown, and two-point conversion cut the lead to 14-8 going into the half.

Addison took its first lead of the game early in the third quarter midway through the third quarter when the Bulldogs scored to move in front 16-14 but Piedmont responded.

A 3-yard touchdown run and two-point conversion put Piedmont back in front 22-16 going into the fourth quarter and Addison wouldn't get any closer than that.

Another Addison fumble led to another short field for Piedmont and a 6-yard touchdown run that made it 28-16 with just over eight minutes remaining in the game.

Another fumble and interception from the Bulldogs made it impossible for them to come back late in the game and Piedmont held on to win it 28-16.

Addison will look to bounce back with a win and lose the turnover bug when it hosts Winston County next week.

Broncos come up short against Ider, 17-2

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – The Holly Pond Broncos played at home for the first time this year Friday night to host the Ider Hornets. The Broncos chose to receive the opening kick and started the game on their own 20-yard line. The first play from scrimmage saw Levi Boatright take a handoff from Kyler Chaney for 8 yards but after the only 1st down of the first quarter Holly Pond punted the ball away. Ider started on their own 31-yard line but after being penalized 15 yards and a strong Broncos defensive stand, the Hornets lined up for a punt. The snap sailed over the punters head and the punter recovered the ball in the endzone, giving Holly Pond a safety and its only points in the first half. The first half featured strong defense by both teams and two long punts. Holly Pond did manage three first downs while holding Ider to zero and Ider in the first half racked up 50 yards in penalties.

The second half had Ider's Benjamin Kausen, a Denmark exchange student, scoring three times to lead the Hornets to victory. Kausen's first score was a 48-yard field goal giving Ider their first lead with 6:49 left in the third. The last of the third quarter scoring came when Ider intecepted a Bronco pass, setting up a Norman to Kausen 34-yard Touchdown pass followed by a Kausen PAT.

The final score of the night came on a 45-yard Kausen interception for a touchdown with 1:34 left in the game that brought the final score to 17-2.

The Broncos (0-2) played hard but came up short as they were unable to put together any sustained drives. Holly Pond will look to regroup and bounce back next week it travels to Midfield.

Arab rallies to defeat West Point 49-35

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ARAB, Ala. – The West Point Warriors were back on the road for their second matchup of the season and while they found some success scoring points on offense, the Arab Knights had some success as well and came from behind to defeat the Warriors 49-35.

Quarterback Will Cochran connected with Whitt Laney for a 29-yard touchdown to take an early 7-0 lead, but the Knights responded on their next possession and tied the game at 7.

Cochran re-took the lead for West Point with a 3-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter but a touchdown pass just a few plays later from Arab tied the game at 14.

Cochran's second touchdown through the air and third of the game found Kobe Bowers from 7-yards out and Logan Selby's extra point put the Warriors back in front 21-14.

West Point began building a little momentum after that, stretching the lead to 28-14 on a QB sneak from Cochran that gave the Warriors a two-score lead at the halftime break.

West Point continued to add to its lead early in the third quarter when Cochran hit Laney again for a 45-yard touchdown and made it a 35-14 game early in the second half.

The pass to Laney was Cochran's fifth touchdown of the night.

Unfortunately for Warriors fans, it was all Arab after that. The Knights proceeded to tear off 35 unanswered points in the final two quarters and managed to come all the way from behind to knock off West Point at home 49-35.

The Warriors will have to try and shake this one off and regroup before opening up region play at Hamilton next week.

Vinemont kicks off season with 32-21 win at Falkville

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FALKVILLE, Ala. – Vinemont traveled just across the county line to face off against the Falkville Blue Devils in what ended up in an old fashion, line up and see who's going to be more physical. The Eagles came away with a 32-21 victory on the back of a tenacious rushing attack.

After forcing a punt on the opening possession, Dallin Dinkle busted off a huge run on the first play from scrimmage.

A few plays later, he capped off the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run to put the Eagles up 6-0 midway through the opening quarter.

Falkville answered right back with a strong running game of their own to go ahead 7-6 with 3:43 remaining in the first quarter.

After failing to convert on fourth down, the Eagle defense forced a turnover and two plays later, Dinkle rumbled in from 12 yards out to give Vinemont a 12-7 lead with 8:05 remaining in the half.

Once again Falkville regained the lead at 14-12 with 5:40 remaining until halftime.

The score remained the same heading to the locker room after Falkville managed to get into field goal range and the Vinemont defense stepped up to force a field goal attempt which was missed.

Vinemont came out of the locker room and ran the ball 10 straight times, capped off by a 9-yard touchdown run from Dinkle that put the Eagles up 18-14 with 7:01 left in the third quarter.

Vinemont's defense stepped up to force a punt and set up Dinkle, who busted off a 26-yard touchdown run to extend the Eagles lead to 26-14 after a successful 2-point conversion from Jack Hill to Colby Miller with 10:31 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Falkville answered right back to cut the lead to 26-21 with 7:55 remaining in the game.

The Eagles began to work the clock after that, which wasn't a problem with the way they had been pounding the ball all night.

After Jack Hill set the Eagles up first and goal, he finished the drive with a 1-yard run to give the Eagles a 32-21 advantage with 3:37 remaining in the game. Falkville got down to the 4-yard line, but an incomplete pass sealed the 32-21 road victory for the Eagles.

Dinkle led the way for the Eagles with 267 yards and four touchdowns on the night.

After the game, Vinemont Head Coach Stephen Robinson said, "When I saw the way we came out and ran the ball on the opening drive I knew we had something for them the second half," Robinson said. "It was huge for us; it would have been a different ballgame if we wouldn't have done that.".

The Vinemont Eagles will try stay in the win column when they travel to Westbrook Christian next week.

Winston County knocks off Meek 38-18

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DOUBLE SPRINGS, Ala. – The Meek Tigers were hoping to bounce back with a win this week after falling at home to Cold Springs 25-0 to open the season, but Winston County had other plans. The Tigers and Yellow Jackets went back and forth in the opening half but in the final two periods, Winston County was able to pull away and send Meek home with its second loss of the season.

The Yellow Jackets went up 6-0 with the game's first score late in the opening quarter but the Tigers answered with a score of their own that tied the game at 6 about midway through the second quarter. It looked like it would be a tied ball game at the half, but Winston County found the end zone with a minute reaming in the second quarter and the two-point conversion made it a 14-6 game at the break.

The Yellow Jackets scored with just over nine minutes in the third quarter to stretch their lead to 22-6 early in the second half but the Tigers didn't lay down. Meek punched one in with just over eight minutes remaining in the quarter to cut it to 22-12 but Winston County was able to begin pulling away after that. The Yellow Jackets score with just over four minutes in the third to make it 30-12 and tacked on six more points after that to take a 38-12 lead into the fourth. The Tigers found the end zone one more time, but it was too little too late and Meek fell to 0-2 on the season.

The Tigers will be looking for their first win when they host South Lamar in a region game next week.





Sports

10:00 a.m. ESPN2 2019 U.S. Open Tennis Third Round. (Live)
11:00 a.m. WBRC College Football Florida Atlantic at Ohio State. (Live)
WABM2 College Football Mississippi at Memphis. (Live)
ESPN College Football South Alabama at Nebraska. (Live)
FS1 College Football Northern Iowa at Iowa State. (Live)
FSEE College Football Indiana State at Kansas. (Live)
11:30 a.m. WVTM Premier League Soccer Burnley FC vs Liverpool FC. (Live)
12:00 p.m. GOLF PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf Korn Ferry Tour Championship, Second Round. (Live)
2:30 p.m. WABM2 College Football Duke vs Alabama. (Live)
ESPN College Football South Carolina vs North Carolina. (Live)
FSEE Powerboat Racing Nationals, Guntersville, Ala.
3:00 p.m. WVTM NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200. (Live)
WBRC College Football Northwestern at Stanford. (Live)
FS1 MLB Baseball New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies. (Live)
FSEE Women's College Soccer Oklahoma State at Oklahoma.
GOLF PGA Tour Champions Golf Shaw Charity Classic, Second Round. (Live)
5:30 p.m. WABM College Football Virginia Military Institute at Marshall. (Live)
GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Cambia Portland Classic, Third Round. (Live)
6:00 p.m. ESPN College Football Boise State vs Florida State. (Live)
ESPN2 2019 U.S. Open Tennis Third Round. (Live)
6:30 p.m. WABM2 College Football Oregon vs Auburn. (Live)
FS1 College Football Miami (Ohio) at Iowa. (Live)
FSEE MLS Soccer Atlanta United FC at Philadelphia Union. (Live)
7:00 p.m. WBRC Boxing Erislandy Lara vs. Ramon Alvarez. (Live)
9:00 p.m. FSEE College Football Arkansas-Pine Bluff at TCU. (Joined in Progress) (Live)
9:30 p.m. ESPN College Football Fresno State at USC. (Live)
GOLF PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf Korn Ferry Tour Championship, Second Round.
10:30 p.m. FS1 College Football Florida Atlantic at Ohio State. (Same-day Tape)
FSEE MLS Soccer Atlanta United FC at Philadelphia Union.

SATURDAY EVENING

MOVIES

AUGUST 31, 2019

		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	**Mike & Molly**	**College Football** Virginia Military Institute at Marshall. From Joan C. Edwards Stadium in Huntington, W.Va. (N) (Live)							**Ring of Honor Wrestling** (N)		**Rizzoli & Isles** The squad gets a new homicide detective.	
WBIQ-PBS	4	**This Old House**	**PBS NewsHour Weekend**	**The Lawrence Welk Show** "Occupations"		**Classic Gospel** Bluegrass and gospel music unite.		**Keeping Up Appearances**	**(:32) As Time Goes By**	**(:05) Doc Martin** Martin decides to move out.		**Austin City Limits** "Zac Brown Band"	
WVTM-NBC	5	**WVTM 13 News at 5p** (N)	**NBC Nightly News - Holt**	**WVTM 13 News at 6p** (N)	**Soledad O'Brien**	**America's Got Talent**		**Dateline NBC**				**WVTM 13 News at 10p**	**(:29) Saturday Night Live**
WBRC-FOX	7	**(3:00) College Football** Northwestern at Stanford. (N) (Live)			**FOX College Football Extra**	**Boxing** Erislandy Lara vs. Ramon Alvarez. (N) (Live)				**WBRC FOX6 News at 9pm**	**WBRC FOX6 News**	**WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm**	**Beat Shazam**
WIAT-CBS	8	**Paid Program**	**CBS Weekend News** (N)	**CBS42 College Football Post Game Show**		**Blue Bloods** Danny encounters a gas station robbery.		**48 Hours**		**48 Hours**		**The CBS 42 News** (N)	**CBS42 College**
WTTO-CW	9	**Modern Family** "Tough Love"	**Modern Family**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Goldbergs**	**The Goldbergs**	**Family Guy** "Nanny Goats"	**Family Guy**	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**The Andy Griffith Show**	**Seinfeld** "The Little Jerry"
WPXH-ION	11	**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Users"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Turmoil"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Perverted"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Three children die.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Quickie"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Shadow"	
WABM2-ABC	12	**College Football**	**College Football Studio** (N)	**College Football Studio** (N)	**College Football** Oregon vs Auburn. (N) (Live)							**Alabama/Auburn Post G**	**ABC 33/40 News at 10PM**
A&E	42	**(4:00) Live PD** "Live PD -- 08.23.19"				**Live PD: Rewind** "Live PD: Rewind No. 250" (N)		**Live PD** "Live PD -- 09.29.18" Riding along with law enforcement.					
AMC	53	**(3:30) ★★ "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"** (1992)		★ **"Vegas Vacation"** (1997) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo. The Griswolds descend upon the gambling mecca.				★★ **"National Lampoon's Vacation"** (1983) Chevy Chase. A vacationing family detours into screwball side trips.				★★ **"National Lampoon's European Vacation"** (1985)	
ANPL	47	**The Zoo: San Diego** Jaws the tortoise isn't feeling well.		**The Zoo: San Diego** The African Plains exhibit.		**The Zoo: San Diego - California Tales** "Yeti and the Cubs"		**The Zoo: San Diego** A goodbye to Bai-Yun and Xiao Liwu.		**(:01) The Vet Life** (N)		**(:02) The Vet Life: Bonus Tails** "Fly, Miss Thang, Fly" (N)	
BET	55	**(4:37)** ★ **"Friday After Next"** (2002) Ice Cube, Mike Epps. Two cousins land jobs as security guards at a shopping mall.				**"A Weekend With the Family"** (2016, Comedy) Marques Houston. A couple's respective families bicker during a get-together.				**(:05)** ★★ **"Good Burger"** (1997) Kel Mitchell, Sinbad. Premiere. A fast-food chain aims to gobble up a local burger joint.			
BRAVO	58	**"The Devil Wears Prada"**	**(:20)** ★★★ **"Bridesmaids"** (2011, Comedy) Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph, Rose Byrne. A maid of honor's life unravels as the big day approaches.					**(7:55)** ★★★ **"Bridesmaids"** (2011, Comedy) Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph, Rose Byrne. A maid of honor's life unravels as the big day approaches.					**"The Devil Wears Prada"**
CMTV	61	**(4:00)** ★★ **"Tommy Boy"** (1995) Chris Farley. An heir tries to save his father's business.			★★★ **"Ferris Bueller's Day Off"** (1986, Comedy) Matthew Broderick, Alan Ruck, Mia Sara. A brash teen and his friends have an adventure in Chicago.					★★ **"The Sandlot"** (1993) Thomas Guiry, Mike Vitar. The new boy in town falls in with neighborhood ballplayers.			
CNBC	35	**Undercover Boss** Oriental Trading Co. CEO Sam Taylor.		**Undercover Boss** PostNet CEO Steve Greenbaum.		**Undercover Boss** Intriguing bosses from past episodes.		**Undercover Boss** Menchie's CEO Amit Kleinberger.		**Undercover Boss** Wheel Parts CEO Greg Adler.		**Undercover Boss** "MasTec" MasTec CEO Jose Mas.	
CNN	37	**S. E. Cupp Unfiltered** (N)		**CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera** (N)		**CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera** (N)		**"Halston"** (2019, Documentary) Liza Minnelli, Marisa Berenson. The life and work of fashion designer Halston.				**The Eighties** VCRs; remote controls; family sitcoms.	
COM	56	**(:15)** ★★ **"The Longest Yard"** (2005, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, Burt Reynolds. Prisoners train for a football game against the guards.						★ **"Blended"** (2014, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, Joel McHale. Two single-parent families are stuck together at a resort.					**(:45) "The Longest Yard"**
DISN	49	**Just Roll With It**	**Bunk'd**	**Raven's Home** "Friend-Ship"	**Raven's Home**	**"Descendants 3"** (2019, Children's) Dove Cameron, Sofia Carson. Mal and her friends face an unfathomable dark force. 'NR'				**Big City Greens**	**Big City Greens**	**Raven's Home** "Diss Track"	**Andi Mack** "A Moving Day"
DSC	43	**Expedition Unknown** Josh searches for a lost fortune.		**Expedition Unknown** Nine Soviet hikers die in 1959.		**Top Gear** Hugh Bonneville.		**Top Gear** Damian Lewis.		**Top Gear** The 50th birthday of Jaguar E-type.		**Top Gear** The guys' Australian counterparts.	
E!	21	**(4:00)** ★ **"A Madea Christmas"** (2013) Tyler Perry.		★★ **"Tyler Perry's Boo! A Madea Halloween"** (2016, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Cassi Davis. Madea fends off ghosts, ghouls and zombies on Halloween.					★★ **"Tyler Perry's Boo! A Madea Halloween"** (2016, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Cassi Davis. Madea fends off ghosts, ghouls and zombies on Halloween.				
ESPN	29	**College Football**	**Football Scoreboard**	**College Football** Boise State vs Florida State. (N) (Live)						**Football Scoreboard**	**College Football** Fresno State at USC. (N) (Live)		
ESPN2	30	**2019 U.S. Open Tennis** Third Round. (N) (Live)		**2019 U.S. Open Tennis** Third Round. From the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. (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**	**Restaurant: Impossible** (N)		**Restaurant: Impossible** "Lakefront Disaster" (N)		**Restaurant: Impossible** (N)		**Restaurant: Impossible** Robert is frustrated with the owner.	
FREE	48	**(4:10)** ★★★ **"Freaky Friday"** (2003) Jamie Lee Curtis.		**(:15)** ★ **"10 Things I Hate About You"** (1999, Comedy) Heath Ledger, Julia Stiles. Teens set a shrewish peer up with the new boy in town.					**(:20)** ★★ **"Sweet Home Alabama"** (2002, Romance-Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas. A New York fashion designer has a secret in the South.				
FS1	20	**(3:00) MLB Baseball** New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies.		**MLB on FS1 Postgame** (N)	**College Football** Miami (Ohio) at Iowa. (N) (Live)							**FS1 College Football Extra**	**College Football**
FSEE	32	**Raceline**	**3 Wide Life**	**Atlanta United Live! Pregame**	**MLS Soccer** Atlanta United FC at Philadelphia Union. From Talen Energy Stadium in Chester, Pa. (N) (Live)				**Postgame**	**College Football** Arkansas-Pine Bluff at TCU. (Joined in Progress) (N) (Live)			**MLS Soccer**
FX	28	**(4:00)** ★★ **"The Amazing Spider-Man 2"** (2014, Action) Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, Jamie Foxx.				★★★ **"Spider-Man: Homecoming"** (2017, Action) Tom Holland, Michael Keaton, Robert Downey Jr. Peter Parker harnesses his new powers to battle the Vulture.						★ **"Fantastic Four"** (2015) Miles Teller, Michael B. Jordan.	
GOLF	82	**PGA Champions**	**LPGA Tour Golf** Cambia Portland Classic, Third Round. (N) (Live)						**Golf Central** (N) (Live)		**PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf** Korn Ferry Tour Championship, Second Round.		
HALL	72	**(4:00) "The Last Bridesmaid"** (2019) Rachel Boston.		**"Sister of the Bride"** (2019, Romance) Becca Tobin, Ryan Rottman. A professor gets engaged after six months of dating.				**"My One & Only"** (2019) Pascale Hutton, Sam Page. Premiere. A contestant on a dating show starts to fall for someone.				**Labor Day Weekend Movie Event Celebration**	
HGTV	46	**Beachfront Bargain Hunt**	**Beachfront Bargain Hunt**	**Beachfront Bargain Hunt**	**Beachfront Bargain Hunt**	**Love It or List It** A couple has differences in opinion.		**Love It or List It** Kim and Tyler contemplate moving.		**Love It or List It** A couple seeks more space.		**Mountain Mamas** (N)	**Mountain Mamas** (N)
HIST	40	**The UnXplained** Unraveling the mysteries.		**The UnXplained** "Unnatural Nature"		**The UnXplained: Mysterious Phenomena** (N)							
LIFE	23	**"Fatherly Obsession"** (2017) Molly McCook, Ted McGinley. A woman's landlord keeps an eye on her with hidden cameras.				**"My Evil Stepdad"** (2019) Jennifer Lafleur, Chris Johnson. Premiere. Ashley sets her mother up with a "perfect" online match.				**(:03) "Escaping Dad"** (2017, Suspense) Sunny Mabrey, Jason Wiles. A suburban mom goes into hiding with her children.			
MSNBC	36	**Deadline: White House** (N)		**Hardball With Chris Matthews**		**All In With Chris Hayes** (N)		**The Rachel Maddow Show**		**All In With Chris Hayes**		**Saturday Night Politics**	
NGC	22	**When Sharks Attack** A spike in shark attacks hits Maui.		**Shark vs. Tuna** The battlefields of Ascension Island.		**Man vs. Shark** Jeremiah Sullivan tests his armor.		**The Whale That Ate Jaws: Eyewitness Report**		**Cannibal Sharks** Shark-on-shark attacks.		**Gordon Ramsay: Uncharted** "Alaska's Panhandle"	
PARMT	57	**(3:15) "Coming to America"**	**(:37)** ★★★ **"Grease"** (1978, Musical) John Travolta. Disparate summer lovers meet again as high-school seniors.					★★★ **"Dirty Dancing"** (1987, Romance) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze, Jerry Orbach. A sheltered teen falls for a street-wise dance instructor.					**I Am Patrick Swayze**
TBS	25	**(4:32)** ★★★ **"Star Wars: Return of the Jedi"** (1983, Science Fiction) Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford. Luke and his allies have a confrontation with Darth Vader.					**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**Full Frontal**	**"Star Wars: Return of the"**
TCM	79	**(:15)** ★★★ **"Town Without Pity"** (1961, Drama) Kirk Douglas. A German town is obsessed by a gang rape involving U.S. GIs.				★★★★ **"Spartacus"** (1960, Historical Drama) Kirk Douglas, Laurence Olivier, Jean Simmons. A gladiator slave leads a revolt in Rome.							★★★ **"The Vikings"**
TLC	24	**Say Yes to the Dress**	**Say Yes to the Dress**	**Say Yes to the Dress** Randell searches for a wedding onesie.		**Say Yes to the Dress** "Cinderella Gone Wrong" A desperate bride comes to Kleinfeld. (N)				**Say Yes to the Dress** "There's a Shark in the Salon!"		**Say Yes to the Dress** Rachael has a penchant for pickiness.	
TNT	26	**(3:30)** ★★ **"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey"** (2012, Fantasy) Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman, Richard Armitage.				★★ **"Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice"** (2016, Action) Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Amy Adams. Batman embarks on a personal vendetta against Superman.						★★ **"The Book of Eli"** (2010) Denzel Washington.	
USA	27	**(3:00) "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1"**		**(:10)** ★★★ **"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2"** (2011, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Harry may have to make the ultimate sacrifice.						★★★ **"Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them"** (2016, Fantasy) Eddie Redmayne, Katherine Waterston, Dan Fogler.			
WE	71	**Criminal Minds** Skeletons are discovered in a backyard.		**Criminal Minds** A young boy disappears from his home.		**Criminal Minds** "Bully" A series of murders in Kansas City.		**Criminal Minds** Garcia delves into her hacker past.		**Criminal Minds** A vigilante killer in Cleveland.		**Criminal Minds** "200" J.J. is abducted.	
HBO	518	**(4:35)** ★★ **"Bad Times at the El Royale"** (2018, Suspense) Jeff Bridges, Cynthia Erivo, Jon Hamm. 'R'				★★★ **"Can You Ever Forgive Me?"** (2018, Biography) Melissa McCarthy, Richard E. Grant, Dolly Wells. Premiere. 'R'				**(8:50) Room 104**		**(:20) Succession** Logan eyes a rival media company.	**A Black Lady Sketch Show**
MAX	549	**(4:40)** ★★★ **"Ready Player One"** (2018) Tye Sheridan. A teen finds adventure in a virtual reality world in 2045. 'PG-13'				★★ **"The Island"** (2005, Action) Ewan McGregor, Scarlett Johansson, Djimon Hounsou. A mercenary pursues two clones on the run in 2019. 'PG-13'						**(:20)** ★★ **"Armageddon"** (1998) Bruce Willis. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid.	
SHOW	578	**(:15) The Affair** "501" Noah gets acquainted with his star.	**(:15) On Becoming a God in Central Florida**			**On Becoming a God in Central Florida** "The Gloomy-Zoomies"		★★ **"Mile 22"** (2018, Action) Mark Wahlberg, Lauren Cohan, Iko Uwais. 'R'				**(:35)** ★★★ **"Boogie Nights"** (1997, Drama) Mark Wahlberg, Burt Reynolds. 'R'	
TMC	598	**(4:00)** ★★ **"The Foreigner"** (2017) Jackie Chan. 'R'		★★★ **"The Italian Job"** (2003, Crime Drama) Mark Wahlberg. A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold. 'PG-13'				**"4/20 Massacre"** (2018, Action) Jamie Bernadette, Vanessa Rose Parker. 'NR'				★★ **"The House on Sorority Row"** (1983, Horror) Kathryn McNeil, Eileen Davidson. 'R'	

Movies

12:30 p.m. WTTO "Mahogany" ★★★ (1975) Diana Ross. A poor Chicago secretary takes the fast lane to fame as a model and a fashion designer.
MAX "Prisoners" ★★★ (2013) Hugh Jackman When police have to release their only suspect, a desperate man takes the law into his own hands after his young daughter and her friend disappear.
12:44 p.m. PARMT "Dirty Dancing" ★★★ (1987) Jennifer Grey. A doctor's teenage daughter gets slinky with the dance teacher at a Catskills resort in the summer of 1963.
1:00 p.m. AMC "Home Alone" ★★★ (1990) Macaulay Culkin. Accidentally left by his Paris-bound family, an 8-year-old makes mincemeat of two burglars in the house.
E! "Hitch" ★★★ (2005) Will Smith. A smooth-talking man falls for a hardened columnist while helping a shy accountant woo a beautiful heiress.
FX "The Amazing Spider-Man" ★★★ (2012) Andrew Garfield. Peter Parker's quest to solve his parents' disappearance puts him on a collision course with a scientist's deadly alter ego, the Lizard.
TCM "The Bad and the Beautiful" ★★★½ (1952) Lana Turner. A ruthless producer uses and discards Hollywood hopefuls as stepping stones to the top of the Tinseltown heap.
1:30 p.m. CMTV "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" ★★★ (1986) Matthew Broderick. A cool teen plays hooky in Chicago with his girlfriend, his buddy and the classic Ferrari of his buddy's father.
1:45 p.m. TBS "Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back" ★★★★ (1980) Mark Hamill. Yoda teaches Luke Skywalker to be a Jedi knight, and Han Solo woos Princess Leia, as Darth Vader returns to threaten the rebel forces trying to save the galaxy.
2:45 p.m. HBO "The Bourne Supremacy" ★★★ (2004) Matt Damon A CIA chief sends a senior operative to take down Jason Bourne when it appears the rogue agent is behind the deaths of two people.
2:48 p.m. BRAVO "The Devil Wears Prada" ★★★ (2006) Meryl Streep. A recent college graduate lands a job working for a famous and diabolical editor of a New York fashion magazine.
3:00 p.m. TCM "Lust for Life" ★★★★ (1956) Kirk Douglas. Tormented Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh meets French painter Paul Gauguin.
USA "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" ★★★ (2010) Daniel Radcliffe. Harry, Ron and Hermione leave Hogwarts behind on a mission to destroy the Horcruxes, the secrets to Voldemort's power and immortality.
3:15 p.m. PARMT "Coming to America" ★★★ (1988) Eddie Murphy. Pampered Prince Akeem of Zamunda comes to New York with his royal sidekick to find a true-love bride.
4:10 p.m. FREE "Freaky Friday" ★★★ (2003) Jamie Lee Curtis. Two fortune cookies cause an engaged psychotherapist and her teenage daughter to magically exchange bodies.
4:32 p.m. TBS "Star Wars: Return of the Jedi" ★★★½ (1983) Mark Hamill. Luke Skywalker, now an experienced Jedi knight, tries to discover Darth Vader's identity.
4:40 p.m. MAX "Ready Player One" ★★★ (2018) Tye Sheridan In 2045, the creator of a virtual reality universe promises his fortune to the first person to discover a digital Easter egg. Soon, young Wade Watts finds himself in a reality-bending treasure hunt through the mysterious and fantastical world.
5:15 p.m. TCM "Town Without Pity" ★★★ (1961) Kirk Douglas. Two U.S. majors defend and prosecute four GIs for raping a local in a postwar German town.
5:20 p.m. BRAVO "Bridesmaids" ★★★ (2011) Kristen Wiig. Though broke and lovelorn, a woman takes on the strange and expensive rituals associated with being her best friend's maid of honor.
5:37 p.m. PARMT "Grease" ★★★ (1978) John Travolta. Nice Sandy and greaser Danny try to be like each other in their 1950s high school.
6:00 p.m. TMC "The Italian Job" ★★★ (2003) Mark Wahlberg A master thief and his crew plan to steal back a fortune in gold bullion after they lose it to a double-crossing gang member.
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7:00 p.m. FX "Spider-Man: Homecoming" ★★★ (2017) Tom Holland. Under the watchful eye of mentor Tony Stark, high school student Peter Parker starts to embrace his newfound identity as Spider-Man to battle the evil Vulture.
TCM "Spartacus" ★★★★ (1960) Kirk Douglas. A gladiator slave leads a revolt in decadent Rome and attempts to lead his followers to freedom.
HBO "Can You Ever Forgive Me?" ★★★½ (2018) Melissa McCarthy (Premiere) Lee Israel is a frustrated, hard-drinking author who can barely afford to pay her rent or bills in 1990s New York. Desperate for money, Israel soon hatches a scheme to forge letters by famous writers and sell them to bookstores and collectors.
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9:00 p.m. USA "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" ★★★ (2016) Eddie Redmayne. Magizoologist Newt Scamander, two sisters and a No-Maj battle dark forces while tracking down magical creatures set free in the wizarding world of 1926 New York.
9:35 p.m. SHOW "Boogie Nights" ★★★½ (1997) Mark Wahlberg A producer guides a young man to success in the 1970s porn industry, but greed and egotism lead to his downfall in the '80s.
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TBS "Star Wars: Return of the Jedi" ★★★½ (1983) Mark Hamill. Luke Skywalker, now an experienced Jedi knight, tries to discover Darth Vader's identity.
TCM "The Vikings" ★★★ (1958) Kirk Douglas. Two Vikings clash over a Welsh princess and control of a British throne, unaware that they are half brothers.

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the proceeds remitted for this project as revenue. The Chamber' s obligation began on March 1, 2013 and will cease March 1, 2023."

Reported 2018-2019 Functional Expenses:
• Management and General- $581, 052 (41.7%)
• Tourism Program- $242, 790 (17,42%)
• Economic Development Program- $569.190 (40.85%)

Wallace State Community College President Dr. Vicki Karolewics said, "It would seem if you were allocating by a third, that your total expenditures would be roughly a third, but tourism expenditures are only about 17% of total expenditures. So, are (you) really dividing proportionate effort? As a comparison, if you have a third of your energy spent on tourism, you would think that maybe your total expenses would reflect that investment in promoting tourism. That might speak to policy- poor policy."

Tolbert addressed the allocation concerns, saying, "We are putting procedures in place to make sure any projects going forward will be vetted very carefully."

Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman questioned the COC's large number of projects and programs, saying, "I see this list of programs that are here and I feel like if we could put some horse blinders on and go through those and highlight, OK, some of these didn't make the impact we thought it would in the last two years or year and pull that down, I think we would make more of an impact on less amount of programs. That saves the staff from running to and from everywhere, but you are producing more.

"I think that's the beneficial question in my head is the big one I want to continue to answer is, 'Is the money here being spent in the best way possible for the community?' That's where I have to be on the funding side of this thing."

Clarifying the roles and responsibilities of each agency is a top priority going forward, according to Tolbert.

"Going forward we are going to make sure expenses are allocated correctly. We will be looking at those with a microscope," he said.

"The Chamber's mission has got to be focused. It's gotta be to make our members more profitable or more successful. In everything we do, whether it's putting billboards up on I-65 or 2nd Fridays, it's to support the members."

Gudger urged everyone to work together, communicate, build trust and commit to making sure they are focused on benefiting the entire community.

Tolbert agreed stating, "Duplicating services is crazy."

Shabel added, "It's not being a good steward of the money."

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs pointed out, "I think y'all are (giving) 100% effort. One thing I have a little bit of a problem with is, a chamber exists for its members and you are getting A LOT of tax dollars. That can't just go for the members. Those tax dollars didn't come in for the members."

Smith and Shabel said they are open to dialog with stakeholders as the COC works to improve and build for the future.

Smith suggested implementing a grant-type application to help with determining the use of funds for future projects. The pair spoke of their desire to create a collaborative effort with other agencies and to provide transparency.

Following the meeting with the stakeholders, COC representatives and Warren Averett welcomed the public, COC members and the media for a question and answer session after a quick review of the financial statements.

Most of the session addressed the same issues as the meeting held with the stakeholders.

Many of the area hotel managers were in attendance including the managers of the LaQuinta Inn and the Hampton Inn.

One question asked was if lodging taxes are used toward salaries.

Eddy explained, "Payroll is allocated based on the activities and in some cases, there is a director of tourism, a director of economic development, and those salaries are allocated directly to those funds.

"There are other people like Jackie (Moore, who handles operations administration); her salary is allocated among all of the funds because she spends time doing accounting work and office administration work for all of those."

Tolbert added, "Also, when you have a small organization, you have to have a peer as your back-up. If Roger's (Steele, who handles tourism) primary function is tourism but he has an illness or something like that, that person has to be able to crossover in order to back that person up."

When asked who decides how and where the lodging tax is spent, Tolbert said, "Going forward, we will sit down and the revenues we can project that will be coming in, we will be getting the various committees' input on how we spend those dollars going forward. I can't speak for how it was done in the past, but under Kay's leadership, I can tell you it will be 100% transparent going forward."

When asked about hopes for the COC's future, Smith closed the meeting saying, "I hope we can mend all our relationships with our stakeholders and that we can begin moving forward as a community and with our community partners.

"Just make this a better place for our children and grandchildren. If we all can be on the same page and work together, it would be such a huge success."

PUZZLES

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"Pennyworth" on EPIX

(Words in parentheses not in puzzle)

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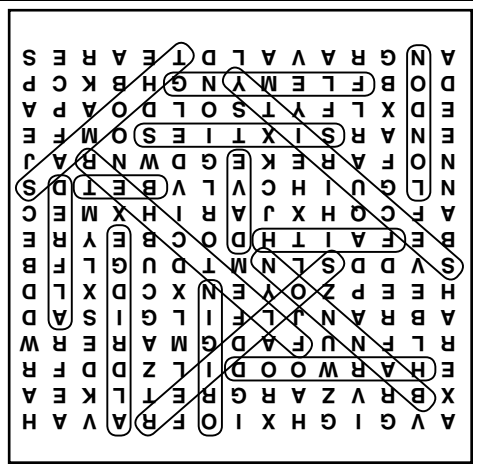
To complete this puzzle, place the numbers 1-9 in the empty cells, so that every row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold outline) contains all nine digits.

Each number 1-9 may appear only once in each row, column and 3-by-3 box.

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Obituary Announcements: Aug. 28 - 29

Betty Ann Daw, age 74 of Falkville, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019 surrounded by family. She was born to the late Dan Howard Johnson and Antionette Sanfilippo Johnson on May 5, 1945. Despite her hectic schedule, family and friends were Betty's passion and delight. She grew up surrounded by family which included a sister Stella Johnson Camp and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Betty married her high school sweetheart and had 4 children, Dominic, Antionette, Kathelene and Robert Skinner. Betty later married Marvin Richard Daw where they moved to Vinemont to raise her children away from the city. After her divorce from Herbert Ray Skinner, she raised her four children as a single mother. She was always a wonderful daughter, wife, mother and a friend to everyone she met. She lived life the way she wanted her family to live. Christ is the most important relationship a person can have. Through the Lord Jesus Christ, the family will flourish. Betty planted seeds that her family followed. She always wanted her family to see the important things in life, cherish memories that will withstand the test of time. Her desire is for family to love Christ and each other the way Christ intended it. Betty is survived by her second husband, four children, and seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren (number 5 is on the way); and a number of other loving relatives and close friends. Betty requested a private service for immediate family only. The family wishes to thank all of those who cared for her during her last days. For those who have known Betty in her fruitful journey with us, her wishes are to share with others. In lieu of flowers her request is for donations to the Cullman Regional Hospice in her honor.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Ruth Elaine Russell, 91, of Hayden, Alabama will be 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 1, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 1, at the funeral home. Reverend Scott Arnold will officiate and burial will follow at Hopewell Cemetery. Mrs. Russell is survived by daughters, Donna (Larry) Grantham, Leigh Anne Russell, sons, Jerrold (Melanie) Russell, Terry (Cindi) Russell, nephews, Mike Hines, Barry Hines and Evan Hines. Mrs. Russell leaves thirteen grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren. Mrs. Russell is preceded in death by her husband Derrol Russell, daughter, Sherry Dake, great granddaughter Aubrey Russell and brother, Harold Hines. She is the daughter of the late Floyd and Pearl (Quick) Russell. In lieu of flowers the family has requested for donations to be made to Fischer Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation at Alzinfo.org.

Visitation for Charles Evon Vest, age 78, of Baileyton, will be from noon until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; interment in New Home Baptist Church Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Vest passed away on Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019, at Cullman Regional. He was born April 3, 1941, to James T. and Evelyn Walker. He was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn Walker; sister, Linda Kaufman; grandson, Devon Garrett; and uncle, Leon Morrow. Survivors include his daughter, Charlie (Justin) Garrett; son, Darin Layton; granddaughters, Chantel Smith (Jon Brown) and Ashton Garrett; great-grandchildren, Laila Brown and Grayson Brown; father, James T. Walker; sister, Dale (Arvie) Beard; and a host of family and friends.

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Poet's Corner

The Ice Cream Truck

By: Randy C. Hale



PIXABAY

We hear the music from afar,
unique and distinctive sound.
A truck appears, fun is near,
the ice cream truck's in town!

Oh, come this way! Hooray we say!
We want an ice cream treat.
We are so glad to seen it now,
it's treasures we do seek!

Kids, adults, are all alike,
when it comes into sight.
Frozen confections waiting
make faces full and bright.

Ding a ding ding!
Ding a ding ding!
Gather all around!

Ding a ding ding!
Ding a ding ding!
The ice cream truck's in town!

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"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"

CALHOUN COUNTY

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Correspondent

Pines have scented the air in Alabama since the beginning as early explorers and settlers recorded in journals and letters. Calhoun County was established 1832, just a few years after statehood.

After college, I moved to the mountains of Calhoun County. When I smell fresh pine needles and pine resin, I start pining for those beautiful, sun-warmed, green hills.

Calhoun County has one of the largest remaining stands of longleaf pine in Alabama. You can imagine yourself in a magical forest where the trees look like shimmering fountains of emeralds. These pines are so cherished, the impressive new plant tourist destination in Anniston, the county seat, is named Longleaf Botanical Gardens.

The best time for us plant enthusiasts to visit Calhoun County is late-April until early-June, though every season here brings natural splendor. Springtime means mountain laurel and native azaleas are in their peak beauty. And, be on the lookout for the vivid orange flowers of the Cumberland azalea and the white flowering dogwood.

The American South has a long legacy of great storytellers. One of the 21st century's most-popular wordsmiths, Pulitzer Prize-winner Rick Bragg, hails from the Piedmont area near Possum Trot, Alabama where he still lives part-time at the house his best-selling books bought his momma.

Bragg is a friend of my brother and I've heard this acclaimed author tell about sliding down a slick hill of Calhoun County pine straw in a cardboard box.

Bragg's latest offering is simply dedicated "To the cook." The book's title tells the rest, "The Best Cook in the World: Tales from My Momma's Table." This 500-pager is loaded with simple and simply delicious dishes from these Alabama hills.

There are 75 recipes and this sort of culinary wisdom: "Well, how do you know when it's done? By how it smells." Try Miz Margaret's Butter Rolls or her "Real Biscuits" with some of our Calhoun County Alabama Bicentennial Pine Syrup (recipe below).

Listen to how Bragg, a mesmerizing writer, brings the South alive in this quote from the current edition of Garden and Gun magazine. You can almost smell the pine trees.

"We called her Skinny because she was two dogs high and a half a dog wide. She was so lean, so long-legged and light, she seemed to glide without effort through the pines and the rocky places up high, running down a deer or just some distant sound, and she would sprint across a mountain to make sure a scent on the breeze presented no threat to her people, her porch, her place.

"She was just a stray that walked up one day in the yard, part redbone, foxhound, and a dozen other bloods, and old-fashioned outside, Alabama brown dog that survived abandonment and starvation and bloody battles with coons and coyotes and wild dogs."—Garden and Gun, August/September, 2019

As famed American naturalist, John Muir said "Between every two pine trees there is a doorway to a new world."

In Calhoun County, Alabama there are countless, welcoming, pine-fragrant doorways to new worlds today, as it was for our forefathers and foremothers 200 years ago.

Here are other positive and pleasurable ways PLANTS + PEOPLE + PINES come together in Calhoun County, including our original, Bicentennial recipe for pine syrup that harkens back to the early days of Alabama:

• **CALHOUN COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET**- 1702 Nobel Street, Anniston, AL 36202; Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7 a.m.-noon, April-November

• **JACKSONVILLE FARMERS' MARKET**- Pocket Park between Ladiga Street and Church Avenue, Jacksonville, AL 36265; Saturdays, 8 a.m.-noon, April 12- Oct. 26

• **OXFORD MAIN STREET MARKET**- 400 Main Street at Simmons Park, Oxford, AL 36203; Thursdays 3-6 p.m., June 13-August 8

• **ZINN PARK—THE DOWNTOWN MARKET**- 101 West 14th St., Anniston, AL 36201; Saturdays, 7-11 a.m., May 4- Oct. 26

• **CALHOUN COUNTY FARMSTANDS**- Dorothy Brown, 2038 Brown Bridge Road, Piedmont, AL 36272; Ralph Browning, 1655 Cobb City Road, Wellington, AL 36279

• **CALHOUN COUNTY BERRIES/U-PICK**- Bennett's Blueberry Farm (Anniston), Faye's Blueberry Farm (Jacksonville), Jerry's Berries (Jacksonville)

• **CALHOUN COUNTY BLUEBERRY LEMON TRIFLE**- This dessert uses locally-grown blueberries and is a good dish to celebrate those early pioneers in this part of Alabama who had British roots; full recipe at www.tasteofhome.com.

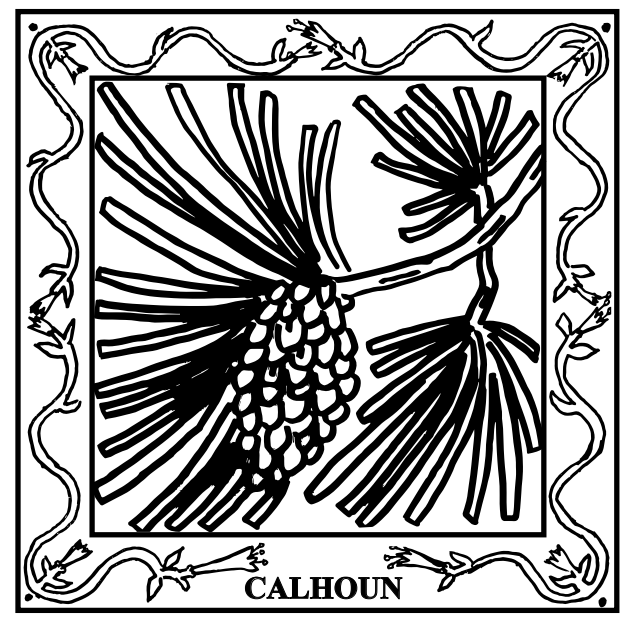
• **MOUNTAIN LONGLEAF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**- On the former site of Ft. McClellan, it takes its name from the mountain longleaf pine (Pinus palustris). The 3,000 acres are open to the public from sunrise to sunset. It's home to endangered plants like the white-fringeless orchid and endangered animals such as the red-cockaded woodpecker and the gray bat; cougars have been sighted in the area.

• **LONGLEAF BOTANICAL GARDENS**- 920 Museum Drive, Anniston, 256-237-6766; Call ahead as you plan your visit to check for open days and times for the public.

• **CALHOUN COUNTY PLANT NURSERIES**- Bloomin' Miracles (Victoria DuBose), 651 Whites Gap Road, Jacksonville; J&M Plants (Jerry Dempsey), 3220 Bynum Leatherwood Road, Anniston

• **LOCAL EATERIES USING LOCALLY GROWN INGREDIENTS**- Rosie's Gourmet 2 Go (Anniston); Garfrericks Café (Oxford); Hubbard's Off Main (Oxford); Cheaha Brewing Company (Anniston)

• **CALHOUN COUNTY HIKING/OUTDOOR ATTRACTIONS**- Choccolocco Park (Oxford); Terrapin Creek Outdoor Center (Piedmont); Coldwater Mountain Bike Trail (Jacksonville); Jacksonville Chief Ladiga Trail (Anniston/Jacksonville/Piedmont)



The Alabama honeysuckle border was inspired by an 18th century, Southern applique quilt.

• **SPIRIT ON MOUNTAIN STREET**- Jacksonville festival with local food vendors, the Jacksonville State University cheerleaders and band- a variety of entertainment

• **WEAVER HERITAGE DAYS**- (Weaver Community) Sept. 14, 2019; Celebrate Alabama's Bicentennial with heritage farm crafts, food vendors and old-time entertainment.

• **CALHOUN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR**- Popular annual event with homemade food and canning contests, crafts, amusement park rides, livestock show and judging- Oct. 10-12

• **ANNISTON MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**- This popular attraction has 85,000 visitors a year to explore 2,000 natural history objects; on the grounds is an impressive wildlife garden.

• **ALABAMA URBANIST and PLANT EXPLORER**- Hayes Jackson, based in Calhoun County, is one of three "urbanists" of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. Jackson has been called "The Indiana Jones of Plants" because of his intrepid exploration of exotic plants in various parts of the world. His office is at Longleaf Botanical Gardens.

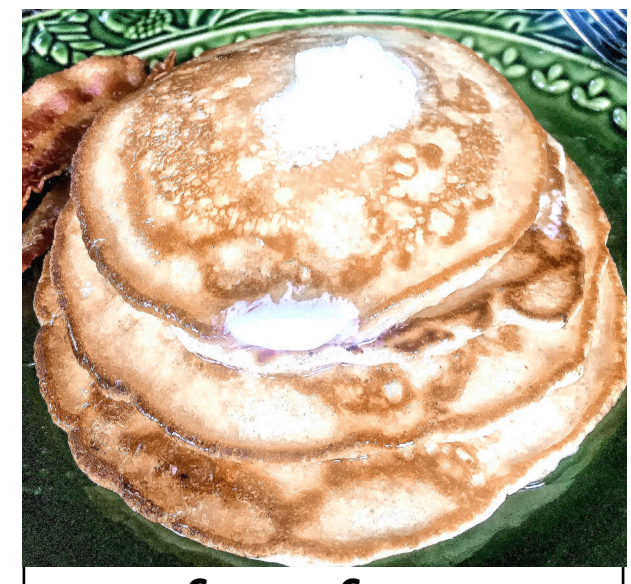
• **PLANTING AN IDEA- "FAMOUS ARTISTS CELEBRATE THE PINE TREE"**- For centuries artists have been captivated with the sculptural beauty of pines. I'm immediately thinking of the Japanese woodblock prints Vincent van Gogh collected which inspired his own paintings of pines like "Pine Trees against a Red Sky." Also, pines have been celebrated in artistic masterpieces by Monet, "Under the Pine Trees at the End of the Day" in 1888, by Impressionist Paul Signac, "The Pine Tree at St. Tropez" in 1909; many works by the Japanese painter Utaga Hiroshige, Georgia O'Keefe, "D.H. Lawrence Pine Tree" and others. The art historians at Jacksonville State University working with the local office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System could curate a show of pine tree art as a draw for both plant tourism to see the Calhoun County longleaf pines and for art tourism. And, a flash show of such pine tree masterpieces would make a lasting edition to exhibits at Longleaf Botanical Gardens or one of the local museums. I'm hearing background music of the majestic "Pines of Rome" by Respighi, perhaps interwoven with some Alabama Hank Williams.

Y'ALL COME on to Calhoun County on your 67-County Alabama Garden Party tour, and you'll be pining for many future return visits.

THANK YOU to Dr. David West, coordinator of the Calhoun County office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System for his many suggestions for celebrating where PLANTS + PEOPLE come together. Also, thank you to Laurie Johnson and her grandson, young chef and Cub Scout, Andrew Johnson, for sharing their recipe for Alabama Bicentennial Pine Syrup to enjoy with Rick Bragg's momma's "Real Biscuits."

The Cullman Tribune is celebrating the Alabama Bicentennial (1819-2019) with statewide field reporting by Alabama Master Gardener/Botanical Artist Ben Johnson South. This year-long feature, "The 67-County Alabama Garden Party," will spotlight different counties each week. Each county will get its own "quilt block," along with a historical profile, and we'll share a recipe specific to the area. At the end of the year, all 67 counties will be put in a book to commemorate the Bicentennial.





Calhoun County

ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL PINE SYRUP

Yes, syrup from pine trees! It seems that our ancestors and people all over the world have been extracting flavor from edible plants, herbs and even trees for centuries. Evergreen conifers, pines, are prolific year-round in most climates and they certainly are in Alabama. Making your own syrup from pine is a novel way to add an herbaceous, natural flavor to anything that also needs a bit of sweet. It is even rumored that pine extract has medicinal properties, but no such claim is being made here! Whether you harvest needles from your gently used Christmas tree or from trees outside in nature, this recipe is a great one for kids of all ages to have fun concocting a unique accompaniment for their pancakes, lemonade, tea or favorite cocktails (for the "of-age kids," of course).

INGREDIENTS

- A couple of handfuls of fresh pine needles, still on their stems
- About 5 cups water
- 1 cup granulated sugar



Andrew Johnson, great-grandson of Ben and Ruby Johnson of Cullman, is a Cub Scout and junior chef. He is pictured assisting in the preparation of Calhoun County Alabama Bicentennial Pine Syrup to salute Calhoun County.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Wash the pine needles and stems very well. Break or snip, both the needles and stems, into about 1-inch pieces. Smash up the ends of the stem pieces to allow them to release more flavor.
2. In a medium sized saucepan or Dutch oven with a tight-fitting lid, mix the water and sugar together and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until it reduces to about half and thickens.
3. Immerse the cleaned and snipped pine needles and stems into the pan and stir them in for a minute until all are mixed into the liquid. Cover with tight-fitting lid and remove from the heat.
4. Allow the mixture to sit, undisturbed until cool, for at least 4 hours or even overnight for the pine flavors to be extracted into the hot liquid.
5. Using a fine mesh sieve or colander, strain the syrup mixture into a bowl and discard the solids.
6. Rinse the colander and strain again into a clean bowl, this time with the sieve lined with cheesecloth (or paper towel if you don't have the cloth). Squeeze the liquid through at the end if needed to get all the syrup that you can.
7. Place into a jar or bowl with a lid and refrigerate for a few weeks if not using quickly.
8. Enjoy on pancakes or waffles, to sweeten lemonade or tea or in place of simple syrup in your favorite cocktail.