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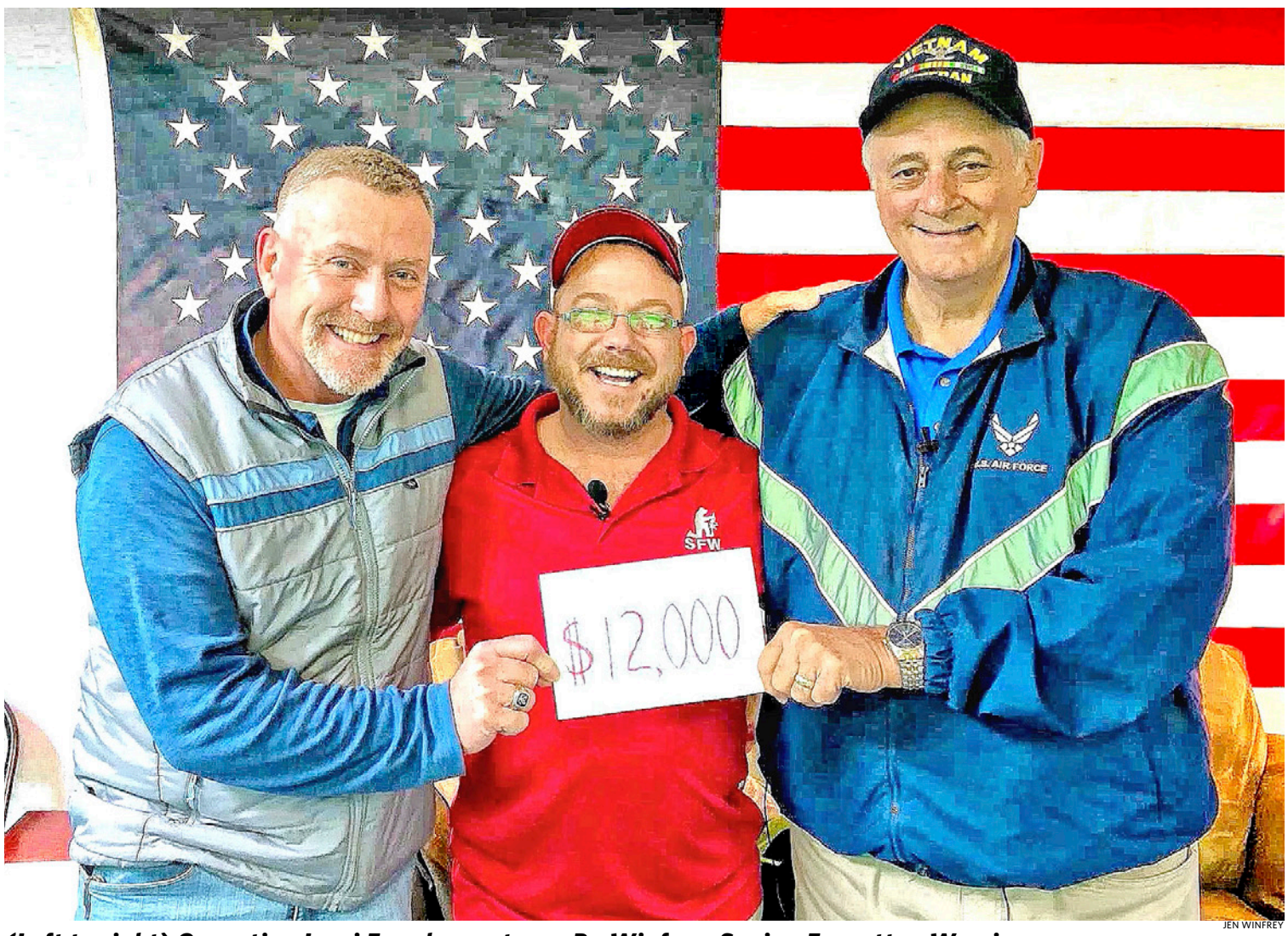
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– FEATURE –

A SHOT AT HOPE

Local businessman and philanthropist Ronnie Apel, of Apel Steel, donates $12K to launch local PTSD program with Saving Forgotten Warriors



JEN WINFREY

(Left to right) Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran Bo Winfrey, Saving Forgotten Warriors CEO Jeremy Hogan and VFW member and Vietnam veteran Ken Brown celebrate the "800 Club" kick-off donation from Apel Steel.

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ARTS

West Point Theatre celebrates the season

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WEST POINT, Ala. – West Point High School Theatre on Thursday evening put on its Christmas concert, with some holiday entertainment and a little fundraising for its upcoming spring 2020 production of "The Addams Family." Guests got a mix of favorites: secular and sacred, traditional and modern, from "Walking in a Winter Wonderland" to "O Holy Night."

Jimmy and Kimberly Harbison, who have worked with the performing arts program for several years, have led the group to numerical growth, a successful production of "Newsies" last spring and impressive performances in 2019's Walter Trumbauer Theatre Festivals. Now, they look forward to continuing the trend.

Jimmy Harbison told The Tribune, "The Christmas concert, this is one of our fundraisers for our musical theater department. This year, we're doing 'Addams Family,' and we're moving it down to Wallace State Community College. We're going to be holding our performances there this year; (it's) going to be in March. This (Christmas concert) is kind of a piggyback off our dinner-and-a-show night we had at Stone Bridge about a month-and-a-half ago. Basically, all we're wanting to do is show off our kids' talent. We've got a lot of seniors that were in 'Newsies' last year; they're back this year for 'Add-

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Garrett Willingham, Dathan Campbell and Carson Partain, accompanied by Jack Sellers, perform "Gloria" Thursday evening at West Point High School

STATE

Cullman High, West Point High, Fairview Middle receive Attorney General's 2019 Certificate of Building a Culture for School Safety

Mike Lewis
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Attorney General Steve Marshall today announced winners of the 2019 Safe Schools Initiative Awards. This year, the program was expanded to include three awards for highest excellence in school safety as well as certificates of special recognition for schools building a culture for school safety. These new categories are in addition to the traditional safe school awards for each public school district and for a private school.

"The safety of our schoolchildren is a vital matter foremost in all of our minds and hearts, and this year we have enhanced the Safe Schools Initiative Awards to encourage and honor more of those who have implemented strong programs to protect our students, teachers and other staff," said Marshall. "These schools have developed innovative programs and taken practical, effective steps to combat the threat of violence that has become a terrible part of our modern society. Their dedication and resolve to provide a safe haven for learning is an inspiration to us all."

On Nov. 26, 2019, a panel of independent judges reviewed submissions from a total of 124 schools from throughout Alabama and selected the following winners.

For the Attorney General's 2019 Safe Schools Award of Excellence, one public school with the top overall score was selected from the North, Central and South regions of Alabama. Attorney General Marshall will visit each school to present the award in person. The winners are North Region: Decatur Middle School, Decatur; Central Region: Westlawn Middle School, Tuscaloosa; and South Region: Orange Beach Elementary School, Orange Beach.

For the Attorney General's 2019 Safe Schools Award, one public school with the top score was selected for each of the eight state public school districts and one private school statewide. The winners are District 1: Pleasant Home School, Andalusia; District 2: Loachapoka High School, Loachapoka; District 3: Shades Mountain Elementary School, Hoover; District 4: Northridge Middle School, Tuscaloosa; District 5; Prattville Junior High School, Prattville; District 6: Austin High School, Decatur; District 7: Forest Hills Elementary, Florence; District 8: Discovery Middle School, Madison; and private school: Lee-Scott Academy, Auburn. Attorney

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Dodge City talks CR 216 Bridge Culvert Replacement Project, Christmas in the Park

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DODGE CITY, Ala. – The Dodge City Town Council Thursday night received final costs for the CR 216 – Bridge Culvert Replacement Project it has been working on since May. In November, the council voted to take out a five-year loan for $150,000 with an interest rate of 3.5% from Peoples Bank. At this month's meeting, it received the actual costs from Carcel & G Construction, LLC and McGehee Engineering. The original bid from Carcel was $318,531, with the actual cost being $297,288.61, a $21,242.39 difference. The original estimate from McGehee was $47,780, with the actual cost being $25,903.38, a difference of $21,876.62. With the differences from the estimates combined, the Town is saving a total of $43,119.01.

The council voted to use that money to pay off a portion of the $150,000 loan with Peoples Bank.

The project will see the replacement of the drainage structure under County Road 216/Beech Grove Road at Simpson Creek. The existing bridge culvert will be replaced with a triple barrel 10"x5" box culvert. A slight adjustment will be made to the alignment of the stream flowing from the north on the east side of County Road 216.

It will also see temporary construction of an easement and optional drainage easements from property owners affected by the construction.

In other business, the council voted to participate in the upcoming Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday, which will be Friday, Feb. 21, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. until Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020 at midnight.

Mayor Tawana Canada notified the council that the family of the late Naomi Johnson approached the Town to discuss donating land to be part of Perry Ray Park, in hopes of donating the land in Johnson's name.

The Town's attorney Hugh Harris recommended the council find out who in the family can deed the land over, then pass a resolution to accept the land.

The council, under Harris's recommendation, passed a resolution to accept the land.



MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Dodge City Town Council is seen at its December meeting.

The council then suspended the rules to pass an Employee Exemplary Performance Monetary Award for Town employees. The employees who received the awards were Vicki Ogletree ($300) and Barry Walling, Shane Coller and Paula Crank ($150).

Canada then took a moment to speak about Dodge City's Christmas in the Park event.

"We had more visitors in our first two nights than we had all of last year," she smiled. "It's great, we ran out of everything we had, and we had to buy more!"

Christmas in the Park takes place at Perry Ray Park, 120 Howard Circle, where children can have cookies and hot chocolate with Santa. The remaining dates are Saturday, Dec. 14; Friday, Dec. 20; and Saturday, Dec. 21 from 6-9 p.m. Each child also receives a free gift.

Canada said Dodge City's Girl Scout Troop #20613 donated 272 items to the town's Little Food Pantry.

The Dodge City Town Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at Dodge City Town Hall at 6 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Jan. 9, 2020.

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 13

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 13, 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. 11

• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $1

• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $304

• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $167

Dec. 12

• harassment; person; Hwy. 157

• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Northwest Ln. NW; medication, change; unknown amount of property value

• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; 5th St. SW; coins; unknown amount of property value

• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; 7th St. SW; sunglass, gift cards; unknown amount of property value

• first-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; cash; $3,040

• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $425

• counterfeit $20s; State of Alabama; Hwy. 157

• leaving the scene of an accident; person; Ave. C SE; damaged mailbox; $200

Dec. 13

• third-degree domestic violence – criminal mischief, third-degree burglary; person; Ave. B SE; damaged property; $1,040

ARRESTS

Dec. 12

Hyatt, Christopher T., 46

• possession of drug paraphernalia

Crabtree, Kevin E., 40

• harassment

Evans, Karlaton S., 34

• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (2 counts)

• fraudulent use of credit/debit card

• third-degree promoting prison contraband

Johnson, Chase R., 20

• DUI – controlled substance

Greathouse, Bennie, 65

• FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Puckett, Logan I., 18

• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Theatre (from Front)

ams Family.' It should be a good show in March. We've been practicing for about a month, now."

He continued, "We're trying to build something. We went from 25 students four years ago to nearly 80. There's a lot of interest: kids, the community seems interested in it. The Good Lord put us here, and hopefully, we can keep building this program, so future kids can enjoy it like we do."

So what was the "wow factor" of the evening?

"I think the wow factor tonight is just the singing ability that some of these kids have that people don't know about," he said. "We've got a lot of Christmas hymns' we're going to sing some of the classics: 'Jingle Bells,' stuff like that. But the goal is that we want everybody, when they leave here, to know the meaning of Christmas.

"I think people are going to go, 'Wow, these kids really have a lot of talent, if you just give them the option to show it.'"

After the show, Harbison reflected, "I played ball in Cullman County; I coach, also. But I love the theater, and I really want- my goal and my wife's goal- is for these kids to get the recognition for the talent they have. That's what we want; that's what it's all about: just getting the publicity for the kids and letting them shine!"



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Dec. 14 - 17

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

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 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.
• Dec. 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
• 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.

"Elf: The Musical"
• Presented by Cullman Performing Arts in the Cullman High School auditorium
• Saturday, Dec. 14, 2 p.m.
• Saturday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.
• Monday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.
• Admission is $10 for adults, $5 for children; tickets purchased at the door.

Cullman County Sheriff's Office Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo
• Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, opening at 7:30 p.m.
• Cullman Agricultural Trade Center, 17645 U.S. Hwy. 31 N, Cullman
• Tickets available at the door: $10 adults, $8 students

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.

Santa Claus at It's My Party
Bring the kids for a FREE visit with Santa Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in front of It's My Party at 205 Second Ave. SE!

Christmas at the Library!
• Saturday, Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. at the Guy Hunt Library and Museum in Holly Pond
• Come to the library for some Christmas fun. Mrs. Easterwood will sing her favorite Christmas songs. The children can make ornaments and arts and crafts. Come and have fun with your family!

Free Christmas Wagon Rides at The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
• See the tranquil grounds of the Shrine from a wagon drawn by genuine draft horses.
• Rides will be offered from Dec. 14-28. 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.
• For more information, contact the Shrine at 256-352-6267 or 256-787-4121 or visit https://olamshrine.com/.

Good Hope Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park
• Dec. 14 at 2 p.m.
• Christmas Parade begins at 2 p.m. at Good Hope High School and will go to Good Hope Municipal Park.
• Following the parade, we will have Christmas in the Park. Free food while it lasts. Free pictures with Santa (you may bring your own camera). Hayrides, Christmas craft for kids and train rides.

10th Annual Baileyton Christmas Party at the Senior Center
• The Baileyton Christmas Party is planned for Saturday, Dec. 14 from 5-7 p.m. The 10th annual event will be a night of fun, fellowship and food. Santa will stop by for pictures with the kids. Hamburgers, hot dogs and other goodies will be served. Guests will receive bags of fruit to take home. The council hopes everyone will come out to celebrate Christmas.
• Councilman Wendell Peterson: "Everyone is welcome, regardless of where you are from."

Deck the Stalls at Hope Horses
• Join us Saturday, Dec. 14 from 5-9 p.m.
• Price is $5 per child.
• Picture with Santa, ornament making (while supplies last), hot cocoa and cookies, and so much more!
• For more information call 256-841-6290!
• We look forward to seeing you there!
• 1301 Convent Road NE, Cullman, AL 35055

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.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

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

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.

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.

MONDAY, DEC. 16

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

"Elf: The Musical"
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• Monday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.
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West Point Town Council Meeting
6 p.m. at West Point Town Hall

Garden City Town Council Meeting
6 p.m. at Garden City Town Hall

Berlin Town Council Meeting
7 p.m. at the Berlin Community Center

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.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

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

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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

FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

Asleep behind the kitchen stove

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Well, winter is upon us and these cold nights sure do make the heat from a wood-burning heater feel good. There seems to be nothing better than standing by a real fire to warm up. This reminds me of a story about a little boy and a wood burning cookstove.

Some of you will still remember the wood-burning cookstove we used back in the good old days - the kind that had the warmer across the top, the fire box on one end, the eyes and the oven in the middle and a big vat for hot water on the other end. This is the kind my grandmother, whom we called Granny McAfee, had when she lived in Ruby, Alabama. The kitchen stove always made the corner of the kitchen warm late in the afternoon, in the early spring or late fall when the afternoons were cool.

When our brother Dale was about 3 years old, he had a hard day playing. He was tired and sleepy this particular afternoon when he finished his supper. He slid down from the bench at the table and began playing with the cats who were resting around the kitchen stove. Seems like everyone had cats around the house in those days. The cats walked around behind the stove and Dale followed them. Dale, being tired, having a full tummy, and sleepy, laid down behind the warm stove and fell into a deep sleep.

Sometime later, when the dishes were washed and put away, then it was time to put the children to bed. Mother was ready for the nightly chore of getting us bathed and off to bed.

Our sister, Frances, and I were there, but Dale was nowhere to be found. This created a panic, and everyone began to search for Dale.

We looked through the house, searched the yard, looked in the well and through the barn, but still didn't find him. Daddy took a lantern and searched all the way to the branch where we watered the mules and back but didn't find him. By this time we were almost in a panic stage.

All the calling and Francis going through the kitchen crying finally woke Dale up. Then he came crawling out from behind the kitchen stove and wanted to know what was going on.

Mother didn't know whether to spank him for scaring the living daylights out of us or hug and kiss him and be glad he was alright. Hugs and kisses won out. This was quite an experience - being asleep behind the kitchen stove.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Which is better, real Christmas trees or artificial ones?

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Jean and I have put up so many Christmas trees that a stroll through our house feels like a walk in the woods. Well, I might be exaggerating slightly, but we do have more than one. No, I „m not bragging, but neither am I complaining. My wife does such an amazing job decorating our home for Christmas. Not only is there a tree in almost every room...some rooms have two! A couple of them are only two feet tall, including the two little ones on the front porch. Needless to say, we love Christmas trees.

I remember a time in my life when Christmas was much different from these days. Going back to my childhood, there was never a Christmas when we didn't have a tree, but never more than one each year. Mama would not allow us to put up our tree until a few days before Christmas, and it usually came down the day after. That was because it was a real tree and we had a coal-heater. Those trees were cedars and they dried out quickly. One errant spark from that heater and those trees would have lit up like a Roman candle.

Our trees now look real, but they aren't. If someone asks, "Where did you get your trees?" I might answer, "From the attic!" Of course, before they were in the attic, they were in a store. I was grown before I ever pulled an artificial tree from my attic, or before I ever bought a tree.

For one thing, we didn't have an attic, but even if we had, I wouldn't have gone there to get a Christmas tree. We didn't go to a store or a Christmas tree farm to buy one either.

Back then we went to the woods to get our Christmas trees. They weren't anything special; just simple cedar trees. My first memories of Christmas tree hunting was with my older sister Joan.

She was six-years older than me and a much more experienced hunter...tree hunter, that is. Directly behind our house was a cow pasture and beyond that were woods. We could usually find our treasure in the pasture but if not, the woods would contribute.

A bow saw would have been the perfect tool, but since we didn't have one, we used an axe. Fortunately, neither of us chopped down a leg! The hardest part of hauling our cedar back home was getting it over the fence. One year we dragged a tree all the way back home before we realized it contained a hornet's nest.

Maybe artificial trees are best. At least I've never seen a hornet's nest in one. The good thing was that the hornets had already vacated their premises before we cut the tree. Tree hunting with my sister is one of my favorite Christmas memories

from those days. After she was grown and gone from home, I still went to the woods for our tree but not alone. My trustworthy canine named Big-Pud was always ready for an adventure.

The artificial trees these days look so real it's hard to tell the difference. You can even buy spray to make them smell like the real thing. Many things have become part of Christmas that aren't real, but the real meaning of the season still remains the same. Whether we put up a tree that came from the attic, one that came from the woods or no tree at all, one thing remains the same and is real - Christmas is still the birth of God's Son...Jesus. Hey, we need to make sure we are the real deal too. Merry Christmas!

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Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1956

Mrs. Brooks Dies

Mrs. Ida Elizabeth Brooks, 74, of Route Nine, Cullman, died at Cullman Hospital on December 8th and funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Surviving are two sons, Horace Brooks, Senior and Marvin Earl Brooks; two daughters, Mrs. Lois Collier and Mrs. Ruby Weissend; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The residence of the Harry McNabbs, on McNabb Road, was damaged by fire shortly after noon on Saturday.

The fire started from a grass fire. Mr. McNabb was burning grass around his place. The fire burned down a wood shed and spread to the house and damaged two rooms.

Fire Chief John Hasenbein warns everybody to be very careful when burning grass or trash. "The"fire often gets out of control, like Mr. McNabb's did," commented the chief.

Carl Davis and Shirley Woodard have been chosen by the faculty of Cullman High as the 1956-57 Good Hope Citizen boy and girl. Carl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Davis, of Cullman. Shirley, who lives at Child Haven, is serving as secretary of the senior class. Other candidates nominated by the senior class were June Johnston, Anna Marie Hancock, George Nonaker and Ted Howard.

The main office of King Pharr Canning Operations will soon be located in Cullman.

Announcement that the headquarters of this firm being established here was made this week by Julian L. McPhillips, newly-elected president of the organization.

Serving with Mr. McPhillips, who is also treasurer, are: William W. McPhillips, of Selma, Alabama, executive vice-president and secretary and two Cullman citizens, Conrad Howard, vice-president and assistant secretary and F.E. Saint John, Junior, vice-president and general counsel.

From The Files Of 1900

Henry Rehling, well-known and highly esteemed farmer, died here on Wednesday.

J.R. Griffin and little son spent Wednesday in Birmingham.

A number of cases of typhoid fever are reported in different parts of this county.

Poet's Corner

Momma Loved Christmas

By: Randy C. Hale

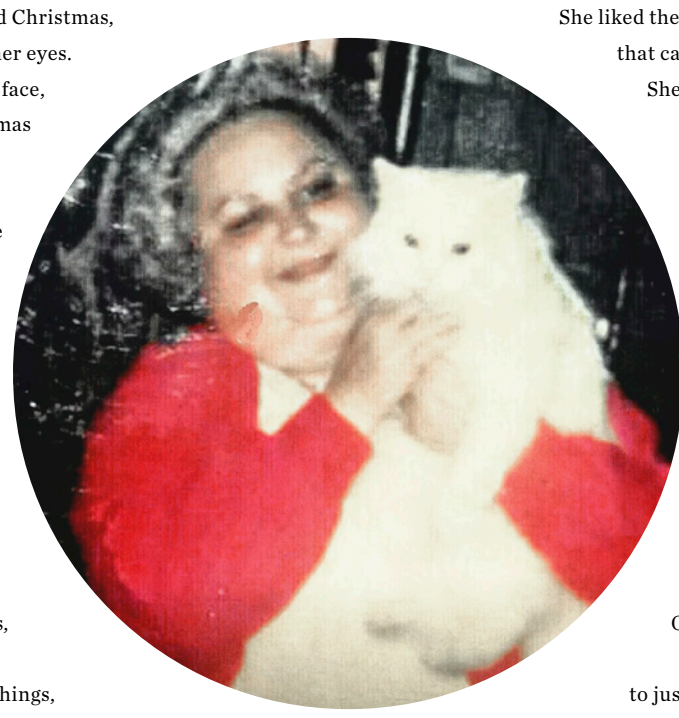
In memory of my mother
Janet Hale 2-22-42 - 10-19-05

Momma loved Christmas,
you could see it in her eyes.
You could see it in her face,
and you could see Christmas
all over the place.

Every year she treasured time
that she and I could take.
To have a special outing
just for Christmas sake.

One year we saw a ballet,
with people on their toes.
One year we watch
the Grinch,
and laughed at all the prose.

Momma loved Christmas,
she loved nativities.
She loved the pretty things,
the lights and Christmas trees.



She liked the special moments
that came on Christmas eve.
She gave it special splendor
and memories to keep.

When she went to heaven,
she took part of me there.
And Christmas time I know,
we will always share.

So if you have your mother,
with all your
Christmas plans.
Make sure you have
a day with her
to make her heart be glad.

One day she will not be here,
and you will cry inside,
to just behold her once again,
especially at Christmas time.

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COMMENCING AT A RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST. THENCE WEST 1320.00 FEET TO A ONE-INCH IRON. THENCE NORTH 3 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST 645.73 FEET TO A ONE-HALF INCH CAP RE-BAR SET NO. CA-0078 SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING TO A 20-FOOT NON-EXCLUSLVE INGRESS-EGRESS EASEMENT. THENCE ALONG SAID EASEMENT SOUTH 86 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 231.33 FEET TO A ONE-HALF INCH CAP RE-BAR SET NO. CA-0078. THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID EASEMENT NORTH 83 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST 97.21 FEET TO A ONE-HALF INCH CAP RE-BAR SET NO. CA-0078. THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID EASEMENT NORTH 72 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST 69.18 FEET TO A ONE-HALF INCH CAP RE-BAR SET NO. CA-0078 BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE NORTH 39 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 66.91 FEET TO A ONE-HALF INCH CAP RE-BAR SET NO. CA--0078. THENCE NORTH 37 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST 96.12 FEET TO A ONE-HALF INCH CAP RE·BAR SET NO. CA-0078. THENCE SOUTH 75 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST 172.51 FEET TO A ONE-HALF INCH CAP RE-BAR SET NO. CA-0078. THENCE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 204.77 FEET TO A ONE-HALF INCH CAP RE-BAR SET NO. CA-0078. THENCE NORTH 39 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 111.24 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. PROPERTY BEING IN CULLMAN COUNTY AND CONTAINING 0.57 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. PROPERTY SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING RIGHTS OF WAY AND/OR EASEMENTS THAT ARE RECORDED OR UNRECORDED.

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THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY INCLUDES A 1999 MANUFACTURED HOME MAKE: BUCCANEER, MODEL: 5238C, SERIAL NUMBERS: ALBUS28026A and ALBUS28026B, SIZE: 26.3 X 76.5, WHICH IS PENNANENTLY AFFIXED TO SAID REAL ESTATE.

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This sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in said Mortgage and by Alabama law. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Top-ranked Lady Eagles handle Phillips 78-52, Eagles thrash Bears 77-25

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BREMEN, Ala. – After splitting a pair of varsity matchups at Fairview Tuesday night, Cold Springs returned home Thursday to host Phillips and both the Eagles and Lady Eagles posted impressive wins against the Bears. The Lady Bears came in as the defending 1A state champion and left with a 78-52 loss to the Lady Eagles and in the boys' game, the Eagles handled the Bears with ease 77-25. Cold Springs will be on the road Friday for a pair of area matchups against West End.

Cold Springs 78 – Phillips 52 (varsity girls)
The first matchup of the night at Jesse George Gymnasium was a clash between defending state champions. Cold Springs took last year's Class 2A crown and Phillips was the Class 1A champion, but the top-ranked Lady Eagles looked dominant in Thursday night's meeting.

Cold Springs took a 20-12 lead into the second quarter thanks in large part to 12 points from Neely Ellison, all of which came from behind the three-point line. Ellison stayed hot from behind the arc in the second period, knocking down three straight from deep to stretch the lead to 29-14 early in the second. A basket by Elizabeth Hill made it 34-17 midway through the quarter and despite a late scoring run from the Bears, the Lady Eagles carried a 44-24 advantage into the locker room at the half.

Cold Springs led the way 46-31 early in the third but pulled ahead 52-33 midway through the period after Hill hauled in a rebound and took it coast to coast for another bucket. Another Ellison three bounced off the rim at the buzzer and the Lady Eagles held a 54-41 lead going into the final frame.

Ellison's next three-point attempt was good and Cold Springs moved in front 58-41 early in the fourth. A triple from Toni West stretched it to 67-44 with just over four minutes to play and after back to back layups by West made it 73-49 late in the fourth, the Lady Eagles pulled away to win it 78-52

Ellison led Cold Springs with 28 points in the win followed closely by Hill with 25 and West finished the night with 13.

Cold Springs 77 – Phillips 25 (varsity boys)
The Eagles quickly jumped out to a 13-4 lead over the Bears midway through the opening quarter and continued to add to their lead before the start of the second. The home crowd came alive when Adam Hill dunked one through a foul and knocked down the free throw to make it a 25-6 game going into the second quarter. Brody Peppers racked up 16 points in the first quarter alone. Roberto Ayala drilled a three to stretch the lead to 28-6 at the start of the second and a Brodi Williams basket put Cold Springs on top 37-9 with just over two minutes to play in the half. Seth Williams was able to tip one in at the buzzer and gave the Eagles a 41-11 lead at the break.

Micah Calvert knocked down a three-pointer to make it 47-11 early in the third quarter and a pair of Hill free throws gave Cold Springs a 56-13 advantage



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Elizabeth Hill (3) scored 25 points in the Lady Eagles' 78-52 win over Phillips Thursday night.

midway through the period. The Eagles were able to stretch their lead to 66-15 by the start of the fourth quarter and cruised to an impressive, 77-25 win at home.

Peppers led Cold Springs with 28 points in the win, followed by Calvert with 15, Hill with 12 and Ayden Alexander with six.

Other Thursday scores:
- Hanceville 46 – Fairview 44 (varsity girls)
- Hanceville 62 – Fairview 51 (varsity boys)
- Winston County 45 – St. Bernard 38 (varsity girls)
- Winston County 34 – St. Bernard 24 (varsity boys
- Brindlee Mountain 42 – Vinemont 37 (varsity girls)
- Brindlee Mountain 44 – Vinemont 35 (varsity boys)
- Decatur Heritage 55 – Meek 37 (varsity girls)
- Decatur Heritage 71 – Meek 16 (varsity boys)

PREP BASKETBALL

Saints, Lady Saints fall to Winston County at home

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The St. Bernard boys and girls hosted Winston County at home on Thursday night, and they dropped both games as the Lady Saints fell just short against the Lady Yellow Jackets, 45-38, while the Saints dropped a low-scoring affair to the Yellow Jackets, 34-24.


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St. Bernard's Alex Shoaff attempts a shot during the Saints' 34-24 loss to Winston County.

Winston County 45 - St. Bernard 38 (varsity girls)
St. Bernard got off to a very slow start offensively as they only scored on a free throw by Claire Sanders and went into the second period down, 17-1. The Lady Saints increased their offensive output in the second quarter, scoring eight points and allowing just 10 to cut the lead to 27-9 at the half.

St. Bernard doubled their output in the third period as four different players scored in the quarter and they cut the deficit to just 12 at 37-25 going into the final period.

Led by Emma Tafazoli, Claudia Fallin and Sanders, the Lady Saints staged a comeback in the fourth quarter, scoring 13 points and cutting the deficit to single digits at 45-38, but that's the closest that they got and wound up falling 45-38.

Emma Tafazoli led St. Bernard (4-6) with 16 points. Fallin and Sanders each added eight, Amelia Tafazoli ended up with six and Macy Whaley chipped in with one.

Winston County 34 - St. Bernard 24 (varsity boys)
The first quarter was very low scoring as both teams combined for just 13 points in the period. The Saints took a 7-6 lead after one. A three by John Christian Rose, later followed by an Eli Loyd free throw, stretched the St. Bernard lead to 11-6. The Saints' defense was smothering Winston County as they allowed just one basket in the second period and wound up taking an 11-8 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Back-to-back treys by the Yellow Jackets to start out the third quarter gave them a 14-11 lead. St. Bernard's Caleb Guthery nailed back-to-back threes to give them the lead right back to the Saints at 17-14 and later made it 19-14 on a Rose layup. Winston County finished the quarter strong with a 7-2 run that tied the game at 21 going into the final period.

The Yellow Jackets scored five in a row as they took the lead once again at 26-21. The Saints' offense struggled to score and their first point of the quarter came on a Jose Zatarain free throw with 2:18 remaining in the game that cut the lead to 26-22. Winston County pushed its lead to 30-22 and a Rose layup made it 30-24 with 38 seconds remaining in the game, but four free throws sealed the 34-24 win for the Yellow Jackets.

Rose finished with 11 points for St. Bernard (2-8). Guthery added six, Alex Shoaff ended up with five and Zatarain and Loyd each chipped in with one.

St. Bernard will host their annual Christmas Tournament next Thursday and Friday and the girls' and boys' teams will take on J.B. Pennington next Thursday at 6:30 and 7:45, respectively.

Three Ala. football players named Walter Camp All-Americans

UA Athletics
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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama football's defensive back Xavier McKinney, wide receiver Jaylen Waddle and offensive lineman Jedrick Wills Jr. were honored as Second-Team Walter Camp All-Americans, the Walter Camp Foundation announced Thursday evening at the ESPN Home Depot College Football Awards Show.

McKinney, an elite defensive back, ranks 12th in the SEC in tackles with 85 through 12 games. He is also Alabama's leader in tackles, including 4.5 for loss (-32 yards) and two sacks (-13 yards). As a junior, he has forced four fumbles and added three interceptions (78 yards) to go with five pass breakups and four quarterback hurries and has also returned one of his interceptions for an 81-yard touchdown.

Waddle leads the nation in punt return average at 24.9 yards per return with 19 for 474 yards and a touchdown, including a long of 77. The sophomore has also returned four kickoffs for 152 yards and one score and has added more than 53 yards and six touchdowns on 32 catches at wideout this season.

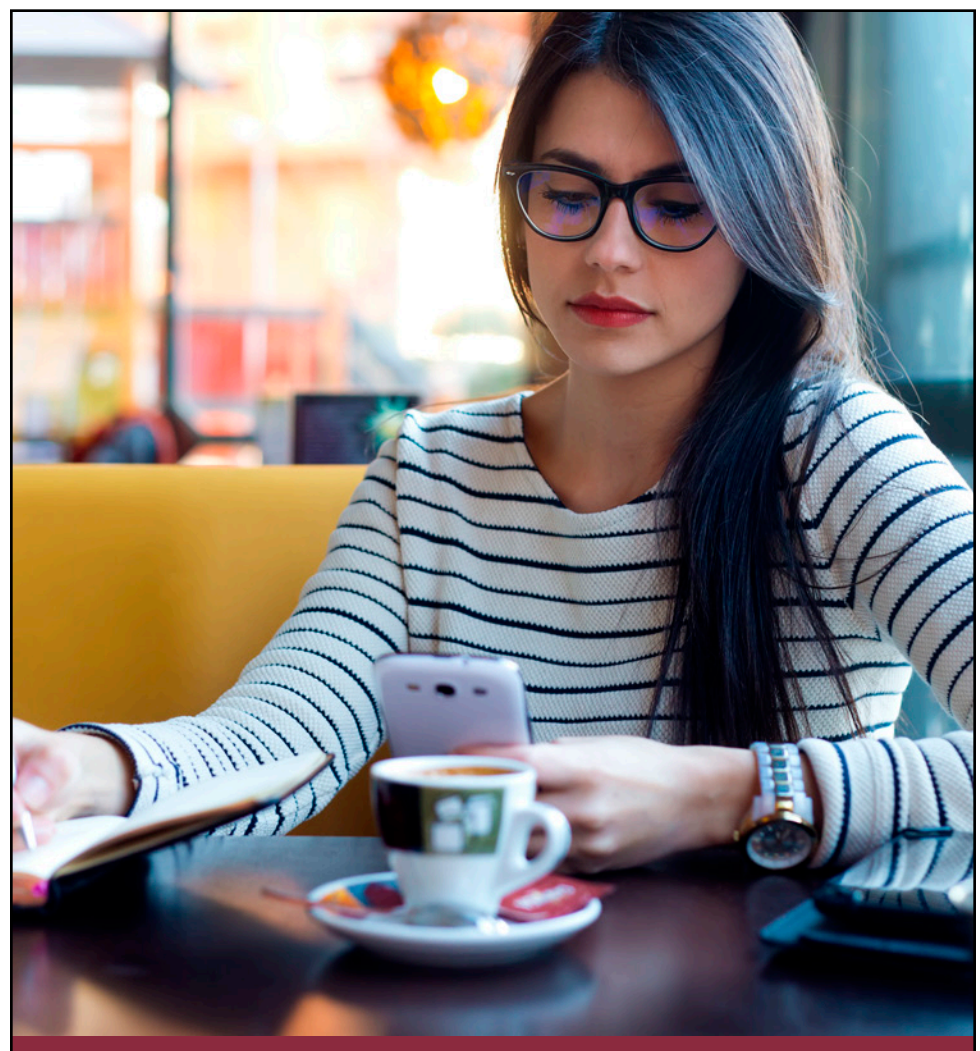
Earlier this week, he was selected as a first team All-America at returner by Pro Football Focus and tabbed SEC Special Teams Player of the Year.

The Crimson Tide's starting right tackle, Wills Jr., has anchored the Tide's offensive line that has surrendered only 12 sacks in 381 pass attempts this season. Wills Jr. graded out at over 91 percent for the Crimson Tide along the front allowing only one sack all season and only 3.5 quarterback hurries while missing only seven assignments in 714 snaps for a success rate of 99.9 percent.

This is the 130th edition of the Walter Camp All-America team, the nation's oldest All-America team. Twenty-six players have been selected to the first team by the 130 Football Bowl Subdivision head coaches and sports information directors. In addition, 25 players were selected to the second team.

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabamaFTBL on Twitter and Facebook and AlabamaFBL on Instagram. General athletic news can also be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.





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- W.J. Carroll Intermediate School, Daphne

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- Creekside Elementary School, Auburn
- Opelika High School, Opelika
- Opelika Middle School, Opelika
- Wrights Mill Road Elementary School, Auburn

District 3:
- Chelsea Middle School, Chelsea
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- Clanton Elementary School, Clanton
- Clanton Intermediate School, Clanton
- Clanton Middle School, Clanton
- Creek View Elementary School, Alabaster
- Jemison Elementary School, Jemison
- Jemison High School, Jemison
- Jemison Intermediate School, Jemison
- Jemison Middle School, Jemison
- Mt. Laurel Elementary School, Birmingham
- Oak Mountain Middle School, Birmingham
- Pelham Oaks Elementary School, Pelham
- Pinecrest Elementary School, Sylacauga
- R.F. Bumpus Middle School, Hoover
- Sylacauga High School, Sylacauga
- Thompson High School, Alabaster
- Thompson Intermediate School, Alabaster
- Trace Crossings Elementary School, Hoover
- Verbena High School, Verbena

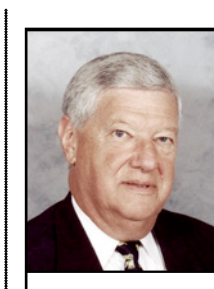
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- The Alberta School of Performing Arts, Tuscaloosa
- Woodland Forrest Elementary School, Tuscaloosa

District 6:
- Austin Junior High School, Decatur
- Austin Middle School, Decatur
- Banks-Caddell Elementary School, Decatur
- Benjamin Davis Elementary School, Decatur
- Chestnut Grove Elementary School, Decatur
- Cullman High School, Cullman
- Decatur High School, Decatur
- Fairview Middle School, Cullman
- Frances Nungester Elementary School, Decatur
- Hayden High School, Hayden
- Moody Middle School, Moody
- West Point High School, Cullman

District 7:
- Cherokee Elementary School, Cherokee
- Cherokee High School, Cherokee
- Colbert County High School, Leighton
- Colbert Heights Elementary School, Tuscumbia
- Deshler High School, Tuscumbia
- Russellville Elementary School, Russellville

District 8:
- Chaffee Elementary School, Huntsville
- Challenger Elementary School, Huntsville
- Chapman Elementary School, Huntsville
- Chapman Middle School, Huntsville
- Columbia High School, Huntsville
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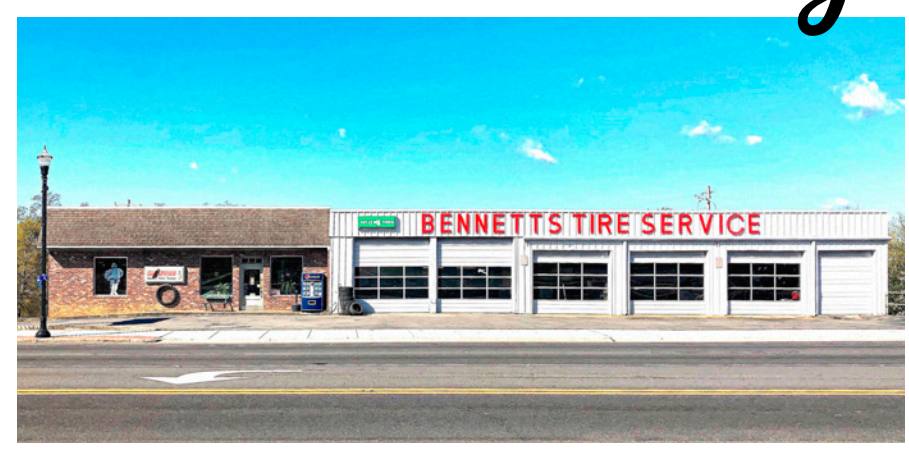
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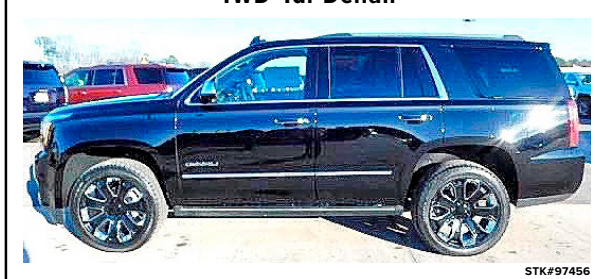
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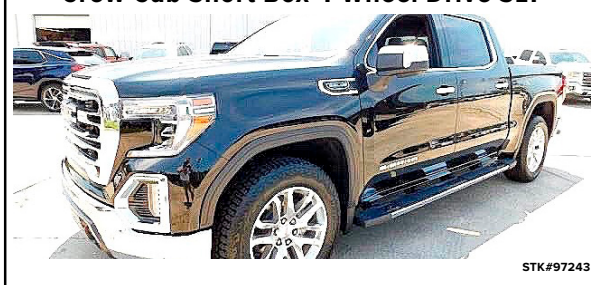
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8:30 a.m. FS1 Bundesliga Soccer FC Bayern Munich vs SV Werder Bremen. (Live)
10:00 a.m. FSEE Powerboat Racing Nationals.
11:00 a.m. WIAT College Basketball Oregon at Michigan. (Live)
ESPN College Football NCAA FCS Championship, Quarterfinal: Teams TBA. (Live)
ESPN2 College Basketball Michigan State at Oakland. (Live)
FS1 College Basketball Southern at Butler. (Live)
FSEE NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Atlanta Hawks.
GOLF PGA Tour Golf QBE Shark Shootout, Second Round. (Live)
11:30 a.m. WVTM Premier League Soccer Southampton FC vs West Ham United FC. (Live)
12:00 p.m. WBRC College Basketball Syracuse at Georgetown. (Live)
1:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Delaware vs Villanova. (Live)
FS1 College Basketball Illinois-Chicago at DePaul. (Live)
1:30 p.m. WVTM 2019 Presidents Cup Third Round. (Live)
2:00 p.m. WIAT College Football Army vs Navy. (Live)
WABM2 College Basketball UCLA at Notre Dame. (Live)
ESPN College Basketball Memphis at Tennessee. (Live)
FSEE College Basketball Lamar at TCU. (Live)
3:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball St. Louis vs Auburn. (Live)
FS1 PBA Bowling PBA Clash.
4:00 p.m. ESPN College Basketball Georgia Tech at Kentucky. (Live)
5:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Oklahoma at Wichita State. (Live)
FS1 Boxing Premier Boxing Champions.
GOLF 2019 Presidents Cup Final Round. (Live)
7:00 p.m. ESPN2 UFC 245: Usman vs. Covington - Prelims (Live)
FS1 College Basketball Stony Brook at Providence. (Live)
8:00 p.m. ESPN Boxing Terence Crawford vs. Egidijus Kavaliauskas. (Live)
FSEE College Basketball Lamar at TCU.
9:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Gonzaga at Arizona. (Live)

Movies

10:00 a.m. PARMT "Star Trek Beyond" ★★★ (2016) Chris Pine. Left stranded after an attack in space, Kirk, Spock and the rest of the crew must battle a deadly alien race while trying to find a way off their hostile planet.
11:00 a.m. TCM "Red Dust" ★★★ (1932) Clark Gable. Two kinds of women love a he-man rubber planter in Indochina.
12:05 p.m. MAX "Hero" ★★★½ (2002) Jet Li Flashbacks reveal how a warrior stopped the elusive assassins who tried to kill the emperor of China.
12:45 p.m. TCM "Mogambo" ★★★ (1953) Clark Gable. A chorus girl and a married woman fight over a white hunter in Africa.
2:30 p.m. USA "Guardians of the Galaxy" ★★★ (2014) Chris Pratt. A space adventurer becomes the quarry of bounty hunters after he steals an orb coveted by a treacherous villain, but after he discovers the orb's true power, he must find a way to unite four ragtag rivals to save the universe.
3:00 p.m. TBS "The LEGO Movie" ★★★½ (2014) Voices of Chris Pratt. Animated. An ordinary LEGO figurine, thought to be the key to saving the world, is accompanied by a fellowship of strangers embarking on a quest to vanquish a tyrant bent on a terrible deed.
TCM "Gone With the Wind" ★★★★ (1939) Clark Gable. A fiery Southern belle struggles to return her family's estate to its original magnificence after the Civil War.
HBO "The Town" ★★★ (2010) Ben Affleck A Boston bank robber looks for a way out of his criminal lifestyle after beginning a passionate romance with the woman that his gang briefly took hostage.
3:05 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.
3:20 p.m. E! "Dirty Dancing" ★★★ (1987) Jennifer Grey. A doctor's teenage daughter gets slinky with the dance teacher at a Catskills resort in the summer of 1963.
3:30 p.m. SHOW "The Help" ★★★½ (2011) Viola Davis Determined to become a writer, a 1960s Mississippi society girl turns her small town on its ear by interviewing black women who work for prominent white families.
4:00 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.
FX "Furious 7" ★★★ (2015) Vin Diesel. A smooth-talking government agent offers to help Dominic Toretto and his gang eliminate a dangerous enemy in exchange for their help in rescuing a kidnapped computer hacker.
TMC "Point Break" ★★★ (1991) Patrick Swayze An FBI agent turns California surfer to nab bank robbers who wear rubber masks of four ex-presidents.
5:00 p.m. TBS "The LEGO Batman Movie" ★★★½ (2017) Voices of Will Arnett. Animated. There are big changes brewing in Gotham, but if Batman wants to save the city from the Joker's hostile takeover, he may have to drop the lone vigilante thing, try to work with others and maybe, just maybe, learn to lighten up.
USA "Doctor Strange" ★★★ (2016) Benedict Cumberbatch. After a terrible accident, Dr. Stephen Strange loses his ability to operate but finds new purpose when a mystical being known as the Ancient One reveals that Dr. Strange is the newly designated Sorcerer Supreme.
5:10 p.m. HBO "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" ★★★ (2011) James Franco A scientist's quest to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease unintentionally results in a highly intelligent chimpanzee, which may signal the end of man's dominion over Earth.
MAX "Margin Call" ★★★ (2011) Kevin Spacey When an analyst uncovers information that could ruin them all, the key players at an investment firm take extreme measures to control the damage.
5:25 p.m. E! "Pretty Woman" ★★★ (1990) Richard Gere. A corporate raider pays a gorgeous hooker to be his escort for a business week in Beverly Hills.
6:00 p.m. AMC "Elf" ★★★ (2003) Will Ferrell. Adopted as a baby by one of Santa's elves, a man leaves the workshop to search for his family in New York.
TNT "Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith" ★★★ (2005) Ewan McGregor. Seduced by the dark side, Anakin Skywalker turns against his mentor, Obi-Wan Kenobi and becomes Darth Vader.
6:45 p.m. CMTV "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.
7:00 p.m. WABM "Van Wilder: Freshman Year" ★★★ (2009) Jonathan Bennett. A college freshman inspires others by partying, chasing girls and wooing the hot chick.
TCM "Gandhi" ★★★★ (1982) Ben Kingsley. Richard Attenborough's Oscar-winning portrait of the man whose policy of nonviolence won India's independence.
MAX "Jaws" ★★★★ (1975) Roy Scheider A New England police chief, a shark hunter and a scientist have a showdown with a huge white shark.
7:30 p.m. USA "Guardians of the Galaxy" ★★★ (2014) Chris Pratt. A space adventurer becomes the quarry of bounty hunters after he steals an orb coveted by a treacherous villain, but after he discovers the orb's true power, he must find a way to unite four ragtag rivals to save the universe.
7:45 p.m. COM "Wedding Crashers" ★★★ (2005) Owen Wilson. Two divorce mediators spend a wild weekend partying with a politician and his eccentric family.
8:00 p.m. AMC "Elf" ★★★ (2003) Will Ferrell. Adopted as a baby by one of Santa's elves, a man leaves the workshop to search for his family in New York.
SHOW "Green Book" ★★★½ (2018) Viggo Mortensen (Premiere) An Italian-American bouncer and an African-American pianist confront racism and danger while taking a road trip through the Deep South in 1962.
8:10 p.m. E! "Pretty Woman" ★★★ (1990) Richard Gere. A corporate raider pays a gorgeous hooker to be his escort for a business week in Beverly Hills.
9:05 p.m. TNT "Star Wars: A New Hope" ★★★★ (1977) Mark Hamill. Robots and other allies help a youth and a space jockey rescue a rebel princess and battle dark forces bent on intergalactic rule.
10:00 p.m. AMC "Ice Age" ★★★ (2002) Voices of Ray Romano. Animated. A woolly mammoth, a saber-toothed tiger and a sloth find a human baby and try to reunite him with his tribe.
FX "The Amazing Spider-Man" ★★★ (2012) Andrew Garfield. Peter Parker's quest to solve his parents' disappearance puts him on a collision course with a scientist's deadly alter ego, the Lizard.
10:30 p.m. COM "21 Jump Street" ★★★ (2012) Jonah Hill. Two cops must confront their teenage angst all over again when they go under cover as high-school students.
10:55 p.m. E! "Dirty Dancing" ★★★ (1987) Jennifer Grey. A doctor's teenage daughter gets slinky with the dance teacher at a Catskills resort in the summer of 1963.

SATURDAY EVENING — MOVIES — DECEMBER 14, 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)		★★★ "Van Wilder: Freshman Year" (2009, Comedy) Jonathan Bennett, Kristin Cavallari, Jerry Shea.				World's-Weath	World's-Weath	The Immortals	The Short List
WBIQ-PBS	4	(4:00) Alabama Day Concert: Live from Montgomery (N)		Christmas at the Governor's	Journey Proud	Alabama: Hymns & Gospel Favorites Alabama perform songs of faith.			Muscle Shoals to Music Row "Christmas Special 2"	(:40) Muscle Shoals to Music Row "Hank Williams Tribute"			
WVTM-NBC	5	WVTM 13 News at 5p	NBC Nightly News - Holt	WVTM 13 News at 6p (N)	Soledad O'Brien	How to Train Your Dragon	DreamWorks Trolls Holiday	Dateline NBC		Saturday Night Live (N)		WVTM 13 News at 10p	(:29) Saturday Night Live (N)
WBRC-FOX	7	Judge Judy	Paid Program	Judge Judy	Blink Camera Systems	The Masked Singer "A Pain in the Mask; Two Masks Take It Off: Holiday Semi-Finals" Three celebrities are revealed.				WBRC FOX6 News at 9pm	WBRC FOX6 News	WBRC FOX6 News at 10pm	24 Hours to Hell and Back
WIAT-CBS	8	College Football	CBS Weekend News (N)	CBS42 News 6pm	Retire with Freedom	Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer		Frosty the Snowman	(:31) Frosty Returns	(:01) 48 Hours (N)		CBS42 News 10pm	(:35) Jeopardy!
WTTO-CW	9	Modern Family "First Days"	Modern Family "Larry's Wife"	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	(4:00) "A Prince for Christmas" (2015) Viva Bianca.		"Best Christmas Ball Ever!" (2019) Elisabeth Harnois. Premiere. Amy decides to spend the holidays with her brother in Vienna.				"Christmas Matchmakers" (2019, Drama) Vivica A. Fox, Andrew Rogers. Two overworked personal assistants hatch a plan.			"Rent-an-Elf" (2018) Yohance Biagas-Bey, Kim Shaw.		
WABM2-ABC	12	Paid Program	ABC World News	ABC 33/40 News at 6PM	Wheel of Fortune	The Wonderful World of Disney Presents The Little Mermaid Live! A mermaid risks her future for love.				20/20		ABC 33/40 News at 10PM	(:35) America This Week (N)
A&E	42	(4:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 12.06.19"				(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 285" (N)		Live PD "Live PD -- 12.14.19" (N) (Live)					
AMC	53	(4:00) ★★★ "The Polar Express" (2004) Michael Jeter		★★★ "Elf" (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan. A man leaves Santa's workshop to search for his family.				★★★ "Elf" (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan. A man leaves Santa's workshop to search for his family.				★★★ "Ice Age" (2002, Children's) Voices of Ray Romano.	
ANPL	47	Crikey! It's the Irwins Robert participates in an experiment.		Crikey! It's the Irwins: Extra Bites (N)		Crikey! It's the Irwins "Turtles Take Flight" (N)		(:01) The Secret Life of the Zoo "Aardvark-Free Romance"		(:01) The Secret Life of the Zoo (N)		(:01) The Secret Life of the Zoo "Aardvark-Free Romance"	
BET	55	"For the Love of Christmas" (2016) Jazsmin Lewis, Trae Ireland. Premiere. A woman rediscovers the meaning of Christmas.				"Holiday Heist" (2019, Drama) Chaley Rose, Jatone Smith. Premiere. A man gets a job at a struggling jewelry store.				"Holiday Heist" (2019, Drama) Chaley Rose, Jatone Smith, Tobias Truvillion. A man gets a job at a struggling jewelry store.			
BRAVO	58	(4:46) ★ "Bride Wars" (2009, Comedy) Kate Hudson. Weddings scheduled the same day turn best friends into enemies.				(6:50) ★★ "Couples Retreat" (2009, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Jason Bateman. Four couples must participate in therapy sessions at a tropical resort.					(:22) ★★ "Couples Retreat" (2009, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Jason Bateman, Jon Favreau.		
CMTV	61	(4:30) ★★ "Old School" (2003, Comedy) Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell, Vince Vaughn.			(:45) ★★★ "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Christine Taylor. Dodgeball teams compete for $50,000 in Las Vegas.					★★ "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" (2006, Comedy) Will Ferrell. A NASCAR driver has a new rival.			
CNBC	35	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss Build-A-Bear Workshop CEO.		Undercover Boss Wheel Parts CEO Greg Adler.		Undercover Boss EmpireCLS CEO David Seelinger.		Undercover Boss CEO Cynthia Galardi-Culpepper.	
CNN	37	S. E. Cupp Unfiltered (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		Inside Evil With Chris Cuomo "Confessions of a Serial Killer" Jennifer Asbenson encounters a killer. (Part 1 of 2)				Inside Evil With Chris Cuomo "Murder in the Family"	
COM	56	(:15) ★ "CHIPS" (2017, Comedy) Michael Peña, Dax Shepard, Vincent D'Onofrio. An FBI agent and a motorcycle cop probe police corruption.					(:45) ★★★ "Wedding Crashers" (2005, Comedy) Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn, Christopher Walken. Partygoers spend a wild weekend with a politician's family.						★★★ "21 Jump Street"
DISN	49	Just Roll With It	Gabby Duran	Sydney to the Max	Holidays Unwrapped	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Sydney to the Max	Gabby Duran	Raven's Home	Just Roll With It
DSC	43	Expedition Unknown Josh finds ruins in Lake Titicaca.		Expedition Unknown Nine Soviet hikers die in 1959.		Expedition Unknown The Dyatlov Pass incident.		Expedition Unknown: Rediscovered "Episode 11" (N)					
E!	21	(3:20) "Dirty Dancing"	(:25) ★★★ "Pretty Woman" (1990, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts. A corporate raider hires a hooker to act as a business escort.					(:10) ★★★ "Pretty Woman" (1990, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy. A corporate raider hires a hooker to act as a business escort.					
ESPN	29	(4:00) College Basketball Georgia Tech at Kentucky. (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		Heisman Trophy Ceremony (N) (Live)		Boxing Terence Crawford vs. Egidijus Kavaliauskas. From Madison Square Garden in New York. (N) (Live)					SportsCenter (N) (Live)
ESPN2	30	College Basketball Oklahoma at Wichita State. From Intrust Bank Arena in Wichita, Kan. (N) (Live)				UFC 245: Usman vs. Covington - Prelims (N) (Live)				College Basketball Gonzaga at Arizona. From McKale Memorial Center in Tucson, Ariz. (N) (Live)			
FOOD	45	Holiday Gingerbread Showdown Gingerbread North Pole.		Holiday Gingerbread Showdown		Christmas Cookie Challenge "Traditions Turned Trendy"		Christmas Cookie Challenge "Cookie Pairings"		Christmas Cookie Challenge Bringing a winter scene to life.		Christmas Cookie Challenge "Christmas Family Fun"	
FREE	48	(3:05) ★★★ "Home Alone"	(:35) ★★ "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.					(:15) ★★ "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000, Children's) Jim Carrey, Jeffrey Tambor, Christine Baranski. A curmudgeon hates the Christmas-loving Whos of Whoville.					
FS1	20	Boxing Premier Boxing Champions. Charlo vs. Korobov, interim WBC 160-pound title; Charlo vs. Harrison, WBC 154-pound title.				College Basketball Stony Brook at Providence. From the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, R.I. (N) (Live)				WWE Friday Night SmackDown			
FSEE	32	Golf America	Swing Clinic	3 Wide Life	Raceline	Pro Football Weekly	Running	College Basketball Lamar at TCU. From Ed & Rae Schollmaier Arena in Fort Worth, Texas.				Pro Football Weekly	Raceline
FX	28	(4:00) ★★★ "Furious 7" (2015) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. A dead man's brother seeks revenge on the Toretto gang.				★★ "The Fate of the Furious" (2017, Action) Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson, Charlize Theron. A mysterious woman forces Dom to betray the crew.						★★★ "The Amazing Spider-Man" (2012) Andrew Garfield.	
GOLF	82	2019 Presidents Cup Final Round. From the Royal Melbourne Golf Club in Melbourne, Australia. (N) (Live)											
HALL	72	"A Christmas Love Story" (2019, Drama) Kristin Chenoweth. A gifted boy joins a choir unbeknownst to his widowed father.				"Holiday Date" (2019, Comedy) Brittany Bristow, Matt Cohen. Premiere. Joel poses as Brooke's boyfriend during the holidays.				(:03) "Christmas at Graceland: Home for the Holidays" (2019, Romance) Adrian Grenier, Kaitlin Doubleday.			
HGTV	46	Home Town Ben and Erin restore a home for friends.		Home Town Ben and Erin help a couple of newlyweds.		Caribbean Life (N)	Caribbean Life (N)	Mexico Life (N)	Mexico Life (N)	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Hawaii Life	Hawaii Life
HIST	40	(4:00) Ancient Aliens Extraterrestrials; Egypt.		Ancient Aliens A portal through space and time.		Ancient Aliens: Declassified "Unexplained Architecture" (Enhanced; 4-hour episode.) A shocking DNA study released in 2018 reveals that the original builders of Stonehenge mysteriously vanished. But where did they go? (N)							
LIFE	23	"Matchmaker Christmas" (2019) Corey Sevier. Premiere. A woman volunteers to help her boss, Amanda, find a date.				"A Christmas Winter Song" (2019, Drama) Ashanti. Premiere. Clio forms a special musical bond with a former jazz singer.				(:05) "A Twist of Christmas" (2018) Vanessa Lachey, Brendon Zub. Two single parents mix up their children's Christmas toys.			
MSNBC	36	MSNBC Live (N)		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. Vegas tourists' demand for drugs.		Drugs, Inc. A meth epidemic in the 1960s.		Drugs, Inc. Cocaine is worth more than gold.		Drugs, Inc. The Dominican Republic and cocaine.		Drugs, Inc. Denver's cannabis industry.		Drugs, Inc. Texas; Mexican cartel drug trade.	
PARMT	57	(4:00) ★★ "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" (2009) Kristen Stewart. Bella finds herself drawn into the world of werewolves.				(:05) ★★ "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)	
TBS	25	★★★ "The LEGO Batman Movie" (2017, Children's) Voices of Will Arnett, Michael Cera, Rosario Dawson.				Dr. Seuss' Grinch	The Elf on the Shelf: An Elf's	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	The Misery Index
TCM	79	(3:00) ★★★★ "Gone With the Wind" (1939) Clark Gable. Civil War rogue Rhett Butler loves Southern belle Scarlett O'Hara.				★★★★ "Gandhi" (1982, Biography) Ben Kingsley, Candice Bergen, Edward Fox. A portrait of the man who led India to independence.							
TLC	24	90 Day Fiancé "We Need to Talk" Mike learns of Natalie's past.				90 Day Fiancé "Premature Departure" Syngin prepares to be apart from Tania.				90 Day Fiancé Favorites invite viewers to their homes.		Unpolished A client wants to be an alien goddess.	
TNT	26	(2:54) ★★ "Star Wars: Attack of the Clones" (2002)		★★★ "Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith" (2005, Science Fiction) Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Hayden Christensen. Anakin Skywalker joins the dark side and becomes Darth Vader.						(:05) ★★★★ "Star Wars: A New Hope" (1977) Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford. Young Luke Skywalker battles evil Darth Vader.			
USA	27	★★★ "Doctor Strange" (2016, Action) Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Rachel McAdams. The Ancient One introduces Dr. Stephen Strange to magic.					★★★ "Guardians of the Galaxy" (2014, Science Fiction) Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista. A man must unite a team of aliens against a cosmic threat.					(:04) Modern Family	(:34) Modern Family
WE	71	Criminal Minds The team tracks a killer to Arizona.		Criminal Minds "The Inspired" Zeroing in on a ritualistic killer.		Criminal Minds Dallas is threatened by a sniper.		Criminal Minds The team meets the new section chief.		Criminal Minds Hotch has visions of his late wife.		Criminal Minds The team looks into ritualistic murders.	
HBO	518	(:10) ★★★ "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" (2011) James Franco. A medical experiment results in a superintelligent chimp.				★ "Hellboy" (2019, Action) David Harbour. Premiere. Legendary half-demon Hellboy battles a vengeful sorceress. 'R'				The Shop: Uninterrupted (N)	(:35) Watchmen Angela's past in Vietnam is revealed.	(:40) His Dark Materials	
MAX	549	(:10) ★★★ "Margin Call" (2011, Drama) Kevin Spacey. An analyst's discovery spells ruin for an investment firm. 'R'				★★★★ "Jaws" (1975, Suspense) Roy Scheider. A man-eating shark terrorizes a New England resort town. 'PG'				(:05) ★★ "Jaws 2" (1978, Suspense) Roy Scheider. Tourist town and police chief dread huge white shark at beach. 'PG'			
SHOW	578	(3:30) ★★★ "The Help" (2011) Viola Davis. 'PG-13'		The L Word: Generation Q "Let's Do It Again"		Shameless "Sparky" An unexpected visitor shows up.		★★★ "Green Book" (2018) Viggo Mortensen. Two men confront racism during a 1960s Southern road trip. 'PG-13'				(:10) The L Word: Generation Q "Let's Do It Again"	
TMC	598	(4:00) ★★★ "Point Break" (1991) Patrick Swayze. 'R'		(:05) ★★ "The Village" (2004) Bryce Dallas Howard. Strange creatures menace a 19th-century community. 'PG-13'				"The Final Wish" (2018, Horror) Lin Shaye, Michael Welch, Melissa Bolona. 'NR'			(:40) "Dead Night" (2017) Brea Grant. A mother loses her sanity during one night in the woods.		

Best Bets

5 p.m. on LIFE
Movie: Matchmaker Christmas

When she isn't working as an editor at a book publishing company, Maggie (Emily Rose) amuses herself by playing matchmaker for her friends, but she's thrown for a loop when her old college boyfriend Jaxson (Corey Sevier) shows up at her office as a recently signed author. He immediately catches the appreciative eye of Maggie's boss, Amanda (Melanie Nelson), so it's clear to Maggie she'd better figure out how she feels about Jaxson sooner rather than later in this 2019 holiday romance.

7 p.m. on HALL
Movie: Holiday Date

Brooke (Brittany Bristow), an aspiring clothing designer, already was nervous about going home for the holidays, since her professional life has been going nowhere, but then her boyfriend, Ethan (Edward Ruttle), makes things worse by breaking up with her. Horrified at having to face her family under these circumstances, Brooke persuades Joel (Matt Cohen), a new actor acquaintance, to go home with her and assume the "role" of Ethan. Teryl Rothery, Bruce Boxleitner and Anna Van Hooft also star in this 2019 romantic comedy.

7 p.m. on HBO
Movie: Hellboy

Originally planned to be a sequel to "Hellboy 2: The Golden Army," this 2019 superhero film turned into a reboot starring David Harbour ("Stranger Things") in the title role following some behind-the-scenes disagreements with original writer-director Guillermo del Toro and his leading man, Ron Perlman. The story follows Harbour's half-demon hero as he clashes with the ancient British sorceress Nimue (Milla Jovovich), who wants to avenge a past betrayal by wiping out humanity. Ian McShane and Daniel Dae Kim also are featured.

7:30 p.m. on WVTM
DreamWorks Trolls Holiday

Many of the voice-cast members of the 2016 "Trolls" movie reprise their roles in this sequel of sorts. Poppy — voiced again by Anna Kendrick — becomes determined to restore holidays to her world, and specifically to the Bergens, who don't have them. Justin Timberlake, Zooey Deschanel, James Corden, Kunal Nayyar ("The Big Bang Theory") and Christopher Mintz-Plasse also return vocally. A number of the other creative talents who worked on the movie are back for this effort as well.

8 p.m. on SHOW
Movie: Green Book

Mahershala Ali ("Moonlight") won his second Academy Award as best supporting actor — and swept many other awards as well — for his performance as black classical and Jazz pianist Don Shirley in this 2018 biographical dramedy from director and co-writer Peter Farrelly. Embarking on a tour through the segregated American South of the mid-20th century, Shirley hires burly New York bouncer Frank Vallelonga (Viggo Mortensen) to accompany him as driver and bodyguard. The film also was named best picture and rewarded for its screenplay as well.

8 p.m. on HMM
Movie: Christmas in Montana

Sara (Kellie Martin) travels from Los Angeles to Montana, where she's tasked with turning around the fortunes of a struggling cattle ranch, where the owner may be about to spend his last Christmas season. Sara's brisk, all-business manner clashes with the more laid-back style of Travis (Colin Ferguson), the ranch owner. As they spend time together and join in local traditions, however, Sara is charmed and delighted by this life of simple joys. Art Hindle co-stars in this 2019 holiday drama.



"DreamWorks Trolls Holiday" airs on NBC.

Hope (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – According to local Vietnam veteran and veterans advocate, retired Col. Ken Brown, each day 22 veterans commit suicide in the United States. A new treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) aims to reverse that trend, and local nonprofit Saving Forgotten Warriors (SFW) officially launched the local effort, the "800 Club," Thursday night, with a $12,000 donation from Apel Steel.

The shot

"It's far too many; we've got to do something. A lot of these veterans have PTSD," said Brown. "There's a new procedure that's been perfected to deal with it. It is a shot in the neck that relaxes the nerves, the stellate ganglion nerves, that, in layman's terms, 'reboots' the nervous system. There's been a three-year study on it, and it's been 90% effective. The shots last five years or more, and the results are almost instantaneous. PTSD is a debilitating disease, not only to the veterans who have it, but also to their families who go through it. A lot of veterans can't handle PTSD and commit suicide."

Brown said the shot, called the stellate ganglion block (SGB), is FDA-approved and is now being given at military hospitals, but the procedure has not yet been made available to VA hospitals around the country.

"The stellate ganglion is like a routing center for the nervous system and controls the impulse for 'fight or flight'," said a statement from Kristine Rae Olmsted, a research epidemiologist with RTI International, an independent nonprofit research institute. "Anesthetizing the ganglion blocks nerve impulses temporarily. We still don't know how SGB works to improve PTSD symptoms, but now we know that it does."

According to RTI International: "In the early 2010s, some military medical centers began offering patients with PTSD a procedure that had been used for decades to relieve pain. The procedure, called stellate ganglion block, or SGB, involves injecting a local anesthetic into the stellate ganglion. This group of nerve cells and nerves in the neck helps regulate the body's 'fight or flight' mechanism. As more and more patients tried the stellate ganglion block, the reports seemed promising. But the medical community still needed evidence of its effectiveness. RTI in 2014 launched a randomized, controlled trial of SGB, and in fall 2019, we found that it is indeed effective."

You can read the study here: https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapsychiatry/article-abstract/2753810.

The 800 Club

"There's a former Navy SEAL doctor in Annapolis, who is offering these shots now for $800. They normally cost between $1,500 and $3,000 a shot elsewhere," said Brown. "He is the closest one we've found to Cullman. We have 7,000 veterans in Cullman County, and a bunch of them have PTSD. So the objective is to get the word out and have them get in touch with Jeremy Hogan at Saving Forgotten Warriors, and he will line them up to go get the shot in Maryland."

SFW is aiming to fly 24 veterans suffering from PTSD per year, eight per trip, to Maryland to receive the shot.

"We're going to take the first group of eight in February, and we've established what we call the '800 Club,' named for the $800 it will cost per shot, and we're trying now to raise the financing in the community to support taking these guys up there," said Brown.

The group is reaching out to the Cullman community for help.

"We're asking individuals, churches and businesses in the community if they would donate $800 to Saving Forgotten Warriors to help a veteran get a shot, and then we'll work on the funding to get them up there and back," said Brown.

"We're working with Delta Airlines to try to get the flight costs down to almost nothing," he said. "I have some veteran friends in Annapolis, my hometown, who are working to see if they can't get lodging and transportation lined up."

It's going to cost $1,500 per person for the first group, including the shot, transportation, meals and lodging, according to Brown.

That's where local businessman and philanthropist Ronnie Apel, of Apel Steel, stepped in.

"Eight times $1,500 is $12,000," said Brown, "and Ronnie Apel of Apel Steel gave Jeremy (Hogan) a check for $12,000 last night (Thursday) to kick the program off."

He said of Apel, "Somebody in the community anteing up $12,000 is a big deal. That starts the 800 Club. He is a good man."

The group is now working on the spring trip, which Brown said will probably take place in May.

Local success

One Cullman County veteran, Bo Winfrey, has already gone independently to receive the shot.

"He is an Iraqi Freedom veteran, who has been battling PTSD for 15 years," said Brown. "He was close to ending his own life. His wife found out about this, threw him in the car and drove him up to Annapolis. He got the shot and it has absolutely changed his life." (Look for a full feature story on Bo Winfrey soon.)

"There are a lot of people in this community who could donate $800. This is the season of giving," said Brown. "This is the time of year if you need a tax break, you can make a charitable donation. I can't think of a better donation to make than to this cause. I'm hopeful that people will come through."

How to donate or get help

SFW is a 501(c)(3) donation, and any donation is tax-free. Donations can be mailed to 1528 Peachtree Lane, Cullman, AL 35058.

If you, or someone you know, is a veteran in need, contact SFW at 256-747-5006.

Obituary Announcements Dec. 14

Phillip Ralph Stephens, 83, of Hanceville, passed away Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019. He was born April 28, 1936, in Blount County, to George Washington and Roxie Chambers Stephens. Mr. Stephens was a member of Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Stephens is preceded in death by his parents, George Washington and Roxie Chambers Stephens; wife, Frances E. Harper Stephens; brothers, Hubert Stephens, Arlin Stephens; and sisters, Ozell Millwoood, Wynell Nelson. Survivors include son Phillip G. Stephens; daughters Nina (Bruce) Ellard, Norma (George) Liles; sister Genett Holmes; eight grandchildren Matthew (Amy) Ellard, Aaron Ellard, Kelsey (Drew) Norris, Savannah Stephens, Emma Stephens, Ashlyn Stephens, Paige (Russ) Cranford, Johnny (Anna) Liles; six great-grandchildren Owen Ellard, Mattie Mae Ellard, Tripp Cranford, Lexi Cranford, Audrey Liles and Jay Liles. Funeral services for Mr. Stephens are 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019 in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Delbert Freeman officiating. Burial will follow in Rock Springs Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family two hours prior to services, from noon until services begin. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, in memory of Mr. Stephens. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Stephens family.

Wade Maddux of Eva passed away Dec. 12, 2019, at the age of 71 after a long battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dee Voy and Katherine Maddux. He is survived by his wife Annie Pridmore Maddux; daughters Sherry Maddux, Deanna (Tim Mayer) Maddux, Tina (Jimmy Pete) Davis, Christie Alexander and Karen (Ronnie Joe Wilcutt) Brown; son Jay Maddux; grandchildren Savanna (Byron) Linton, Camber (Christopher) Craze, Brittney Green, Will Mooney, Shyanne Knutson and Billy Mikel; great-grandchildren Hunter & Addisyn Linton, Rhett & Easton Craze and Chip Green; brother Henry (Diane) Maddux; sisters, Linda (Bill) Waldrop, Patricia (Randy) Thornton, and Judy (Ralph) Henderson; and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home on Saturday Dec. 14, 2019 from 4-5 p.m. for family and 5-8 p.m. for friends. There will be no service following the viewing as the family has selected cremation.

Funeral Service for Billy Randall Bishop, 61, of Cullman, will be at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Larry Nail officiating; interment in Good Hope Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Bishop passed away Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019 at UAB Hospital. He was born February 9, 1958, to Billy F. and Trixie Bishop. He was preceded in death by his parents, Billy F. and Trixie Bishop. Survivors include his wife of 49 years Brenda Bishop; daughters, Amy Smith, Maranda (Michael) Ashley, Cynthia (Kyle) Dollar and Aleshia (Zac) Davis; grandchildren Robin, James, Hannah, Kathryn, Summer, Austin, Caylee, Embree, Baylee, Karson and Connor; great-grandchildren Katie and Stephen; sisters Kathy (Mike) Thomason, Connie (Bub) McClendon and Lisa Bishop; brother Danny (Daquari) Bishop; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

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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.

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"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Correspondent

In a church in Brewton all covered with vines, people enter and exit in two straight lines.

Alabama has many impressive places of worship from pre-Columbian mud mounds to 21st century steel-and-glass cathedrals. But, the reason a certain church building in Brewton is outstanding is not because of the structure, though it is handsome, mid-Victorian stonework. The wow factor of this place is the plants- the vines that have devotedly climbed onto and covered the soaring architecture.

Many Escambia County locals still call the beloved vine-covered structure The Universalist Church, which it was for decades. The green-growing, Gothic arches are prominent in downtown Brewton at 325 Belleville Ave. The current congregation at this historic worship house is the Cornerstone Community Church.

The poet, James Bertolino, penned this lofty wedding toast with its romantic, vine imagery which would be perfect at the Escambia County church: "May your love be firm, and may your dream of life together be a river between two shores—by day bathed in sunlight, and by night illuminated from within. May the heron carry news of you to the heavens, and the salmon bring the sea's blue grace. MAY YOUR TWIN THOUGHTS SPIRAL UPWARD LIKE LEAFY VINES, like fiddle strings in the wind, and be as noble as the Douglas fir. May you never find yourselves back to back without love pulling you around into each other's arms."

Escambia County was established Dec. 10, 1880 during the Reconstruction Era after the American Civil War.

Here on the Alabama-Florida line the geography regularly endures battering winds and torrential rains that uproot giant trees in hurricane season. But, vines cling, withstand the challenge and continue to thrive. Most vines sleep, then creep, then leap with boundless enthusiasm.

Among the most-treasured vines in Alabama are the ivies found at many historic sites. And, perhaps the most-derided vine is an invasive, non-native—kudzu (aka: The Vine that Ate the South).

Since the earliest days of statehood, Alabama gardeners have prized flowering perennial vines. Here are some cherished favorites:

• **CLEMATIS** (Clematis pitcheri and Clematis texensis) are both native American types to add some big, blooming color to Southern gardens; clematis, depending on type, can grow from 4-25 feet.

• **HONEYSUCKLE VINE** (Lonicera selections) climbs to 20 feet, and butterflies love this pretty plant; this vine with fragrant, tube-shaped blooms is a good choice for smaller gardens; particularly consider Lonicera sempervireas.

• **CLIMBING HYDRANGE** (Hydrangea petiolaris) climbs to 50 feet; this elegant vine became popular in the 20th century for shaded areas like a wall or fence but also do well in full sun; particularly pleasing are the clusters of white flowers in summer.

• **WISTERIA** (Wisteria selections) is a polarizing vine one either loves or hates; it bears clusters of blue, light purple, purple or white flowers. It is a very aggressive plant that can ambush a garden with its underground runners; if you're a fan of wisteria, try the North American natives "Blue Moon" and "Aunt Dee."

• **BITTERSWEET** (Celastrus scandens) has beautiful yellow colors in the fall and bears red fruits that are lovely in dried arrangements; make sure you get a male and a female plant if you want fruit. This vine climbs to 30 FEET. CAUTION: make certain you don't confuse native American bittersweet with the invasive Oriental bittersweet.

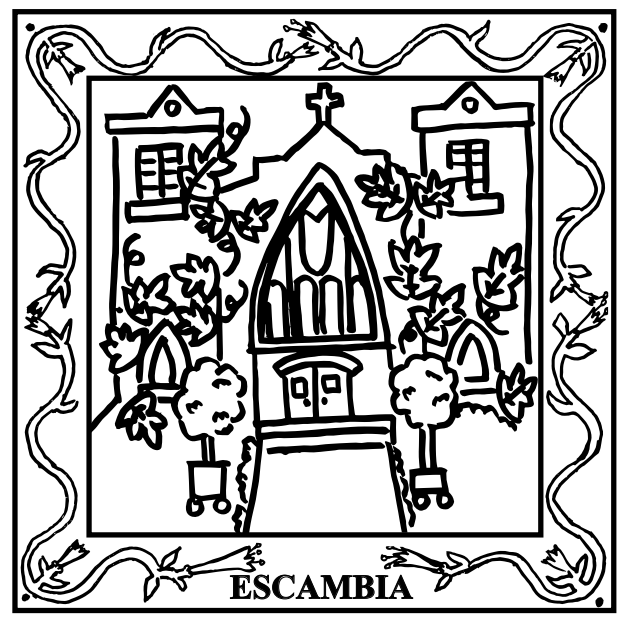
• **HARDY PASSIONFLOWER** (Passiflora incarnata) grows to 8 feet and is a host plant for butterflies, so don't become alarmed when you see caterpillars chewing on the leaves; soon you will have a haven for butterflies.

• **DUTCHMAN'S PIPE** (Aristolochia macrophylla) has heart-shaped leaves that can grow as wide as 10 inches, and the vine climbs to 30 feet. It grows well in sun and shade, and it's a host plant for swallowtail butterflies.

• **TRUMPET VINE** (Campsis) provides a summertime burst of orange/red/yellow flowers, and hummingbirds love this fast-grower. You may want to grow this vine in a contained area because it spreads via underground stems; it can climb to 30 feet.

There are many delightful vines for Alabama gardeners to enjoy, including ones perfect for containers and others which thrive as indoor plants. However, here in Escambia County, with the famous church all covered with vines, let's end our discussion with "Trumpet Vine" and its blooms which look like they could belong to the Old Testament angel, Gabriel, a messenger of God coming to announce the Judgement Day.

Here are other positive and pleasurable PLANTS + PEOPLE things to explore in this southern part of the state on your 67-County, Alabama Garden Party tour, including our original recipe, perfect for your angels at Sunday dinner when the preacher comes: Escambia County Devilish Chocolate Cakes with Raspberry Sauce.



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



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• **ATMORE FARMERS' MARKET**- 201 East Louisville Ave., Atmore, AL 36504; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 7 a.m.-5 p.m., year round

• **CITY OF BREWTON CHOOCHOO MARKET**- 205 Belleville Ave., Brewton, AL 36427; Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon, Thursdays 5-7 p.m., April-July

• **ESCAMBIA COUNTY FARMSTANDS**- Cecil Daniel (Atmore), Leon Wilson (Atmore), Turk's Produce (Atmore)

• **POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS**- Based in Escambia County, these descendants of the Creek Nation were not removed from their tribal lands and have lived together for 200 years in and around the reservation in Poarch, Alabama. For information on the annual powwow held each fall, call 251-368-9136

• **ALABAMA BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL**- (Brewton) each June

• **ESCAMBIA COUNTY-GROWN SERVED HERE**- (Atmore) The Gather, 111 West Nashville Ave., Atmore, AL 36502, 251-303-8080; try the Hillbilly Hummus (tomatoes, onion, okra, olive oil).

• **ESCAMBIA COUNTY PLANT ADVICE/ EDUCATION**: Alabama Cooperative Extension System local office at 175 Ag-Science Drive, Suite D, Brewton, AL 36426, 251-867-7760

• **PLANTING AN IDEA**: This part of Alabama is mighty fine for growing vines. A wonderful and free-to-all venue for such ceremonies as weddings could be a vine-covered pergola in a public park in Atmore, Brewton or possibly in a more pastoral location in Escambia County. Here's a proposed quote for a park bench in this oasis: "Happiness is a vine that takes root and grows within the heart."—Kahlil Gibran

Y'ALL COME to Escambia County on your 67-County, Alabama Garden Party tour! You'll like it immediately, but should you be the tentative type, it'll grow on you.

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.



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Escambia County Devilish Chocolate Cakes with Raspberry Sauce (with Ben South, left, and Will Bryan, right)

ESCAMBIA COUNTY
DEVILISH CHOCOLATE CAKES WITH RASPBERRY SAUCE

Little ones, specifically grandsons, can be angelic or devilish in just the blink of an eye. Fortunately, as they mature, they grow more angelic. During this Bicentennial, 67-County Garden Party series, Ben Johnson South asked about our grandsons getting involved, as they love to help cook. Russ made the Wilcox County Quilt Pan Vegetables, Andrew made the Calhoun County Pine Syrup and now our third sweet cherub, Will, has made a devilish, chocolatey cake with fresh raspberry sauce. What makes it devilish? It's a normal chocolate cake mix plus a generous dose of cinnamon and ground red pepper, such as d'Espelette or cayenne. Topped with a sifting of confectioners' sugar and a fresh raspberry sauce, the result is a chocolaty and spicy cake that is worthy of any church social or family gathering – whether everyone is behaving angelically or devilishly!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 recipe of very chocolaty cake batter – if you have a homemade favorite recipe - use it. If not, and/or you are cooking with a 10-year-old, this cake is still very good with a boxed cake mix (we used Ghirardelli). Most mixes will call for a few eggs and some vegetable oil, so be sure you have those on hand.
- 1-2 tbsp. each ground cinnamon and red pepper
- 2 cups fresh raspberries
- Juice and zest from one lemon
- 2 tbsp. sugar (at least)
- Confectioners' sugar for serving

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Pre-heat oven as directed by your cake batter instructions – usually about 350F.
2. Prepare cake batter as instructed. Mix in the cinnamon and red pepper. If using cayenne, start with one tablespoon and taste test. Add more if you want a little more heat. If using a milder red pepper, such as the emerging, popular d'Espelette, you may need at least two tablespoons.
3. Use cooking spray or a little oil and prepare your baking pan of choice as directed by your batter recipe. You can bake into a bunt or tube pan. We used four mini bunt pans handed down by my mother-in-law. Bake as directed for your size pan.
4. While the cake is baking, prepare the raspberry sauce (or make at any time and keep refrigerated for a day or so). Rinse berries well, drain and place into a bowl with the lemon juice, zest and sugar. Gently stir and let sit for about 10 minutes. Move to a small saucepan and begin to simmer on low heat, stirring occasionally. Simmer until the berries start to disintegrate and a "sauce" starts to form. Taste and add more sugar if too tart – some berries are sweeter (more angelic) than others.
5. Once the cake(s) are done (top springs back to the touch or when a toothpick comes out mostly clean) remove to a cooling rack. Let cool for about 10 minutes before turning them out of the pan(s) by running a butter knife around the edge and turning upside down onto a serving plate.
6. Serve warm, if possible, topped with sifted confectioners' sugar and the raspberry sauce. Enjoy the devilishly spicy flavor of your new favorite chocolate cherub cake!