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– BUSINESS –

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AGCOR Steel officially opens in Good Hope

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The ribbon was cut at AGCOR Steel in Good Hope Friday at noon to officially open the new facility. » PAGE 4

ARTS

Cullman Women Sing takes audience on emotional journey

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Women Sing presented its winter concert, "With a Voice of Singing," Thursday night at Seventh Street Baptist Church. The concert was free to the public and one of two for the group each year. The group is directed by Laura Doss and is made up of women from around Cullman County and surrounding areas who share the love of singing.

Doss is adjunct faculty at both Samford University and The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The Cullman native has a Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Performance and a Master's in Education. This is her fourth year serving as director.

"We began rehearsing the music for this concert since August," Doss said. "We kind of follow the school schedule. The ladies meet once a week and we have a wonderful time. We are thankful that St. » PAGE 6



KARLIE PATTERSON/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman Women Sing performed for a packed sanctuary Thursday evening.

ENTERTAINMENT

Local musician Jesse Priest selected for Dolly Parton's #JoleneChallenge



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Jesse Priest stopped by The Cullman Tribune office Friday afternoon to talk about the #JoleneChallenge. » PAGE 2

United Way of Cullman County seeking community input on funding partner agencies

Becky Goff, W.C. Mann
Contributors

CULLMAN, Ala. – United Way of Cullman County (UWCC) is inviting members of the community to participate in its upcoming fund distribution process. This annual review of funding requests is open to Cullman County residents who want to help with the evaluation process.

"United Way is community owned and 100-percent of our funding decisions are made by community volunteers," said UWCC Executive Director Becky Goff. "This citizen review process ensures fiscal and program accountability for all agencies receiving United Way funds while meeting the vital social service needs of our community. We hold our agencies accountable and we can tell donors where their money is being spent; it's the cornerstone of United Way."

Through this process, team members will work together to schedule a site visit and evaluate the agency and services provided. Once teams complete their review process, leaders will work together to outline funding recommendations to present to UWCC's Board of Directors in February.

"We are still working in the community to generate resources for the organizations and programs » PAGE 2

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Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 6

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 6, 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
Dec. 4
• theft of property; person; Quail Run Dr.; mail; unknown amount of property
• fourth-degree theft of property; person; Creekside Ct. NE; vacuum cleaner; $197
Dec. 5
• third-degree domestic violence; person; Walker St. SW
• first-degree theft of property; person; Olive St. SW; '96 Chev. GMT-400; $4,500
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; misc. merchandise; $76
• harassment; person; Harmony Ln. SW

ARRESTS
Dec. 5
Dasilva, Rachel M., 31
• third-degree domestic violence
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Eddy, Monika L., 30
• third-degree domestic violence
• possession of drug paraphernalia

McAlpine, Joshua B., 35
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Jones, Summer D., 19
• fourth-degree theft of property

Dixon, Douglas L., 29
• fourth-degree theft of property

Dixon, Kayci T., 26
• fourth-degree theft of property

Cofield, Jason D., 42
• public intoxication

Flanigan, George L., 42
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Input (from Front)

we support," Goff said. "This year, we have three new dynamic community programs seeking funding from United Way. Our campaign will end March 31, 2020, but there is still time for the community to send in donations to help us make a difference for local nonprofits."

Volunteers participating in the fund distribution process will learn about local human service programs, community needs and how UWCC contributions are meeting these needs. Each volunteer will have the opportunity to meet, work with and get to know other concerned community leaders, volunteers and service providers.

Training for the allocations process will be Jan. 8, 2020. Call UWCC at 256-739-2948 or email bgoff@uwaycc.org to sign up to be part of the citizen review process and help decide where your donations go.

"It only takes a few hours of your time to make a big impact on our community," Goff said.

Priest (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Holly Pond graduate and local musician Jesse Priest has been selected by Dolly Parton and the producers at Netflix to be featured in a compilation video performing Parton's classic hit "Jolene." Priest submitted a video of himself perfroming the song and entered the #JoleneChallenge that was given on Parton's Netflix series "Dolly Parton's Heatstrings."

Priest is used to his friends and fans sending him requests to perform songs by female artists, but said he never predicted that the requests would lead to Parton.

"I will do 'Strawberry Wine,' 'Me and Bobby McGee' and 'Jolene,' of course," he said.

Then his friends began tagging him on Facebook to bring his attention to the #JoleneChallenge.

He explained, "The post explained that Dolly wants to see people's versions of 'Jolene.' I was looking into it and the premiere of the show was that Friday and I got the message on that Wednesday."

He hurried and put together a version at his house, but he thought it could be better. He recalled visiting Grace Episcopal Church with his friend Shannon and admiring the acoustics and wondering if he could record the song there.

"I asked Jay Jones and he said, 'Yeah man, I'd love for you to use it,'" said Priest. "We used it in the video and I thought, 'This is it. It's awesome!' I don't remember when the showed aired, but it was in November before Thanksgiving. I got a call yesterday (Thursday, Dec. 5) and I thought it was a telemarketer, but I have my number on my website so I answered it. I was kind of rude. I answered expecting a telemarketer and said 'What's up?' The lady was like, 'Hi, I'm Andrea and I'm with Netflix and partnered with Dolly Parton and we are trying to reach Jesse Priest.' I quickly changed it and turned on the Southern Gentleman."

Andrea explained to Priest that he had been selected with "a few" others to be part of a video being made.

He isn't sure how many videos were entered, but said, "There's thousands probably. When you clicked on the #JoleneChallenge, you would scroll for days. I was telling people to tag Dolly and make sure she sees the video because that would be awesome! I love Dolly!"

He added, "From what I understand, they are going to make a compilation of me and a few others, but she was having trouble getting in touch with people because people were blowing her calls off probably thinking she was a telemarketer."

There isn't a contest associated with being chosen in the #JoleneChallenge, but Priest said he feels like a winner regardless. Just being selected by Parton to be part of the video is enough for him.

"It's awesome to know that the producers and Dolly took part in watching me singing. Knowing that Dolly has probably seen this is epic. That she watched it and liked it enough to put it in a promotional video is something, right?" Priest smiled.

As of right now, Priest said he is still not sure when the video will air and said that his understanding is a bit vague but he will update everyone when he finds out more in the coming weeks.

Priest, who appreciates singer/songwriters, is beyond excited.

"Anyone can write about girls in short shorts and drinking beer," he said. "I like to listen to the words and put myself in their mindset as they tell a story. Dolly's music tells a story and I love that."

Priest said he and his friends often use the saying "Real is rare," and it doesn't get much more real that Dolly Parton.

See the video Priest made for the #JoleneChallenge at www.facebook.com/jessepriestmusic/videos/2251768475113639.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Dec. 7 - 10

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

The Cullman County Republican Party Monthly Meeting
Cullman Elks Lodge, 1609 Brantley Ave. NW- 7:30 a.m.- Breakfast ($5); 8 a.m.- Meeting begins (free)

Crafty Cullman
• Crafty Cullman is Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cullman Festhalle
• Featuring handmade goods from local vendors- Devil Dawgs Concessions will be available.
• Don't forget Santa Mike will be there from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and be sure to visit Kids' Korner sponsored by EvaBank to paint your ornament!

Santa Claus at The Foundry Thrift Store
• Make sure you're on the nice list this year and join us at The Foundry Thrift Store to meet Santa Claus. Each guest will have his or her picture taken with Santa and will also receive a magnet picture frame, a candy cane and a small toy. This is a free event for the community.
• The event will take place Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at The Foundry Thrift Store in Cullman, 1636 Second Ave. SW, Cullman.

30th Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade
• Starts at noon. The parade will travel from the campus of Wallace State to Hanceville Fire Station No. 1.
• Alabama Sec. of State John Merrill will serve as the grand marshal for this year's parade.

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.

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.

Cards in The Park
Cards in The Park Display (Dec. 7-31), Governor's Park in Holly Pond

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

The Share Club of Cullman's 2019 Christmas Tour of Homes
• Sunday, Dec. 8 from 1-5 p.m. This year's tour will feature four beautifully decorated homes in Cullman County. Tickets are on sale now.
• Tickets for this year's tour are $20; sales will benefit Good Samaritan Health Clinic, Hospice of Cullman County and Cullman Caring for Kids. Tickets can be purchased directly from Share Club members or at The Added Touch Too, Vintage West, J. Drake Salon or Three Pears. Tickets will also be sold on the day of the event at the doors of the homes featured on the tour.
• Of the four homes featured on this year's Christmas Tour of Homes, three are in the city of Cullman and the fourth is close to Smith Lake.
• For additional information about this year's Christmas Tour of Homes, visit www.facebook.com/ShareClubOfCullman or email shehill023@gmail.com.

Miss Wallace State Pageant
Wallace State Community College will crown Miss Wallace State 2020 on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre, with the winner going on to compete in the Miss Alabama competition. Miss Alabama Tiara Pennington will act as mistress of ceremonies. Pennington and Wright will both perform during the event. Admission to the competition is $10 for general admission and $5 for Wallace State students (with badge) and school-age children.

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

Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland
See Saturday entry

Cards in The Park
Cards in The Park Display (Dec. 7-31), Governor's Park in Holly Pond

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.

MONDAY, DEC. 9

Cards in The Park
Cards in The Park Display (Dec. 7-31), Governor's Park in Holly Pond

Good Hope City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall

Cullman City Council Meeting
7 p.m. at Cullman City Hall

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

Cards in The Park
Cards in The Park Display (Dec. 7-31), Governor's Park in Holly Pond

Cullman County Commission Meeting
10 a.m. in the commission meeting room on the first floor of the Cullman County Courthouse

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- Linda Elsmore, 330-844-5179
• Facebook- TOPS AI0073 Cullman

Vinemont Town Council Meeting
• 6 p.m. at Vinemont Town Hall

Colony Town Council Meeting
• 6 p.m. at Colony Town Hall

Cullman County Republican Women Meeting
• 6 p.m. at Cullman VFW Post 2214, 112 Veterans Dr. SW
• All citizens are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

UPCOMING...

Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland
See Saturday entry

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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 6
• 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.

Cullman City Schools Band Program Christmas Concert
• Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Cullman High School auditorium.
• This free concert will feature the Cullman Beginning Band, CMS Advanced Band, CHS Concert/Symphonic Band and the CHS Jazz Band.

Cullman Ghosts of Christmas Spirits Past Dickens Ghost Walk/Investigation
6-9 p.m. on spooky Friday the 13th of December. Meeting place is Bennetts Home Supply & Too YouNique located at 410 Second Ave. SW (Hwy. 31). Led by TV personality Lesley Ann Hyde, the Girls will host a fun interactive walk around historic Cullman and you'll get to use paranormal investigation equipment if you would like to see for yourself any of the spirits of Cullman's past! Shop before or after the tour at Bennetts/Too YouNique or other local merchants. The Girls will be taking up donations, unopened toys and new clothing for Christmas charities to give back to the community. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at http://bit.ly/2RpycYg.

Cullman County Sheriff's Office Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo
• Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14, 2019, opening at 7:30 each night
• Cullman Agricultural Trade Center, 17645 U.S. Hwy. 31 N, Cullman
• Tickets available at the door: $10 adults, $8 students
• Special Needs Mini Rodeo, Thursday, Dec. 12

Cullman Elks Lodge Children's Christmas Party
• Dec. 14 from 10 a.m.-noon
• Our annual Children's Christmas Party will be at the lodge Saturday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. Each year, the Cullman Elks Lodge puts on a party for all children enrolled in the city and county school head start programs. The fun starts with a pizza party for everyone which is followed by Santa flying in by helicopter to hand out gifts with a little help from our Elves/Elks. It showcases the true holiday spirit and that Elks Care / Elks Share. All Elks are encouraged to come to the lodge and help out with this special event.

Good Hope Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park
Dec. 14 at 2 p.m.

Baileyton Christmas at the Senior Center
Dec. 14 at 5 p.m.

Alabama Bicentennial Extravaganza
The Cullman County Bicentennial Committee is celebrating Alabama's Bicentennial Extravaganza Dec. 14, 2019 at 5 p.m. at Depot Park. Live music, free hot chocolate and fireworks! Free to the public. Celebrate our state's birthday- a once in a lifetime opportunity for all!

Fairview Lions Club Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting
Dec 14 at Randall Shedd Community Park in Fairview- The parade will start lining up at the turnaround by the school at 4:30 p.m. and the parade will start at 5. Fire trucks are welcome in the parade. When the parade is over, at the park we will light the Christmas tree and have Christmas carols, a reading of The Christmas Story and Santa will be there! We will have free hot chocolate and cookies. Bring the kids out and join us. Anyone wanting to join the parade just be at the turnaround by 4:30. We hope to see you there! For questions or more info, contact Felicia Bailey at 256-735-8722.

Fairview Bands and Theatre 2nd Annual Scenes and Songs Christmas Show
• Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. at Fairview High School
• FHS Theatre will perform "Junie B. Jones: Jingle Bells, Batman Smells" and the Fairview Beginner Band, FMS Band, Percussion Ensemble and FHS Band will perform "Selections for the Season."
• Admission is $8 for adults and $5 for students, K-12.
• Popcorn, nachos and soft drinks will be served, included in the price of admission.

Cullman Community Band Christmas Concert
7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16 at First Baptist Church Cullman. The concert is free and will present a wide variety of seasonal selections including a vocal trio arrangement of "Silent Night," band with organ accompaniment on some selections, and antiphonal brass proclaiming the joy of the Christmas celebration. The Cullman Community Band Christmas Concert has become one of the highlights of the season. The band, composed of over 70 members, is directed by Mr. Garry Taylor.

Funny Things from Yesterday: Left behind

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In the world of technology, things have really changed in the last few years. I remember when the first computers came out. They were bigger than a refrigerator. Now you can carry a cell phone in your pocket that will have more information than anyone ever thought would be possible. This is where us old folks have really been left behind.

I know a lot of people who were still connected to work and they were able to make the change there. But us old retirees have to call on our grandkids.

There are still other things that confuse some of us old folks.

A few years back as Granny was still employed by the State to help train office personnel on the new accounting program, she had to travel.

One afternoon as she was coming home, she called me from Dodge City and said, "Bring me some gas for I'm almost empty."

I had been mowing and was hot and dusty. I got my gas can and headed to Dodge City. I checked my mileage down to Dodge City and it was 13 miles.

When I arrived, Granny was parked in the lot of a big gas station. I asked her why she didn't just buy gas there and save me a drive down there. She said that it was a self-service station.

"You have to pump the gas yourself and I do not know how to work the pump," she said.

I then asked her why she didn't ask them to pump the gas for her. She said she didn't want them to know she didn't know how to do it. So we drove the 13 miles back home.

Don't tell anyone, but she still does not know how to pump her own gas. Granny has been left behind in this modern world.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Our family tradition of smashing pumpkins and feeding animals

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



No, we didn't go to a rock concert sponsored by PETA. Every fall, Jean and our grandson Drew bring home a carload of pumpkins for yard decorations. We have big ones and little ones; orange ones and white ones. If Charlie Brown happened by, he might think he had found The Great Pumpkin Patch! We don't carve them into Jack-O-Lanterns, and we don't make them into pumpkin pies.

They just sit there in the yard...looking pretty. After they've served their purpose for a few weeks, and shortly before they become too mellow to pick up, Drew and I haul them away. Pumpkin-removal-day has become a fun tradition that Drew and I look forward to each year.

Oh no, we don't simply throw them in the garbage or take them to the dump. Where is your imagination? We drag them to the woods and smash them to smithereens. Directly behind our house is a huge patch of woods. Drew and I love any excuse to stomp around back there, but pumpkin smashing in the woods is our favorite.

There is an alternative rock band called Smashing Pumpkins. I have never listened to their music, but I have always been intrigued by their name.

One of their members said they do not use the word smashing as a verb, but rather as an adjective.

Using their definition and mine, I must say that Drew and I had a smashing good time...smashing pumpkins against trees. We pick a large tree and hurl our pumpkins at it.

We choose big trees because the chances of missing are less. Still, sometimes we miss anyway. Sometimes, we have to finish the job with hammers.

We break them open because the deer and other wild animals in our woods don't have knives or pumpkin-openers. We scatter our "opened" pumpkins in the woods, so the animals can have a feast.

This year, on the day before Thanksgiving, Drew, our dogs Ginger (65) and Cocoa (15), and I carried out our annual ritual. A delightful time was had by all... dogs included. We usually load up our pumpkins in a wheelbarrow for the trip.

This year the handiest vehicle of transport was Drew's old pull wagon. Since our "not-so-mini," miniature dachshund, Cocoa (15), turns into Dora the Explorer when she goes into the woods, we decided to put her on a lease.

We soon discovered that holding a dog lease while throwing pumpkins at a tree is no easy task, so we hitched Cocoa to the wagon. As we hurled the last pumpkin from the then empty wagon, Cocoa pretended she was a mule pulling a farm wagon. Have you ever seen a Dachshund mushing through the woods, with a

child's little red wagon in tow? She didn't go far, but I'll have to admit it was a funny site to see. While Cocoa pretended to be a draft-horse, Ginger found herself something stinky to roll in.

She came back smelling worse than an old two-seat outhouse...in summer. I think it might have been a not-so-recently deceased skunk that had rolled in chicken-litter before Ginger rolled on its carcass. Dogs have a tremendous sense of smell and the more malodorous something is, the more they love to roll in it. I guess it's like Channel or Lancome to them.

Next thing you know, they will be painting their lips! All I know is that Jean threatened to not let any of us back in the house. Boys and dogs alike might say it was a wonderful outing...ruined by baths!

I am reminded that sometimes things we do in life rub off on us and leave us smelling not so good to God. He too requires that we clean up in order to spend time with Him.

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Tribune Files from Yesteryear

FROM THE FILES OF 1956

Walter News

Arthur Sutton spent Thursday and Friday in Montgomery.

Mrs. H.H. Segler and Mrs. W.R. Gable, of Cullman, spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sutton.

Mrs. Claud Gable is at home, after spending 12 days in Cullman Hospital.

Christine Johnson, who recently underwent surgery, is slowly improving.

The little daughter, Janice, of Mr. and Mrs. Votie Daniel, had the misfortune to break a leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Cove, of Atlanta, Georgia and Mr. and Ms. Joe Martin and Cinday Burnham, of Marietta, Georgia were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. B.T. Burnham and Clarence Nuss.

Mrs. Hercle House, Jackie and Ronald, of Cullman, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sutton and Rex.

Hanceville Good Citizens

Miss Annette Gibbs, 17, has been chosen Good Citizenship Girl at Hanceville High. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Gibbs and is president of both the Senior Class and Beta Club. She was recently elected most popular senior.

Lloyd Williams, 18, was chosen as Hanceville's Good Citizenship Boy, recently. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Williams and is a member of the Beta Club. He was recently voted most likely to succeed by the senior class.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Call and daughters, Mary Dudley and Eugenia, attended the wedding of Mr. Call's niece, Jo Ann Haddon and Ray Whitmire in Tullahoma, Tennessee, last Thursday. Mrs. Call sang for the wedding.

Funeral services will be held at Union Grove on Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. for John H. Weaver, 58, 1410 Marie Street. Mr. Weaver died at Cullman Hospital on December 11th.

Surviving are his widow Mrs. Daisy Weaver; five sons, Clerbell, Curtiss, Alfert, Henry and A.B. Weaver; two daughters, Mrs. Elmer League and Sue Sartin; 27 grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. James Weaver; three brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services for James Oscar Taylor, 67, were held at Holly Pond Baptist Church on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., after the body had lain in state for an hour.

The Reverend Virgil Sizemore and Reverend Lester Stokes officiated and Moss Service directed interment.

Nephews served as active pallbearers and Holly Pond deacons as honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Taylor, prominent Holly Pond resident, died on December 9th at Cullman Hospital.

Surviving are his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Herman Keeton; one granddaughter; one brother, Walter Taylor, of Cullman and one sister, Mrs. O.B. Wisner.

Poet's Corner

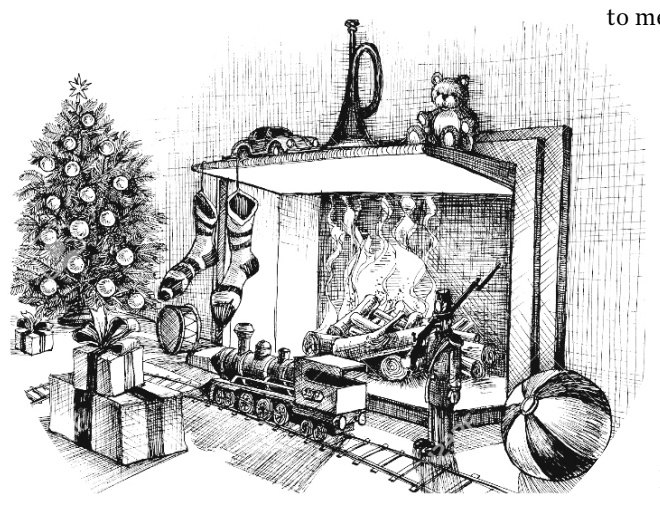
Christmas Past

By: Randy C. Hale

They say you can buy one of those aluminum trees
with the color wheel off eBay for the right bid.

I wonder if there is a
package deal with
a Wish book catalog,
and could they mail
it too me with the
excitement I used to get
each year when it
came in September.

I think in my package,
I would also like
to include our chilly
den on Christmas
mornings illuminated
with lights and soon
to warm gas heat, with my Dad beside my
mother in her fuzzy pink robe, and wearing
the new puffy house shoes I gave to her
the night before.



And please include for me a trip to Grandma's, with
all my cousins gathered around that old Formica table
with the metal and cushion chairs and let them all look
to me just as they did back then.

I'd like all the trimmings
with homemade
dressing, grandma's
macaroni and cheese
and my mother's
congealed salad. Add
Aunt Mavis homemade
candy, and Aunt Oggi's
sweet potato pie and I
so want to hear again my
grandfather's prayer and
look into his gentle eyes.

But most of all if you could, would you let it
last twice as long as it did back then?

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This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

Voting Precinct

From – Elections-Probate Office 256-775-4811

Public Notice of Polling Place Change

Cullman County Probate Judge Tammy Brown does hereby give notice of five voting precinct location changes. Effective for the Presidential Primary March 3, 2020.

FORMER NAME AND ADDRESS	*NEW NAME & ADDRESS*
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Cullman Civic Center (1-1) 510 5th Street SW Cullman, AL 35055	Donald E. Green Senior Center (1-1) 1625 Cleveland Avenue SW Cullman, AL 35055
Stouts Mountain Baptist Church (5) 3775 County Road 522 Hanceville, AL 35077	Stouts Mountain Baptist Church (5) 3773 County Road 522 Hanceville, AL 35077
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Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

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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 *
Gurial R. Jones, *
Deceased. *

CASE NO.:PC 2019- 380

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that a verified Petition for Summary Distribution of a Small Estate has been filed by Tonya Blankenship, petitioner, on the 6th day December, 2019, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

DONE this the 6th day of December, 2019.

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

To: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune*:

Please publish the above notice one time in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

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

Tonya Blankenship
131 Co. Rd 1117
Cullman Al 35057

AGCOR (from Front)

Nick Griffin
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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – Friday was a big day for AGCOR Steel, the City of Good Hope and many others across the city and county as Good Hope's first manufacturer officially opened its doors. AGCOR, a manufacturer of metal building components, moved from Vinemont to Good Hope, in a joint effort between the City of Good Hope, City of Cullman and Cullman County. The new facility, located on 22 acres along Industrial Park Road, officially opened Friday. AGCOR spent $400,000 for the land, with the three local governments each providing $133,333 in tax incentives. A resolution had to be passed by each of the three government entities before the deal could go forward.

AGCOR made an overall capital investment of $6.3 million in the new 128,000-square-foot facility.

AGCOR was heavily recruited by the City of Gadsden before the Good Hope deal was put into place. According to Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer, the company reported having been offered a sales tax rebate for the cost of the land elsewhere.

Greer told the crowd that such an incentive had never previously been offered here, but city and county leaders found the idea to be a reasonable move to promote local industry and keep an existing business in the area.

Cullman Economic Development Agency Business Development Manager Jamie Troutman got Friday's ceremony started by sharing some information on the groups that worked together to make this project come to fruition.

"Through a partnership with the Cullman County Commission, the City of Good Hope and the City of Cullman, this locally-grown company has been able to stay in Cullman and expand into this facility that we see today," she said.

"The uniqueness of this project and partnership actually won an international award in 2018 from the International Economic Development Council for business retention and expansion. So, we're proud that you chose to expand here in the city of Good Hope and in Cullman County."

AGCOR Steel CEO Zac Smith was next up at the podium and took a few moments to talk about the new facility, as well as one of his partners who helped him build his business into what it is today.

"This has been a long endeavor that I think Scott (Seawright) and myself have been working on for close to two years. We moved in in July, built a facility of 128,000 square feet with an expansion of 9,000 square feet for our steel truss facility. Currently, we're hovering between 50 and 60 employees," Smith said.

"One thing I want to do is recognize some key, important people in our company that make us run every day and the first one is Scott Seawright.

"Scott has been a very dynamic partner and I'll say something I've said multiple times, there's no difference in your wife and your business partner at the end of the day. One of them I go home to at the end of the night and Mr. Scott keeps me in check.

"He's the big picture guy and I'm the nuts and bolts guy at the end of the day. We're very thankful to be able to stay here locally and develop our location here, and we could not have asked for more support than what we've gotten from everyone."

Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope followed Smith and talked about the partnership that worked to bring AGCOR to Good Hope, commending Smith for building his company locally.

"I think we're all lucky to be in Cullman because we go to a lot of ribbon cuttings and celebrations and expansions pretty often in the community, but this one is something that is dear to my heart and should be dear to this community's heart. This is one that was grown right here in our community and you can see where it went from Zac and his bookkeeper to what it is today," Harbison said.

"A lot of these factories here come from all over the world so it's very impressive to see what Zac has started with his company, what he's grown it into, and I look forward to seeing what he's going to do in the future with it.

"With the partnerships that we have in Cullman County with the City of Cullman, Good Hope and the County, you don't see it anywhere else in the state."

Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett spoke about he and Harbison's first meeting with Smith and touched on Smith's persistence in helping toward this goal. Bartlett also took a moment to talk about the economic impact he believes the new facility will have on the city of Good Hope and the rest of the community.

"What I remember about this adventure was meeting (Smith) at Waffle House with Corey, and I feel like I saw the birth of what we see today. There were a lot of obstacles to be overcome, but this man right here (Smith) would not hear it. If we said, 'Hey, this is a problem,' he'd say, 'Yeah, but what if?' By getting the idea and thinking about what could happen if we all did this together, Dale Greer got involved and then the mayor of Cullman got involved and then the County Commission got involved and they started working through these obstacles," Bartlett said.

"From that, this is what we have today and I'm just so proud that I was able to be a part of it. This particular project is a $5.5 million investment. They had 25 employees while they were in Vinemont, and now they have between 50 and 60, and I'm telling you, that's a big deal for the city of Good Hope- having 50 and 60 people coming right here to our city, buying our gas and just having employees here. I see a lot of my former students working here, and it just makes us really, really proud that we have you here, Zac."

According to Bartlett, the facility will produce $60,000 annually in property tax with an annual tax revenue of close to $600,000, and the $15 million in sales that AGCOR produces annually will provide more tax revenue for Good Hope and the county as a whole.

Read more on the background of his project at www.cullmantribune.com/tag/agcor-steel.





Martin propels No. 24 Lady Lions past Northeast Mississippi; WSCC men fall to Tigers

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, ALA. – Wallace State's basketball teams split a home doubleheader vs. Northeast Mississippi Community College on Thursday night.

Sophomore guard Imari Martin paced the way for the 24th-ranked Lady Lions, finishing with 29 points, nine rebounds and five assists in a 79-61 triumph, lifting the women to a fourth consecutive victory.

Martin, a Hazel Green grad, scored 19 of her 29 points in the first half.

She drained five 3-pointers overall and went 8-of-9 from the free throw line.

Freshman Jiselle Woodson scored 14 points for Wallace State, Kyra Williams finished with 13 points and five rebounds and Tawana Nevels contributed eight points and seven rebounds.

Wallace State (9-2) led 20-11 at the end of the first quarter and pushed its cushion to as many as 18 points in the first half.

Northeast Mississippi cut its deficit to single digits by the half as Wallace State sustained a 37-30 advantage.

Jessica McBrayer's squad pulled away in the third quarter, limiting the Lady Tigers to only 11 points in the frame. Wallace State led 64-41 after three stanzas, sizing up its largest lead throughout.

The Lady Lions, who played their first game in 10 days, registered their second win over Northeast Mississippi this season.

Wallace State's women travel to Chattahoochee Valley on Saturday.

MEN'S GAME

Northeast Mississippi 77, Wallace State 58

Wallace State sophomore Markise Davis registered his third double-double of the season, finishing with 12 points and 11 rebounds, and Juwan Johnson added 14 points for the Lions in Thursday's second game.

Northeast Mississippi used a 13-6 run midway through the second half to break a 39-all tie and remain undefeated on the season.

Kendrick Foster added seven points off the bench for Wallace State, Jayden Landrom had six points and Kendall Cotner added six points and nine rebounds.

Wallace State (6-6) led 31-30 at halftime.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu or the athletics Facebook page at www.wallacestate.edu/athleticsfb.



RUSSELL MOORE/WSCC ATHLETICS

Wallace State sophomore Jasmine Baker (2) shoots over four Northeast Mississippi defenders in their game on Thursday night.

Tigers rally in second half, beat Furman in overtime

Greg Ostendorf
Auburn Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – It took an extra five minutes, but No. 14 Auburn stayed unbeaten with an 81-78 victory in overtime to beat Furman on Thursday night.

The Tigers trailed by as many as 14 points in the second half, their largest deficit of the season, but they continued to chip away at the lead and eventually tied the game with a minute to go before pulling in front in the extra period. It was the team's biggest comeback win since Jan. 20, 2018, when they came back from 16 down to beat Georgia.

"Our second-half defense was tremendous," Auburn head coach Bruce Pearl said. "To give (Furman) only eight field goals and down 14, we got stops and got rebounds. From that standpoint, I was obviously pleased.

"Sitting here after eight games, quite frankly, I was expecting more games like this and more games like South Alabama.

"We've already had a couple of them. When talking about how good of a team we are, we have a ways to go. You might have noticed that more tonight because we almost got beat, but we have a ways to go."

Freshman Isaac Okoro led the way offensively for Auburn with 18 points on 5 of 9 shooting.

It was a new career-high in points for Okoro, who made 8 of his 9 free-throw attempts including two in the finals seconds to help put the game away.

"I was just attacking the rim all game," Okoro said. "I didn't think they could stop us from going to the rim and getting to the free throw line. That was the game plan for me."

Though Okoro might have led the Tigers in points, it was senior big man Austin Wiley who took over on both ends of the court down the stretch.

Wiley scored nine of his 13 points in the final three-and-a-half minutes of regulation and in overtime. He finished with 12 rebounds to give him his third double-double in the last four games and was active on the defensive end with two blocks and two steals.

With just over a minute to go and Auburn down two, Wiley forced a miss shot and grabbed the rebound. On the other end, point guard J'Von McCormick scored to tie the game at 64. It was the first time the Tigers had not trailed in the second half. After Furman scored to retake the lead, it was McCormick who proved clutch once again, tying the game with 15 seconds remaining.

McCormick finished with nine points, four assists and four rebounds.

In overtime, Auburn jumped out 9-2 in the first two minutes with Okoro and Wiley scoring the team's first seven points. Furman battled back to cut the lead to two, but when the Tigers needed a basket, Samir Doughty delivered.

The senior took off from the baseline and scored inside with 15 seconds left to make it a two-possession game again.

Doughty, who finished with 13 points, has now scored in double figures in every game this season and is averaging 18.5 points per game through the team's first eight games.

The bench was led by senior Anfernee McLemore and freshman Allen Flanigan.

McLemore had nine points and five rebounds despite fouling out in the second half, and Flanigan was a perfect 4 for 4 from the field as he scored a career-high eight points.

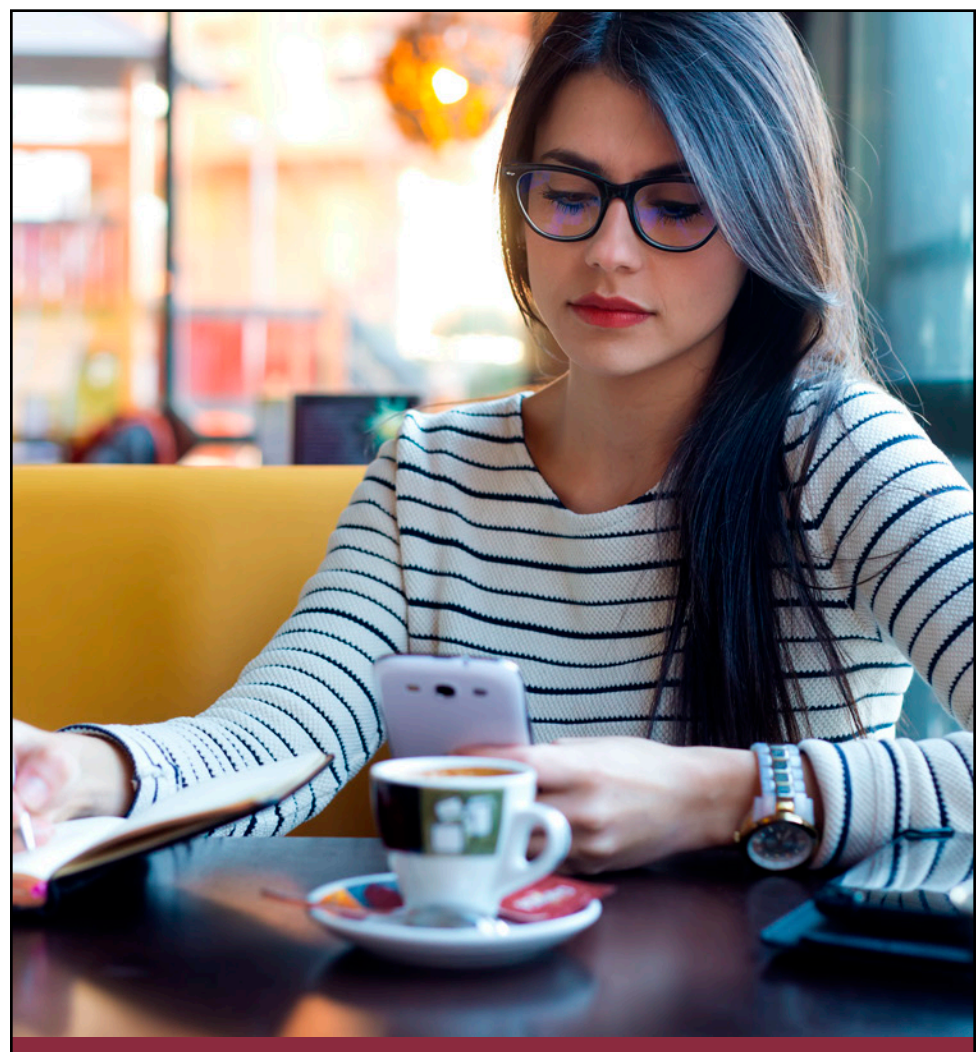
With the win, Auburn is now 6-2 in overtime games under Bruce Pearl.

The Tigers (8-0) won't play again until Saturday, Dec. 14 when they travel to Birmingham to face St. Louis in the second-annual Mike Slive Invitational. The game is scheduled for 3 p.m. CT and will be televised on ESPN2.











Sports

9:00 a.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Hero World Challenge, Final Round. (Live)
11:00 a.m. WVTM PGA Tour Golf Hero World Challenge, Final Round. (Live)
WBRC College Basketball Florida at Butler. (Live)
WABM2 College Football Big 12 Championship — Baylor vs Oklahoma. (Live)
ESPN College Football Sun Belt Championship — Appalachian State vs Louisiana. (Live)
ESPN2 College Football MAC Championship — Central Michigan vs Miami (Ohio). (Live)
FS1 College Basketball West Virginia at St. John's. (Live)
GOLF PGA Tour Golf Emirates Australian Open, Third Round.
1:00 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf PNC Father/Son Challenge, Day 1. (Same-day Tape)
1:30 p.m. FS1 College Basketball Nebraska at Creighton. (Live)
2:00 p.m. WVTM Golf PNC Father/Son Challenge, Day 2. (Live)
ESPN2 College Basketball Villanova at Saint Joseph's. (Live)
2:30 p.m. WABM2 College Football American Championship — Cincinnati at Memphis. (Live)
3:00 p.m. WIAT College Football SEC Championship — Georgia vs LSU. (Live)
ESPN College Football MWC Championship: Teams TBA — Hawaii at Boise State. (Live)
FSEE Women's College Basketball LSU at Oklahoma. (Live)
4:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Illinois at Maryland. (Live)
FS1 College Basketball Cincinnati at Xavier. (Live)
6:00 p.m. ESPN UFC Fight Night: Overeem vs. Rozenstruik - Prelims (Live)
ESPN2 College Basketball Colorado at Kansas. (Live)
6:30 p.m. WABM2 College Football ACC Championship — Virginia vs Clemson. (Live)
7:00 p.m. WBRC College Football Big Ten Championship — Wisconsin vs Ohio State. (Live)
GOLF PGA Tour Golf Emirates Australian Open, Final Round. (Live)
8:00 p.m. ESPN UFC Fight Night: Overeem vs. Rozenstruik (Live)
ESPN2 College Basketball Marquette at Kansas State. (Live)
FS1 College Basketball Florida at Butler. (Same-day Tape)
FSEE Women's College Basketball LSU at Oklahoma.
SHOW Boxing Jermall Charlo vs. Dennis Hogan. (Live)
10:00 p.m. FS1 College Basketball Cincinnati at Xavier.

Movies

10:00 a.m. FX "How to Train Your Dragon 2" ★★★ (2014) Voices of Jay Baruchel. Animated. After discovering a secret cave filled with wild dragons and their mysterious benefactor, Hiccup and Toothless find themselves at the center of a battle to protect the peace of Berk.
TNT "Shrek 2" ★★★ (2004) Voices of Mike Myers. Animated. A green ogre, his new wife and a donkey find adventure while visiting his in-laws.
11:00 a.m. FREE "The Santa Clause" ★★★ (1994) Tim Allen. An adman takes over for the bearded, big-bellied fellow after a rooftop mishap on Christmas Eve.
TBS "Kong: Skull Island" ★★★ (2017) Tom Hiddleston. Scientists, soldiers and adventurers encounter the mighty Kong and other monstrous creatures after traveling to an uncharted island in the Pacific Ocean.
TCM "One Way Passage" ★★★½ (1932) William Powell. A condemned man and dying woman fall in love on a ship from Hong Kong to San Francisco.
12:00 p.m. PARMT "Die Hard With a Vengeance" ★★★ (1995) Bruce Willis. Suspended from the police force, John McClane enlists a Harlem shopkeeper to help stop a terrorist bomber.
12:15 p.m. TCM "'Til We Meet Again" ★★★ (1940) Merle Oberon. A dying woman and condemned man fall in love on a ship from Hong Kong to San Francisco.
1:00 p.m. SHOW "Scream" ★★★ (1996) Neve Campbell A psycho killer targets a past victim's daughter, while a tabloid TV reporter homes in on his identity.
2:00 p.m. TCM "Cimarron" ★★★½ (1931) Richard Dix. Husband-and-wife homesteaders join the Oklahoma land rush of 1889 and stay on to build an empire.
TNT "Cinderella" ★★★ (2015) Cate Blanchett. A cruel stepmother reduces her dead husband's only child to the role of scullery maid, but a kindly beggar woman and some helpful mice bring about a change in the young woman's fortunes.
TMC "Unforgiven" ★★★★ (1992) Clint Eastwood An old gunslinger, his ex-partner and a quick-draw kid go bounty hunting in a town called Big Whiskey.
3:00 p.m. WTTO "Love for Christmas" ★★★ (2012) Shantel VanSanten. Thanks to two golden retrievers and a young girl, a woman and a naval officer fall in love during the holidays.
SHOW "Scream 2" ★★★ (1997) David Arquette A masked killer continues to pursue a California student and her friends at an Ohio college.
3:05 p.m. PARMT "Die Hard" ★★★½ (1988) Bruce Willis. A New York policeman outwits foreign thugs holding his wife and others in a Los Angeles high-rise.
4:00 p.m. E! "13 Going on 30" ★★★ (2004) Jennifer Garner. An uncool girl magically becomes a successful adult after making a wish at her disastrous birthday party.
4:15 p.m. TBS "Avengers: Age of Ultron" ★★★ (2015) Robert Downey Jr.. When Tony Stark's jumpstart of a dormant peacekeeping program goes awry, the Avengers must reassemble to battle a terrifying technological villain hell-bent on human extinction.
TNT "The Wizard of Oz" ★★★★ (1939) Judy Garland. After a tornado whisks Kansas farm girl Dorothy to a magic land, she must travel to the Emerald City for help in getting back home.
4:45 p.m. HBO "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.
5:55 p.m. TMC "Jarhead" ★★★ (2005) Jake Gyllenhaal (Premiere) A Marine and his comrades form brotherly bonds while patrolling the Iraqi desert during the Gulf War.
6:05 p.m. PARMT "Die Hard" ★★★½ (1988) Bruce Willis. A New York policeman outwits foreign thugs holding his wife and others in a Los Angeles high-rise.
6:50 p.m. FREE "Home Alone" ★★★ (1990) Macaulay Culkin. Accidentally left by his Paris-bound family, an 8-year-old makes mincemeat of two burglars in the house.
6:55 p.m. HBO "Long Shot" ★★★ (2019) Seth Rogen (Premiere) Journalist Fred Flarsky unexpectedly reconnects with Charlotte Field — his former baby sitter and childhood crush. When Charlotte makes a run for the presidency, she impulsively hires Fred as her speechwriter — much to the dismay of her advisers.
7:00 p.m. AMC "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" ★★★ (1989) Chevy Chase. The Griswolds spend the holiday in a garish way, especially when a country cousin pulls up in an RV.
TBS "Thor: Ragnarok" ★★★ (2017) Chris Hemsworth. Thor must battle the Hulk in a deadly gladiatorial contest and prevent the all-powerful Hela from destroying his home world and the Asgardian civilization.
TCM "The Diary of Anne Frank" ★★★½ (1959) Millie Perkins. A German-Jewish girl and her family spend two years in an Amsterdam attic hiding from the Nazis.
TNT "A Christmas Story" ★★★★ (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the 1940s, little Ralphie tries to convince his parents to get him a Red Ryder range-model BB gun for Christmas. Narrated by Jean Shepherd.
7:30 p.m. CMTV "The Goonies" ★★★ (1985) Sean Astin. Coastal Oregon kids follow the treasure map of pirate One-Eyed Willie past his deadly traps to gold.
8:35 p.m. MAX "Blockers" ★★★ (2018) Leslie Mann Lisa, Hunter and Mitchell learn that their teenage daughters plan to lose their virginity on prom night. The worried parents soon join forces for a wild and chaotic quest to stop the girls from sealing the deal — no matter what the cost.
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SATURDAY EVENING — MOVIES — DECEMBER 7, 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	Mike & Molly	Ring of Honor Wrestling (N)		★★ "Evolution" (2001, Comedy) David Duchovny, Orlando Jones. Alien organisms develop rapidly in Earth's atmosphere.				World's-Weath	World's-Weath	The Immortals	The Short List
WBIQ-PBS	4	(4:00) Memory Rescue With Daniel Amen, MD		Lawrence Welk: Milestones and Memories The Welk musical family reunion.						Jesse Cook: Beyond Borders Canadian guitarist Jesse Cook.			Great Performances
WVTM-NBC	5	WVTM 13 News at 5p	NBC Nightly News - Holt	WVTM 13 News at 6p (N)	Soledad O'Brien	The Voice The top 8 artists are revealed.		Dateline NBC		Saturday Night Live (N)		WVTM 13 News at 10p	(:29) Saturday Night Live (N)
WBRC-FOX	7	Live Life and Win! (El)	Paid Program	FOX College Football Pregame (N) (Live)		College Football Big Ten Championship -- Wisconsin vs Ohio State. (N) (Live)							WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm
WIAT-CBS	8	(3:00) College Football SEC Championship -- Georgia vs LSU. (N) (Live)			CBS42 SEC Championship Post Game Show			48 Hours (N)		48 Hours (N)		The CBS 42 News (N)	CBS42 College
WTTO-CW	9	Modern Family "Disneyland"	Modern Family	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Family Guy	Family Guy	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	The Andy Griffith Show	Alabama Upstarts
WPXH-ION	11	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Ball players are killed.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Mother"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Loss"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Serendipity"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Boy is abducted.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Choice"	
WABM2-ABC	12	College Football	Coll. Football	Coll. Football	College Football ACC Championship -- Virginia vs Clemson. (N) (Live)							ABC 33/40 News at 10PM	(:35) America This Week (N)
A&E	42	(4:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 12.08.18"				(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 283" (N)		Live PD "Live PD -- 12.07.19" (N) (Live)					
AMC	53	★★ "Christmas With the Kranks" (2004) Tim Allen, Jamie Lee Curtis. A couple scramble to assemble a holiday celebration.				★★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Randy Quaid.				(:15) ★★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Randy Quaid.			
ANPL	47	Amanda to the Rescue "Pit-Bull and Panda"		Amanda to the Rescue "Happily Everly After"		Give A Dog A Home Live! (N) (Live)				Amanda to the Rescue A bulldog with a medical condition.		(:01) Amanda to the Rescue "All Paws on Deck"	
BET	55	(4:30) ★ "A Madea Christmas" (2013) Tyler Perry, Kathy Najimy. Madea dishes out her own brand of Christmas spirit.				"Twas the Chaos Before Christmas" (2019, Drama) Cynthia Kaye McWilliams, Sherri Shepherd, Affion Crockett. Premiere.				"Twas the Chaos Before Christmas" (2019, Drama) Cynthia Kaye McWilliams, Sherri Shepherd, Affion Crockett.			
BRAVO	58	"Twilight: New Moon"	★★ "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" (2010, Romance) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner. Bella must choose between Edward and Jacob.					★★ "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" (2011, Romance) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner. Bella and Edward marry.					"Twilight Saga-2"
CMTV	61	★★ "The Sandlot" (1993, Children's) Thomas Guiry, Mike Vitar, Patrick Renna. The new boy in town falls in with neighborhood ballplayers.					★★★ "The Goonies" (1985, Children's) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin, Jeff Cohen. Young misfits find a 17th-century pirate's treasure map.					★★ "The Sandlot" (1993) Thomas Guiry, Mike Vitar.	
CNBC	35	Undercover Boss "The Dwyer Group"		Undercover Boss Shawnon Bellah goes under cover.		Undercover Boss Associa founder and CEO John Carona.		Undercover Boss: Celebrity Edition "Deion Sanders"		Undercover Boss Doug deals with a troublesome employee.		Undercover Boss Loehmann's CEO Steven Newman.	
CNN	37	S. E. Cupp Unfiltered (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		The Nineties Artists like Tupac represent diversity.		The 2000s New technologies in the music industry.		The Eighties Music videos dominate the industry.	
COM	56	(3:45) ★★ "Office Space" (1999) Ron Livingston.		(5:50) ★★ "Bad Santa 2" (2016) Billy Bob Thornton, Kathy Bates. Three angry criminals conspire to bilk a Chicago charity.				★★ "Bad Santa 2" (2016, Comedy) Billy Bob Thornton, Kathy Bates. Three angry criminals conspire to bilk a Chicago charity.				★ "Joe Dirt" (2001, Comedy) David Spade, Dennis Miller.	
DISN	49	Gabby Duran	(:25) ★★ "Hotel Transylvania" (2012, Children's) Voices of Adam Sandler. 'PG'			Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Bunk'd	Coop & Cami Ask the World	Raven's Home	Just Roll With It
DSC	43	Expedition Unknown The history of vampirism in Romania.		Expedition Unknown The tomb of the Visigoth king Alaric.		Expedition Unknown Josh explores Ecuador's Tayos Cave.		Expedition Unknown: Rediscovered "Ancient Secrets of Asia" Japan, Myanmar and the Philippines. (N)					
E!	21	(4:00) ★★★ "13 Going on 30" (2004) Jennifer Garner.		★★ "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas. A New York fashion designer has a secret in the South.					★ "Coyote Ugly" (2000) Piper Perabo, Adam Garcia. A struggling songwriter cuts loose in a rowdy New York bar.				(:45) ★ "Bride Wars"
ESPN	29	College Football: MWC Championship: Teams TBA		UFC Fight Night: Overeem vs. Rozenstruik - Prelims (N) (Live)				UFC Fight Night: Overeem vs. Rozenstruik Alistair Overeem vs. Jairzinho Rozenstruik, heavyweight bout. From Washington, D.C. (N) (Live)					
ESPN2	30	(4:00) College Basketball Illinois at Maryland. (N) (Live)		College Basketball Colorado at Kansas. From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (N) (Live)				College Basketball Marquette at Kansas State. From Bramlage Coliseum in Mahnattan, Kan. (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) (Live)	
FOOD	45	Holiday Baking Championship		Holiday Baking Championship "World Class Classics"		Holiday Baking Championship "Re-Gifting"		Holiday Baking Championship "Holiday Hoopla"		Christmas Cookie Challenge Five festive cookie makers. (N)		Christmas Cookie Challenge "Christmas Traditions"	
FREE	48	(:15) Frosty the Snowman	(:45) Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Animated. Burl Ives narrates an animated tale.			(6:50) ★★★ "Home Alone" (1990, Children's) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern. A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house.				(:20) ★★ "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci.			
FS1	20	(4:00) College Basketball Cincinnati at Xavier. (N) (Live)		WWE Friday Night SmackDown				College Basketball Florida at Butler. From Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. (N Same-day Tape)				College Basketball Cincinnati at Xavier.	
FSEE	32	Supergirl Surf Pro 2019		3 Wide Life	Raceline	Pro Football Weekly	SportsMoney	Women's College Basketball LSU at Oklahoma. From the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Okla.				Pro Football Weekly	Raceline
FX	28	★★ "Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising" (2016) Seth Rogen. A couple and their ex-neighbor clash with a wild sorority.				★★ "Office Christmas Party" (2016, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Olivia Munn, T.J. Miller. Two co-workers throw an epic Christmas party.				★★ "The Night Before" (2015, Comedy) Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Seth Rogen.			
GOLF	82	Golf Central (N) (Live)		Feherty		PGA Tour Golf Emirates Australian Open, Final Round. Sergio Garcia and Jason Day are scheduled to compete. (N) (Live)							
HALL	72	"Christmas Town" (2019) Tim Rozon, Candace Cameron Bure. Lauren embarks on a new chapter in her life and career.				"A Christmas Love Story" (2019) Kristin Chenoweth. Premiere. A gifted boy joins a choir unbeknownst to his widowed father.				(8:55) "Christmas in Rome" (2019) Sam Page, Lacey Chabert. Angela, an American tour guide in Rome, meets a businessman.			
HGTV	46	Love It or List It A family struggles with their '70s home.		Love It or List It A house is crowded with toys.		Caribbean Life (N)	Caribbean Life (N)	Mexico Life (N)	Mexico Life (N)	House Hunters Renovation "A Reno With No End In Sight"		Hawaii Life	Hawaii Life
HIST	40	Ancient Aliens Underwater cities around the globe.		Ancient Aliens Oceans are acting as a giant petri dish.		Ancient Aliens: Declassified "The Cosmic Connection" Structures designed as messages. (N)							
LIFE	23	"Mistletoe & Menorahs" (2019, Romance) Damien Doepping. Premiere. A toy company executive must learn about Hanukkah.				"Christmas Unleashed" (2019, Romance) Vanessa Lachey, Bethany Brown, Christopher Russell. Premiere.				(:03) "Radio Christmas" (2019) Keshia Knight Pulliam. DJ Kara Porter is forced to broadcast from the small town of Bethlehem.			
MSNBC	36	MSNBC Live		MSNBC Live		All In With Chris Hayes		The Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word With Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams	
NGC	22	Drugs, Inc. Symptoms of a home-cooked opiate.		Drugs, Inc. The high rate of meth users in Hawaii.		Drugs, Inc. A northern Philadelphia community.		Drugs, Inc. "Tex Meth" Dealers fight for center stage.		Drugs, Inc. Authorities struggle in Baltimore, Md.		Drugs, Inc. Detroit is a drug dealer's dream.	
PARMT	57	(3:05) ★★★ "Die Hard" (1988, Action) Bruce Willis.		(:05) ★★★ "Die Hard" (1988, Action) Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman, Bonnie Bedelia. A New York policeman outwits foreign thugs in an L.A. high-rise.						★★★ "Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995) Bruce Willis. A New York cop must stop a mad bomber's game of revenge.			
TBS	25	(4:15) ★★★ "Avengers: Age of Ultron" (2015) Robert Downey Jr. The Avengers reassemble to battle a technological villain.				★★★ "Thor: Ragnarok" (2017, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston, Cate Blanchett. Thor must battle the mighty Hulk and the all-powerful Hela.				(:45) ★★★ "Thor: Ragnarok" (2017, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston.			
TCM	79	(4:15) ★★ "Cimarron" (1960) Glenn Ford, Maria Schell. Homesteaders spend 25 years in Oklahoma after 1889 land rush.				★★★ "The Diary of Anne Frank" (1959, Historical Drama) Millie Perkins, Joseph Schildkraut, Shelley Winters. A Jewish girl hides from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic.						(:15) D-Day to Berlin	
TLC	24	90 Day Fiancé Anny becomes frustrated with Robert.		90 Day Fiancé "Pillow Talk: You Don't Forget Your Past"		90 Day Fiancé "We Need to Talk" Mike learns of Natalie's past.				90 Day Fiancé Mike learns of Natalie's past.		Unpolished A surgery brings the family together.	
TNT	26	(4:15) ★★★★ "The Wizard of Oz" (1939, Children's) Judy Garland, Frank Morgan.			Dr. Seuss' Grinch	★★★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983, Children's) Peter Billingsley. A boy tries to convince his parents to get him a BB gun.				★★★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983, Children's) Peter Billingsley. A boy tries to convince his parents to get him a BB gun.			
USA	27	Chicago P.D. Tracking a vigilante targeting rapists.		(:02) Chicago P.D. A mayoral candidate is shot by a sniper.		(:04) Chicago P.D. The team tracks drug robberies.		(:04) Chicago P.D. Antonio struggles with his conscience.		(:05) Chicago P.D. Voight and his team go off-book.	(:05) Modern Family	(:35) Modern Family	
WE	71	Criminal Minds The BAU tracks an escaped prisoner.		Criminal Minds "The Pact" Two murder victims are found.		Criminal Minds Beth has surprising news for Hotch.		Criminal Minds A man amputates limbs from his victims.		Criminal Minds Four men from Oregon go missing.		Criminal Minds A killer in Miami targets prostitutes.	
HBO	518	(4:45) ★★★ "Bridesmaids" (2011, Comedy) Kristen Wiig. A maid of honor's life unravels as the big day approaches. 'R'				(6:55) ★★★ "Long Shot" (2019) Seth Rogen. Premiere. A presidential candidate hires a speechwriter from her past. 'R'				Dan Soder: Son of a Gary (N)		(:05) Watchmen Agent Blake chases down a lead.	
MAX	549	★★ "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (2005, Action) Brad Pitt. A husband and wife are assassins for rival organizations. 'PG-13'				★ "The Marine" (2006, Action) John Cena. Thugs kidnap the wife of a soldier. 'PG-13'			(:35) ★★★ "Blockers" (2018, Comedy) Leslie Mann. Three parents chase down their daughters on prom night. 'R'				(:20) ★★ "Idiocracy" 'R'
SHOW	578	★★ "Scream 3" (2000, Horror) David Arquette. A copycat killer stalks actors on the set of "Stab 3." 'R'				Shameless Lip leans on a new friend for advice.		Boxing Jermall Charlo vs. Dennis Hogan. (N) (Live)					
TMC	598	(4:10) ★★ "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift"		(5:55) ★★★ "Jarhead" (2005, War) Jake Gyllenhaal, Jamie Foxx. Premiere. Marines band together during the Gulf War. 'R'				★★ "Vacancy" (2007, Suspense) Luke Wilson, Kate Beckinsale, Frank Whaley. 'R'		"Play or Die" (2019, Horror) Charley Palmer Rothwell, Roxane Mesquida. Premiere. 'NR'			

Journey (from Front)

John's Evangelical Church allowed us to practice there."

Cullman Women Sing will take a short break to enjoy the holidays and will begin rehearsals in January for its spring concert.

The winter concert showcased the range of talent as the women performed classical pieces as well as more contemporary selections. Doss said, "I only pick things that I like, and I choose songs based on the talent of our members. I do like to give them a challenge."

Kristi Warden, who recently moved to Cullman, is also a graduate of Samford as well as The University of North Texas.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a Master's of Music in Organ Performance. She provided piano and organ accompaniment throughout the concert.

The women's voices filled the sanctuary and took the audience on an emotional journey.

Several selections featured performances by Clare Bevensee on cello and Karalyn Harper on violin.

Both young women are former students of Doss from The Alabama School of Fine Arts and the top string players in the state.

Ruben Burgos accompanied the ladies on drums for their performances of "Joy to the World" and "Comfort and Joy."

Cullman Women Sing also performed a fun set of Beatles tunes including "Penny Lane," "Blackbird," "The Long and Winding Road" and "Here Comes the Sun" that the packed sanctuary loved.

Cullman Women Sing members are Karen Andrews, Charlotte Blakely, Marquita Boike, Patti Bostik, Nikki Burgos, Renee Carr, Meghan Casey, Lydia Corry, Susan Eddleman, Meg Glover, Marci Green, Janna Henderson, Vickie Hicks, Julia James, Susan Johnson, Dianne Knight, Debra Laslie, Leah Doss Lewis, Susan McBrayer, Christa McCrorie, Holly McLeod, Kristina Ostberg, Becky Persons, Linda Schgier, Sheila Sizemore, Becky Tankeret, Cara Thomas, Jackie Thrasher and Joan von Lehe.

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OPINION

Op-Ed: Making Alabama safer for children and families

Sen. Doug Jones
Contributor

It's been a little over a month since we learned about the death of Kamille "Cupcake" McKinney in Birmingham. That kind of violence against a beautiful child of God is just beyond comprehension. And in the weeks since, we've seen the tragic murders of Aniah Blanchard in Auburn and Megan Montgomery in Mountain Brook. And just this past week, a pregnant mother named Lavon McCreary and her unborn child were murdered in a grocery store in Evergreen. The list, unfortunately, goes on and on. Each one of these senseless acts of violence against women and children leaves a lasting scar in our hearts and in our communities.

As a father of three, seeing any headline about family violence or child abuse breaks my heart. And when I served as U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, cases involving children and domestic abuse were some of the hardest and most heart-breaking to confront. I am grateful to Alabama's law enforcement community for their dedicated efforts to respond to these tragic events, which can be among the most dangerous calls they respond to.

We all have to do our part to make Alabama a safer place for children and families. We also have to invest in programs that help prevent these acts of violence before they occur.

That's why I joined my good friend from Georgia, Republican Senator Johnny Isakson, to introduce a bill that will reauthorize the *Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act*, which provides funding for states to improve their child protection efforts. Our bill also supports a wide range of community-based solutions to prevent child abuse and neglect. I also introduced another bill with Senator Isakson that would eliminate barriers to adoption and help children in need find permanent, loving families.

I'm hopeful that those bills will be voted on by the Senate soon, along with another bill we're working on to reauthorize the *Family Violence Prevention and Services Act*, which provides emergency shelter and assistance to victims of domestic violence and their children and improves states' efforts to prevent domestic and family violence. It's also critical that Congress passes a reauthorization of the *Violence Against Women Act*, which expired earlier this year.

There's so much more work to be done, but I believe these bills are a step in the right direction in order to ensure that Alabama is a safe place for all children and families to live.



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U.S. Sen. Doug Jones, D-Alabama

If you or someone you know may be experiencing family or relationship violence, please know that help is available. You can call the Alabama Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-650-6522 or visit the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence website at www.acadv.org.



Obituary Announcements Dec. 7

Gail Bates joined her heavenly family Dec. 5, 2019. Born April 17, 1952, Gail will be remembered for having a heart of gold. She was always willing to lend a hand to anyone and was a true servant who loved the Lord and her church. Gail is preceded in death by her husband Edward "Red" Bates; parents Verbon and Louise Hamby; brothers Donald Hamby and Milford Hamby. Survivors include her sons Tony (Sarah) Bates and Lee (Stacy) Bates; sister Charlotte (Sam) Bates; brothers Bud Hamby, Danny (Samantha) Hamby; grandchildren Daniel Bates, Abby Bates, Dracen Bates and Devin Bates. She is also survived by many relatives and friends whom she loved dearly. Visitation will be Saturday, Dec. 7 from 5:30-8 p.m. Funeral services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home chapel with interment to follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery. Moss Service directing.

Catherine "Cookie" Hill Wylie, 91, of Winfield entered into rest Friday, Dec. 6, 2019 at the Golden Living Center in Winfield. Mrs. Wylie was born Oct. 15, 1928. Visitation will be held Saturday Dec. 7, 2019 from noon until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Union Grove Cemetery in Haleyville, Alabama.

Funeral service for Ronald Gordon Hicks, 73, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Jefferson Memorial Gardens, Revs Mark Smith, Tommy Graves, Keith Warden and Wade Maynard officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Hicks passed away Friday, Dec. 6, 2019 at his residence. He was born Oct. 3, 1946 to Warren Gordon & Bertie Lucille Hornsby Hicks. He was a Baptist pastor in Alabama for over 40 years. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife of 25 years Vickie Harbison Hicks; daughter Kimberly Rodgers; step-daughters Melissa Thompson, Laura (Tim) Martin; brother Jimmy Hicks; sisters Gay Mitchell, Hilda Williams; six grandchildren; nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Gideons International, Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief through the East and West Cullman Baptist Association or Northbrook Caring Center. Visitation will be Monday evening at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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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.

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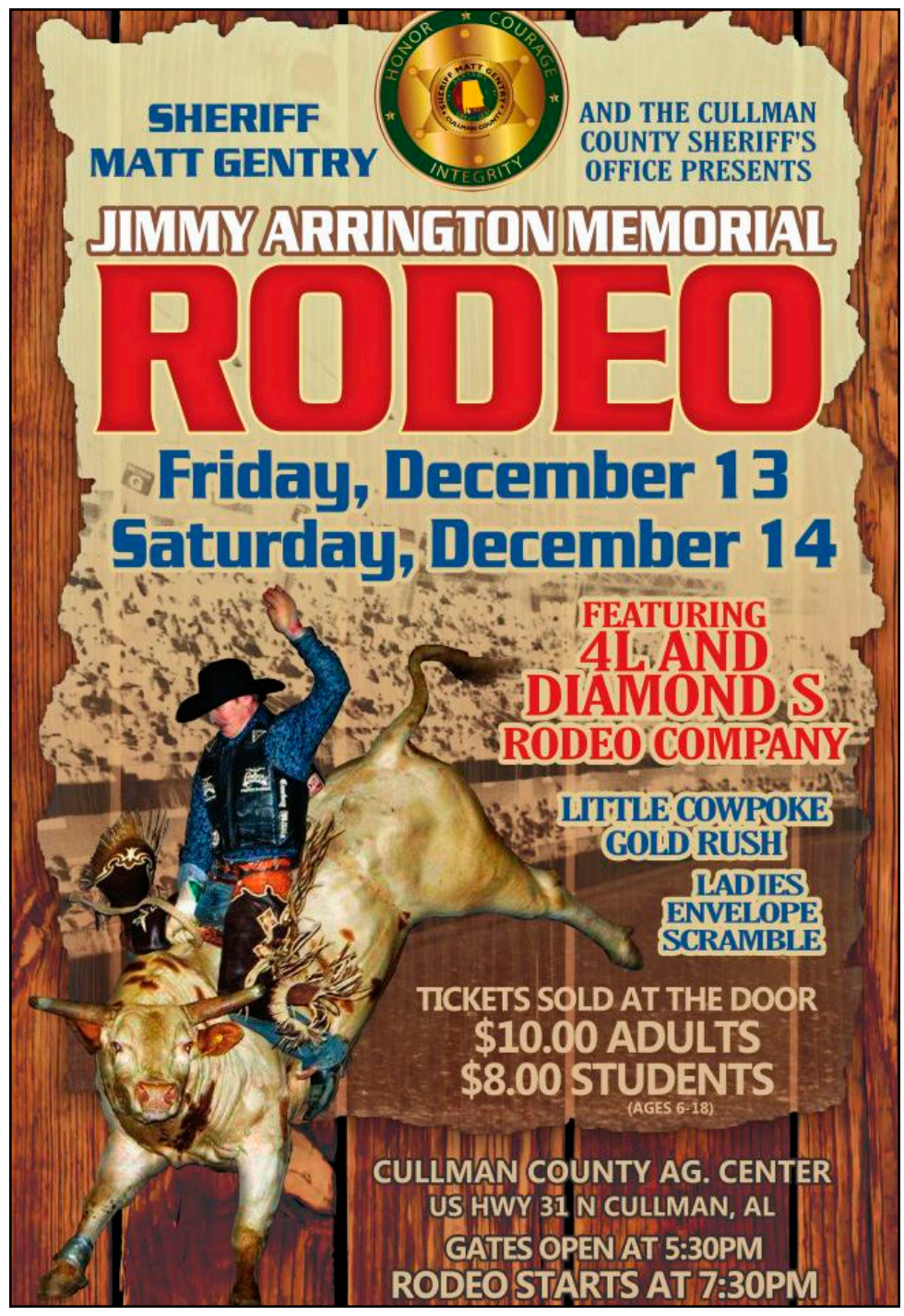
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"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"

LAMAR COUNTY

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Correspondent

At some delightful perch on this Garden Party tour across Alabama, I knew we would want to eat and explore native-grown mushrooms. Deeply forested Lamar County is a natural place for this adventure.

For centuries, present day Lamar County was Chickasaw territory. The Chickasaws foraged wild mushrooms for food, medicine and religious practices.

Mushrooms sprout from decaying woodland matter such as fallen branches, logs, tree roots and leaf debris. The tree-studded Fall Line hills here in northwest Alabama provide an ideal growing environment for mushrooms as the terrain slopes down to sandy, clay-rich flatlands.

Lamar County was established in February 1877. The county was named for a United States senator from Mississippi with the magnificent moniker, Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Lamar.

Due in part to America's growing appetite for organic foods, the interest in mushrooms has, well, mushroomed in recent years. But, from the early days of European settlers in Alabama, mushrooms have been treasured by the finest cooks.

Alabama is a state of massive biodiversity. Edible and non-edible mushrooms can be found in each of the state's 67 counties.

Some mushrooms look and taste great but can kill you. To make sure we kept the best of 'em and avoided the rest of 'em, I chatted with Anthoni Goodman, founder and president of the Alabama Mushroom Society. Anthoni is a Ph.D. candidate in neuroscience at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

What are the top five mushrooms Alabamians should forage and eat?
"I would say the easiest to identify and reasonably easy to find mushrooms in the state are: 1. Chanterelles and Black Trumpets (Cantharellus and Craterellus species), 2. Chicken of the Woods (Laetiporus species), 3. Oyster Mushrooms (Pleurotus species), 4. Lion's Mane (Hericeum species) and 5. Hen of the Woods (Grifola frondosa), though there are many others. We have a continually growing list of these on our website. Go to www.alabamamushroomsociety.org, then search: common-edible-mushrooms."

What do you want Alabamians to know about mushrooms to ignite their enthusiasm for these fungi?
"There's an entire kingdom hidden from us, lurking just beneath the forest floor that claims titles such as the largest organism on the planet, a kingdom that precedes land-dwelling animals and towered into the skies before there were trees!!! (Note: The triple exclamation points are mine but this "fun guy" is passionate about fungi.) The kingdom fungi literally connects all of the plants around us, trading nutrients and water, and even hunting and trapping nematodes. Yet we only see these strange creatures when they're ready to germinate, and an odd fruit they make. Some are great for eating, some are good for kicking, and some contain toxins that will make your head spin, or your organs fail. This fascinating world is just out of sight but plays a titanic role in our local ecology and has shaped world religions, fed many of us, and provided nutrients for our forests and pastures. Next time you're in the woods (Note: Lamar County road trip?), kick over some leaves or pull back some dead bark. Those long white threads, that's them, going about their business. When these plants are ready, they will create a fruitbody, the mushroom, which comes in too many forms to count and defines the organism. Pick it, photograph it, smell it, most of these species haven't changed much since before the dinosaurs roamed the Earth, and we have THOUSANDS of different species just here in Alabama!!!"

Are there any "magic mushrooms" in Alabama where plants + people coming together could cause the people to "trip out?"
"Ha! Absolutely! Since I'm representing the nonprofit organization, Alabama Mushroom Society, I can't condone the use of illegal substances. That being said, we do include these psychedelic fungi in our educational discussions about mushrooms in general. Our more common psilocybin (the active psychedelic ingredient)-containing mushrooms are of the Psilocybe and Panaeolus genera and really love growing in ungulate fields (cow, horse, donkey, and pig), either directly from or nearby the animal droppings, and almost all will bruise a bluish color upon handling or being damaged. Interestingly, we just hosted an expert on psilocybin-containing mushrooms (among many other fungi!) who gave two presentations and several forays for our members."

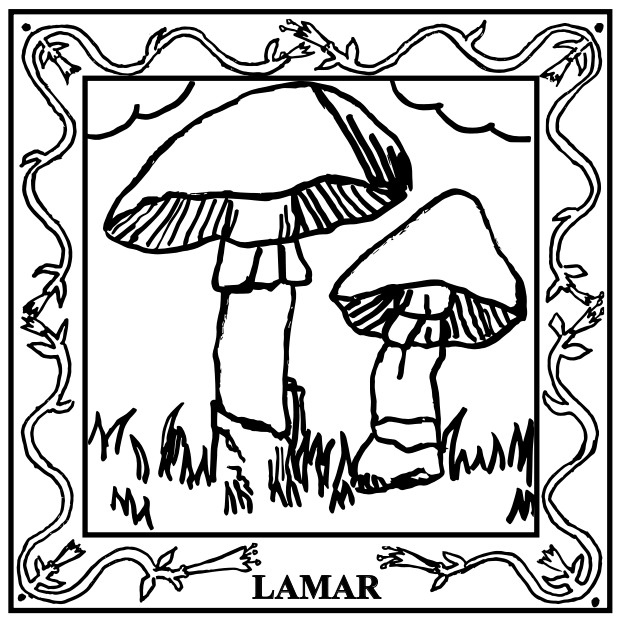
Are there poisonous mushrooms in Alabama?
"Yes indeed, we have hosts of mushrooms that can cause anything from an upset stomach to a nasty death. But, you can safely touch even the most toxic mushrooms with no ill consequences. Don't fear the fungi! But also—don't eat anything unless you're 100% confident in your identification and you know it's a safe-to-eat mushroom."

I explained to Mr. Goodman that in this Bicentennial series, The 67-County, Alabama Garden Party, I'd like to help some plant-centric people find revenue-producing opportunities with plants, especially in remote parts of the state like Lamar County.

What are your thoughts on growing mushrooms commercially in Alabama? (I understand a "start up" wouldn't require much money and mushrooms are fairly easy to grow.)
"It really depends on the size of the operation and the types of mushrooms that someone wants to grow. Not all counties are going to have the demand for it, but several farmers in Alabama drive into the farmers' markets in Birmingham to sell their cultivated fungi (primarily Shiitake, Oyster Mushrooms and Lion's Manes). One of the members of our Society's leadership actually runs a spawn lab that produces and sells inoculated materials for individual or commercial growing of mushrooms. For those interested in cultivating mushrooms, there are several species that are fairly easy to grow and many more that require some expertise."

How would you suggest Alabamians explore an interest in mushrooms?
"It really depends on the level of interest someone has. To be frank, most folks are only interested in finding edible mushrooms or photographing some of the more fascinating structures that fungi can produce. Whereas some of us more dorky types get really excited about the taxonomy and ecological niches and have a blast documenting our finds and identifying everything we can! For those who want to see what it's all about, I recommend just getting out and taking some nice, clear photographs, posting them on our Facebook page and letting someone help you identify it. We also have a list of some of the better publications you can purchase (or even get from a library) listed on our webpage. These books, along with our webpage, Facebook group, and society meetings can be a great place to gather skills and knowledge regarding our local fungi and meet others with a similar interest (there are more of us than you think!). So, get out there, bring a friend, and check out our ephemeral and beautiful mushrooms. You might just come home with a skillet full of dinner, or on a bad day—a lovely walk in the woods."

While you're out foraging Lamar County on your mushroom mission, here are other positive and pleasurable PLANTS + PEOPLE things to explore, including Laurie Johnson's original recipe for Lamar County Mushroom Lasagna.



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

• **LAMAR COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET**- J Circle Northeast at Vernon Park, Vernon, AL 35592; Tuesdays 4-6 p.m. and Saturdays 8-11 a.m.; opens June 1

• **MILLPORT FARMERS' MARKET**- McAdams Street behind city hall, Millport, AL 35576; Thursdays 3:30-6:30 p.m., June 6-Aug. 9

• **SAM R. MURPHY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**- Popular for hunting whitetail deer through the tall grasses and woodlands

• **LAMAR COUNTY PLANT ADVICE/EDUCATION**- Alabama Cooperative Extension System local office at 281 Columbus Ave., Vernon, AL 35592, 205-695-7139

• **PLANTING AN IDEA**- In each of the 67 counties in Alabama there is ZOOM videoconferencing technology at the local office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. The Lamar County office (or any location) could with no additional expense host a videoconference with a knowledgeable enthusiast from the Alabama Mushroom Society. This could be a FREE-to-attend, public-invited information session with Q&A for those interested in mushroom farming for fun and profit.

Y'ALL COME to Lamar County on your 67-County, Alabama Garden Party tour! Great things are mushrooming here!

THANK YOU to Anthoni Goodman, founder and president of the Alabama Mushroom Society for sharing his enthusiasm for mushrooms. Also, thank you to Laurie Johnson for her original recipe for Lamar County Mushroom Lasagna.

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.



Lamar County
MUSHROOM LASAGNA
(~ 6 SERVINGS)

Some of us love our "meatless Mondays" or even go meatless more often as we include extra vegetables in our diets. However, on cold fall or winter days we also love warm comfort food like the ever-favorite lasagna. This meatless lasagna features mushrooms in the place normally occupied by beef, and the marinara (red sauce) is replaced by a white sauce. The result is a creamy meatless meal, with its richness perfectly balanced by a fresh salad of Alabama greens.

INGREDIENTS:
- 2 - 3 lbs. assorted sliced mushrooms (portabellas, baby bellas, white, or other)
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 carton of ricotta cheese – can use lower fat version
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 2 tbsp. minced fresh or dried parsley, plus more for serving, plus other minced fresh herbs such as basil and thyme or a little dried Italian seasoning mixture
- 2 cups chopped fresh spinach leaves (optional)
- 3 cups shredded mozzarella cheese – can use lower fat version
- ~ 2 cups white béchamel sauce or short cut and use 1 jar of prepared alfredo sauce
- 1 package oven-ready lasagna noodles or regular ones that have been boiled as directed
- Cooking spray

INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Pre-heat oven to 350F.
2. Sauté mushrooms until tender in olive oil and then drain residual oil and moisture from them.
3. Mix ricotta cheese, 2 beaten eggs, the chopped spinach if using, parmesan cheese, parsley and other herbs or a little Italian seasoning in a mixing bowl.
4. Assemble the lasagna
   - **a.** Spray an 8 x 8 inch casserole pan with cooking spray. Start by spreading a thin layer of the white sauce in the bottom. Top with 3 lasagna strips. Spread a thin layer of the ricotta/egg mixture and top with a layer of cooked mushrooms (about 1/3 of them) and sprinkle with a layer of shredded mozzarella. Repeat the layers (sauce, noodles, ricotta/egg, mushrooms and mozzarella) until pan is full and you've run out of ingredients. End with mozzarella on top and a sprinkle of herbs or Italian seasoning.
   - **b.** It can be refrigerated if desired before baking, but you need to add some "covered" cooking time. It also freezes well. If frozen, thaw in the refrigerator overnight.
5. Cover with foil and bake in the pre-heated oven for about 20 minutes. Remove the foil and bake for another 20 minutes until very hot through the middle and bubbly and golden around the edges. Remove and let rest for a few minutes before cutting.
6. Serve with a sprinkle of parsley or herbs as desired. Enjoy with a fresh salad of Alabama greens.