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Cullman Christmas Bird Count set for Dec. 15

Vince Meleski
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – The National Audubon Society invites bird-watchers and nature lovers to participate in the longest running citizen science survey, the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC). On Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019 the Cullman Christmas Bird Count will take place in a 15-mile radius centered at the intersection of Interstate 65 and U.S. Highway 278. Volunteers will break up into small groups and cover parts of the circle, recording the birds seen or heard.

Each year, the Audubon CBC mobilizes more than 72,000 volunteer bird counters in more than 2,400 locations across the Western Hemisphere. The CBC utilizes the power of volunteers to track the health of bird populations at a scale scientists could never accomplish alone.

Data compiled in Cullman will record every individual bird and bird species seen in the specified area and then be submitted to the National Audubon Society, contributing to a tradition stretching back more than 100 years.

Birders of all ages are welcome to contribute to this nationwide citizen science project that provides scientists with a crucial snapshot of our native bird populations during the winter months. Each individual count is performed in a count circle with a diameter of 15 miles. The volunteers break up into small parties and follow assigned routes, counting every bird they see. In most count circles, some people also watch feeders and record their sightings instead of following routes.

To sign up for the Cullman count, contact Vince Meleski at vincemeleski@outlook.com or 256-739-4589.

The Audubon CBC began in 1900 when Dr. Frank Chapman, founder of Bird-Lore - which evolved into Audubon magazine - suggested an alternative to the holiday "side hunt," in which teams competed to see who could shoot the most birds- 119 years of counting birds is a long time, but the program somehow brings out the best in people and contributes to our understanding of birds.



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There is no fee to participate, and a report will be available online to view all the count circle results. The count is open to birders of all skill levels.

The count will begin with a meeting at 6:30 a.m. at Culpepper Real Estate Co. located at 601 Seventh Ave. SW in Cullman and wrap up with a compilation at 5 p.m. at Karma's Coffee House, 103 First Ave. NE in Cullman. At noon the group will meet at Culpepper Real Estate to compare the morning's results and plan to look for any missing species. Volunteers are welcome to participate in the morning or afternoon session if they do not want to participate all day.

Making a difference: Two Shoes Ministry



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Helen Cary (back) and Cheryl Askew in the "shoe barn" for Two Shoes Ministry

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County is blessed to have many wonderful charitable organizations working hard and working together to take care of those who need support and comfort. Two Shoes Ministry is a local nonprofit founded by Helen Cary 12 years ago to help provide new shoes to those in need.

Cary recently hosted a red beans and rice social at her home to thank the officers and board members who help make her mission possible. Although the get-together was about fellowship, not business, she and others talked to The Tribune about what they have been up to this past year, as well as future goals.

"We have a great group," said Cary. "I've joined Community Action and I go to their in-service meetings in Decatur so they've gotten hooked up with me for shoes. I have four different orders from groups that are with them. I've been real busy with them."

Two Shoes helps with groups around Cullman and other cities in north Alabama. The group participates in Belk's fundraising sale each year to raise money and also accepts monetary donations.

Two Shoes Treasurer Pastor Don Strandlund said, "We are grateful for Belk. It is one of the best centralized ways of raising funds for us because we work entirely voluntarily."

Board member Doug Doggett added, "Helen can take a dollar and make it go a LONG way."

Cary has a storage barn for Two Shoes at her home where she and the volunteers keep and arrange all the shoes as they wait to fill orders from groups such as Victim Services of Cullman, Childhaven and others.

"Last count we had given over 2,800 pairs of shoes," said Cary, "but I haven't counted lately."

Cary spends much of her spare time searching for bargains and seasonal clearance sales. She re-

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AGRICULTURE

Irrigation tax credit for farmers

Victoria Dee
Contributor

AUBURN, Ala. – Some Alabama farmers could see a break on their taxes thanks to a new tax credit. This credit allows farmer to count certain costs associated with irrigation, including fuel conversions, equipment and reservoirs, on their income taxes.

Qualification
Only qualified irrigations systems or reservoirs are eligible for the tax credit. Producers must have filled out an annual information report with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries to be eligible.

"Producers completing and submitting an irrigation questionnaire is the first step to properly seeking an income tax credit from the Alabama Department of Revenue," said Britney Goodrich, an Alabama Extension agricultural risk management and economics specialist.

What can farmers claim?
Eligible taxpayers can claim one credit for qualifying equipment purchased and installed during five-year periods. These periods are 2012 through 2017, 2018 through 2022 and 2023 and thereafter.

"This is a cost savings that farmers can use to buy new irrigation equipment if they are new to irrigation or to make long-awaited upgrades to existing equipment," Goodrich said.

Producers that performed irrigation upgrades during 2019 are encouraged to complete the required irrigation questionnaire. The Alabama Department of Revenue will ultimately issue the irrigation tax to an eligible applicant.

According to Goodrich, this credit can also be an opportunity for Alabama producers to expand their irrigated acreage.

Alabama has significantly fewer acres currently using irrigation than surrounding states.

"Alabama currently irrigates roughly 163,000 acres of cropland, compared to around 1.2 million in Georgia and around 1.7 million in Mississippi," Goodrich said.

More information
For more information on this income tax credit, visit the Alabama Department Agriculture and Industries website.

For further information, visit www.aces.edu or contact a member of the Alabama Extension farm and agribusiness management team.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2019-082**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF K.R.M.
D.O.B. 06/21/2016
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **WHITNEY BALLARD OLSOWY**
CORY REID MINDOCK
ADDRESSES UNKNOWN

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY LISA MICHELLE SEYMOUR PETITIONER. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, ROOM 101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 20th DAY OF November, 2019.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABMA

Alex J. Chaney
Attorney for Petitioner
405 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

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IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP and CONSERVATORSHIP of
WILLIAM JEFFERSON DANIEL, An incapacitated person.
* IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
* CASE NO: PC 2019-306

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP

TO: SUSAN HILL; DEBBIE DIANE DANIEL; AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN.

Please take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship has been filed in said Court by the Petitioner, Javon Daniel, and that the 1st day of January, 2020 at 9:30 o'clock A.M., has been set for a hearing on the same in the Probate Court of Cullman County, first floor of the County Courthouse in the city of Cullman, Alabama.

Done this the 27th day of November, 2019.

Alex J. Chaney, Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1052
Cullman, AL 35055

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2019-080

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JOHN ROBERT SELLERS JR. TO ADOPT F.G.M.A., a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: ANY UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED FATHER OF F.G.M.A., WHOSE IDENTITY, WHEREABOUTS, RESIDENCE AND/OR ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of F.G.M.A., a minor child (born on November 24, 2002, to Lorena Mayte Martinez Aguilar), was filed on the 31st day of October, 2019, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, alleging that the identity of the natural father of the child is unknown or has not been disclosed to the Court. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE this 26th day of November, 2019.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP and CONSERVATORSHIP of
LOUELLA SYBLE DANIEL BISHOP, An incapacitated person.
* IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
* CASE NO: PC 2019-307

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP

TO: WILLIAM JEFFERSON DANIEL, JR.; JAVON DANIEL; DONALD DANIEL; RANDALL DANIEL; SANDRA SCHMIDT; OPHIA STEPHENS; ELLEN CULVER; RICKY DANIEL; KEITH DANIEL; OLAN DANIEL; MANYLA HOUSAT; AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN.

Please take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship has been filed in said Court by the Petitioner, Javon Daniel, and that the 7th day of January, 2020 at 9:00 o'clock A.M., has been set for a hearing on the same in the Probate Court of Cullman County, first floor of the County Courthouse in the city of Cullman, Alabama.

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC2015-166

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PHILIP EARL YOUNG, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Connie Jo Young Lee and Barbara Y. Briscoe on the 14th day of November, 2019, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Connie Jo Young Lee and Barbara Y. Briscoe
Personal Representatives

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Nov. 29 - Dec. 1

FRIDAY, NOV. 29

Foundry Thrift Store Black Friday Sale
The Foundry Ministries will hold a special one-day sale at the Foundry Thrift Store on Black Friday, Nov. 29, from 8 a.m.-10p.m. Many items will be on sale, including $5 coats, and 25% off everything else (exclusions may apply). There will also be free food and prizes all day. 1636 Second Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35055

Dodge City Christmas in the Park
• Perry Ray Park, 120 Howard Circle, Dodge City, AL
• Cookies and hot chocolate with Santa
• Friday and Saturday nights, 6-9 p.m.
• Nov. 29-30; Dec. 6-7,13-14,20-21
• Free gift for every child
• Call 256-287-0364 for more info.

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland
• 5-9:30 p.m. Guests can drive through the park or park and experience the extra attractions including train rides, carriage rides and sleigh rides. Parents can take pictures of their kids with Santa or purchase a 5×7 photo in a souvenir frame for $5. The cost is $10 (cash only) per vehicle, regardless of how many people are in it.
• The schedule for the Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland: December- Wednesday-Sunday: 5-9:30 p.m.; Dec. 23 is the last day for Santa and the train; Closed Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; Dec. 26-29- Drive through only: 5-9:30 p.m.
• For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/395857437714080 or call 256-734-3052.

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

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SUNDAY, DEC. 1

Holly Pond Band Swamp John's Dinner
Sunday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the school lunchroom. Plates are $11.

Historic Downtown Hartselle Christmas Open House
• 1-4 p.m.- It's a Wonderful Life in Historic Downtown Hartselle, and you are welcome to share in the Christmas Spirit on Sunday, Dec. 1 as we officially ring in the Christmas Season.

Come Meet:
• Miss Dodie Rogers-Patterson, the daughter of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, as she will be available for Autographs.
• West Point Rodeo Queens, both present and past as they gather for a Rodeo Royalty Reunion
• SANTA, Yes the Jolly Old Elf Himself will be on hand for photos and to drop off your letters to Santa

Special Needs Free Swim at the Aquatic Center
3-5 p.m. at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center- 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.

UPCOMING...

Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland
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Cullman County Public Library Fall Brown Bag Lecture Series: History of Holly Pond and Blount Springs
• Wednesday, Dec. 4 at noon at the Cullman County Public Library (200 Clark St. NE)
• Greg Burden is an amateur historian and author who grew up in Hanceville. Greg will be speaking about the history of Blount Springs and Hanceville. Following his talk, he will have books to sell.
• This is a free program. The library will provide snacks. Call 256-734-2720, ext. 21 or 23 for more info.

Arley Christmas Parade
• Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. Parade route is through the center of Arley.
• Bring the kids to meet Santa! Please join us after the parade at Meek Elementary School for a complimentary soup supper hosted by our local area churches and the Arley Women's Club.

Cullman Women Sing Concert
Cullman Women Sing will present "With a Voice of Singing" Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. This free concert will be at Seventh Street Baptist Church.

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• Nov. 29-30; Dec. 6-7,13-14,20-21
• Free gift for every child
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Cards in The Park
• Cards in The Park Display (Dec. 7-31), Governor's Park in Holly Pond
• On Dec. 14, Luminaries will be lit at 5 p.m., Christmas Carols at 5:30 and Santa at
• Sponsored by the Town of Holly Pond in coordination with the Holly Pond Civitan Club. Refreshments will be served in the newly renovated Holly Pond Town Hall.

Christmas Dinner & Music by Allison Speer
• Sunday, Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. at Cullman First Nazarene Church
• Tickets are $12 for adults, $6 for kids (ages 12 & younger) and can be purchased at the church office at 5415 AL Hwy. 157, Cullman. Proceeds go to the children's department. Call 256-734-8937 for more information.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Broncos come from behind to defeat Lindsay Lane, Broncos fall to Lincoln County

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – This year's Holly Pond Thanksgiving Tournament came to a close Wednesday with the Fairview Aggies and the Broncos and Lady Broncos of Holly Pond taking on tournament foes. The Aggies got things started with a 73-55 win over JB Pennington in the third-place game, the Lady Broncos rallied to come back and knock off Lindsay Lane 45-40 and in the final matchup of this year's tournament, the Broncos fell to Lincoln County 67-40.

Holly Pond 45 – Lindsay Lane 40 (varsity girls)
Back to back three-point baskets by Kaylee Stallings gave Holly Pond an early 6-2 lead but the Lady Lions answered with a three on the other end to cut the lead to one.

Another Lindsay Lane bucket tied the game at eight late in the opening quarter and the Lady Broncos trailed 11-8 at the start of the second quarter.

The Lady Lions knocked down back to back threes early in the second quarter to take a 17-10 lead and the scoring run continued. Sarah Finley scored to cut the lead to 21-14 midway through the second and she later converted an and-one basket in the final seconds of the half to make it a 24-17 game at the break.

A three-pointer from Tate Duke helped cut the lead to 26-22 early in the third but the Lindsay Lane responded with back to back threes on the other end to pull ahead and 32-24 midway through the quarter. By the start of the fourth, the Lady Lions led the way 38-26 but the final frame belonged to Holly Pond.

Missed free throws and turnovers plagued the Lady Broncos all night but in the latter half of the fourth quarter, the tide began to turn. Elizabeth Miller knocked down a pair of free throws to trim the lead to 40-36 and a Stallings layup made it a 2-point game with under three minutes to play. Offensive rebounds extended possessions for Holly Pond and Miller added another pair of free throws to tie things up at 40 with 1:40 to play. Both teams were scoreless for over a minute of game time before Stallings drilled another three-pointer to put the Lady Broncos up 43-40 with 21 seconds on the clock. Holly Pond was able to get a defensive stop and Duke knocked down two free throws with five seconds to play to ice the game.

Finley led the Lady Broncos with 17 points in the win, followed by Stallings with 11, Miller with eight and Duke with five. Holly Pond will get some time off over the Thanksgiving weekend before traveling to Oneonta Tuesday.

Lincoln County 67 – Holly Pond 40 (varsity boys)
Turnovers led to an early 7-0 lead for Lincoln County but six straight points from Kyler Chaney cut the lead to one. Offensive rebounds and a three-pointer by the Falcons helped them build a 22-8 advantage going into the second quarter.

Lincoln County got the quarter started with a 7-0 scoring to go ahead 29-8 early in the second. Levi Boatright knocked down a triple to make it a 34-11 game midway through the second, but it was the only points the Broncos could score in the quarter and they trailed the Falcons 38-11 at the halftime break.

Holly Pond surpassed their first half scoring total in the third quarter alone by putting up 16 and cutting the lead to 52-27 going into the final frame. Despite another solid scoring effort in the fourth quarter, the Broncos couldn't overcome the early lead and fell to Lincoln County 67-40.

Chaney led Holly Pond with 13 points in the loss, followed by Jayden Perkins with 11, Boatright with eight and Jordan Allbright with five. The Broncos will get some time off over the Thanksgiving weekend before traveling to Oneonta Tuesday.

Other Wednesday scores:
Encore Girls Classic
- Good Hope 55 – East Lawrence 37 (varsity girls)
- Rogers 50 – West Point 47 (varsity girls)
- Susan Moore 62 – Cold Springs 56 (varsity girls)

Holly Pond Thanksgiving Tournament
- Fairview 73 – JB Pennington 55 (varsity boys)

Hanceville Thanksgiving Tournament
- Moody 76 – Cold Springs 45 (varsity boys)
- Mortimer Jordan 76 – Hanceville 44 (varsity boys)

Hampton Inn Thanksgiving Bash
- Cullman 75 – Lauderdale County 66 (varsity boys)



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Sarah Finley (32) led the Lady Broncos with 17 points in their come from behind win over Lindsay Lane Wednesday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Hanceville falls to Mortimer Jordan in Thanksgiving Tournament

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Hanceville took on Mortimer Jordan in the second semifinal game of their Thanksgiving Tournament, with the winner to take on Moody for the championship Friday. Hanceville fell behind early, 15-8 and found themselves trailing by nine after one at 20-11.

The Blue Devils stretched their lead to 28-13 to start out the second period, but Hanceville's Tyson Bellmon converted a three-point play with six minutes remaining to make it a 28-16 game.

After Mortimer Jordan pushed its lead to 33-16, the Bulldogs finished the quarter on a 7-2 run, including a steal and a layup by Brodie Malcom, to cut the deficit to 35-23 at the half.

But that momentum that Hanceville had to finish out the first half quickly evaporated as the Blue Devils lit it up from deep in the third quarter, drilling eight three-pointers and outscoring the Bulldogs 32-13 to take a 67-36 lead going into the final period.

The fourth quarter was run by a hot clock and despite Hanceville's attempt for a late comeback, the deficit was too much for the Bulldogs to overcome and they wound up falling 76-44.

Raiden Morgan led the way for Hanceville with 13 points. Malcom added nine points, Ephram Milne ended up with six, Kainon Moore added five, Bellmon and Ben Johnson each chipped in with three and Izayah Glenon and Zach Campbell each finished with two.

The Bulldogs will take on Cold Springs in the third-place game on Friday at 2:30 p.m.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Hanceville's Ephram Milne finished with six points in Hanceville's 76-44 loss to Mortimer Jordan.

UAB travels to North Texas with C-USA West Division Title in sight

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – With an opportunity to win back-to-back C-USA West Division titles, the UAB football team travels to Denton on Saturday, Nov. 30, for its regular season finale at North Texas. Kick is set for 3 p.m. CST on Stadium and the game can be seen locally in Birmingham on MY68. The Blazers need to defeat the Mean Green and have Florida Atlantic beat Southern Miss to claim the West Division title.

If that happens, UAB would travel to Florida Atlantic for the C-USA title game on Dec. 7, which would pair the last two C-USA champions against each other (FAU in 2017, UAB in 2018).

Who: UAB (8-3, 5-2 C-USA) at North Texas (4-7, 3-4)

Where: Denton, Texas – Apogee Stadium

When: Saturday, Nov. 30 – 3 p.m.

Watch: Stadium (Birmingham – MY68)

On the Call: Chris Hassel (play-by-play), A.J. Hawk (color)

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On the Call: David Crane (play-by-play), Steve Irvine (color), Trey Ragland (sideline)

Series: UAB leads, 3-1

Last Meeting: Oct. 20, 2018 – UAB, 29-21

Streak: UAB, W1

WHAT TO WATCH FOR:

- With so much on the line for the Blazers, it will be no easy task as UAB faces the most prolific quarterback in North Texas history, Mason Fine. For his career, Fine has thrown for 12,237 yards and 91 touchdowns.

- However, UAB's pass defense has been lights out this season and enters the final game of the regular season ranked fifth nationally in passing yards allowed at 169.3 per game. In the last two games, the Blazers have 18 total pass breakups.

- UAB held the league's top ranked offense to just 270 total yards and 14 points last week. The Blazers are the nation's sixth ranked defense and are in the top 10 nationally in seven major statistical categories, including third in both fumble recoveries (13) and third down defense (27.4).

- With a minimum of two games remaining, the Blazers have tallied 36 sacks and 87 tackles for loss, both of which ranks UAB 10th nationally. Last season, the Blazers set the school record with 48 sacks and 111 TFL.

- C-USA Defensive Player of the Year candidate Kristopher Moll and C-USA Newcomer of the Year candidate Jordan Smith each have a team-high 13.5 TFL, while C-USA Freshman of the Year candidate Alex Wright has 8.0 TFL. Wright's 8.0 TFL and 4.0 sacks are the most of any freshman in the league.

- Quarterback Dylan Hopkins is 2-1 as the starter in replacement of Tyler Johnston III who is working himself back from an injury suffered in the Tennessee game. Hopkins threw for 185 yards and a touchdown in the 20-14 victory over Louisiana Tech last week.

- Wide receiver Austin Watkins Jr. has 883 receiving yards and is 117 yards shy from becoming just the third player in program history to have 1,000 receiving yards in a single season. He, Myron Mitchell (534) and Kendall Parham (548) have combined for 1,965 of UAB's 2,326 receiving yards (84.5 percent).

- The unsung heros of UAB's success has been the offensive linemen. Plagued by injuries, the offensive line has had seven different starting lineups through 11 games but has allowed the fewest sacks of any team in the league (13), and continues to operate at a very high level.

- UAB is 27-11 overall, 19-5 in Conference USA and 15-2 versus West Division opponents since returning to action in 2017. All of those marks are the most of any team in the league during that span.

The Blazers will have a close eye on the Southern Miss at FAU game which kicks at 2:30 p.m. CST on Saturday. For more information on UAB Football, fans can follow @UAB_FB on Twitter and Instagram.

Tips for enjoying a live Christmas tree

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County Extension Office Coordinator Tony Glover often gets asked around the holidays, "What type tree has the least problem with needle shedding?"

"The quick answer is 'The fresher the tree, the better it will hold its needles,'" Glover said. "The only way to know you have a freshly cut tree is to cut it yourself, or in my case (laughing), I just point to the tree and tell one of my kids to cut it for me. If you buy a tree from a local 'choose and cut farm,' it probably doesn't matter what species you purchase, so just pick out the tree you like best. The key to keeping the needles attached is to get the fresh cut tree stump into water as quickly as possible."

Glover shared more tips.
"Choosing a pre-cut tree from a sales lot can be a little riskier than cutting the tree yourself, but if you follow these tips your chance of getting a good tree will improve greatly," he said. "Purchase a tree as soon as trees are available, even if you don't plan to decorate it for several days. The sooner you can get the tree in water the longer it will last.

"Most of the trees on sales lots were cut at the same time, so the longer they stay on the lot without water, the less likely they will even take water up when they are placed in home tree stands with water reservoirs. Look at the tree trunk near the base, and if you see splitting, the tree most likely has dried so severely it will not absorb water."

What should a consumer look for in a tree?
"Look for a tree with a healthy, green appearance and few dead or browning needles," said Glover. "Run your hand along a branch to see if needles seem fresh and flexible. Needles should definitely not pull free easily. If possible, bump the base of the tree on the ground. You should expect some of the old dead needles to fall off, but if green needles also fall off, the tree is not very fresh."

What about the types of trees for needle retention?
"Some trees are just naturally better at retaining their needles. Douglas fir, Eastern White Pine, Fraser fir, Leyland Cypress, Scotch pine and Virginia pine are considered to have excellent needle retention," he said. "Freshness, however, is the most important factor involved with needle retention.

"The ultimate in freshness is to purchase a living tree in a container. I have used everything from hollies to Arizona cypress as a living tree to be moved into the yard after Christmas. Many nurseries will stock container plants suitable for Christmas tree usage. However, even though these trees have a root system, they still need regular watering. The environment inside your home is much hotter and drier than the conditions were at the nursery. The shorter their time indoors the greater success you will have with them once planted after Christmas. Don't forget to keep them watered in the landscape as well."

What do you do for upkeep when you find that perfect tree?
Glover answered, "You should make a fresh cut a couple inches above the original cut. This removes any clogged wood that would prevent water uptake. If you are not ready to place the tree indoors you may store in a shady area outdoors or in an unheated room or basement. Regardless of where you locate the tree, make sure to check the water reservoir frequently and keep it filled a couple inches or more above the tree's base. Your tree should be taking up a quart of water per inch of trunk diameter per day. I have not seen any research that proves any concoction added to the water works significantly better than plain tap water."

Glover also shared some additional tips on placing a fresh tree in your home, "A tree disposal bag is a good idea and can help you with cleanup after Christmas. Another tip to consider involves tree location in the home. Keeping the tree away from heat sources such as air ducts, wood stoves and fireplaces will prolong the freshness and reduce the risk of fire. Make certain all lights and extension cords are in good working order, and turn lights off when the tree is not attended. Because our homes are much drier in the winter when the heating system is operating, a small room humidifier can be good for you, your house plants and Christmas tree."

If interested in finding a local Christmas tree farm, visit this website: www.southernchristmastrees.org/AL-Farms.html

Glover noted one of the farms closest to Cullman County is Beavers Christmas Tree Farm in Trafford (10093 Bradford Trafford Road, Trafford, AL 35172).



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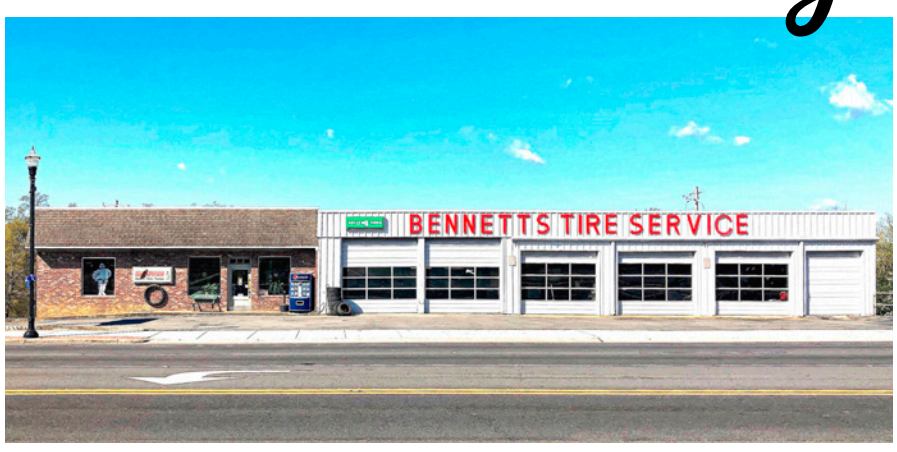
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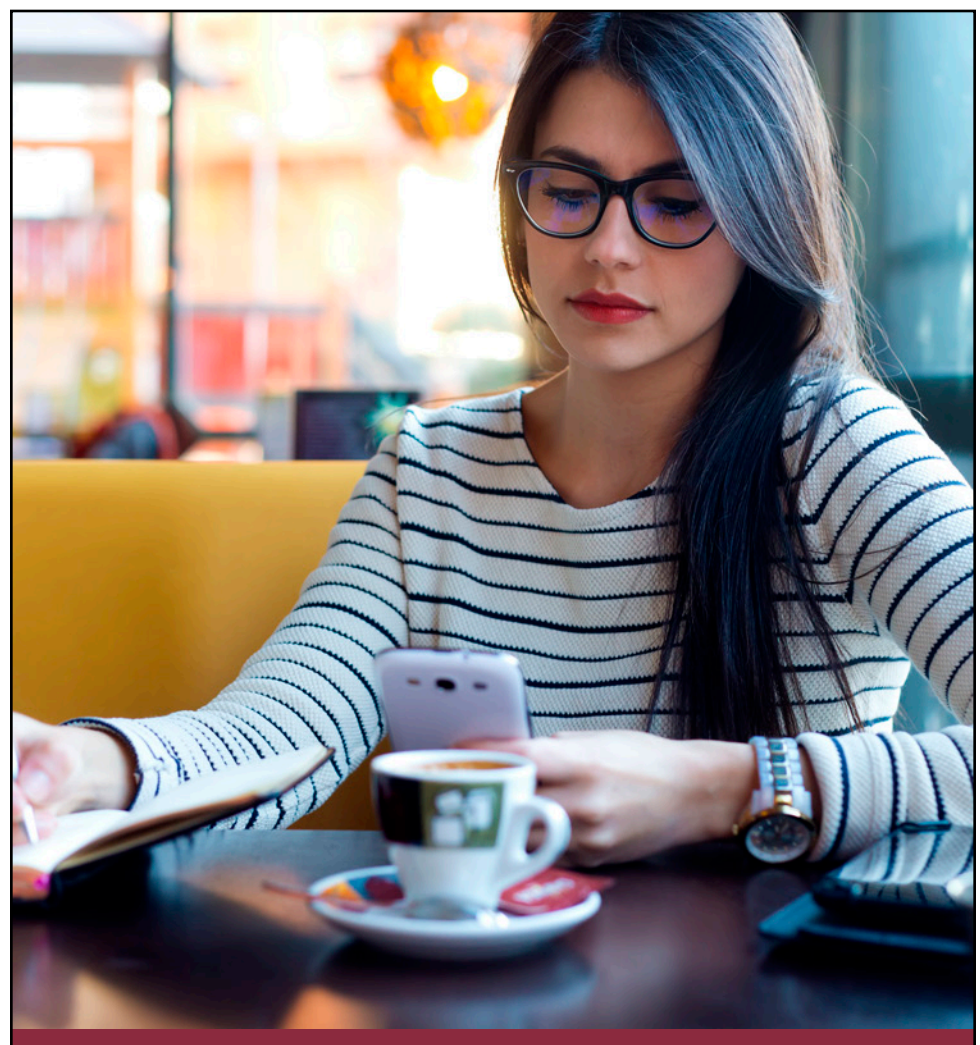
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Wallace State hosts week-long NC3 Train the Trainer welding workshop

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College's Welding Department recently hosted a week-long National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) Train the Trainer workshop, welcoming instructors from multiple states for Lincoln Electric curriculum instruction.

Wallace State welding instructor Jim Thompson is one of three NC3 Welding Master Trainers in the United States and was among the leading instructors during the training, designed to build on the foundational knowledge of traditional welding practices, educate instructors on the latest equipment and techniques, and raise overall welding education standards across the nation.

"One of our goals is to give instructors the knowledge and the practicality to deliver lesson plans and teach their students the Lincoln Electric NC3 curriculum," Thompson said. "Each day we feature a different welding process."

Attendees spent each morning in the classroom, learning through lecture and discussion and implemented different processes each afternoon at the Wallace State welding shop, which is equipped with a Lincoln Electric fume extractor arm system in each booth.

Instructors from colleges in Kansas, California, Texas, North Dakota and Ohio attended the event in addition to Wallace State instructors Chris Posey and Jacob Humphrey.

Thompson, Aaron Schreiber and Ben McFarland are the three welding NC3 Master Trainers across the U.S. Schreiber and McFarland live in Wisconsin.

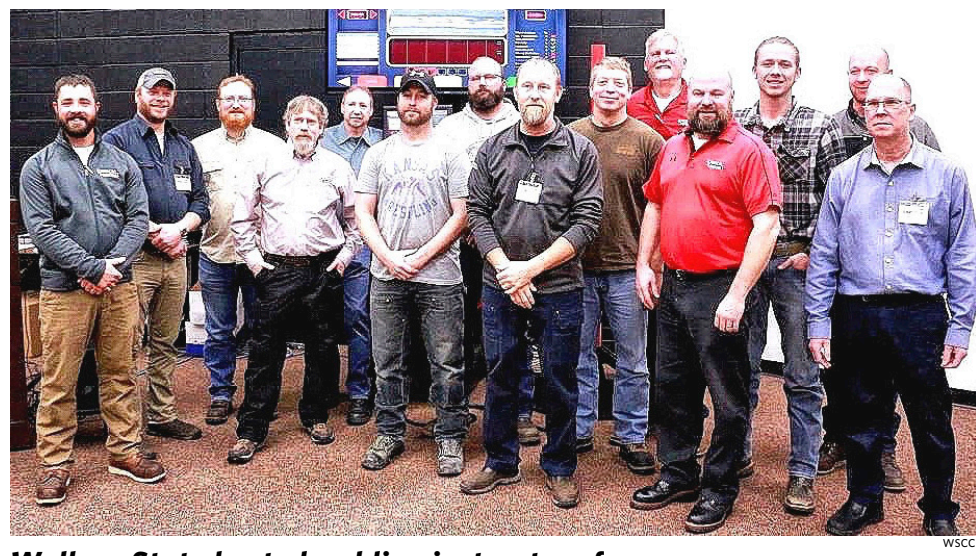
"We hope the attendees make an effort to implement this curriculum at their respective colleges. It's valuable training for all," Thompson said.

Wallace State's Applied Technologies Division is a NC3 leader across the U.S, shaping curriculum across the country with three instructors certified as NC3 Master Trainers: Thompson, Jeremy Smith (Diesel Technology) and Steve Smith (Machine Tool Technology).

NC3 and Lincoln Electric hosted its first welding training event at the Lincoln Electric Welding Technology & Training Center in Cleveland in June.

NC3 is a network of education providers and corporations that, together, embody passion for innovative CTE models and produce a sustainable, highly-skilled workforce. It was established to help build a workforce prepared to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's industries by connecting employers and educational institutions in partnerships that foster effective training, elevation of skilled careers, and employment opportunities.

For more information about Wallace State, visit www.wallacestate.edu.



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Wallace State hosted welding instructors from across the country during its week-long NC3 Train the Trainer workshop, focused on Lincoln Electric NC3 curriculum.

Variety of classes offered through Wallace State Community Education and Continuing Education

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Wallace State Community College Continuing Education and Community Education programs offered through the Career & Workforce Development office are gearing up for a full slate of classes for Spring 2020. From gardening to cake decorating, computer basics to conversational Spanish, and small engine repair to a beef production, there's a little bit of something for everyone.

Courses offered range from one-time classes to multiple classes offered over several weeks. Some classes are offered as general interest, while others are offered for certification purposes.

Anyone interested in gardening or plant maintenance have a number of options, including Gardening Basics, Vegetable Gardening, Structural Pruning and Training of Young Trees, Proper Planting Using ANSI Standards, Setting of Landscape Plants Certification Prep, and Commercial Pesticide Application Certification Prep.

Computer related courses include Excel Basics, Excel Beyond the Basics, Excel Advanced, Introduction to Graphics, Designing Logos, and Basic Computer Skills.

Language courses include Conversational Spanish and Conversational Spanish for the Construction Industry.

Other courses offered include T-Tap Exercise, Cake Decorating, Outdoor Power Equipment Repair and Beef Production Seminar.

Pending courses for Spring 2020 include Weight Training, CPR, Photography and Genealogy.

The Training for Business and Industry program is also offering a number of options for the Spring, including Phlebotomy, Certified Production Technician, Certified Logistics Technician, Commercial Driver's License, ServSafe Test Prep and Certification, Heavy Equipment Operation and Agriculture Training.

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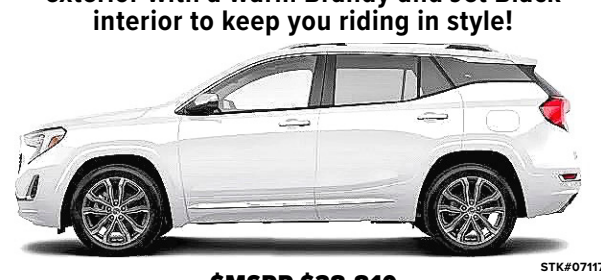
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Sports

8:00 a.m. FSEE Women's College Basketball Abilene Christian at Oklahoma.
10:30 a.m. ESPN College Basketball Bad Boy Mowers Battle 4 Atlantis, Third Place: Teams TBA. (Live)
ESPN2 College Basketball Orlando Invitational, First Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live)
11:00 a.m. WBRC College Football Texas Tech at Texas. (Live)
WABM2 College Football Virginia Tech at Virginia. (Live)
FSEE Women's College Volleyball Oklahoma at TCU.
1:00 p.m. WVTM NHL Hockey New York Rangers at Boston Bruins. (Live)
ESPN College Basketball Bad Boy Mowers Battle 4 Atlantis, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
ESPN2 College Basketball Wooden Legacy, First Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live)
1:30 p.m. WIAT College Football Missouri at Arkansas. (Live)
FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow
2:00 p.m. FS1 College Basketball DePaul at Minnesota. (Live)
2:30 p.m. WABM2 College Football Cincinnati at Memphis. (Live)
3:00 p.m. WBRC College Football Washington State at Washington. (Live)
3:15 p.m. ESPN College Football West Virginia at TCU. (Live)
3:30 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Orlando Invitational, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live)
4:00 p.m. FS1 Boxing PBC: Wilder vs. Ortiz - Prelims.
5:30 p.m. FSEE Sports Stars of Tomorrow
6:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball NIT Season Tip-Off, Third Place: Teams TBA. (Live)
FS1 WWE Backstage
7:00 p.m. WBRC WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live)
ESPN College Football South Florida at UCF. (Live)
FS1 College Basketball Las Vegas Invitational, Final: Teams TBA. (Live)
FSEE NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Indiana Pacers. (Live)
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10:30 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Wooden Legacy, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live)
FSEE NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Indiana Pacers.
GOLF European PGA Tour Golf Alfred Dunhill Championship, Second Round.

Movies

3:40 p.m. COM "The Internship" ★★½ (2013) Vince Vaughn.
3:42 p.m. BRAVO "Catch Me if You Can" ★★★ (2002) Leonardo DiCaprio. An FBI agent pursues Frank Abagnale Jr., a con man who assumes various identities and commits forgery.
3:45 p.m. E! "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" ★★½ (2010) Kristen Stewart.
4:00 p.m. AMC "Kung Fu Panda" ★★★ (2008) Voices of Jack Black. Premiere. Animated. Chosen to fulfill an ancient prophecy, a clumsy panda must become a martial-arts master and defend his people from a villainous snow leopard.
PARMT "Friday" ★★★ (1995) Ice Cube. A South Central Los Angeles resident hangs out on his front porch with a pal who owes money to a drug dealer.
4:33 p.m. BET "Madea's Family Reunion" ★★½ (2006) Tyler Perry.
5:00 p.m. FX "Trolls" ★★★ (2016) Voices of Anna Kendrick. Animated. Poppy, the optimistic leader of the trolls, and Branch, her polar opposite, embark on an adventure that takes them far beyond the only world they've ever known.
TCM "Revenge of the Pink Panther" ★★½ (1978) Peter Sellers.
HBO "Cold Pursuit" ★★½ (2019) Liam Neeson
5:05 p.m. MAX "Daylight" ★★ (1996) Sylvester Stallone
5:15 p.m. TBS "Sweet Home Alabama" ★★ (2002) Reese Witherspoon.
SHOW "Dirty Harry" ★★★½ (1971) Clint Eastwood A police detective defies his superiors to capture a sniper terrorizing San Francisco.
5:30 p.m. FREE "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" ★★½ (1992) Macaulay Culkin.
GOLF "Tin Cup" ★★★ (1996) Kevin Costner. A curvy customer and a smarmy golf-pro pal motivate a down-and-out Texas driving-range owner to try for the U.S. Open.
6:00 p.m. AMC "The Polar Express" ★★★ (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. Animated. The conductor of a train to the North Pole guides a boy who questions the existence of Santa Claus.
PARMT "Next Friday" ★★ (2000) Ice Cube.
6:25 p.m. COM "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" ★★★ (2004) Vince Vaughn. The owner of a gym and an overbearing entrepreneur form dodgeball teams to compete for $50,000 in Las Vegas.
6:30 p.m. E! "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" ★★ (2011) Kristen Stewart.
6:35 p.m. USA "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" ★★★ (2009) Daniel Radcliffe. Dumbledore tries to prepare Harry for the final battle with Voldemort, while Death Eaters wreak havoc in both Muggle and Wizard worlds, and tragedy looms on the horizon.
6:52 p.m. BRAVO "Edge of Tomorrow" ★★★ (2014) Tom Cruise. A soldier who was killed in action gets caught up in a time loop, in which he repeatedly relives his last battle. However, the more times he fights, the closer he gets to discovering how to defeat the alien enemy.
6:58 p.m. SHOW "Jarhead" ★★★ (2005) Jake Gyllenhaal A Marine and his comrades form brotherly bonds while patrolling the Iraqi desert during the Gulf War.
7:00 p.m. FX "Sing" ★★★ (2016) Voices of Matthew McConaughey. Animated. A pig, a mouse, a porcupine, a gorilla, an elephant and other animals gather at a koala's theater for a singing competition.
TCM "Sullivan's Travels" ★★★★ (1941) Joel McCrea. A Hollywood director's desire to produce a film about real people and human suffering leads him on an odyssey as a hobo.
TNT "Wonder Woman" ★★★ (2017) Gal Gadot. After leaving her all-female island for the first time, Wonder Woman discovers her full powers and true destiny while fighting alongside men in a war to end all wars.
HBO "Us" ★★★½ (2019) Lupita Nyong'o A couple and their two children must fight for survival when four masked strangers descend upon their beachfront home. When the masks come off, the family is horrified to learn that each attacker takes the appearance of one of them.
TMC "Adaptation" ★★★½ (2002) Nicolas Cage A screenwriter asks his identical twin, who is in the same profession, for advice on a story about a serial killer.
7:30 p.m. BET "Daddy's Little Girls" ★★ (2007) Gabrielle Union.
TBS "Beauty and the Beast" ★★★ (2017) Emma Watson. In this live-action re-imagining of the fairy tale, a young woman takes her father's place as prisoner in a beast's castle, only to fall in love with her beastly captor, who turns out to be a prince.
8:00 p.m. AMC "The Polar Express" ★★★ (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. Animated. The conductor of a train to the North Pole guides a boy who questions the existence of Santa Claus.
FREE "Shrek" ★★★½ (2001) Voices of Mike Myers. Animated. In order to save his home, a monster with a donkey makes a deal with a mean lord to rescue a beautiful princess.
GOLF "Tommy's Honour" ★★½ (2016) Peter Mullan.
8:30 p.m. COM "Wedding Crashers" ★★★ (2005) Owen Wilson. Two divorce mediators spend a wild weekend partying with a politician and his eccentric family.
9:00 p.m. CMTV "The Sandlot" ★★½ (1993) Thomas Guiry.
E! "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2" ★★½ (2012) Kristen Stewart.
TCM "A Face in the Crowd" ★★★ (1957) Andy Griffith. A TV woman turns Arkansas bum Lonesome Rhodes into a homespun media hero rotten with power.
MAX "Spy Game" ★★½ (2001) Robert Redford
TMC "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" ★★★ (2002) Sam Rockwell Chuck Barris produces game shows for television and leads a double life as a CIA assassin.
9:26 p.m. BRAVO "Edge of Tomorrow" ★★★ (2014) Tom Cruise. A soldier who was killed in action gets caught up in a time loop, in which he repeatedly relives his last battle. However, the more times he fights, the closer he gets to discovering how to defeat the alien enemy.
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TBS "Monster-in-Law" ★★ (2005) Jennifer Lopez.
TNT "Batman Forever" ★★½ (1995) Val Kilmer.
10:30 p.m. PARMT "Beverly Hills Cop" ★★★ (1984) Eddie Murphy. A hip Detroit detective drives out to Los Angeles and shows local police how to catch a killer.

FRIDAY EVENING — MOVIES — NOVEMBER 29, 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	25 Words or Less	America Says	Family Feud	Family Feud	Dateline A college student disappears.		CSI: Miami Investigating three different murders.		CSI: Miami "Backfire" Murder victim's spirit haunts Calleigh.		Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing
WBIQ-PBS	4	Ready Jet Go! (El)	Peg & Cat (El)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Washington Week (N)	Firing Line With Margaret	Capitol Journal		Great Performances "Kinky Boots" A duo creates footwear. (N)			
WVTM-NBC	5	WVTM 13 News at 5p (N)	NBC Nightly News - Holt	WVTM 13 News at 6p (N)	WVTM 13 News at 6:3	The National Dog Show Over 2000 dogs compete.				Dateline NBC		WVTM 13 News at 10p	Tonight Show-J. Fallon
WBRC-FOX	7	(3:00) College Football Washington State at Washington. From Husky Stadium in Seattle. (N)			FOX College Football Extra	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				WBRC FOX6 News at 9pm	WBRC FOX6 News	WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm	(:25) WBRC FOX6 Sideline
WIAT-CBS	8	CBS42 News 5pm (N)	CBS Evening News	CBS42 News 6pm (N)	CBS42 Road	Frosty the Snowman	(:32) Frosty Returns	(:01) Hawaii Five-0 McGarrett and Joe prepare for battle.		Blue Bloods "Trust" Eddie and her new partner fail.		CBS42 News 10pm (N)	Late Show-Colbert
WTTO-CW	9	The Goldbergs	2 Broke Girls	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer		Penn & Teller: Fool Us Celebrating the holiday season. (N)		Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	The Andy Griffith Show	The Andy Griffith Show
WPXH-ION	11	NCIS: Los Angeles A killer puts on shows for voyeurs.		NCIS: Los Angeles A weapons dealer must be found.		NCIS: Los Angeles A cryptocurrency farm is robbed.		NCIS: Los Angeles A top-secret device must be found.		NCIS: Los Angeles A Marine is murdered.		NCIS: Los Angeles Sam wants Callen to find a new partner.	
WABM2-ABC	12	College Football	Coll. Football	ABC 33/40 News at 6PM	Wheel of Fortune (N)	American Housewife (N)	Fresh Off the Boat (N)	20/20				ABC 33/40 News at 10PM	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!
A&E	42	(4:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 11.23.19"				(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 280" (N)		Live PD "Live PD -- 11.29.19" (N) (Live)					
AMC	53	(4:00) ★★★ "Kung Fu Panda" (2008) Premiere.		★★★ "The Polar Express" (2004, Children's) Voices of Tom Hanks. Animated. A conductor guides a boy to the North Pole.				★★★ "The Polar Express" (2004, Children's) Voices of Tom Hanks. Animated. A conductor guides a boy to the North Pole.				★★★ "Kung Fu Panda" (2008) Voices of Jack Black.	
ANPL	47	The Aquarium The team welcomes two sea otter pups.		The Aquarium A curious box turtle goes for a walk.		The Aquarium "Otter Tale" Feisty baby alligators arrive.		The Aquarium A beluga whale goes on the whale scale.		The Secret Life of the Zoo (N)		The Secret Life of the Zoo K'mana butts head with Ville.	
BET	55	(4:33) ★★ "Madea's Family Reunion" (2006, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Blair Underwood. A matriarch must keep the peace through family strife.					★★ "Daddy's Little Girls" (2007, Romance) Gabrielle Union, Idris Elba. A poor mechanic and an attorney share an unexpected romance.					Tyler Perry's The Oval Sharon sabotages two relationships.	
BRAVO	58	(3:42) ★★★ "Catch Me if You Can" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks, Christopher Walken.				(6:52) ★★★ "Edge of Tomorrow" (2014, Science Fiction) Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt, Brendan Gleeson. A soldier in an alien war gets caught in a time loop.					(:26) ★★★ "Edge of Tomorrow" (2014, Science Fiction) Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt.		
CMTV	61	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Nashville Squares (N)	Nashville Squares (N)	Nashville Squares	Nashville Squares	★★ "The Sandlot" (1993) Thomas Guiry, Mike Vitar. The new boy in town falls in with neighborhood ballplayers.			
CNBC	35	Shark Tank Men's swimwear; a hangover cure.		Shark Tank A solution for lost pacifiers.		Shark Tank A vibrating mat that helps calm babies.		Shark Tank Riding a bike that doesn't have pedals.		Shark Tank Decorating Easter eggs without the mess.		Shark Tank Seafood breading; an improved bathrobe.	
CNN	37	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer (N)		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		AC360: The Howard Stern Interview		AC360: The Stephen Colbert Interview		AC360: The Malcolm Gladwell Interview (N)		The History of Comedy "Politics Aside"	
COM	56	(3:40) ★★ "The Internship" (2013, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Owen Wilson, Rose Byrne.			(:25) ★★★ "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004) Vince Vaughn. Dodgeball teams compete for $50,000 in Las Vegas.			★★★ "Wedding Crashers" (2005, Comedy) Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn, Christopher Walken. Partygoers spend a wild weekend with a politician's family.					
DISN	49	Gabby Duran	(:35) "Descendants 3" (2019, Children's) Dove Cameron. Mal and her friends face an unfathomable dark force. 'NR'				Just Roll With It "Owenfest"	Gabby Duran	Bunk'd "Serfs Up-rising"	Coop & Cami Ask the World	Raven's Home	Just Roll With It "Owenfest"	Gabby Duran
DSC	43	Gold Rush Rick upgrades his operation.		Gold Rush Rick buys a monster wash plant. (N)		Gold Rush: Pay Dirt "Motherlode Mountain" (N)		Gold Rush "Washplant Wars" (N)				(:01) Outback Opal Hunters Col's Crew heads underground.	
E!	21	(3:45) ★★ "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" (2010) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson.				★★ "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" (2011, Romance) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner. Bella and Edward marry.				★★ "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2" (2012, Romance) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson.			
ESPN	29	(3:15) College Football West Virginia at TCU. (N) (Live)		(:15) College Football Countdown (N) (Live)		College Football South Florida at UCF. From Spectrum Stadium in Orlando, Fla. (N) (Live)						SportsCenter (N) (Live)	
ESPN2	30	College Basketball	College Basketball Live	College Basketball NIT Season Tip-Off, Third Place: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				College Basketball Live	College Basketball NIT Season Tip-Off, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				College Basketball
FOOD	45	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
FREE	48	(3:00) ★★★ "Home Alone"	★★ "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992, Children's) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci. Kevin ends up in New York when he boards the wrong plane.					★★★ "Shrek" (2001) Voices of Mike Myers. Animated. A monster and a donkey make a deal with a mean lord.				The 700 Club	
FS1	20	(4:00) Boxing PBC: Wilder vs. Ortiz - Prelims.		WWE Backstage		College Basketball Las Vegas Invitational, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				FS1 College Hoops Extra		College Basketball Las Vegas Invitational, Third Place: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	
FSEE	32	404 Takeover With Coach	Sports Stars of Tomorrow	Pro Football Weekly (N)	Hawks Live! Pregame (N)	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Indiana Pacers. From Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. (N) (Live)					Hawks Live! Postgame (N)	Hawks 4th Quarter	NBA Basketball
FX	28	★★★ "Trolls" (2016, Children's) Voices of Anna Kendrick. Animated. Two trolls embark on a journey to save fellow villagers.				★★★ "Sing" (2016, Children's) Voices of Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon. Animated. Animals gather at a theater for a singing competition.					★★★ "Sing" (2016, Children's) Voices of Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon.		
GOLF	82	Golf Central (N) (Live)	★★★ "Tin Cup" (1996, Comedy) Kevin Costner, Rene Russo, Cheech Marin. An undisciplined golfer attempts to reach the U.S. Open.					★★ "Tommy's Honour" (2016, Historical Drama) Peter Mullan, Jack Lowden, Ophelia Lovibond. Father and son become pioneers in the world of golf.					European PGA Golf
HALL	72	"Christmas Under the Stars" (2019) Clarke Peters. Nick takes a gig at a tree lot, where he meets Julie and her son, Matt.				"Christmas in Evergreen: Tidings of Joy" (2019) Ashley Williams. A writer investigates a town's passion for Christmas.				(:03) "Write Before Christmas" (2019) Torrey DeVitto, Chad Michael Murray. Jessica sends Christmas cards to five people.			
HGTV	46	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	My Lottery Dream Home	House Hunters International	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters International
HIST	40	Ancient Aliens The obliteration of historical records.		Ancient Aliens The mysterious Bluestone circle.		Ancient Aliens: Secret Files Governments prepare mankind.		Ancient Aliens Exoplanets may be home to others. (N)		(:03) In Search Of Researchers search for answers. (N)		(:05) Ancient Aliens A link to ancient ancestors.	
LIFE	23	"A Christmas Wish" (2019, Comedy) Hilarie Burton, Pam Grier. A wooden wishing box is placed in the park as a tradition.				"Staging Christmas" (2019) Soleil Moon Frye. Premiere. A widower asks a woman to stage his home for the holidays.				(:03) "A Twist of Christmas" (2018) Vanessa Lachey, Brendon Zub. Two single parents mix up their children's Christmas toys.			
MSNBC	36	The Beat With Ari Melber (N)		Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)		All In With Chris Hayes (N)		The Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word With Lawrence O'Donnell (N)		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	
NGC	22	The 80's: The Decade That Made Us		The 80's: The Decade That Made Us "Shop 'til You Drop"		The 80's: The Decade That Made Us		The 80's: The Decade That Made Us		The 80's: The Decade That Made Us "Super Power"		The 80's: The Decade That Made Us "Lift Off"	
PARMT	57	(4:00) ★★★ "Friday" (1995) Ice Cube, Chris Tucker.		★★ "Next Friday" (2000, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps, Justin Pierce. A young man lives with kin who won the lottery.					★ "Friday After Next" (2002) Ice Cube, Mike Epps. Two cousins land jobs as security guards at a shopping mall.				★★★ "Beverly Hills Cop"
TBS	25	(:15) ★★ "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas. A New York fashion designer has a secret in the South.					★★★ "Beauty and the Beast" (2017, Children's) Emma Watson, Dan Stevens, Luke Evans. A young woman discovers the kind heart and soul of a beast.					★★ "Monster-in-Law" (2005) Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda.	
TCM	79	★★ "Revenge of the Pink Panther" (1978) Peter Sellers. Inspector Clouseau dons disguises to catch a drug kingpin.				★★★★ "Sullivan's Travels" (1941, Comedy) Joel McCrea, Veronica Lake. Hollywood director turns hobo for social epic.				★★★ "A Face in the Crowd" (1957) Andy Griffith, Patricia Neal. A homespun philosopher becomes an overnight sensation.			
TLC	24	Long Island Medium Surprising fans with readings in Texas.		Long Island Medium "The Spirits of Hollywood"		Long Island Medium "Beyond the Read: Clearing the List" (N)		Long Island Medium A group of women receive a visit. (N)		Long Lost Family A woman searches for her birth mother.		Long Lost Family An adopted man searches for his roots.	
TNT	26	(4:30) ★ "Allegiant" (2016) Shailene Woodley, Theo James. Tris and Four journey beyond the wall that encloses Chicago.				★★★ "Wonder Woman" (2017, Action) Gal Gadot, Chris Pine, Connie Nielsen. Wonder Woman discovers her full powers and true destiny.						★★ "Batman Forever" (1995, Action) Val Kilmer.	
USA	27	(3:35) ★★★ "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" (2007, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe.			(:35) ★★★ "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" (2009, Children's) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. New dangers lurk for Harry, Dumbledore and their friends.							Modern Family	Modern Family
WE	71	The Great Christmas Light Fight		The Great Christmas Light Fight		The Great Christmas Light Fight		The Great Christmas Light Fight		The Great Christmas Light Fight "All Stars"		The Great Christmas Light Fight	
HBO	518	★★ "Cold Pursuit" (2019, Action) Liam Neeson. A vigilante seeks justice against a drug lord and his crew. 'R'				★★★ "Us" (2019, Horror) Lupita Nyong'o, Winston Duke. A family of four comes under attack from evil look-alikes. 'R'				Watchmen The journey of Angela's grandfather.		Room 104	Mrs. Fletcher
MAX	549	(:05) ★★ "Daylight" (1996, Action) Sylvester Stallone. Explosion traps New Yorkers in the Holland Tunnel. 'PG-13'				"The Operative" (2019, Suspense) Diane Kruger, Cas Anvar. Premiere. Mossad recruits a woman to become an agent. 'NR'				★★ "Spy Game" (2001, Suspense) Robert Redford. A CIA agent tries to rescue his one-time protege from prison. 'R'			
SHOW	578	(:15) ★★★ "Dirty Harry" (1971) Clint Eastwood. Harry Callahan uses unorthodox methods to capture a sniper. 'R'				(6:58) ★★★ "Jarhead" (2005, War) Jake Gyllenhaal, Peter Sarsgaard. Marines band together during the Gulf War. 'R'				Flack A chef's womanizing ways cause trouble.		Shameless Frank revels in his new position.	
TMC	598	(3:45) ★ "Winchester"	(:25) "Wildling" (2018, Horror) Liv Tyler, Brad Dourif, Bel Powley. 'R'			★★★ "Adaptation" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Nicolas Cage. A neurotic screenwriter has trouble with a difficult book. 'R'				★★★ "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" (2002, Biography) Sam Rockwell, Drew Barrymore, George Clooney. 'R'			

Best Bets

7 p.m. on WIAT
Frosty the Snowman

In this animated classic, which marks its 50th anniversary this year, Jackie Vernon provides the voice of Frosty, the legendary snowman with a corncob pipe and a button nose. Frosty comes to life when a magician's hat lands on his head. With the help of children, he heads for the North Pole before he melts — but he's pursued by the magician, who wants his hat back. Billy De Wolfe supplies the voice of the magician, and Jimmy Durante narrates the tale. "Frosty Returns," a '1992 sequel, immediately follows.

7 p.m. on HALL
Movie: Christmas in Evergreen: Tidings of Joy

This third installment in the "Christmas in Evergreen" yuletide movie franchise stars Maggie Lawson ("Psych") as Katie, a novelist and freelance writer who is assigned to write a magazine piece on the idyllic holiday hamlet of the title. Initially, the place sounds just too good to be true, but as Katie spends time there doing interviews for her article, she falls under the spell of Evergreen and its residents, especially handsome Ben (Paul Greene). Holly Robinson Peete, Jill Wagner, Ashley Williams, Barbara Niven and Rukiya Bernard co-star.

7 p.m. on MAX
Movie: The Operative

Israeli director and screenwriter Yuval Adler adapted a Hebrew novel called "The English Teacher" for this 2019 political thriller, which premiered at the Berlin International Film Festival. Diane Kruger stars as Rachel, a woman recruited by Mossad, Israel's national intelligence force. After some successful missions, Rachel goes rogue and disappears without notice, forcing her former handler, Thomas (Martin Freeman), to determine whether she is now a threat to Israel. Cas Anvar also stars.

8 p.m. on OWN
Movie: Baking Christmas

When beloved town baker Patty (Aloma Wright) decides she's ready to retire, her three children — Jennifer (Khalilah Joi), Angela (Leigh-Ann Rose) and Anthony (Arnell Powell) are ready to step up to continue the family business tradition. Each seems qualified to run the business, so Patty and husband Phillip (Tim Reid) decide the only fair way to decide is to have a Christmas cake bake-off to see which of the siblings can create the most stunning yuletide confection in this 2019 holiday comedy.

9 p.m. on WBIQ
Great Performances

"Great Performances" wraps up its third annual "Broadway's Best" series with "Kinky Boots," which opened on Broadway in 2013 and went on to sweep the major awards for best musical in New York and London. Pop icon Cyndi Lauper also earned Tony Award glory for her first effort as a Broadway composer-lyricist. In this staging, filmed during the subsequent smash run in London's West End, Killian Donnelly stars as Charlie, owner of a struggling shoe factory, who finds success thanks to Lola (Matt Henry), an Amazonian drag queen.

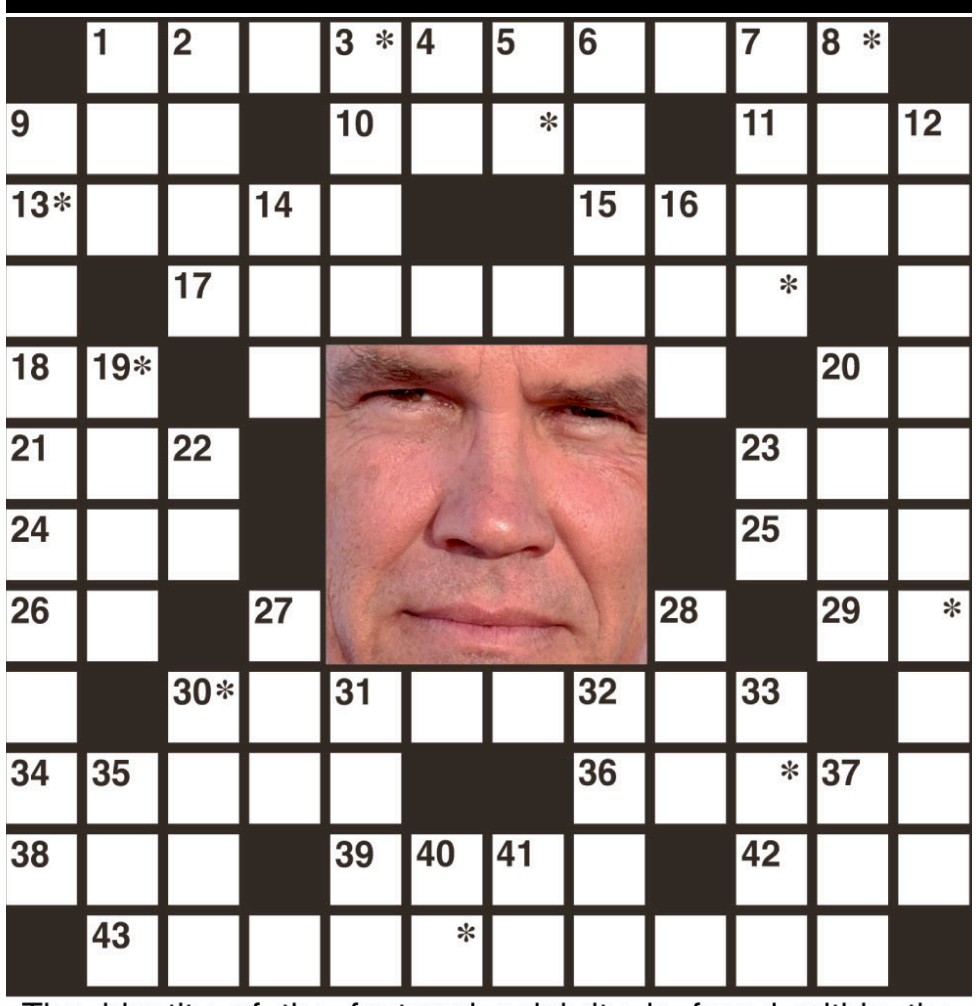
10 p.m. on HBO
Room 104

While enjoying a much-needed layover from collecting a rare botanical specimen, a scientist wakes in the titular Room 104 to find herself inside a lush, rapidly growing jungle in "The Specimen Collector," the surreal Season 3 finale. Ethan Kent, Davie-Blue and Sameerah Luqmaan-Harris are featured. HBO has not announced yet whether it will order a fourth season of this quirky anthology series.



Maggie Lawson stars in "Christmas in Evergreen: Tidings of Joy" on Hallmark Channel.

PUZZLES



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

1. Role on "black-ish" (2)
9. End of each verse of "Old MacDonald"
10. One of the Great Lakes
11. Mozart's monogram
13. Wide
15. Letter turner
17. "Bless __ __"
18. Initials for producer Lear
20. Dzundza's initials
21. Special-order shoe
23. "Boys Don't __"; Hilary Swank movie
24. "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's __"
25. Carter or Clinton: abbr.
26. "__ Ordinary Family"
29. "__ On"; 2012-13 Matthew Perry series
30. Actor on "The Good Doctor"
34. Actress Verdugo
36. Electrician, at times
38. "Fear and Loathing in __ Vegas"; Johnny Depp film
39. "Nick at __"; Nickelodeon evening fare
42. Female animal
43. "New Amsterdam" role (2)

DOWN

1. Spielberg or Scorsese: abbr.
2. Plant part
3. "Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the __"
4. Word in the title of Howie Mandel's show
5. Lois' hubby, in the comics
6. __ Campbell
7. Possesses
8. Actress Travis, to friends
9. "FBI" actress (2)
12. Actress on "This Is Us" (2)
14. __ moment; instant of realization
16. Particle of soot
19. Jay __
20. Dharma's man
22. Actor O'Neill
23. AB followers
27. Ice-T's role
28. Night we watch "Blue Bloods": abbr.
30. "For __ __ jolly good fellow ..."
31. Band of hoodlums
32. Had debts
33. "Able was I, __ __ saw Elba"
35. On the __; fleeing
37. S's partners on a weather vane
40. Number of seasons for "Smallville"
41. "Hart __ Hart"

Solution
Josh Brolin



Letters to Santa

The Cullman Tribune will be publishing Letters to Santa again this year beginning in December and throughout the Christmas holiday. We would love to have all area primary and elementary school students participate.

All letters will be published online and many in print. The deadline for print is Friday, Dec. 20.

Letters should contain the child's name, age, grade and classroom/school, along with his or her message to Santa.

Letters should be mailed

(or dropped off) to

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or emailed to Robin@CullmanTribune.com.

Rides (from Front)

Maggie Darnell
maggie@cullmantribune.com

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – A Christmas tradition, the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament is again offering free wagon rides in December. See the tranquil grounds of the Shrine from a wagon drawn by genuine draft horses.

Rides will be offered from Dec. 14-28, and the Shrine will begin taking reservations for them Monday, Dec. 2.

To reserve a ride, contact the Shrine at 256-787-4121. The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament is located at 3224 County Road 548, Hanceville, AL 35077.

Rides will be available on the following dates:

- Dec. 14 from 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-5 p.m.
- Dec. 16-20 from 1-5 p.m.
- Dec. 21 (Part of the Shrine's Christmas Open House) from 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-7 p.m.
- Dec. 23 from 1-5 p.m.
- Dec. 27 from 1-5 p.m.
- Dec. 28 from 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-5 p.m.

There will be no rides on Dec. 15, 22 or 24-26.

For more information, contact the Shrine at 256-352-6267 or 256-787-4121 or visit https://olamshrine.com/.

Difference (from Front)

called a recent trip to an area store.

"I find these bargains, and the other day I found all these sandals in all colors, and kids love colors.

"They were originally around $15 and I got each pair for less than a dollar and I grabbed every pair I could get."

She said, "I do individuals and I go someplace and I see a child that looks like they need shoes. I will talk to their parents and provide what they need."

Cary said she got the idea for Two Shoes one day after watching "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

"She had a woman on that was giving pajamas to children," said Cary. "Something went through my mind and I thought, 'Why can't I get into something?' I went to Catholic school all my life and had to wear saddle oxfords. For 12 years I wore saddle oxfords and uniforms. I've been a freak for shoes and clothes since getting out of college. I sat and prayed and shoes came to mind."

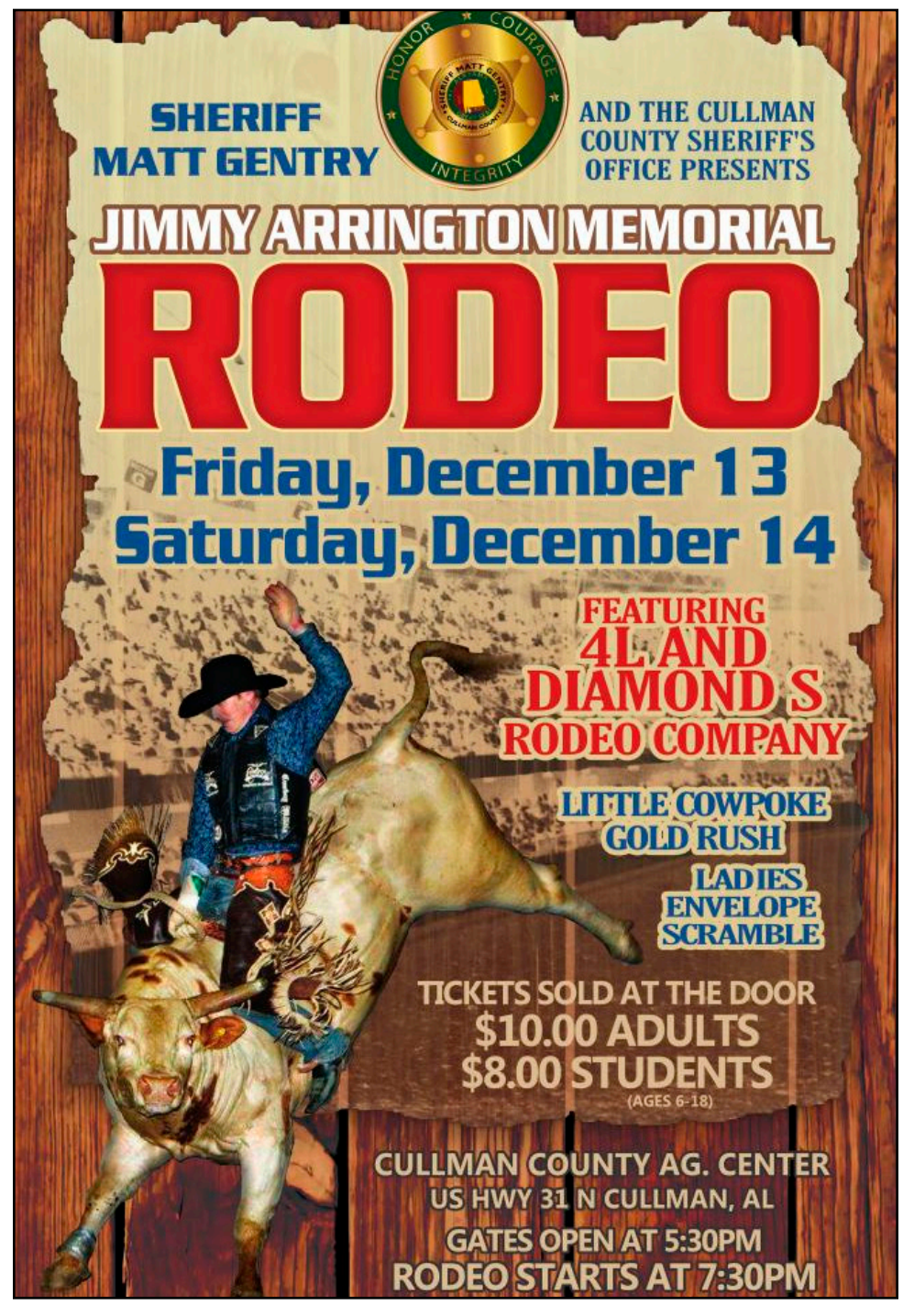
She got up the next day and began the legal paperwork to create the Two Shoes Ministry.

Cary serves as the Two Shoes Ministry president and Ellen Robertson is vice president. Cheryl Askew serves as secretary and Strandlund in treasurer. Serving on the Two Shoes Ministry Board are Doggett, Dr. Bruce Lee, Dan Willingham, Dr. Paula Robinson and Dr. Joshua Robinson.

For more information on Two Shoes Ministry or to donate or volunteer, call 256-297-2426.

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"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"

HALE COUNTY

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Correspondent

A thousand years ago, the people of Hale County, Alabama ate sunflowers.

The most distinctive trait of us Alabamians is that we view time differently. While it is considered very American to wholesale accept that moving forward is progress, we Alabamians believe there are some things from the past, like manners, that we want to carry into the future with us. People in Hale County take the long view of history.

Alabama embraces innovation; we are leaders in space travel and medical research. We are time-weavers comfortable with one foot on the launching pad to the moon and the other on a Hale County mound of the nature-worshiping ancients.

Hale County is honoring the state's Bicentennial this year, a celebration of Alabama being a mapped, recognized area of the United States of America for 200 years. However, there is an everyday awareness for those growing up and living in this remote part of the state that a great civilization of people lived here, 800 years before the land was claimed by European settlers.

At present day Moundville, Alabama in Hale County there was a major settlement of the Mississippian Native Americans and one of the most important hubs for religion and politics on the North American continent. The culture existed between the 11th and 16th centuries. However, few mounds were constructed before 1200 A.D. And, by 1500 A.D., the mounds were mostly abandoned as residences and became ceremonial places for spiritual practices and governmental matters.

When you stand on the mounds of this 185-acre "lost city" on the bluffs of the Black Warrior River you can still see pine forests, occasional deer, rabbits, maritime magnolias, a great variety of birds and groves of hickory and oak trees. There are 29 platform mounds around a grassy rectangular plaza. It is estimated 1,000 people lived inside the wooden walls of the main area and 10,000 in the surrounding woodlands.

The mound-dwelling residents were skilled plants-people. Agriculture was the main source for food augmented by fishing and hunting. The main crop was maize (corn). Because these people were talented and knowledgeable farmers, they grew a surplus of maize which provided exports for trading with other native populations. The archaeological site in Hale County, now managed by the University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) is also renowned for the beauty and utility of its pottery and stonework.

Sunflowers were another popularly cultivated plant crop in the ancient gardens of what is now Hale County. Sunflowers have been called the "fourth sister" which refers to the "Three Sisters" of edible plants: corn, beans and squash. The native people ate sunflower seeds and other parts of the plant for the nutritious fat content.

Food archaeologists believe the diet of the Mississippian mound dwellers was 40% corn. Besides this plant, the other cultivated vegetation was primarily squash, sunflowers, chenopod, maygrass (Phalaris caroliniana), barley and beans. Wild food foraged included hickory nuts, acorns, persimmons and native grapes.

Fish provided 25% of the dwellers' protein and was the most common animal eaten. Other meats included venison, beaver, turkey, rabbit, squirrel, opossum and turtle. The upper class of the mound dwellers and men ate more meat than those of lesser status and women.

Sunflowers were valued by the militaristic warriors centuries ago in Hale County. The golden petals were ground into powder and worn as war paint for courage. Natives of the Mississippian culture often carried sunflower cakes into battle as "power bars" to keep their strength up and be victorious. And, sunflower oil was used as a medicine for treating wounds.

Most reading this are not literally in arm-to-arm combat with neighboring tribes in the 21st century, but here are some good reasons for us to plant sunflowers in modern times:

1. SUNFLOWERS FEED POLLINATORS- A goal I have in the new year is to inspire more "pollinator gardens" in Alabama, at least one in each of the 67 counties. Sunflowers would be an ideal plant for such gardens because the big petals attract honeybees, bumblebees and butterflies and then the florets at the center of the heads have nectar and pollen which is a food source for these busy pollinators.

2. SUNFLOWERS ARE BEAUTIFUL CUT FLOWERS- Few things are more smile-inducing than a vase or jug of these big, happy blossoms; remember to plunge freshly cut sunflower stems into a clean bucket of water so the stems don't seal.



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

3. SUNFLOWERS PROVIDE "FREE" EDIBLE SEEDS- and are a high-energy snack, add crunch and nutrients to salads, and also a good substitute for pine nuts in pesto. You can also enjoy the nutty flavor and nutritional boost of sunflowers harvested young as microgreens.

4. SUNFLOWERS ATTRACT BIRDS- which devour insect pests. If you raise chickens, sunflowers are a perfect treat for them; just toss a sunflower head into their area and they'll peck the daylights out of it and cluck for more.

5. SUNFLOWERS IMPROVE SOIL- Especially in more urban areas, there is often lead, arsenic, copper and other soil-contaminants. When planted in mass, sunflowers are not only beautiful, but the dirt they are planted in is being improved by these hyper-accumulators.

Here are other positive and pleasurable PLANTS + PEOPLE things in Hale County to explore on your 67-County, Alabama Garden Party tour, including an original recipe by Laurie Johnson that combines traditional Native American fry bread with venison and a sprinkling of sunflower seeds.

• **GREENSBORO FARMERS' MARKET**- Intersection of Highway 14 and Highway 61, Greensboro, AL 36744; open Fridays 7 a.m.-1 p.m., May 31-Sept. 27

• **PIE LAB**- The nationally celebrated innovation hub has this recipe for success: PIE + COMMUNITY CENTER + DESIGN STUDIO; see major articles on Pie Lab in The New York Times Magazine, Southern Living Magazine and other media; 1317 Main Street, Greensboro, AL 36744, 334-624-3899

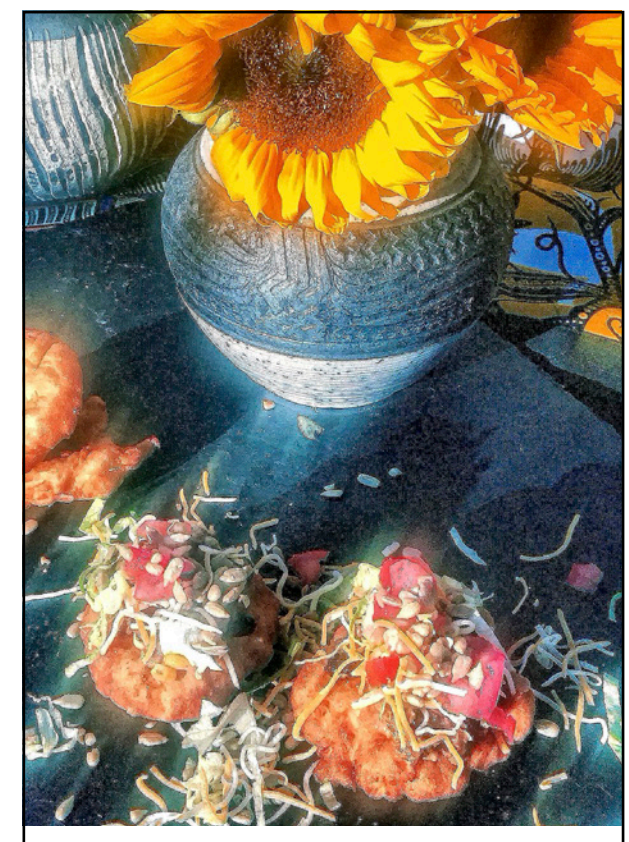
• **HALE COUNTY PLANTS ADVICE/ EDUCATION**- 701 Hall St., Greensboro, AL 36744, 334-624-8710

• **PLANTING AN IDEA**- Have an artists' competition to design a 21st century site-specific "earthwork" in Hale County. I'm thinking here of Maya Lin's "Eleven Minute Mile" created on a dairy farm in Sweden. Also, the ziggurat mounds which were the signature of garden designer Anthea Gibson. Such an artwork could create another reason for plant tourists, art lovers and the general public to visit this beautiful, 10 centuries-inhabited part of Alabama. The new "earthwork" could be on land contiguous with the protected archaeological site or in another part of the county.

Y'ALL COME to Hale County on your 67-County, Alabama Garden Party tour! It's mounds of fun, adventure, history and beauty.

Many thanks to Laurie Johnson for her original Hale County Fry Bread Tacos, which I'm having with wild deer venison, Alabama-grown greens and sunflower seeds from a "pollinator garden."

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.



Hale County
FRY BREAD TACOS

We all love tacos and most of us think of them to be strictly of Mexican origin. But our Native American foregoers thrived on a very similar meal of spiced meat on a base of fried bread (not a tortilla) topped with vegetables and seeds. This recipe calls for ground venison, a meat with which Alabama Native Americans were familiar, but it can be substituted with any taco meat that you wish. The fry breads are really the star of this dish. So easy- only two ingredients plus the oil for frying. They turn out fluffy but crisp and are the perfect base for a perfect taco. Top yours as you like, enjoy and say a little prayer of respect and thanks to our Native American foregoers.

INGREDIENTS:

For taco meat mixture

- 1 lb. ground venison (or beef, chicken or turkey if you can't get venison)
- 1 small yellow onion, chopped
- Vegetable or olive oil as needed
- Taco meat seasonings – Use a mix packet or your own using earthy flavors like cumin, chili powder, onion powder, garlic powder, paprika and salt and pepper.
- 2 tbsp. cornmeal if not using a seasoning packet
- Whole kernel corn (fresh off the cob or frozen) and black beans, rinsed and drained well

For fry breads

- 2 cups self-rising flour, plus a little more for pressing out the breads
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2-3 cups vegetable oil for frying
- Toppings of your choice – shredded cheese, lettuce, chopped tomatoes, sour cream and shelled, roasted sunflower seeds

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Pre-heat oven to its warm setting or ~ 200F.
- Prep and keep your chosen toppings to serve once the fry breads and meat are ready.
- Meat Mixture - Brown ground venison with chopped onion (and a little oil since venison is so lean) until browned and onion is soft. Add taco seasonings, a little water and cornmeal (if not using a mix) and simmer until flavors are well mixed and thickened. On a hot grill pan with a little oil, grill the corn kernels and black beans until almost charred. Mix into the meat, simmer a little more and then cover and keep warm.
- Fry Breads - Mix self-rising flour and buttermilk. The mixture will be still sticky – resist adding more flour in this step. On a well-floured surface and with flour on your hands, press ~3-inch balls of dough into ~ 5-inch circles. Add enough extra flour from the surface or your hands so they are easy to handle but not too dry. This step is a bit messy, but surprisingly easy. Heat about 3 inches of vegetable oil in a sauce pan or Dutch oven until a dab of dough sizzles and rises but doesn't immediately turn dark. Carefully drop in the dough circles, one or two at a time and fry until golden – turning with a heat-proof spatula after a minute or two on each side. They will expand as they cook, so don't crowd the pan. Remove and drain on layers of paper towels on an oven-proof pan. Cover loosely with foil and keep in warm oven until serving.
- Plate the warm fry bread, topped with the venison mixture and your chosen toppings to enjoy a taco like our Native American foregoers might have.