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End of year reports: 'It's about the heart'

Cullman Caring for Kids fed more than 7,000 families, advocated for more than 70 abused and neglected children in 2019

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Caring for Kids (CCK) served an average of more than 600 area families through its food bank every month for the second half of 2019, and the new year does not promise any abatement of the need. Nor does CCK's commitment to meeting that need falter.

CCK Director Javon Daniel told The Tribune that his organization helped more than 7,000 families and more than 14,000 individuals through the food bank during 2019, and CCK isn't even a food charity.

More than a food bank

When people think of CCK, the term "food bank" often comes to mind, and with good reason: the organization distributes more than 8 tons of food per month to families in need. But how does a child advocacy group get into the grocery business?

Daniel explained, "If you have a hungry 2- or 3-year-old child, there's no food in the house and you have no idea where that food to feed that child is going to come from, that child is crying, and they're grumpy and they're fussy. And if we can prevent one parent from being angry enough to strike that child, then the food bank has accomplished what we set out to do.

"It's a preventative, it's a proactive stance. And » PAGE 7



CAAWA

Cullman Caring for Kids Assistant Director Nancy Bryant and Executive Director Javon Daniel

'BE THE GOOD!'

The Honor Network brings acts of kindness to Baileyton, CCSO following October tragedy



THE HONOR NETWORK

Baileyton Town Clerk Patricia Gilbert and The Honor Network Founder Tommy Maher pose for a photo at the Baileyton Senior Center in December.

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CCSO hosting Church Safety Class Jan. 9

Bradley Williams
CCSO

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) will host a Church Safety Class Thursday, Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church, 30 County Road 1184, Cullman, AL 35057.

The class will focus on prevention and the steps a church and congregation can take to prevent imminent danger from occurring.

Some of the points that will be discussed are the creation of a church security team, increasing situational awareness and building security tips.

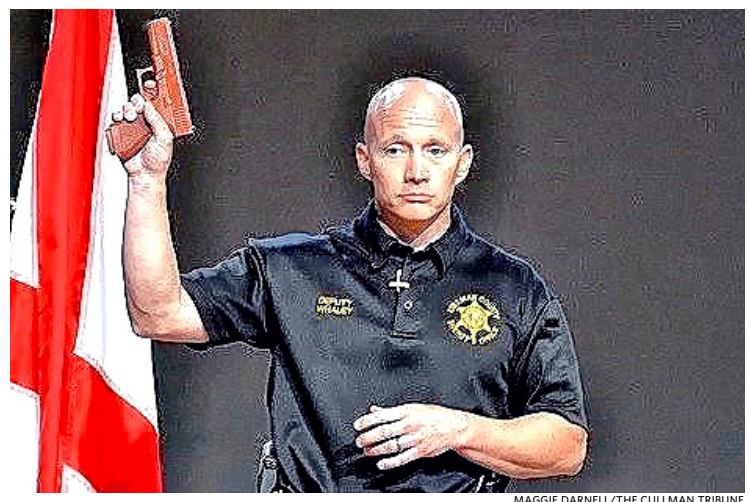
It is encouraged that two to four members of a church attend that may make up a security team. Church members are also welcome who are interested in their own personal protection. Carpooling is also encouraged.

"We have had several calls about this class since the recent church attack in White Settlement, Texas," said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry. "I never thought this was a class that would be needed, how to protect our loved ones while attending church, when I started in law enforcement over 20 years ago. At the sheriff's office, our citizens are our top priority and we wanted to again offer this class to the community on what they can do to protect themselves and their family."

The class will be taught by Investigator Trevor Clemmons and Deputy Chad Whaley of the CCSO. The two have a combined more than 30 years of law enforcement experience.

Registration for the class is not mandatory, but it is encouraged so the CCSO has a good idea of the number of participants attending. To register, email your name and number of people in your group to Deputy Bradley Williams at bwilliams@cullmansheriff.org.

For more information, call 256-734-0342.



MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Deputy Chad Whaley uses a prop gun in a scenario during his portion of the CCSO's Church Safety Class in July 2019. The next class will be Thursday, Jan. 9 at Temple Baptist Church in Cullman.

STATE

CAPNA awarded $2.3M to help low-income residents with emergency energy costs in Cullman, Lawrence, Morgan Counties

Office of Gov. Kay Ivey, Wendy Sack

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded grants totaling $46.2 million to assist low-income families in Alabama with energy bills. The grants will enable 21 community service agencies throughout the state to provide emergency funding to help low-income families heat their houses this winter.

Cullman, Lawrence and Morgan County residents

Community Action Partnership of North Alabama (CAPNA), which serves Cullman, Lawrence and Morgan Counties, received $2.3 million.

According to CAPNA, "Assistance (is) on a one-time basis to low-income families to meet heating and cooling energy costs and to prevent energy from being terminated in health crisis situations. Funds are paid directly to utility companies and vendors."

For more information or to apply for assistance, visit https://capna.wp.iescentral.com/energy-assistance or call 256-260-3100. Make an appointment online at https://capna.org/make-an-appointment.

More

"Many low-income families in Alabama are forced to weigh between staying warm in their homes or having food and prescription medicine," Ivey said. "These grants will help many elderly, disabled and families with children not have to make those choices. I am pleased to provide this assistance to help those most in need."

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is administering the grants from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

LIHEAP helps eligible low-income households afford the energy required to heat their houses.

Residents apply for assistance through local community service agencies who determine eligibility based on income, family size and available resources.

"Gov. Ivey understands the crucial importance of this funding for helping qualified families heat their homes during cold weather," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said. » PAGE 2

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STATE

ALEA Troopers investigated 22 traffic deaths during 2019 Christmas-New Year's holiday travel period

J.R. Ward, II
ALEA

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Troopers investigated 22 traffic deaths during the 2019 Christmas-New Year's holiday travel period, from 12:01 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20 to midnight Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020.

Although there were four zero-traffic fatality days – including Christmas Day and New Year's Eve – 22 individuals lost their lives on Alabama roadways during the 13-day travel period. Among those killed was a 4-year-old, who died in an Etowah County crash. The others killed included 10 drivers, nine passengers and one pedestrian. One motorcyclist, who was using a helmet, was also killed. Of the 20 individuals killed while traveling in vehicles equipped with seat belts, 14 of them were not using seat belts or restraints. Four of those killed were using seat belts, and seat-belt usage is unknown for two of the individuals killed.

Crashes occurred in Baldwin, Barbour, Cullman, Dallas, Elmore, Etowah, Henry, Lamar, Mobile, Pickens, Randolph, Russell and Tuscaloosa Counties.

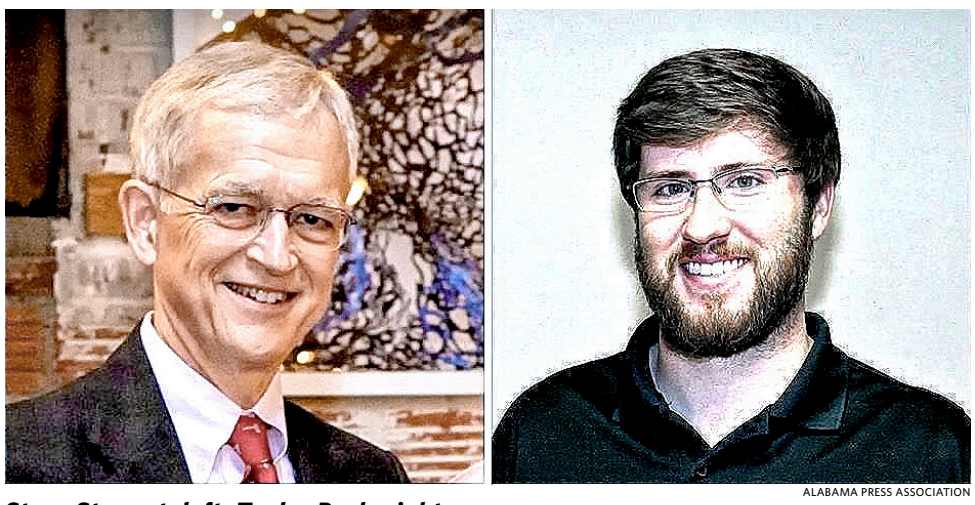
During the 2018 Christmas-New Year's holiday travel period, a 17-day period from 12:01 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018 to midnight Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019, Troopers investigated 21 traffic deaths.

Please note these totals are only for fatal traffic crashes Troopers investigated. Statewide numbers are not available.

ALABAMA PRESS ASSOCIATION

Stewart, Beck to be honored at APA Media Summit

Felicia Mason
Contributor



ALABAMA PRESS ASSOCIATION

Steve Stewart, left; Taylor Beck, right

VESTAVIA, Ala. – Veteran newspaper man and journalism professor Steve Stewart, and Editor Taylor Beck will be honored at the 2020 Media Summit in Birmingham Feb. 7, 2020. Stewart will receive the Alabama Press Association's (APA's) Lifetime Achievement Award. Beck will receive the Emerging Journalist Award.

Stewart recently retired after a 37-year career in newspapers, followed by a 10-year stint teaching journalism at Troy University.

Stewart grew up in a newspaper family.

His father purchased The Monroe Journal in 1947, and after earning a journalism degree from the University of Georgia and two years with the Atlanta Constitution, Stewart returned to Monroeville where he worked with his father as a reporter, editor and publisher.

When his father died in 1996, the family sold the paper to Bo Bolton, and Stewart accepted a job with The Decatur Daily.

While there, he earned a master's degree in journalism, and in 2009, began teaching at Troy University.

Stewart served as APA president in 1987 and served as president of the APA Journalism Foundation and the Alabama Newspaper Advertising Service.

He and his wife Patrice have two children: Matt and Emily.

The Emerging Journalist Award will be presented to Beck, managing editor of The Sand Mountain Reporter.

He is also the editor of newspaper's Land + Lake magazine.

The APA board established the award to recognize journalists, 30 years old or younger, with less than five years of experience in the field.

Beck is a native of Boaz and a 2016 graduate of the University of Alabama with a degree in journalism.

He began his journalism career at WBRC Fox 6 News in Birmingham as a digital content producer. He joined The Sand Mountain Reporter in 2017.

Beck has won numerous APA Media Awards, including 2018 Best Spot News Story in Division C.

The awards will be presented during the luncheon at the APA Media Summit.

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 3

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 3, 2020. 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

Jan. 2

- third-degree criminal trespassing; person; Lincoln Ave. SW
- fraudulent use of a credit/debit card; person; misc. charges; unknown amount of property value
- harassing communications; person
- first-degree theft of property; person; Marktplatz Ctr. SW; '03 Pontiac Montana; $3,000
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Oak Manor Dr. SW; propane tank; $30
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $58
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; food; $1

ARRESTS

Jan. 2

Graves, Kevin D., 33

- third-degree criminal trespassing

Fields, Eric L., 35

- fourth-degree theft of property

Hicks, Kirk D., 40

- fourth-degree theft of property

Dunkin, Ashley D., 32

- fourth-degree theft of property

Arnold, Nicholas E., 53

- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

CAPNA (from Front)

"ADECA is pleased to join with the governor to make these funds available as we enter what are typically the coldest months of the year in Alabama."

Below is a list of the community service agencies receiving grants, their service areas and grant amounts:

- Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama Inc. (Colbert, Franklin and Lauderdale) – $1.25 million
- Community Action Partnership of Huntsville/Madison and Limestone Counties Inc. (Madison and Limestone) – $2.77 million
- Community Action Agency of Northeast Alabama Inc. (Blount, Cherokee, DeKalb, Jackson, Marshall and St. Clair) – $3.54 million
- Community Action Partnership of North Alabama Inc. (Cullman, Lawrence and Morgan) – $2.3 million
- Marion-Winston Counties Community Action Committee Inc. (Marion and Winston) – $699,100
- Community Action of Etowah County Inc. (Etowah) – $1.02 million
- Walker County Community Action Agency Inc. (Walker) – $779,220
- Community Action Agency of Talladega, Clay, Randolph, Calhoun and Cleburne Counties (Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne, Randolph and Talladega) – $2.06 million
- Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity (Jefferson) – $4.49 million
- Community Services Programs of West Alabama Inc. (Bibb, Choctaw, Dallas, Fayette, Greene, Lamar, Perry, Sumter and Tuscaloosa) – $5.42 million
- Pickens County Community Action Committee and Community Development Corp. Inc. (Pickens) – $368,550
- Community Action Committee Inc. of Chambers-Tallapoosa-Coosa (Chambers, Coosa and Tallapoosa) – $1.05 million
- Community Action Partnership of Middle Alabama Inc. (Autauga, Chilton, Elmore and Shelby)- $2.15 million
- Hale Empowerment and Revitalization Organization Inc. (Hale) – $425,330
- Alabama Council on Human Relations Inc. (Lee) – $1.23 million
- Macon-Russell Community Action Agency Inc. (Macon and Russell) – $1.06 million
- Montgomery Community Action Committee & CDC Inc (Montgomery) – $2.52 million
- Organized Community Action Program Inc. (Bullock, Butler, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Lowndes and Pike) – $2.89 million
- Southeast Alabama Community Action Partnership Inc. (Barbour, Coffee, Geneva, Henry and Houston) – $2.25 million
- Community Action Agency of South Alabama Inc. (Baldwin, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Marengo, Monroe and Wilcox) – $3.01 million
- Mobile Community Action Inc. (Mobile and Washington) – $4.83 million

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jan. 4 - 7

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

Research Your Family History

- 10 a.m. at the Cullman County Public Library, 200 Clark St. NE, Cullman
- Come enjoy a free class concerning Family History work followed by one-on-one computer help to create and build your own family tree. We hope to see you there!

Eat More Diet Less Nutrition Seminar

- 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Tally Ho Fitness, 719 Logan Ave. SW, Cullman
- The seminar is about sharing the tips and tricks we have learned over our fitness journey with a crowd of motivated individuals who want success in 2020. Sign up at nutritionseminar2020.wodifylive.com.

Claws, Paws, and Unicorns Holiday Leftovers Event

- 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Tigers for Tomorrow at Untamed Mountain, 708 County Road 345, Attalla, Alabama 35954
- Recycle your holiday gift paper, bags, boxes, bows and ribbons by making them into toys for the tigers. Terrific for all ages.
- 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Come out and help create and paint goodies for the animals. Some toys will be put in with animals during the community tour.
- 1-2:30 p.m. Community Tour- $7.50 a person and kids younger than 3 are free.

Saturday Night - Yugioh!

- 5-10 p.m. at Outbreak Games, 111 Commercial St. NE, Hanceville
- Entry is $5. Sign up starts at 5 and ends at 6.
- Prize pool is determined based on attendance so don't forget to invite your friends!

Bingo at the American Legion

- Everyone is invited to Bingo every Saturday night at 6 p.m. at American Legion Post 4.
- 181 Reid Road, Good Hope, AL 35057

SUNDAY, JAN. 5

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.

Sunday Night - Casual Commander

- 5-9 p.m. at Outbreak Games, 111 Commercial St. NE, Hanceville
- Magic the Gathering - Casual Commander - Entry is FREE! Sign-in starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m.
- This is a free play ~Casual~ Commander event so bring a deck and come hang out with us!

MONDAY, JAN. 6

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

Victory Support Group Meeting

- For all cancer survivors and co-survivors. Meetings are the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Cullman Regional, Professional Office Building II, Depot Room.
- Victory Support Group is supported by Cullman Regional and Clearview Cancer Institute, works closely with Nurse Navigators Ronda Neal and Jessica Nicholson, and is assisted by the guidance of Delbert Freeman, chaplain, Cullman Regional.
- For more information, contact Judy W. Grissom at 256-347-5993.

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

Baileyton Town Council Meeting
6 p.m. at Baileyton Town Council

Holly Pond Town Council Meeting
7 p.m. at the Guy Hunt Library and Museum

TUESDAY, JAN. 7

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

Fairview United Methodist Swamp John's Dinner
Tuesday, Jan. 7, 4-7 p.m. at Fairview United Methodist Church. Plates are $12 including dessert and drink.

Hurts, Habits and Hang-ups

- Tuesday, Jan. 7, 6 p.m. at Spirit Life Church, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- Free hot meal and teaching on "Hurts, Habits and Hang-ups" by Sheila Self, founder of Cross Ministries. Childcare & help with homework provided.

Cullman Community Theatre Membership Drive Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m.- Come learn about Cullman Community Theatre and our new 2020 season! Look at our membership opportunities and meet new friends who share a love for theater. Meet the Board of Directors and find out how to get involved both on stage and behind the scenes. See you there!

UPCOMING...

Spirit Life Church, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman

- Sundays- Bus ministry picks up children, youth & adults in Cullman. Call 256-962-0013 on Saturday for Sunday pickup. Bus leaves church at 8:30 a.m. Free breakfast served at 9:30 a.m. Children, youth and adult Sunday School classes at 10 a.m. Church services, children's church and youth ministry at 10:45 a.m. Everyone welcome! Sunday p.m. services at 6 p.m. No bus ministry for p.m. services.
- Tuesdays- Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28 6 p.m. Free hot meal and teaching on "Hurts, Habits and Hang-ups" by Sheila Self, founder of Cross Ministries. Childcare & help with homework provided.
- Wednesdays- Prayer meeting at 6 p.m. Bible study class at 6:30 p.m. by Pam Dodd, Pastor Bobby Dodd and others.
- Thursdays- Jan. 9, 16, 23 & 30 6:30 p.m. "Find Your Kingdom Purpose" by Darlene Alvis. Snacks provided.
- Friday- Jan. 17- 10:30 a.m. Adult luncheon. Bring a dish, drinks or dessert. Everyone welcome.
- Saturday- Jan. 18- 9-11 a.m. FOOD BANK- box of free food

Rosemarie Reinhard Musso at the Cullman County Public Library
Jan. 8, author Rosemarie Reinhard Musso will be at the library at noon to share her experiences in Nazi Germany and how she learned to forgive. Musso's book is "Father Forgive Them- the Four Laws of Forgiveness: Memories of Survival During WWII in Nazi Germany." This presentation was rescheduled from this past October.

Cullman County Sheriff's Office Church Safety Class

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- For more information, call 256-734-0342.

Heartland Quilt Guild
The Heartland Quilt Guild will meet Thursday night, Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman.

St. Paul's Swamp John's Dinner
Monday, Jan. 13, 4-7 p.m. St. Paul's Lutheran School Gym, 510 Third Ave. SE, Cullman; $12 a plate; menu includes fish, shrimp, chicken, slaw, fries, hush puppies, dessert and drink. Proceeds will be used for Ladies Aid projects.

Cullman County Republican Dinner

- Thursday, Jan. 23 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Loft 212, 212 Fourth St. SW, Cullman
- Dinner, fundraiser and silent auction
- Catering by Designs by Grace
- $50 per person; Reserved tables $400
- Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from an executive committee member; call Steve Cummings at 256-736-4028.

Free Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Jan. 25 from 8-10 a.m. at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, 11 County Road 1273, Cullman, AL 35057

FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

I got beat on my sandwich trade

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Some of you who are as old as I am can remember the time before schools had lunchrooms. Those were the days that were called brown bagging it. Some children were fortunate enough to have a fancy lunch box with a picture of Roy Rogers or Hopalong Cassidy on the front of it. I was part of the larger crowd who had to carry what we called a paper poke.

At lunchtime each child would break out his or her paper poke to eat his or her sandwich. I guess it was natural to wonder what the kid next to you was going to have for lunch.

Having known from breakfast what your own lunch was, it was sometimes real exciting to trade your sandwich off. If the kid next to you had something you were especially fond of, you might offer him a nickel to boot, which was to be paid on Friday. Sometimes your appetite might keep you from seeing the nickel Friday matinee at the Lyric Theater. It's awfully hard to plan ahead when you are in the second or third grade.

I remember one time that I traded my sandwich off, and got beat, B-A-D. Billy Joe had a cheese sandwich with mustard on it and I had never tried a sandwich like that, so I traded with him.

I can't remember what I traded off, but I know it was much better than what I got.

My taste buds just can't stand the combination of cheese and mustard together. I went home hungry that day because I had to give or throw that sandwich away. It's funny how impressions in early years stay with you. For even to this day I can't eat mustard and cheese together. If I order a cheeseburger, I tell them emphatically, "Hold the mustard."

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Did you get what you wanted for Christmas?

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Well, so once again, you didn't get what you asked for this Christmas. You do know, don't you, that they say there is some correlation between being good and what we get for Christmas? I'm not making any accusations or anything, but a checkup in that department might...maybe...possibly, reveal part of the problem there. I'm not claiming to have been perfect myself, or therefore, to have gotten a ton of Christmas goodies myself, but I'm just saying.

Sometimes there may also be the problem of resources. Mama used to tell me that money didn't grow on trees. I asked once, "Have we tried fertilizing them?" The Christmas I asked for a red '63 split window Chevy Corvette, she simply said that Santa was running a little low on funds that year. That probably was true, but I think the fact that I was only twelve years old at the time may have entered into the picture. Oh, of course I could drive by then. I grew up in rural Alabama. The only requirement for learning to drive back then was being tall enough to reach the pedals. The problem was that a twelve-year old couldn't get a driver's license. The way some people drive today, I'm wondering if they should increase the legal age for driving...say to around thirty-seven and one-half! Sorry teenagers, I'm sure you would not be in favor of that. I am surprised though that you're reading a newspaper. Actually, I've witnessed plenty in my age bracket who couldn't drive either. One of them ran me off the road just this past week. Some of those things that are shouted out there on the highway could have something to do with what we didn't get for Christmas too. Hey, I really don't think Santa heard those things, but I do know a much higher power than him who did.

For the past several years, Jean and I have told each other at Christmas that we didn't need anything. That is probably one of the closest things to the truth that I've told so far in this column (except for the higher power comment). Well, I still haven't gotten my red '63 split window Corvette, but I'm not holding out much hope for that one, and I probably don't need it anyway. As a matter of fact, many of us, maybe most of us, me included, don't actually "need" much of anything.

We have so much "stuff" now that we have to build another shed, or rent a storage building, to house all our stuff. What will we ever do with all that stuff? Most likely put it in a yard sale, take it to a thrift store, or let our kids throw it away after we're gone and have no need for stuff. There is a television show called "hoarders." It shows people who have stuff piled up in their house until nothing is left but a trail. Some don't even have a trail. We may watch with disgust and ask, "How could anyone live like that?" There's probably a little more hoarder in many of us than we would like to admit. Remember, we build storage buildings and rent storage units. Perhaps we are simply a little more orderly with our hoarding.

The apostle Paul said, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." We don't always need what we think we need, and he didn't say God would supply all our wants. While we may not get everything we want, at Christmas or any other time, many of us certainly have everything we need.

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Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1950

L.H. Perdue of Bethany is seriously ill.

The Craft family held a reunion at the home of J.H. Craft on August 20th.

Jurors for the current term are: H.E. Buchman, Ed C Feiertag, E.L. Patrick, Johnie Lee, Alfred E. Fant, Bruce Pylant, W.M. West, Marion Willard Thomas, W.S. Gibson, Louie E. Hauk, Emil W. Buettner, Joe Arndt, Cletus R. Link, J.F. McGukin, C.T. Scott, Charles R. Livingston, Lester Lee, Harold E. Miller, Luther M. Hinkle, Hubert McCoy, James E. Nail, C.T. Burkart, Maurice Dean, Vester B. Ballard, Woodie Jackson, Clyde C. Lee, Ira Self, J.C. Hancock, R.G. Brown, Thomas Phillips, Ofel Calvert, Dewey Still, Robbie J. Hyatt, B.M. Abbott, Millard E. Harbison, C.M. Johnson, C.J. Harp, Wyle G. Rhodes, Emery L. Entrekin, Troy Young, L.E. Stevens, Clyde W. White, Loyd Smith, Jim M. Sterling, J. Maddox, J.A. Bryant, T.A. Hardin, Frank D. Alvis, Ellis V. Brakefield, Herbert Jordan, Charlie Nesmith, Clifford Goodwin, J. Oliver Smith, Homer Crutchfield, W. R. Bradford, R.E. Holmes, Emmit Couch, G.F. Livingston, A.W. Oaks, M.K. Taylor, Dorsey G. Kilgore, Douglas Hooten, Garlon Bennefield, Ross Causey, Joe Kelley, J.T. Wilks, Burtis Butler, G.A. Ellard, W.C. Jones, Clifton Jones, Buell Walker, Jacob Schaffer, E.C. Glasscock, J.D. Glasscock, W.R. Dyer, J.D. Gorham, E.F. Brannon, R.L. Brannon, M. Calvert, Junior, Erving F. Kilgo, Goodein Oplur, J.E. Blackwell, B.A. Burnham, Wallace Yarbrough, Adolphus Latham, R.V. Howse, J.D. Lay, Albert Keller, Ottis Glasscock and R.J. Dukes.

From The Files Of 1936

The Jetton reunion held on the Fourth of July had forty people present, including some relatives from Blount County.

Mrs. Charlie Speegle, of Birmingham and Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Clapp, of Hanceville, were the Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Nuss.

Several people from Walter attended the singing at Center Hill, on Sunday.

Doctor and Mrs. Wallace Culpepper and family, of Atlanta, Georgia are here for a visit to his mother's, Mrs. Belle Culpepper.

Misses Beryl and Geneva King, of West Point spent the past weekend at home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pesto and children have returned from a visit to his mother in Ohio.

John Morris and Dennis Husky enjoyed part of Sunday in the swimming pool at Malone's in Decatur.

Mr. Edward and Donald Handley spent the night with their cousins, Dick, Dennis and James Handley last Saturday night.

Those married on July 10, 1936 were: Dwight Nelson, 20, to Miss Rosa Day, 20 and Lenard Morgan, 29, to Emmie McSwain, 30.

Mrs. Burt Spiegle and son, Jack, are building a modern, new home in West Cullman, between the residences of Miss Nell Sewell and attorney, J.M. Kilpatrick.

Poet's Corner

Looking Back

By: Early Ray Giles | *1928-2007*

As I look upon my life, and
all that I've been through,
I see so much that's
left undone, and things
I'd like to do.
If I could just go back in time,
and relive my childhood days,
I think I would enjoy
them more, I'd change
in a lot of ways.
I would study very hard, and
try to do good in school,
I'd try to treat my fellow
man right, and live by
the golden rule.
I'd tell my mom and
dad each day, that I love
them very much.
And I'd visit them every day,
and share their loving touch.
I remember now, what
it meant to them, to just
have me drop in,
To share a meal, or sit a
while or just to be a friend.
And now I'm growing
old, and the years have
passed and gone,
I'm looking back on those
wonder years, thinking
of family and home.
I suppose as we all grow older,
and look back upon our years,
There's a lot of things
we'd like to change, as
the end of life draws near.
But, we only have one
life to life, so let's keep
our lives on track,
And live the way we ought
to live, and we'll not have
to be looking back.

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Mariah Watson unit #909: 246 Co Rd 1347, Vinemont, AL 35179.

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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 *
WAYNE HARRIS STICHER, * **CASE NO.: PC 2019-378**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that a Verified Petition for Summary distribution has been filed by Dean Alan Sticher, petitioner, on the 2nd 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.

Dean Alan Sticher
Petitioner

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for Petitioner
Smith & Smith, LLP
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398

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.

DONE this the 2nd day of January, 2020.

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

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Cullman Attorney Trent Lowry invited to become Alabama Law Foundation Fellow

Jeremy Cline
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – The law firm of Griffith, Lowry & Meherg is pleased to announce that attorney Trent Lowry has been invited to become an Alabama Law Foundation Fellow. Trent's primary area of practice is litigation with an emphasis on personal injury insurance claims and lawsuits.

The Alabama Law Foundation established the Fellows program in 1995 to honor members of the Alabama State Bar Association who have made significant contributions to their profession and their community. No more than 1% of bar members may become Fellows; therefore, the selection committee invites into fellowship an exceptional group of lawyers who have demonstrated their dedication to improving their communities and state.

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The Foundation is a charitable, tax-exempt organization composed of several separate programs, each providing ways for lawyers to better their profession and their communities. The Foundation makes annual grants to organizations that provide free legal aid to the poor in civil cases, for projects that improve the administration of justice and for law-related education.

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LISA JONES PHOTOGRAPHY

Trent Lowry

Good (from Front)

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BAILEYTON, Ala. – Before Christmas, the Town of Baileyton received a surprise visit from Tommy Maher and other representatives from the Honor Network, a national nonprofit organization that travels the country visiting communities that have experienced tragedy. The Honor Network visited the small town to offer hope and healing to the Baileyton community after the murders of 3-year-old Alvaro Garcia and 9-year-old Taylor Garcia on Oct. 12, 2019.

Maher, the founder of the Honor Network, is a volunteer firefighter from Long Island who felt compelled to do something positive after the 2017 mass shooting at a concert in Las Vegas that left 58 people dead. He decided to do random acts of kindness in the hometown of each of the 58 victims. He met with the victims' friends and families as well as survivors and first responders.

The Honor Network has since grown into an ongoing movement with a mission "to bring people together one community at a time doing random acts of kindness honoring those lives lost too soon."

Earlier in December, as Baileyton Town Clerk Patricia Gilbert was helping at the town's senior center, she was told that a visitor was asking for her.

She recalled, "Tommy (Maher) came and asked if he could leave something for (Baileyton Volunteer Fire Department Chief) Zack (McGee) at the fire department. I looked out the door and there was a van with 'The Honor Network' on it. He came back in with a large bag and another Ziploc bag with cards in it and a sign."

The large bag was full of snacks and other goodies for the first responders in Baileyton and the cards contained $10 gift cards to Chick-Fil-A for each of them. The Honor Network gave the Baileyton Volunteer Fire Department a large sign and a smaller, identical sign to Gilbert.

Both signs read:
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Gilbert said she was blown away by the unexpected visit and acts of kindness, but Maher wasn't done yet.

She explained, "Maher looked out from the office and saw all the toys on the benches, and he asked what that was all about. I explained to him about our Christmas party and our annual effort to try and get as much as we can because the kids in this area, a lot of them don't have much. He said, 'Oh, that's such a wonderful thing! Is it OK if I make a donation?'"

Of course Gilbert said yes, and Maher gave an additional $100 to help the Town purchase more toys for the children of Baileyton.

Gilbert also told Maher about all the work that the Parkside Outreach Program does to help in the community with the food bank and coat drive for Christmas. Maher then gave an additional $100 toward the Parkside Outreach Program.

Gilbert was surprised when she got home, saying, "I opened Facebook and he had posted about meeting me and all the things we have going on in Baileyton. The reason they came was to honor the Cullman County Sheriff's (Office) and the first responders because of the tragedy."

While in Cullman County, the Honor Network also treated the CCSO to a meal from the Brandin' Iron.

Gilbert said, "The message is about paying it forward and, as the sign says, 'Be the Good!'"

The town of Baileyton continues to try to cope with the tragedy of losing two young children, especially in such a horrific manner.

According to Gilbert, "Many of the kids and teachers are having a very hard time.

"I know there are kids who are having a hard time understanding and processing the loss of their friend and classmate."

For more information about the Honor Network or to help in its mission visit www.thehonornetwork.com or www.facebook.com/thehonornetwork, or you can be part of its mission by "Being the good in your neighborhood and community. Doing random, positive acts can change a person's day for the better."

The Network certainly brought hope, healing and love to Baileyton for Christmas in a year when the town needed it the most.

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UNA men top Jacksonville 62-57 in ASUN opener

Shane Herrmann
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JOSEPH ROMANS/UNA ATHLETICS

UNA's Christian Agnew (2) led the Lions with 15 points in their 62-57 win over Jacksonville Thursday.

FLORENCE, Ala. – After trailing by as many as 11 points early in the second half, the University of North Alabama men's basketball team rallied to post a 62-57 home win over Jacksonville Thursday in the ASUN Conference opener for both teams. With the win, UNA improves to 6-8 on the season and 1-0 in league play.

Christian Agnew scored a game-high 15 points and added seven rebounds, two assists and five steals as North Alabama used a solid defensive outing in the second half to rally for the win. UNA trailed 37-28 at the break and faced a 39-28 deficit after an early basket by the Dolphins.

UNA slowly chipped away at the Jacksonville lead by getting defensive stops. After JU shot 52 percent from the floor in the opening 20 minutes, the Dolphins were held to an 8-for-23 showing in the second half, including an 0-for-5 mark from three-point range.

Jacksonville led 51-43 with 9:49 remaining when the Lions used a 10-0 run to grab their first lead since early in the game. C.J. Brim hit a three-pointer, then connected on a basket and free throw to make the score 51-49 at the 8:11 mark. Mervin James and James Anderson, II each hit 1-of-2 free throws to tie the game before Jamari Blackmon connected on a pair of free throws to give UNA a 53-51 lead with 5:31 remaining.

After the Dolphins answered with four straight points to regain the lead, James hit two more free throws to tie the game at 55-55 with 2:42 to play. Jacksonville went ahead again on two free throws by David Bell. The Lions, however, closed the game on a 7-0 run.

A three-pointer by Blackmon with 1:48 remaining gave North Alabama the lead for good and the Lions forced turnovers on the next two JU possessions to seal the win. After Agnew and Emanuel Littles each hit 1-of-2 free throws, UNA grabbed a defensive rebound and Anderson hit two foul shots with 11.3 seconds left to put the game out of reach.

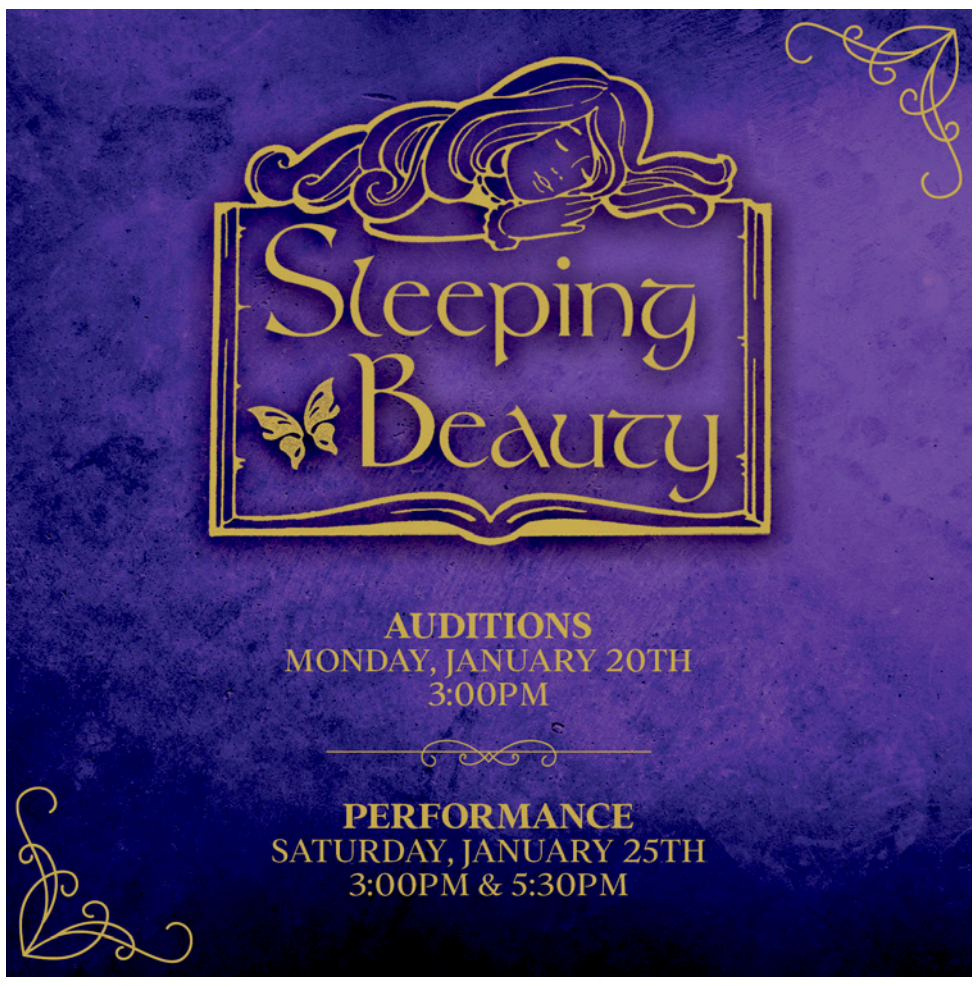
For the game, UNA forced 27 Jacksonville turnovers and converted them into 29 points.

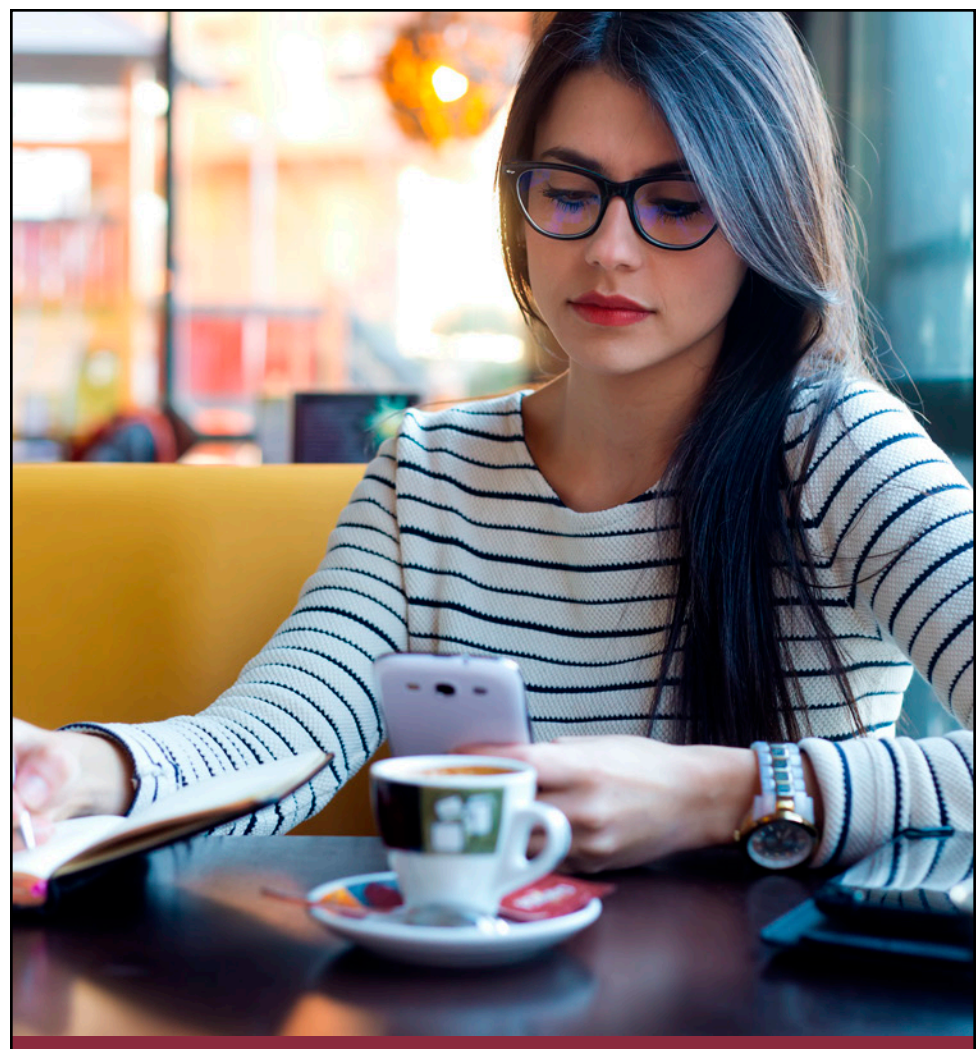
The Dolphins entered the game as the top rebounding team in the ASUN and held a 40-34 advantage on the glass. Littles was able to pull down a game-high 12 boards, reached double digits in the category for the third time in the last four games.

Brim finished the game with 13 points while Blackmon rounded out the top scorers for the Lions with 12 points. Kevin Norman led Jacksonville (7-9 overall, 0-1 ASUN) with 14 points.

UNA will host North Florida in another ASUN showdown on Saturday. Tip-off is slated for 3:30 at Flowers Hall.









Sports

8:00 a.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, Second Round.
10:30 a.m. ESPN College Football Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl — Southern Mississippi vs Tulane. (Live)
11:00 a.m. WBRC College Basketball Indiana at Maryland. (Live)
WIAT PBR Bull Riding Monster Energy 15/15 Bucking Battle. (Taped)
ESPN2 College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)
FS1 College Basketball Creighton at Butler. (Live)
FSEE NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Boston Celtics.
GOLF PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, Second Round.
12:00 p.m. WVTM High School Football All-American Bowl. (Live)
WIAT College Basketball Georgia at Memphis. (Live)
1:00 p.m. WBRC College Basketball Villanova at Marquette. (Live)
ESPN2 College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)
FS1 PBA Bowling PBA Clash.
3:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)
FS1 College Basketball Providence at DePaul. (Live)
3:30 p.m. WVTM WIAT NFL Football Wild Card: Teams TBA. (Live)
5:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)
GOLF PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, Third Round. (Live)
6:30 p.m. FSEE NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Atlanta Hawks. (Live)
7:00 p.m. WBRC NFL Football Wild Card: Teams TBA. (Live)
ESPN College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)
ESPN2 College Basketball Texas at Baylor. (Live)
FS1 College Basketball Indiana at Maryland. (Same-day Tape)
8:00 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, Third Round.
9:00 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Pepperdine at Gonzaga. (Live)
FS1 College Basketball Teams TBA. (Same-day Tape)
10:00 p.m. FSEE NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Atlanta Hawks.

Movies

6:00 a.m. FREE "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" ★★★ (2014) Chris Evans. Captain America, the Black Widow and a new ally, the Falcon, face an unexpected enemy as they struggle to expose a far-reaching conspiracy that puts the world at risk.
7:00 a.m. PARMT "The Bourne Legacy" ★★★ (2012) Jeremy Renner. Premiere. The actions of Jason Bourne spell the possible end of secret intelligence programs, so a specially enhanced operative goes on the run with a research scientist when it appears that their lives will become forfeit.
9:15 a.m. FREE "Matilda" ★★★ (1996) Mara Wilson. A little girl develops extraordinary mental abilities, despite neglectful parents and a brutal headmistress.
9:30 a.m. AMC "Mission: Impossible II" ★★★ (2000) Tom Cruise. Premiere. IMF agent Ethan Hunt and his team try to stop a former agent from unleashing a deadly, engineered virus.
10:00 a.m. TMC "The King's Speech" ★★★½ (2010) Colin Firth An extraordinary friendship forms between England's King George VI and the Australian actor/speech therapist who helps him overcome a stammer.
11:00 a.m. TCM "King Solomon's Mines" ★★★ (1937) Paul Robeson. A noble singing native takes a white hunter into darkest Africa on a search for biblical treasure.
SHOW "A League of Their Own" ★★★ (1992) Tom Hanks The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League begins in 1943 with a major-league has-been as a manager.
11:25 a.m. FREE "Pretty in Pink" ★★★ (1986) Molly Ringwald. A rich teen asks an unpopular student to the senior prom, creating problems among their separate circles of friends.
11:30 a.m. HBO "First Man" ★★★½ (2018) Ryan Gosling Engineer Neil Armstrong spends years in training after joining NASA in the 1960s. On July 16, 1969, the nation and world watch in wonder as Armstrong and fellow astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins embark on a historic mission to the moon.
11:45 a.m. MAX "Away From Her" ★★★½ (2006) Julie Christie (Premiere) A man becomes confused and angry when his wife, an Alzheimer's patient, seems to prefer the company of another resident at her nursing home.
12:00 p.m. TMC "The English Patient" ★★★½ (1996) Ralph Fiennes A Hungarian count's fling with a British newlywed leads to tragedy in World War II North Africa.
12:30 p.m. PARMT "The Italian Job" ★★★ (2003) Mark Wahlberg. A master thief and his crew plan to steal back a fortune in gold bullion after they lose it to a double-crossing gang member.
TCM "The Gunfighter" ★★★★ (1950) Gregory Peck. Upstarts challenge the fastest gun in the West, a haunted man trying to escape his reputation.
1:30 p.m. FREE "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" ★★★ (1986) Matthew Broderick. A cool teen plays hooky in Chicago with his girlfriend, his buddy and the classic Ferrari of his buddy's father.
1:40 p.m. COM "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.
2:00 p.m. TCM "The Great Escape" ★★★★ (1963) Steve McQueen. A group of Allied soldiers dig a tunnel out of a Nazi prison camp, pocketfuls of dirt at a time.
2:10 p.m. HBO "Les Misérables" ★★★½ (2012) Hugh Jackman In 19th-century France, ex-prisoner Jean Valjean, pursued for many years by ruthless policeman Javert, agrees to care for a factory worker's daughter.
2:45 p.m. TMC "Death at a Funeral" ★★★ (2007) Matthew MacFadyen Secret revelations and chaos reign when members of a dysfunctional British family gather to lay their patriarch to rest.
3:00 p.m. PARMT "The Green Mile" ★★★½ (1999) Tom Hanks. In 1935 a head prison guard realizes a man on death row may be innocent and have a supernatural ability to heal others.
3:50 p.m. SHOW "Green Book" ★★★½ (2018) Viggo Mortensen An Italian-American bouncer and an African-American pianist confront racism and danger while taking a road trip through the Deep South in 1962.
4:00 p.m. CMTV "Grease" ★★★ (1978) John Travolta. Nice Sandy and greaser Danny try to be like each other in their 1950s high school.
4:50 p.m. HBO "Mrs. Doubtfire" ★★★ (1993) Robin Williams Estranged from his wife, an out-of-work actor masquerades as a nanny to be with his children.
5:00 p.m. FX "The Secret Life of Pets" ★★★ (2016) Voices of Louis C.K.. Animated. A domesticated terrier and his unruly canine pal encounter a rebellious bunny and his gang of abandoned pets.
5:05 p.m. MAX "Shanghai Knights" ★★★ (2003) Jackie Chan (Premiere) With help from his sister and a friend, a martial-arts master travels to London to find his father's murderer.
5:50 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.
6:00 p.m. SHOW "Pavarotti" ★★★ (2019) Bono. Featuring never-before-seen footage, concert performances and intimate interviews, filmmaker Ron Howard examines the life and career of famed opera tenor Luciano Pavarotti.
7:00 p.m. TCM "Sounder" ★★★★ (1972) Cicely Tyson. A sharecropper's wife keeps the family together after he goes to prison in 1930s Louisiana.
7:30 p.m. PARMT "The Green Mile" ★★★½ (1999) Tom Hanks. In 1935 a head prison guard realizes a man on death row may be innocent and have a supernatural ability to heal others.
8:15 p.m. FREE "Pitch Perfect" ★★★ (2012) Anna Kendrick. When a new student joins her college's female a cappella group, she takes the women out of their comfort zone of traditional pieces and introduces them to innovative arrangements.
9:00 p.m. CMTV "Grease" ★★★ (1978) John Travolta. Nice Sandy and greaser Danny try to be like each other in their 1950s high school.
TCM "Louisiana Story" ★★★½ (1948) Joseph Boudreaux. A Cajun boy and his parents live in the bayou with alligators and oil drillers.
10:30 p.m. AMC "Mission: Impossible III" ★★★ (2006) Tom Cruise. Now a trainer for IMF recruits, agent Ethan Hunt squares off against the toughest foe he has ever faced: a ruthless arms and information broker.
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.
11:00 p.m. E! "Walk the Line" ★★★ (2005) Joaquin Phoenix. Johnny Cash forms an enduring bond with June Carter and struggles with drug addiction on the way to music stardom.
TCM "The Big Sleep" ★★★½ (1946) Humphrey Bogart. Raymond Chandler's private eye Philip Marlowe follows two wealthy sisters through a maze of murders.

SATURDAY EVENING

MOVIES

JANUARY 4, 2020

		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's Boss"	Mike & Molly "Yard Sale"	Ring of Honor Wrestling (N)		★★ "Paranormal Activity 3" (2011) Katie Featherston, Sprague Grayden. A haunting's terrifying origin comes to light.				World's-Weath	World's-Weath	The Immortals	The Short List
WBIQ-PBS	4	This Old House	PBS NewsHour Weekend	The Lawrence Welk Show "Gotta Travel On."		Classic Gospel The Oak Ridge Boys; The Gatlin Brothers.		Alan Jackson Precious Memories		Keeping Up Appearances	As Time Goes By	Austin City Limits Sharon Van Etten and Lucy Dacus perform.	
WVTM-NBC	5	(3:30) NFL Football Wild Card: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				Dateline NBC				Saturday Night Live "Drake" From May 14, 2016: Drake.		WVTM 13 News at 10p	(:29) Saturday Night Live
WBRC-FOX	7	Judge Judy	Paid Program	Judge Judy	Paid Program	NFL Football Wild Card: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)							Beat Shazam
WIAT-CBS	8	(3:30) NFL Football Wild Card: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				To Be Announced		To Be Announced		48 Hours (N)		The CBS 42 News (N)	(:35) Nate Oats Show
WTTO-CW	9	Modern Family "The Feud"	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 "Cage"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Choreographed"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Scheherezade"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Burned"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Fin investigates a rape.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A child pornographer.	
WABM2-ABC	12	To Be Announced	ABC World News	To Be Announced	ABC 33/40 News at 6PM	Brad Paisley Thinks He's Special		The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	20/20		ABC 33/40 News at 10PM	(:35) America This Week (N)
A&E	42	(4:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 11.02.19"				(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 288" (N)		Live PD "Live PD -- 01.04.20" (N) (Live)					
AMC	53	(4:30) ★★ "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian" (2009, Children's) Ben Stiller, Robin Williams, Amy Adams.				★★ "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" (2009, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel. Premiere. Sam Witwicky holds the key to defeating an ancient Decepticon. (N)							"Mission: Impossible III"
ANPL	47	Pit Bulls & Parolees: Our Biggest Rescues (N)		Pit Bulls & Parolees: Our Biggest Rescues "Finally Free"		(:01) Pit Bulls and Parolees Hurricane season draws near.		(:02) Pit Bulls and Parolees "Twist of Fate" (N)		(:04) The Vet Life "Most Memorable Cases" (N)		(:04) The Vet Life: Bonus Tails "A Boy Who Spayed Wolf" (N)	
BET	55	(4:57) ★★ "Soul Plane" (2004, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tom Arnold. Passengers and crew party aboard an airliner.				★★ "White Chicks" (2004, Comedy) Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans, Jaime King. Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.					★★ "National Security" (2003, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Steve Zahn, Colm Feore.		
BRAVO	58	(4:53) Chrisley Knows Best	(:24) Chrisley Knows Best	(5:55) Chrisley Knows Best	(:26) Chrisley Knows Best	(6:57) Chrisley Knows Best	(:28) Chrisley Knows Best	(7:59) Chrisley Knows Best	★★ "Couples Retreat" (2009, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Jason Bateman, Jon Favreau. Four couples must participate in therapy sessions at a tropical resort.				
CMTV	61	(4:00) ★★★ "Grease" (1978, Musical) John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John.			★★ "Overboard" (1987, Comedy) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell, Edward Herrmann. An amnesiac millionairess is duped by a cunning carpenter.					★★★ "Grease" (1978) John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John. Disparate summer lovers meet again as high-school seniors.			
CNBC	35	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss Tony Wells of ADT goes under cover.		Undercover Boss Twin Peaks CEO Randy Dewitt.		Undercover Boss Menchie's CEO Amit Kleinberger.		Undercover Boss Travis Boersma works under cover.	
CNN	37	S. E. Cupp Unfiltered (N)		CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		"Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice" (2019) Linda Ronstadt, Jackson Browne. The life and career of the singer.				The Seventies Introducing new unique TV programming.	
COM	56	(3:45) ★★ "Old School" (2003) Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell.		(5:50) ★★★ "21 Jump Street" (2012, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum, Brie Larson. Young cops go under cover as high-school students.					★★ "Super Troopers" (2001, Comedy) Jay Chandrasekhar. Premiere. Budget cuts threaten the jobs of five state troopers.				★★★ "21 Jump Street"
DISN	49	Bunk'd	Bunk'd "Sore Lou-ser"	Bunk'd "Lone Wolf"	Bunk'd "Serfs Up-rising"	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Gabby Duran	Gabby Duran	Raven's Home "Crewed Up"	Just Roll With It
DSC	43	Dirty Jobs "Big Animal Vet" Big-animal veterinarian.		Dirty Jobs "Bug Breeder" Breeding exotic insects.		Alaskan Bush People The family transports a windmill.		Alaskan Bush People "Wedding Season" The family prepares for a wedding. (N)					
E!	21	(3:30) ★★ "Maid in Manhattan" (2002) Jennifer Lopez.		★★ "He's Just Not That Into You" (2009, Romance-Comedy) Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston. Men and women navigate through complex relationships.					★★ "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas. A New York fashion designer has a secret in the South.				
ESPN	29	30 for 30			SportsCenter (N) (Live)	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)	
ESPN2	30	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				College Basketball Texas at Baylor. From the Ferrell Center in Waco, Texas. (N) (Live)				College Basketball Pepperdine at Gonzaga. From McCarthey Athletic Center in Spokane, Wash. (N) (Live)			
FOOD	45	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Gangster Greek; creative curry.		Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives "By Land And Sea"		Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
FREE	48	(4:05) ★ "Mr. Deeds" (2002) Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder.		(:10) ★ "The Waterboy" (1998) Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates. A simpleton's angry outbursts lead to gridiron glory.				(:15) ★★★ "Pitch Perfect" (2012, Musical Comedy) Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin, Rebel Wilson. College students enter an a cappella competition.					
FS1	20	WWE Friday Night SmackDown				College Basketball Indiana at Maryland. From XFINITY Center in College Park, Md. (N Same-day Tape)				College Basketball Teams TBA. (N Same-day Tape)			
FSEE	32	3 Wide Life	Power of Sports	Hawks Live! Pregame (N)	NBA Basketball (N) (Live)	Indiana Pacers at Atlanta Hawks. From State Farm Arena in Atlanta.				Hawks Live! Postgame (N)	Hawks 4th Quarter	NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Atlanta Hawks.	
FX	28	★★★ "The Secret Life of Pets" (2016, Children's) Voices of Louis C.K., Eric Stonestreet, Kevin Hart.				★★ "Despicable Me 3" (2017) Voices of Steve Carell. Animated. Gru and his twin brother battle a former 1980s child star.				★★ "Despicable Me 3" (2017) Voices of Steve Carell. Animated. Gru and his twin brother battle a former 1980s child star.			
GOLF	82	PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, Third Round. From the Plantation Course at Kapalua. (N) (Live)				Golf Central (N) (Live)		PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, Third Round. From the Plantation Course at Kapalua.					
HALL	72	(4:00) "Write Before Christmas" (2019) Torrey DeVitto.		"Christmas at the Plaza" (2019) Elizabeth Henstridge. Historian Jessica is hired to create the Plaza's Christmas display.				"Winter in Vail" (2020, Drama) Lacey Chabert. Premiere. A woman inherits her uncle's chalet.				"Love on the Slopes" (2018, Romance) Katrina Bowden.	
HGTV	46	Fixer Upper A home renovation for a veteran.		Fixer Upper The Aguilar family looks for a home.		Beach Hunters (N)	Beach Hunters (N)	Island Life (N)	Island Life (N)	Bahamas Life (N)	Bahamas Life "All In" (N)	Mexico Life	Mexico Life
HIST	40	Ancient Aliens Extraterrestrial interventions.		Ancient Aliens Living sea plankton in space.		Ancient Aliens: Declassified (N)							
LIFE	23	Surviving R. Kelly R. Kelly faces a round of charges.		Surviving R. Kelly R. Kelly is released from jail.		Surviving R. Kelly (Season Finale) R. Kelly is taken into federal custody. (N)			Hopelessly in Love (Premiere) A pop star and an NFL player. (N) (Part 1 of 3)				(:33) Surviving R. Kelly
MSNBC	36	MSNBC Live With Richard Lui		Hardball With Chris Matthews		All In With Chris Hayes		The Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word With Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams	
NGC	22	Lockdown Gangs battle in a Texas jail.		Lockdown "Gang Central" The largest county jail in Denver.		Lockdown Pelican Bay State Prison's war on gangs.		Lockdown: On the Inside "County Clink" (N)		Lockdown Sterling Correctional Facility.		Lockdown Pelican Bay State Prison's war on gangs.	
PARMT	57	(3:00) ★★★ "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse. A condemned prisoner possesses a miraculous healing power.				★★★ "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse, Michael Clarke Duncan. A condemned prisoner possesses a miraculous healing power.							
TBS	25	(4:00) ★★ "Miss Congeniality" (2000) Sandra Bullock.		★★ "Liar Liar" (1997, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Maura Tierney, Jennifer Tilly. A fast-talking lawyer cannot tell a lie.				The Big Bang Theory	(:24) The Big Bang Theory	(8:48) The Big Bang Theory	(:36) The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	★★ "27 Dresses"
TCM	79	★★ "Every Which Way But Loose" (1978) Clint Eastwood. A man and his orangutan pal pursue the girl they love.				★★★★ "Sounder" (1972, Drama) Cicely Tyson, Paul Winfield. Black sharecroppers in 1930s Louisiana face a harsh life.				★★★ "Louisiana Story" (1948, Documentary) Joseph Boudreaux, Lionel Le Blanc.			"Romance of Louisiana"
TLC	24	Say Yes to the Dress A dress for a second marriage.		Say Yes to the Dress: Countdown to the New Season (N)		Say Yes to the Dress "America: Oh My God! Welcome to My Home!" Randy begins his Say Yes America tour.				(:02) Say Yes to the Dress "Everything Is on the Line"		(:02) Say Yes to the Dress	
TNT	26	(4:30) ★★ "Eagle Eye" (2008) Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan. Two strangers become pawns of a mysterious woman.				★★ "Red 2" (2013, Action) Bruce Willis, John Malkovich. Retired operatives return to retrieve a lethal device.				(:15) ★★ "Red" (2010, Action) Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman. The CIA targets a team of former agents for assassination.			
USA	27	"G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra"	★★ "xXx: Return of Xander Cage" (2017) Vin Diesel, Donnie Yen. Operative Xander Cage must recover a sinister weapon.			★★ "The Hitman's Bodyguard" (2017, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson, Gary Oldman. A bodyguard and a hitman must bring down a dictator.						Dare Me "Coup d'État" The new coach arrives in town.	
WE	71	Criminal Minds Investigating a series of murders.		Criminal Minds The team must profile a bank robber.		Criminal Minds "The Aftermath" Critical decision.		Criminal Minds Two children are murdered in two weeks.		Criminal Minds Three college athletes disappear.		Criminal Minds A serial bomber terrorizes Seattle.	
HBO	518	(4:50) ★★★ "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams. An estranged dad poses as a nanny to be with his children. 'PG'				★★ "The Aftermath" (2019) Keira Knightley. Premiere. A British family relocates to Germany to rebuild Hamburg. 'R'				★★ "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald" (2018, Fantasy) Eddie Redmayne, Katherine Waterston. 'PG-13'			
MAX	549	(:05) ★★★ "Shanghai Knights" (2003) Jackie Chan. Chon Wang and his comrades shake up Victorian England. 'PG-13'				★★ "Meet the Fockers" (2004, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. Future in-laws clash in Florida. 'PG-13'				(8:55) ★ "Little Fockers" (2010, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. 'PG-13'			(:35) ★★ "Bandidas"
SHOW	578	(3:50) ★★★ "Green Book" (2018) Viggo Mortensen.		★★★ "Pavarotti" (2019, Documentary) Bono. The life and career of famed opera tenor Luciano Pavarotti. 'PG-13'				★★ "The Upside" (2017) Kevin Hart, Nicole Kidman. Premiere. A quadriplegic develops a friendship with his caretaker. 'PG-13'				(:05) The L Word: Generation Q "LA Times"	
TMC	598	(4:30) ★★ "D.C. Cab" (1983, Comedy) Adam Baldwin. 'R'		(:15) ★ "Peppermint" (2018, Action) Jennifer Garner. A vigilante seeks justice against her family's killers. 'R'				★★ "Hell Fest" (2018, Horror) Amy Forsyth, Reign Edwards, Bex Taylor-Klaus. 'R'		"Blood Fest" (2018) Robbie Kay. Three teenagers must band together to survive. 'NR'			

Best Bets

3:30 p.m. on WVTM WIAT
NFL Football

At the time of this writing the final week of the NFL season had yet to determine this weekend's Wild Card participants and on which networks they'll air. But the NFL postseason gets under way today, not only on CBS but with eventual games on other networks. Last year, the Indianapolis Colts, Dallas Cowboys, Philadelphia Eagles and Los Angeles Chargers were all victorious during Wild Card weekend. The odds are against most of them returning this year.

7 p.m. on TCM
Movie: Sounder

Four Oscar nominations — including best picture, best actor and best actress — went to this beautifully done 1972 film, based on William Armstrong's novel about the travails of black sharecroppers in 1933. Kevin Hooks plays the son, who must help his mother (Cicely Tyson) after his father (Paul Winfield) is jailed for stealing meat to feed the starving family. The youth then meets a schoolteacher (Janet MacLachlan) who introduces him to a larger world.

8 p.m. on HALL
Movie: Winter in Vail

Frequent Hallmark leading lady Lacey Chabert steps back in front of the cameras for a new 2020 romance called "Winter in Vail," filmed on location in that favorite Colorado destination resort for ski enthusiasts. The actress stars as event planner Chelsea Whitmore, who impulsively quits her job and moves to Vail after inheriting a chalet there (as one does). As she ponders her next career move, Chelsea falls under the spell of this magical locale and its residents, especially handsome Owen Becker (Tyler Hynes).

8 p.m. on SHOW
Movie: The Upside

Bryan Cranston and Kevin Hart might seem like unlikely co-stars, but then that's a character point in director Neil Burger's hit 2017 dramedy about a paralyzed billionaire (Cranston) who hires a recently paroled convict (Hart) to take care of him. Unexpectedly, a friendship eventually develops between these two very different men. Adapted from a 2011 French film called "The Intouchables," the movie also stars Nicole Kidman, Tate Donovan, Aja Naomi King and Julianna Margulies.

10 p.m. on WBIQ
Austin City Limits

Two adventurous but very different singer-songwriters share the bill in tonight's new episode. First up, New Jersey native Sharon Van Etten performs "Seventeen" and other songs from her album "Remind Me Tomorrow," which dropped last January. Then, Virginia-born Lucy Dacus sings "Night Shift," "Next of Kin" and other cuts from her 2018 album "Historian," her second studio release.



Sharon Van Etten performs on "Austin City Limits" on PBS.

Heart (from Front)

this happens a lot. Children are abused, especially younger children, when they're not happy, and the parents have gone to their wits' end and they just have to do something. We offer the alternative that, hey, you can come in here and we can give you enough food to last you for several days, to help you past that point. "That one child may later wind up in the court system or in the DHR system. And if we can prevent that, that's what we're here for."

CASA

CCK's programs include Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Trained volunteers are assigned to specific cases by courts and conduct independent investigations into cases of abuse, to do whatever is in a child's best interest.

Daniel described CASA volunteers as "the eyes and ears for the judge, because the judge cannot get out and do that in every case. But, more importantly, I think, is that they become the voice for the child, because children have very little to say about custody cases and abuse cases. It's just important that they know that they have somebody who, their only purpose is to be there for that child. We don't work for DHR; we don't work for the attorneys. We are there as volunteers to help that child to get into a safe, permanent home as soon as possible."

At the end of 2019 and into 2020, CASA is advocating for more than 70 children who are in the court system because of abuse and neglect, assisted and supported by 27 CASA volunteers.

"It's about the heart"

Daniel had a very personal talk with The Tribune this week about CCK:

"Every year since Cullman Caring for Kids has been doing the food bank for United Way, our numbers have increased. In the 18 years that I have been associated-and I don't want it to be about me; I want it to be about the people- it's the community. It has always been about the community.

"When we need food and we let the community know that we need food, they come through. When we need the monetary support, the community comes through. It's absolutely incredible at the giving, and just the spirit of the Cullman community.

"I've lived in other places in years past, especially when I was in service, but I've never seen a place like Cullman.

"My stepson and daughter-in-law gave us a book of early Cullman history, and I've been reading that the last week or so. It's phenomenal how just a small mountaintop settlement grew to what it is today, and it's because of the people. When there's a need, the people are there.

"We have one sweet lady who has been donating to the food bank for a number of years; I can't tell you exactly how many and I won't use her name-she'll know who she is! Something touched her heart and she started donating $10 a month; $10, we get a check every month from this sweet lady. And, after a while, something else touched her heart a little more. And now, every month, we get a $15 check from this sweet, precious lady. And people say, 'Oh, that's not much.' It doesn't seem like a tremendous amount of money, but it's not about the dollar amount; it's about the heart that she has for helping others.

"There are other examples of people. There's a man that I have known since the early '70s. Every month, we get a check for $50 from this friend of mine, this very special guy. We just count on it; we just know that check is going to be there.

"I see things on TV: 'Donate $19 a month' or 'Donate $11 a month.' That's what keeps places open and keeps them going. It's the people who make that commitment to send $5 a month or $10 a month, or $20 a month every month, because the agency, the nonprofit, we count on that. That's what keeps our doors open.

"Please don't get me wrong: large donations are awesome! I mean they're incredible; that's what allows us to grow. But it's people who make that commitment to dedicate: ''I'm going to send Cullman Caring for Kids 'x' number of dollars a month, and I'm going to do it every month.'

"Cullman Caring for Kids: our mission is that no child will ever be abused, and that no child will ever go to bed hungry. That's our mission: that we will stop shaken baby syndrome, that we will do everything within our power and ability to stop child abuse and to make people more aware. That's what we started with.

"I was at the very first meeting of a group of citizens concerned about kids that were falling between the cracks in the court system-this was 1988-and that has been the mission of Cullman Caring for Kids since that time. We added the 'no child will go to bed hungry;' we added 'to stop shaken baby syndrome.'

"To me, an organization has to reevaluate every so often and say, 'Okay, what else can we do? What else ties into this? What else can make this happen better or happen quicker or happen at all?' It's community, it's the heart of the organization, and it's the people who have the same drive.

"My heart is for kids, always has been. But it's not about me. It's about this community. This community has a heart for children, for those in need."

In the CASA office hangs a photo of Hoss Benham, a Cullman County child who died from the effects of abuse inflicted on his first birthday. His mother and her one-time boyfriend recently pleaded guilty in his death and each received 40-year sentences.

"Every time I go in there," said Daniel, "I see the picture of Hoss. And every time I see it, it makes me want to do more to stop child abuse, it makes me want to stop children from going to bed hungry, it makes me want to stop shaken baby syndrome, and it makes me want to help families that need help.

"We need people who have a passion; a passion, not just an idea but a passion about helping others. That's how we keep our doors open. We have organizations that do fundraisers for us, that involve us in stuff. You know, we have events from time to time. But what it really comes down to is how much are you willing to give. How much are you willing to commit to make sure that these babies are not hurt or killed or hungry? What's in your heart?"

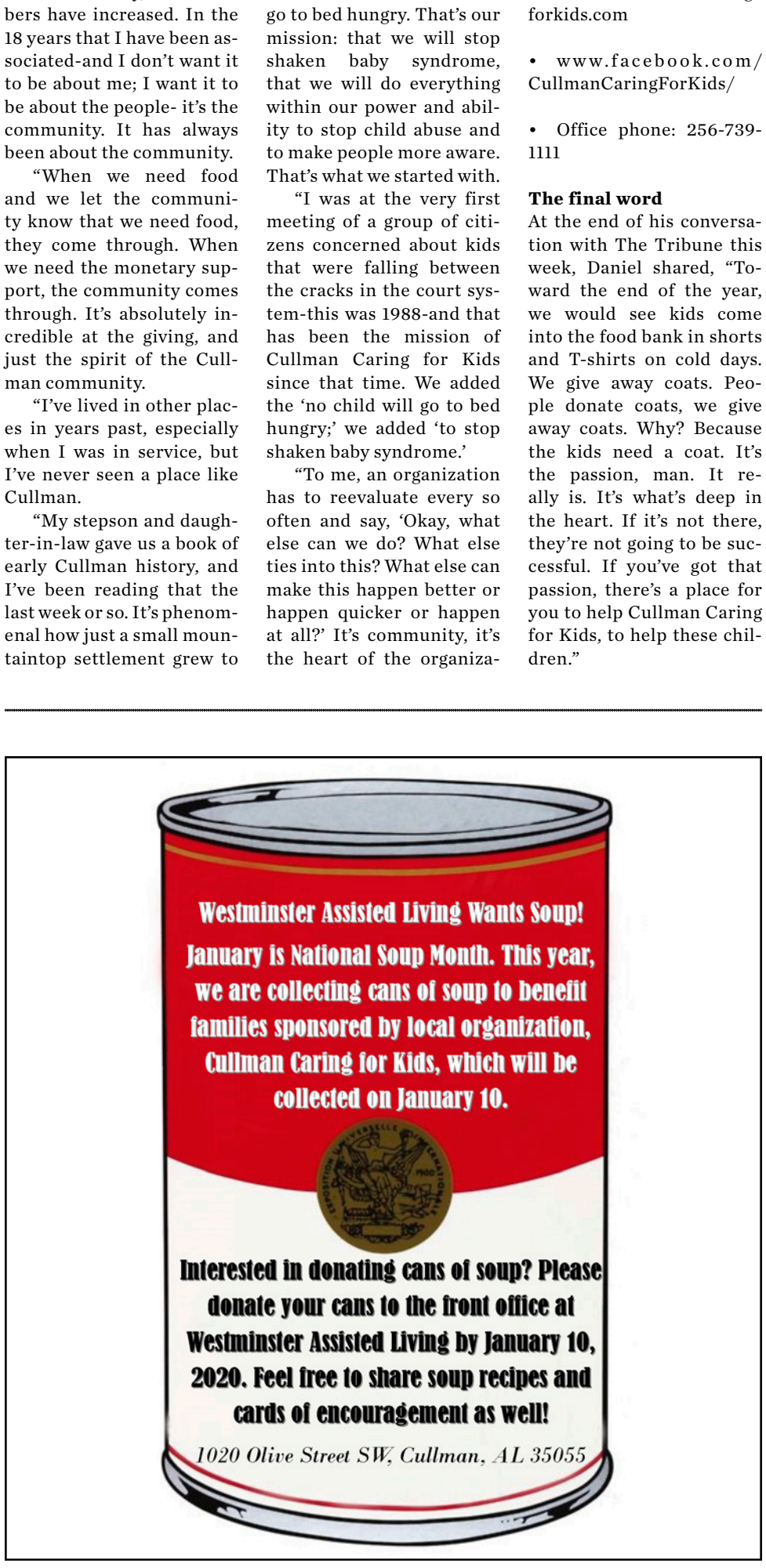
Get involved!

Daniel said CCK needs financial donations. The organization welcomes food donations but has a partnership with the North Alabama Food Bank that allows it to purchase food in bulk at tremendous discounts as low as 14 cents per pound for a wide variety of goods. Those who wish to help can visit CCK's website or Facebook page to donate online or call the office.

- www.cullmancaringforkids.com
- www.facebook.com/CullmanCaringForKids/
- Office phone: 256-739-1111

The final word

At the end of his conversation with The Tribune this week, Daniel shared, "Toward the end of the year, we would see kids come into the food bank in shorts and T-shirts on cold days. We give away coats. People donate coats, we give away coats. Why? Because the kids need a coat. It's the passion, man. It really is. It's what's deep in the heart. If it's not there, they're not going to be successful. If you've got that passion, there's a place for you to help Cullman Caring for Kids, to help these children."



Obituary Announcements: Jan. 4

Jean Wakefield, 86, of Double Springs entered into eternal rest Jan. 2, 2020 at Hendrix Health and Rehabilitation. She was born May 7, 1933. Mrs. Wakefield was a member of the First Baptist Church in Double Springs. She loved her family and church family. She enjoyed singing God's praises and listening to gospel music. Jean lived most of her life in Winston County. She loved growing flowers, watching birds and being outdoors She marveled at God's Creation. She and her husband, Buck, were cattle farmers for many years. She also loved traveling, playing cards and spontaneous outings. Jean loved people! She worked in bookkeeping, as a teller, and retired in the Loan Department at Traders and Farmers Bank following 23 years of service. She received so much delight in assisting and serving her customers. She was a real asset to the banking staff because she knew everyone. Jean graduated from Addison High School in 1951. Her Senior Class was the first class to be honored with a picture in the hall at Addison High School. She truly loved the school and the wonderful people in Addison. Her children remarked, "Every trip we made, we always came back through Addison." Visitation will be held Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020 from 1:30-3 p.m. at First Baptist Church Double Springs, where services will follow at 3 p.m. Reverend Shawn Blanton, Reverend Bill Frank Wilson, Dr. Bill Tittle and Reverend Phillip Twilley will officiate. Burial will be in Winston Memorial Cemetery. Jean was married to Lloyd "Buck" Wakefield for 53 years, raising two sons and daughter Gary Wakefield (Karen), Gina Tittle (Bill), and Steven Wakefield (Kathy). She was Mama Jean to Josh Wakefield (Julie), Jobe Wakefield, Jared Courington (Whitney), Jordan Courington (Maddy) and Rachel Gilbreath. She adored her great grandchildren Caroline, Grant and James Wakefield, and Maggie Courington. She is survived by sister Betty Porter and a host of other relatives. She was preceded in death by husband Lloyd "Buck" Wakefield; parents Noah and Flora Cobb; brothers Raymond Cobb, Doyle Cobb and Marvin Cobb; sisters Nola Cleghorn and Obera Holt; grandson Steven Bradley Wakefield and in-laws Howard and Lena Wakefield.

Mark Clifford Mitchell, 61, passed away peacefully Dec. 30, 2019. Mark was born on February 20, 1958, in Birmingham, Alabama, to Rhoda (Stringfellow) and Zeak Clifford Mitchell. Mark graduated from Patrick Henry High School in San Diego, California, and went on to study electrical engineering at Cal Poly Pomona in California. Mark grew up mostly in southern California, living in San Diego, Fallbrook, Irvine and Pomona. In high school he spent two years in Corpus Christi, Texas. Mark enjoyed learning and was always taking classes. He studied music (flute and guitar) and sign language along with his college classes. He later moved to Memphis, Tennessee, where he trained to become a cardiology intensive care unit technician. He eventually followed his parents to Cullman, Alabama. Mark's strong desire to always be working led him to Walmart where he worked as a greeter. Mark is lovingly remembered by his family as a kind and gentle soul who never had a critical or harsh word for anyone and a supportive son and brother who was always willing to help. Mark is survived by his father Zeak Clifford Mitchell, Jr.; sisters and brothers-in-law Terry (Sue) Mitchell Lanfear and Mike Lanfear, Robbin (Anne) Mitchell Esterman and Joe Barkley; nephews Tyler Mitchell Lanfear, Benjamin William Lanfear and Stephen Mitchell Esterman; cousins Lynda (Mitchell) and Keith Carter; and aunt Bertha Lee (Stringfellow) Fulone. Mark's family invite you to join them Jan. 11, 2020 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home for visitation at 10 a.m. and funeral service at 11 a.m. followed by burial at Concord Baptist in Cullman.

Larry Henry Samples, 80, of Cullman passed away Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020 at The Folsom Center. He was born Tuesday, July 25, 1939 to the late Clyde and Gracie Samples. Survivors include his children Wendy, Dennis, Larry Jr. and Tim. There are no arrangements at this time.

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"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"

HOUSTON COUNTY

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Alabama has had many kinds of heroes and heroines across our 200-year history, but it truly takes a heroic amount of courage and super-human willpower to stop after eating just one Houston County peanut.

Dothan, Houston County's largest metro area, is the destination for the National Peanut Festival and this part of the state is recognized as "The Peanut Capital of North America." I know this could sound nutty, but peanuts aren't really nuts. Like beans and peas, peanuts are members of the legume family.

Our state's plant-centric foodways have benefited from the embrace of a variety of cultures. Planting okra and watermelons came from African agriculture, Scandinavian settlers created the enormously successful peach industry in central Alabama and peanut plants (Arachis hypogaea) originated on the South American continent in Paraguay.

South Americans have cultivated peanuts for 3,500 years. The country of Brazil, alone, has 63 species of peanuts.

Two of the objectives I've had in writing this series, The 67-County Alabama Garden Party, which is the first time any state in the U.S. has taken a comprehensive, county-by-county perspective of all the positive and pleasurable places, PLANTS + PEOPLE intersect, are: 1) To plant ideas for celebrating plants across the state, and 2) To encourage botanically-oriented business development. Our look at Houston County allows both of those goals to be explored.

Houston County is the last of this Bicentennial celebration of Alabama plants because I approached the study from the state's oldest established county, Washington, to the newest. This southeast corner of the map, approved by the Legislature in February 1903, is the only county in Alabama to be established after the 19th century.

Often it is the newest settlements that bring the freshest viewpoints and innovation. Houston County recognized the rich soil which had supported cotton production in the 1800s was diminished and new crop diversification was needed to support future farming in Alabama.

Peanuts are solar-powered plants that naturally enhance the soil with nitrogen. Additionally, livestock love to eat the peanut plant tops. Or, after the nuts are harvested, the remaining part of the plant can be used for mulch.

To learn more about crop rotation and understand the historical importance of agri-business in Alabama, I encourage you to visit the state's impressive Agricultural Museum, here in Dothan's Landmark Park, and the adjoining 1890s living history farm. (see details below)

GOOD NEWS: "INFANT-SAFE" PEANUT INTRODUCTION

After years of public alarm about "peanut allergies," the American Academy of Pediatrics in 2015 approved early introduction of peanuts to the diets of children at 6 months of age. Peanuts and peanut butter are high in protein and fiber, a great source of Vitamin E and the good kind of fat that actually reduces cholesterol levels instead of raising them.

Peanuts on a menu can go from soup to nuts, appetizer to dessert. (At the end of this story, see the 1957 award-winning recipe for Houston County peanut brittle which launched a successful business.)

Alabamians have valued growing peanuts even before statehood (1819), but the popularity for this plant was greatly accelerated during the American Civil War. Peanut oil was substituted for northern-traded whale oil and four factories were built in Southern states to supply the need of this vegetable oil in lubricating factories and even powering locomotives. Ground peanuts took the place of ground coffee when Union ships were unwelcome.

Alabama is one of the top peanut-producing states in the nation and the industry generates millions of dollars in our state annually.

Today, more than 85% of Alabama home pantries have peanut butter as a staple. Nearly half of the U.S. peanut crop gets whipped into peanut butter.

Peanuts can thrive in any of Alabama's 67 counties. The caveat here is to select the type of peanut one grows for the specific geography. For instance, wild strains of "Arachis hirsute," (aka "hairy peanuts") have been found growing in the Andes Mountains at the frigid altitude of 8,000 feet.

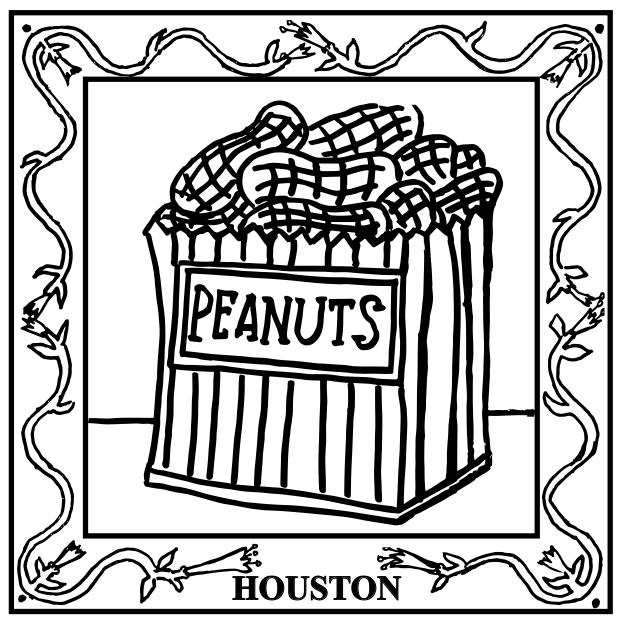
Hilly Appalachian counties in Alabama like DeKalb and Cleburne could become "The Hairy Peanut Capital of The World." Some enterprising graphic designer should go forward and create a logo for that in 2020s. We will all get the T-shirt.

Peanuts have four major types, all of which can be successfully grown in Alabama:

• **RUNNERS**- The peanut butter makers. These are tough, vigorous plants and are the peanuts most-commonly grown in southernmost Alabama along the Florida line. Disease-resistant, "Southern Runner" is a prime choice, producing medium-sized kernels.

• **VIRGINIA**- The "big-guns" prized for cocktail snacks. These tasty beauties are used in the famed "nut dish" of Ritz-Carlton Hotel bars. These peanuts are grown primarily in Virginia and North Carolina but could thrive in parts of Alabama where there are 130-150 days of warm weather. These big, high-energy nuts are great for hikers on Alabama's many nature trails.

• **VALENCIAS**- Are my favorite peanut for eating raw and are the most popular for growing in home gardens. "Tennessee Reds" would be ideal for some areas of Alabama, and "Georgia Reds" for other parts of the state. Could we develop a superior-to-all-states "Alabama Red" peanut? Let's take a tip from Houston County farmers and innovate.



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

• **SPANISH**- Has a fine flavor and produces small, rounded nuts ideal for candies. These peanuts are drought-tolerant, which is increasingly important in this period of global warming.

A good source for purchasing a variety of peanut seeds to try your skill at "goober gardening" is Southern Exposure Seed Exchange. www.southernexposure.com

Here are other positive and pleasurable ways PLANTS + PEOPLE come together in Houston County:

• **ASHFORD FARMERS' MARKET**- 312 Midland Street, Ashford, AL 36312; Saturdays 7 a.m.-noon, June 1-Aug. 2

• **POPLAR HEAD FARMERS' MARKET**- Dothan Civic Center parking lot, 126 North St. Andrews St., Dothan, AL 36301; Saturdays 8 a.m.-noon, June 2-July 27

• **TAYLOR FARMERS' MARKET**- 1469 State Highway 605, Taylor, AL 36301; Fridays 4-8 p.m., June 7-July 26

• **WIREGRASS FARMERS' MARKET**- 1699 Ross Clark Circle, Dothan, AL 36302; Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 7 a.m.-noon, June 5-Aug. 5

• **HOUSTON COUNTY FARMSTANDS**- Aplin Farms (Dothan), Billy Owens (Cottonwood), David Bell (Dothan), Gulledge Produce (Dothan), Jerry Shiver (Gordon), Lamond Wells (Gordon), Linda Willingham (Dothan)

• **HOUSTON COUNTY U-PICK FARMS**- Anderson Farms (Pansey), Bell Farms (Dothan), Estress Farms (Cottonwood), Maria's Vineyard (Dothan)

• **ALABAMA STATE AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM**- 430 Landmark Dr., Dothan, AL 36303; includes a 135-acre living history farmstead, one-room schoolhouse, general store, 1900s church, elevated boardwalks, nature trails, a barnyard playground, planetarium and picnic areas

• **NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL**- Honors local farmers and celebrates the harvest season; Nov. 6-15, 2020

• **DOTHAN AREA BOTANICAL GARDENS**- 5130 Headland Ave., Dothan, AL 36303, 334-793-3224; 50 acres of cultivated gardens, nature trails and wooded landscape highlighting native plants of the Wiregrass region

• **HOUSTON COUNTY PLANTS ADVICE/EDUCATION**- Alabama Cooperative Extension System local office at 1699 Ross Clark Circle, Suite 4, Dothan, AL 36301, 334-794-4108

• **PLANTING AN IDEA**- Most peanuts grown in the United States are planted within a 100-mile radius of Houston County. As a long-established authority on growing peanuts, this area could suggest peanut varieties which can thrive in each of Alabama's 67 counties. Additionally, there are possible branding opportunities for Houston County peanut plants and seeds.

Y'ALL COME to Houston County on your 67-County, Alabama Garden Party tour! You'd be nuts, or maybe that's legumes, not to.

Many thanks to Laurie Johnson, my sister-in-law and friend, who created the great majority of recipes included in this Bicentennial series, The 67-County, Alabama Garden Party. For this article, Laurie connected with their son's delightful mother-in-law, Marilyn Adams, who hails from Columbia, Alabama in Houston County and has for many years lived in Webb, another Houston County community. Marilyn helped us track down Kathleen Oakley's (also from Columbia) prize-winning peanut brittle recipe from the 1957 National Peanut Festival cooking contest.

The Cullman Tribune celebrated 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," spotlighted different counties each week. Each county got its own "quilt block," along with a historical profile, and we shared a recipe specific to the area. Houston County is the last county in the series. Next, all 67 counties will be put in a book to commemorate the Bicentennial.



Houston County

KATHLEEN OAKLEY'S PRIZE WINNING PEANUT BRITTLE

Houston County's largest city, Dothan, is host to the annual National Peanut Festival which includes a peanut recipe contest. In 1957, the contest was won by Kathleen Oakley of Columbia, for her (soon-to-become-famous) peanut brittle. Her first-prize gift was a gas stove - this is a serious contest! For several years afterward, Kathleen and her whole family made, packaged and sold her peanut delicacy from their home. Her story and recipe are re-counted here as supplied by, and with the permission of, her oldest daughter, Ann Ewing, of Birmingham. Sixteen years old when her mother won, Ann, her younger brothers and sisters and their father, George, all helped in Kathleen's business. They cooked the brittle in iron skillets, poured the hot candy onto buttered marble slabs where they pulled it thin as it cooled. They couldn't keep up with demand as the reputation of the delicious, prize-winning peanut treat spread. Many thanks to Ann for sharing their family story and her mother's famous recipe!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup light Karo syrup
- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 2 cups raw, shelled peanuts
- Piece of butter or margarine the size of an egg, plus more for buttering the cooling surface
- 1 tsp. baking soda

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Put sugar, syrup and hot water into an iron skillet. (If you measure the hot water after the syrup, it helps get the last syrup out of the cup.) Bring to a boil while stirring with a metal spoon until mixture spins a thread when dripped from the spoon.
2. Add peanuts and cook 5-10 minutes, stirring constantly, until peanuts change color as they must "roast" during the cooking process. The time depends on the size of the peanuts.
3. Remove from heat. Add butter or margarine and soda, stirring well. Mixture will foam up and darken.
4. Pour out onto a buttered, heat-proof surface (like a marble slab or large platter). Spread out with the back of the spoon, and then pull as thin as you can using the spoon or forks (or your hands, once cool enough to touch). When candy is cool and brittle, break into pieces and store in airtight containers.