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Red Devils down host Mize to win JC Allen Invitational Tournament

By James Pugh

While a flurry of raindrops fell outside Mize Gymnasium Saturday night, inside a shower of three-point baskets fell in the first period of the boys championship game of the JC Allen Invitation Basketball Tourna-

Stringer and Mize combined for 10 three-point baskets in the first period, seven by Stringer, who used them to build a substantial lead en route to an 85-43 win over the host team. The game concluded the threeday tournament that featured 12 teams from six different schools.

"I thought we shot the ball the best we've shot all year," said Stringer head coach Brandon Jennings. "We did a great job of pushing the tempo and finding open shooters. On defense I thought we improved as well."

Senior guard Keyshawn Dease led Stringer with a gamehigh 21 points. He was also named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Landon Elkins followed with 19 points, including four threes in the first

period. Dease and Elkins had back-to-back three-pointers in the eight-minute span. Dease finished the first period with three three-point baskets.

Omarion Bridges also finished in double-digits for Stringer with 10 points.

"Keyshawn is a tough guy to cover one-on-one," Jennings said. "He's a hard player to stop. He had 41 points in the tournament already coming into the game. Landon shot the ball well too.

Tate McNeil rebounded well, I thought, and Omarion ran point well. All those guys are buying in, and I've had them since the seventh grade. They're doing an excellent job for me, and I couldn't be more proud of them."

Mize standout guard Dylan Reeves, who had put up impressive numbers throughout

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RIGHT: Keyshawn Dease (11) of Stringer poured in 21 points against Mize. Photo/ James Pugh









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The Story Teller: "Cleaning the fall leaves again"

By Martha McCarty

We've cleaned the fallen leaves once already this year. That is to say that my nephew came with his fancy lawn mower and cut them up into a fine mulch. And now they are on the lawn again! I said then that we ought to wait until



they had all fallen before we got them up, so now we can do it again.

If I had my way, I'd leave them be: I love the look of them everywhere and especially when the wind blows and sends them spinning across the yard again. The only bad part of fallen leaves, as far as I'm concerned, is that once they fall, the color leaves the trees. But then again, they cover the yard much like dust covers fine furniture. Both serve to protect what lies beneath them.

We have had such a pretty fall season! The maples must know that they're in Laurel; some have been red while others have been gold, and the winds have blown them like tornadoes all over town. Are the skies bluer this time of year, or do they just seem so against the colors of the leaves?

If you haven't been out much, you really need to take a ride around.

Ours is such a pretty place this time of year. Not many of us have and use fireplaces any more. Most have been converted to gas or electric logs so that we don't have to cut and haul in wood, but once in a

while you'll see smoke rising from a chimney. The sight of that just makes me think of home and how we love being there. I do miss the open fire, myself, but Kenny didn't miss the effort spent in bringing in the wood.

He said that fire wood heated a fellow twice: once when he cut it and again when he burned it.

He converted our heat to gas years ago, but the artificial logs do look and feel so real. Once when I had a group of kids in D.C. and at Arlington Cemetery, I took a walk alone through Georgetown. It was a cold, windy morning in the late fall, and the leaves were blowing all around me. I remember

stopping at the window of a little coffee house and buying two cups of brew. One I enjoyed as I walked along admiring the colorful row houses of a neighborhood, and the other I handed to an old man sitting on the ground not far from the little shop. I can still hear Kenny's scolding me for having gone there alone, but no one else had cared to go, and I've always thought that going alone bets not going at all.

And then there's the cardinal, who seems even redder this time of year. Maybe that's because so much around him is brown now. I'll have to say that he's my favorite bird.

I heard it said that the cardinal embodies the spirit of a lost loved one returning to comfort the grieving, but I know that's not really so. However, I will give him credit for being one of God's most beautiful creatures, and his appearance is most welcome.

I was told once that if I

sprinkled sunflower seeds on the lawn, the cardinals would come. I tried it, and to my delight, it worked! They did come for the seeds and filled my yard with bright dots of red in and among the fallen leaves. I need to do that again!

The leaves are still falling right outside my window here, and I could sit for a while longer and watch them drift, but, like Robert Frost, I've miles to go in this new morning. There are things I ought to be doing too. So, I think I'll go dig out my Christmas dishes. You know, the ones with the cardinals on them?

And I'll set the table as if you were coming for lunch. I wish you would, but until you get here, I bring the mug with the red bird on it back to the window here and watch to see if the seeds will work again. Happy fall, Ya'll!

Did You Know . . . Fats

Fat has a bad reputation. Many people hear the words "fat" or "fats" and immediately think the worst. Fats go by many names, including lipids, fatty acids, vegetable fats, animal fats, and oils. While some fats can be harmful when consumed in excess, many fats are actually helpful to the body. Educating oneself about the different types of fats can make for a more well-rounded diet.

· Saturated fats: These are solid at room temperature and tend to come from animal products and processed foods. A large intake of saturated fats can increase a person's risk for cardiovascular disease and stroke.

· Monounsaturated fats: This "healthy" fat may lower LDL cholesterol and keep HDL cholesterol at higher levels when saturated fats are held in check.

· Polyunsaturated fats: These fats also are considered good for cardiovascular health and are commonly known as the omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids that are found in certain seeds, fatty fish and nuts.

· Trans fats: Trans fats are synthetically manufactured by adding hydrogen to liquid vegetable oils to make them more solid.

They are not good for a person's health, but they have been widely used in the past because they tend to be stable and inexpensive and can improve shelf life of processed products.

It is important to distinguish between helpful and harmful fats so a body gets the healthy fuel it needs.

Eight best things to buy in January and February

Oh the weather outside is frightful. Rather than succumb to cabin fever, people can use the winter months as the perfect time to visit area stores and score a few deals.

Savvy shoppers understand that key items go on sale at specific points throughout the year. Learning how to shop the sales can lead to considerable savings.

<u>December</u>

1. Toys: Toys are perhaps the best items to purchase in December. Apart from Christmas gifts, it is a good time of year to stock up on toys children have coveted, which can be put away for birthday presents or other occasions. Retailers tend to lower toy prices as Christmas approaches.

2. Holiday decor: Decorative holiday items also tend to be heavily discounted in December. Stores slash prices on ornaments, gift wrap, artificial

trees, holiday-themed baking items, and much, much more. If it has a passing connection to the holidays, chances are stores will cut prices by 50 percent or more once Christmas is over.

3. Televisions: It's possible to find discounted TVs even after the Black Friday sales have come and gone. Keep eyes trained on the circulars and jump when sales are advertised, as inventory may be limited.

4: Bubbly: Competition in the market will help drive down the cost of champagne and other sparkling wines. According to the wine resource Guild-Somm, 22 percent of all champagne sales are run during the month of December.

JANUARY

5. Winter apparel: As the winter progresses, the amount of clothing stock in stores starts



Savvy shoppers understand that key items, like nice coats, go on sale at specific points throughout the year. Learning how to shop the sales can lead to considerable savings.

to dwindle to free up room for a new season's worth of attire. Starting in late December and continuing into the latter half of January, retailers are eager to liquidate their stock of scarves, sweaters, boots, and winter coats. This is a prime time to replenish wardrobes.

6. Linens: "White sales" are traditionally in January, with home goods retailers running discounts all month long. These sales generally encompass towels, bed sheets, curtains, and other linens.

7. Fitness items: January is the ideal time to purchase a new gym membership or fitness equipment since these purchases tie into New Year's resolutions to get fit. Gyms may waive extra fees or offer discounted rates.

8. Travel and entertainment: Most people return home after the holidays, and that can generate a slow travel season afterward. The travel industry attracts new customers with discounted hotel rates and other deals. Tickets to Broadway shows and other theaters also may be discounted to encourage people to leave the house.

December and January are great times to grab steep deals on an array of products.

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Ellisville Florist & Gifts celebrated their ribbon cutting on Tuesday, November 27. The ribbon-cutting was sponsored by the Jones County Chamber of Commerce. The new owners are Deidra and David Dean, and they invite everyone to come by and browse through the store. The store is located in Ellisville at 103 W. Ivy Street.



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Stay mentally fresh during the workday

Energy levels tend to ebb and flow throughout a typical workday. A cup of coffee may provide some caffeine-infused spark in the morning, survey, the American Psychological Association found that 58 percent of Americans say work is a significant source of stress. Staying mentally fresh

FOODS AND BEVERAGES THAT ARE HIGH IN SUGAR MAY PROVIDE AN IMMEDIATE ENERGY BOOST, BUT THAT SPIKE IS ALMOST INSTANTLY FOLLOWED BY A CRASH.

but a big lunch can squash energy later in the afternoon.

Waning mental sharpness as the workday progresses can compromise productivity, making it more difficult for workers to complete projects on time. That, in turn, can contribute to stress. In fact, in its "2017 Stress in America" during a workday can pay a host of benefits, and the following are just a few ways to maintain mental focus until quitting time.

• Exercise regularly: The physical benefits of routine exercise are well documented. But even the most ardent fitness enthusiasts may not realize just how big an impact physical activity is having on their brains. The Harvard Medical School notes that exercise stimulates regions of the brain that release a chemical called brain-derived neurotrophic factor, or BDNF, which rewires memory circuits so they can function better. A stronger memory can help workers recall project details and deadlines more easily, even as the workday draws to a close.

• Avoid the "quick fix": Relying on a beverage or snack to provide a quick mental boost may end up compromising your mental sharpness. Foods and beverages that are high



Staying mentally fresh during a workday can pay a host of benefits, and the following are just a few ways to maintain mental focus until quitting time.

Mississippi Miss Hospitality Competition opens at-large contestant applications

The Mississippi Miss Hospitality competition officially opened at-large contestant applications on Dec. 7. At-large contestants are permitted from Mississippi communities that do not currently have a local director. This year the competition will be held in Hattiesburg,

MS, July 26-27, 2019.

sity scholarships.

Now in its 70th year, the

Mississippi Miss Hospitality

program brings together the

best and brightest young wom-

en from across Mississippi to

annually compete for the state

title and provides more than

\$100,000 in college and univer-

One young woman is select-

ed to serve as the state's good-

will ambassador for economic development and tourism for

a full year. Once crowned, the winner will travel the state and

nation to promote Mississippi

through ribbon cuttings, spe-

cial events, organized appear-

ments.

g Miss Hospitality

BURG, said.

"Last year, we introduced the at-large contestant program for the first time, and we are thrilled to offer it again to encourage all 82 counties to be represented at the state level. The winner of Mississippi's Miss Hospitality serves as the spokesperson

for the state, but all local con-

testants also represent their

hometown areas throughout

the year. In addition to earning

scholarships, this is a great pub-

lic service opportunity for Mis-

sissippi's young women while

gaining life skills they will keep

with them throughout their

careers," Marlo Dorsey, execu-

tive director of VisitHATTIES-

To be eligible, a Mississippi

Miss Hospitality applicant must

be a young woman between the

ages of 18 and 24, a resident of

Mississippi, a high school grad-

uate and have a 2.5 or higher

scholastic average.

resent her hometown, not the community where she attends college.

Women interested in competing as an at-large participant must submit an application to the State Office by March 18, 2019.

The 2019 competition guide, contestant requirements, local directors list, and application can be found at MissHospitality.com. A panel will select contestants from the at-large candidate pool based upon a published scoring criterion.

"The Miss Hospitality competition has continually grown since its founding in 1949. We are proud of its direction and look forward to meeting this year's contestants. We believe the contacts, friendships, and skills contestants gain during competition week lay a foundation for success as they return home and continue their education," Kristen Brock, Programs and Promotions Manager for VisitHATTIESBURG, said.

This year's Mississippi Miss Hospitality competition will be held at the Historic Saenger Theater in Downtown Hattiesburg on July 26 and 27, 2019. Ticket sales will be announced on the program's Facebook page and website in late spring.



mediate energy boost, but that spike is almost instantly followed by a crash that can adversely affect your mental sharpness. Stick to healthy snacks, such as fruits and vegetables, and avoid late afternoon cups of coffee, which studies have shown make it harder to fall asleep at night, thereby compromising your

in sugar may provide an im-

energy levels the next day. • Take a walk outdoors: Spending some time outdoors during a lunch break, or even a quick, post-lunch stroll around the office grounds, can provide a break for the brain. That break can help the brain refocus, improving productivity as a result. One great way to get outdoors during busy workdays is to

conduct meetings outside when the weather permits. This gives everyone a chance to recharge their brains in the great outdoors, and few people would prefer a dusty conference room to a nearby park or picnic area outdoors.

Various strategies can help working professionals maintain their mental sharpness throughout the workday.

EARLY DEADLINES

Due to the holiday schedule and our distribution through the USPS, please note the following:

Ad Reservations for the <u>December 26 edition</u> of the Laurel Impact should be made before noon on Wednesday, December 19.

Ad Reservations for the <u>January 2 edition</u> of the Laurel Impact should be made before noon on Wednesday, December 26.

The Laurel IMPACT will be closed Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. Call 601-649-1129 if you have any questions about our holiday schedule.



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Merry Christmas

and a prosperous

New Year in 2019!

Community Events

The Community Events section is a schedule of activities for <u>non-profit groups</u> only – such as schools, churches and other not-for-profit organizations or family events.

Send your events to: Admin@ laurelimpact.com.

December 12

The Jones County Republican Women will hold their annual Christmas lunch meeting on Wednesday, December 12 at noon at The Gables Event Center, 1919 Bush Dairy Road, Laurel. Special Christmas music will be provided by Kathy Lee. The event is open to guests and the press. The Jones County Republican Women meet the second Wednesday of each month. The club is open to women members and men as associate members. For more information contact, (601) 422-7575 or jcrw.laurel@gmail.com.

December 13

Pub Theology will be held on Thursday, December 13 at Lee's Coffee and Tea starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Hatten Water Association hereby announces solicitation for five (5) dedicated, competent, hard-working and motivated individuals (male & female) to serve as our association's Board of Directors (non-compensated position).

The meeting for the selection/election of Board members is scheduled for Monday night, January 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Old Palestine MB Church Family Life Center, Hebron. Persons interested in selection/election to the Board are asked to submit their name, address, phone number, and a brief statement about how they will work to improve the Association to the Hatten Office not later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13. Your doing so will allow ample time for the staff to prepare paper ballots and be fully prepared for the January 7, 2019, meeting.

December 15

Friendship Baptist Church, 116 Custom Avenue in Laurel, invites you to our program, "The Birth of Christ," on December 15 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Christian Services will host "Birthday Party for Jesus" on Saturday, December 15 at 12:00 pm. This event is free and open to the public. There will be gifts, gift certificates, and refreshments for children age 0-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Maximum of 4 children per adult. Please arrive early as space is limited. For more information call 601-

raised in the state of Alabama,

but she along with her fami-

ly have recently planted their

roots in the Jones County town

of Ellisville.

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December 16

On Sunday evening, December 16, Oriental Chapter #37 and the Masonic families will be celebrating their 41st Annual Christmas program at William Chapel United Methodist Church (1345 Highway, Vossburg, Mississippi) at 3:00 p.m. Elder A. L. Johnson and members invite the public to attend. Rev. Jaymar Jackson of Laurel and choir will be our guests. Everyone, please come out and let's celebrate Christmas.

The Community Center MB Church cordially invites you to our church anniversary on December 16 at 2:00 p.m. The speaker for the occasion will be Elder Jimmy Griffin, Sr., pastor of New Life Church, Montrose.

First Trinity Presbyterian Church of Laurel's Chancel Choir will present our annual Lessons and Carols service on December 16 at 6:00 p.m. This years' service will include choral works by Francois Poulenc, Leo Sowerby, Paul Manz and Mack Wilberg. This is always a wonderful evening of sacred music, and we would love to see you there! Childcare will be provided. We will also have a family friendly Christmas Eve service at 5:00 p.m. December 24.

The holiday season is upon us and is a good time to remind your children to wear helmets

DECEMBER 19

your children to wear helmets when riding bikes, scooters, hover boards and other similar items. If you don't already have a helmet, the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services is here to help you (and Santa) by hosting a helmet giveaway on Wednesday, December 19 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at its Laurel office located at 732 North 15th Avenue. Parents bring your children (ages 3-12) and have them fitted by specialists with the MDRS Office of Special Disability Programs, Traumatic Brain Injury/ Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund. The helmets are free, courtesy the TBI/SCI Trust Fund, which pays for the helmets with money generated from a portion of moving violations and DUI tickets in the state. The event will offer "curb-side" service so parents won't even have to unbuckle their children or leave their vehicle.

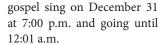
December 21

The Nobles Foundation, in partnership with the Laurel-Jones County Library, announces their first annual Hometown Heroes Holiday Toy Drive in Jones County. The toy drive was originally started in New York by Foundation President Jules Nobles. There is a drop-off box in the lobby of the library located at 530 Commerce Street, Laurel. All toy donations will be given to local children in need. The Laurel Holiday Toy Giveaway will be held on December 21 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information please call Michelle Jones at 601-428-4313, ext. 106, or email at m.jones@laurel.lib. ms.us. Please help us make this year's first annual event a success and let our Jones County love shine for those less fortunate this Holiday Season!

Join the YWCO for the "Magic of Downtown" on Friday, December 21 from 5-9 p.m. We will be hosting Christmas cookie decorating with Ms. Claus. This is a free event, but donations will be accepted.

DECEMBER 31

Glade Baptist Church, located on Hwy. 15 south of Laurel, will have a New Year's Eve

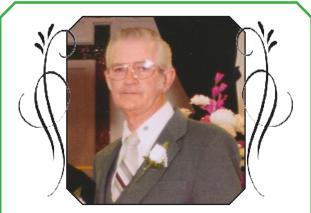


The featured Groups will be The Magnolia Boys Quartet of Laurel and Calm Assurance of Columbia.

<u>Miscellaneous</u>

Te Invito A Mi Iglesia to Iglesia El Faro, 544 East Street, Laurel, MS. Servicios, Sabados: 6:00 p.m., Domingos: 10:00 a.m. Pastores Rafael Y Cecilia Anderson. 601-335-1453.

Al-Anon meetings are held each Monday night at 7:00 at the 24-hour Society Club House at 626 N. Magnolia Street (corner of 7th St.). Al-Anon is for families and friends for those who have addiction problems. Al-Anon hotline is 601-426-4688.



MARION GUICE YEAGER, SR. Nov 30, 1939 ~ Sept 22, 2006

I woke this morning and you are celebrating your birthday in Heaven again. This is your 12th year to do that, and I just wonder what you would look like at 79. You always aged better than me. We know how wonderful it is up there, but we sure do miss you. In our hearts and prayers we are wishing you a happy birthday. I know how much God has blessed us, but I miss you so much. All the children miss you so much too.

Happy Birthday!

Love Always, Jenny, Ruby, Hylma, Georgia, Christine, Gilmore, Janice, & all the grand and great grand kids.



Ellisville author A.D. Whittington publishes first book

By Katie Grice

"Do not live in fear, spread your wings" - A.D. Whittington.

Whittington was born and



She's a mother of five: three biological sons and two adoptive daughters. She's happily married to Alton Carr, her beloved husband who has faced health related trials. Alton suffered a stroke at the young age of 31, and it completely changed his entire way of life. Since then, Whittington has been the primary caregiver to him.

Whittington originally started to write her novel, "Ebony's Legacy: Keeping the Legacy Alive," as a teenager. Her original inspiration for the story came from personal experiences of first love.

As time passed, and life happened, Whittington carried on but always had the dream of writing and publishing her novel. Whittington stated "The story line was always in my daily thoughts, it was always in my head."

She joyfully stated that it

in the series. In it Whittington takes readers to the Deep South to a day and time when it was unheard of for women to be strong and men to be sensitive.

Faith Edwards, a primary character, is a strong young woman from a prominent Southern family. Faith feels pressured to wed from her family members.

However, she is confident in the fact that she can take care of herself. She's open to marriage for love not for necessity.

One day, by chance, Faith crossed paths with a man named Vayne Laffiete. Vayne was a man with secrets and character. He's a pirate who spent his time helping the less fortunate.

Faith thought she was searching for independence, but when she met Vayne she quickly discovered that he was the man that had the ability to teach her more about life. She

A.D Whittington Along with her aunt, Patty Whittington December 1, 2018, Whittington at her book signing at JITTERS in Laurel , Mississippi.

took only three months to write the book from start to finish, including the title of her novel. She stated it was simply divine intervention . . . the words simply came to her.

It took her 20 years to gain the courage to publish, but she knows in her heart the timing was right. She simply lived her life with thanksgiving and in return she gained a clearer, more mature perspective.

"Ebony's Legacy: Keeping The Legacy Alive" is book one was simply smitten by his mysterious manner and wanted to know and learn more – even if it killed her!

At a recent book signing at Jitters Coffee House in Laurel, Whittington was beaming with excitement to announce that she is currently writing book two of the series. "Ebony's Legacy: Keeping the Legacy Alive" is available in hard copy (\$7.00) or as an e-book version (\$2.99) on Amazon.

Named Ollie

Long hair, mostly white with blackish markings on his ears, tail and right side of body. Left side of his body is all white. Indoor cat and will be frightened. Lost at Wal-Mart on Hwy. 15 N. on 5/21/18.



Sideline View: former Ole Miss Coach Freeze to Liberty; MS/AL All-Star game set for Monday

Bv Dale McKee

Hugh Freeze is back coaching college football. The former Ole Miss head football coach was hired last Friday to coach the Liberty University Flames of Lynchburg, Virgin-

The school was founded by the late Jerry Falwell Sr. in 1971. Freeze had spent the early part of last week talking with Auburn, Florida State and Tennessee about their offensive coordinator positions. Freeze's first public appearance following his resignation from Ole Miss came at Liberty in January of this year when he and his wife, Jill, were the guest speakers at the convocation services of the Christian faith school.

At that time he apologized for his personal misconduct. The Flames are scheduled to play Ole Miss on November 13, 2021.

OU QB WINS HEISMAN

The Heisman Trophy that is given to the best college football player in the country went to Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray. It is the second straight year that an Oklahoma quarterback has won the prized trophy. Murray beat out Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovaila and Ohio State's Dewayne Haskins. Washington State quarterback and Brandon native Gardner Minshew finished fourth in the balloting. Memphis running back Darrell Henderson, who played at South Panola High School, finished tenth in the vote.

ARMY VS. NAVY

The 119th Army-Navy football game was a joy to watch this past Saturday from the pre-game to the post-game. From the opening prayer to the respect shown at the end of the game, there was nothing but class. Army won the football game, 17-10, as their head coach Jeff Monken led them to their third straight win in the series. Jeff is the brother of former USM football coach Todd Monken. This game is the only game where every player on each team is willing to sacrifice everything, put his life on the line and die for everyone watching.

Army, ranked #22 going into the game, finished their season at 10-2. They had their highest ranking since 1996.

College Basketball

Mississippi State cagers are off and running. The Lady Bulldogs were sixth in the country and won over No. 18 Marquette this week. MSU (9-0) has the third longest home winning streak in the nation at 26. They are off on a three game road trip that begins Friday at 6 p.m. against USM in Hattiesburg. They then head to Oregon and Washington before entering SEC play.

The No. 22 Bulldogs (8-1) put on a show hitting a team record 19 three-pointers in whipping Clemson Saturday. The Bulldogs host Cincinnati Saturday.

The Ole Miss Rebels (6-2) are coming off a Saturday night road win against Illinois State. The Rebel cagers under their new head coach Kermit Davis are leading the SEC in free throw shooting percentage. Ole Miss will host the Jay Ladner Southeastern Louisiana Lions on Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Mississippi Coliseum. It is the Rebels' fist visit in eleven years to the Coliseum.

Odds & Ends

The Bernard Blackwell All-Star North/South high school football game ended in a 0-0 tie Saturday in the rain and

mud of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The 32nd annual Mississippi/Alabama High School All-Star game will be played in Montgomery on Monday, December 17. The game is slated for a 6:30 p.m. kickoff and will be televised by the Raycom network.

Ole Miss has hired former Colorado head coach Mike MacIntyre as their new defensive coordinator.

The New Orleans Saints Mitchell to interim Athletclinched the NFC South title with a 28-14 comeback win over Tampa Bay Sunday. The Saints (11-2) will host a home playoff game.

USM has promoted Jeff

ic Director. Former AD Jon Gilbert was named Athletic Director at East Carolina University.

Contact Dale at ddmckee18@yahoo.com



Above: Jordan Clark of South Jones drives against NEJ Lady Tigers' defenders Autym Brashier (2) and Amya Stevens (24). The first 14 points Friday night in The Jungle belonged to South Jones. The early lead and good start defensively proved critical later in the contest as the Lady Braves weathered a late comeback attempt by Northeast Jones to stay perfect on the season. South Jones girls improved to 10-0 with a 53-45 win over its county rivals. Photo/James Pugh. See full game story at www.Sports601.com.

Red Devils over Mize from P. 1

the tournament was held to 14 points - his lowest numbers of the tournament. Jennings said the plan defensively for Stringer was to do precisely that.

"Our defensive mentality [coming into the game] was to slow him (Reeves) down," said Jennings. "We knew he makes them go and keeps them in games with the way he shoots the basketball. Our guys brought into the plan and were sure to slow him down."

Stringer outscored Mize in every period Saturday night, especially in the first period.

The Red Devils 27-14 lead after the first period led the way to their seventh win of the

season

MOVING FORWARD

Stringer begins Region 7-1A play in January. There are six games left on the schedule until then according to Maxpreps.com.

"I thought our press looked good," said Jennings. "That was something I wanted to do more of this year. We're playing a lot of players, and our tempo offense is providing a lot of open shots. Teams like Mize will be comparable to Piney Woods and Leake County.

"We still have to do some little things right, but tonight was a great game for us."

College football bowl season kicks off December 15

By Kevin Williamson

We concluded our high school football picks a few weeks back, so today we turn our attention to the college bowl season. After the high school season was finished, this season's five IMPACT prognosticators were ranked in this order (overall prediction record):

1) Dale McKee: 130-33. 2) James Pugh: 127-36.

some good college football games on tap for December and early January. We hope you enjoy all of them as much as you enjoyed the Pine Belt high school football season. Here are the games:

Dec. 15 - Las Vegas Bowl

(No. 21 Fresno St. vs. Arizona St): Buzz - Arizona St.

Dec. 27 - Pinstripe Bowl

(Miami FL vs. Wisconsin): Buzz - Wisconsin Brian - Miami, FL Dale - Wisconsin James - Miami, FL Kevin - Wisconsin

Dec. 27 - Texas Bowl

(Baylor vs. Vanderbilt): Buzz - Baylor Brian - Vanderbilt Dale - Vanderbilt James - Vanderbilt Kevin - Vanderbilt

(Florida vs. Michigan): Buzz - Michigan Brian - Michigan Dale - Michigan James - Michigan Kevin - Florida

Dec. 29 - Belk Bowl

(Virginia vs. S. Carolina): Buzz - S. Carolina Brian - S. Carolina Dale - S. Carolina

Brian - Cincinnati Dale - Cincinnati Iames - Cincinnati Kevin - Cincinnati

Dec. 31 - Sun Bowl (Stanford vs. Pittsburgh): Buzz - Stanford Brian - Pitt Dale - Stanford James - Stanford Kevin - Stanford

James - Texas A&M Kevin - Texas A&M

Jan. 1 - Outback Bowl (Iowa vs. Miss. State): Buzz - Miss. State Brian - Miss. State Dale - Miss. State James - Miss. State Kevin - Miss. State

Jan. 1 - Citrus Bowl (Kentucky vs. Penn St.): Buzz - Kentucky Brian - Penn State Dale - Penn State James - Penn State Kevin - Penn State

3) Buzz Jack: 122-41.

4) Brian Jack and I both currently stand at 118-45 on the year - and poised for a big comeback! We have 25 bowl games to predict, so a lot could change over the next several weeks, as far as the final standings for the prognosticators go. There is a lot riding on these last 25 picks, as the winner will take home the grand prize of . . well, being able to brag to the other four that he won!

Dale, who trailed in this "football picking" race early in the year, told me back in October that the weekly pressure of predicting these games would get to Buzz and James and that he would overtake them at the end. Well, it's kind of unfolded that way as Dale leads right now, although Buzz and James are close enough to overtake him with these bowl picks. If they don't, he may remind them of his pigskin picking prowess for the next decade.

All kidding aside, there are

Brian - Fresno St. Dale - Fresno St. James - Arizona St. Kevin - Arizona St.

Dec. 15 - New Orleans Bowl

(Appalachian St. vs. Middle Tennessee St): Buzz - Middle TN Brian - Appalachian St. Dale - Appalachian St. James - Middle TN

Kevin - Appalachian St.

Dec. 22 - Birmingham Bowl

(Wake Forest vs. Memphis): Buzz - Memphis Brian - Memphis Dale - Memphis James - Memphis Kevin - Memphis

Dec. 22 - Armed Forces Bowl

(Houston vs. Army): Buzz - Houston Brian - Houston Dale - Army James - Houston Kevin - Army

Dec. 28 - Music City Bowl

(Purdue vs. Auburn): Buzz - Auburn Brian - Auburn Dale - Auburn James - Auburn Kevin - Purdue

Dec. 28 - Camping World Bowl

(Syracuse vs. W. Virginia): Buzz - W. Virginia Brian - W. Virginia Dale - W. Virginia James - W. Virginia Kevin - W. Virginia

Dec. 22 - Alamo Bowl (Wash. St. vs. Iowa St.): Buzz - Wash. State Brian - Wash. State Dale - Wash. State James - Wash. State Kevin - Wash. State

Dec. 29 - Peach Bowl

James - S. Carolina Kevin - Virginia

Dec. 29 - Arizona Bowl (Arkansas St. vs. Nevada): Buzz - Arkansas St. Brian - Arkansas St. Dale - Nevada James - Nevada Kevin - Nevada

Dec. 29 - Cotton Bowl

(Notre Dame vs. Clemson): Buzz - Clemson Brian - Clemson Dale - Clemson James - Clemson Kevin - Notre Dame

Dec. 29 - Orange Bowl

(Oklahoma vs. Alabama): Buzz - Alabama Brian - Alabama Dale - Alabama James - Alabama Kevin - Oklahoma

Dec. 31 - Military Bowl (Va. Tech vs. Cincinnati): Buzz - Cincinnati

Dec. 31 - Redbox Bowl

(Oregon vs. Michigan St): Buzz - Oregon Brian - Michigan St. Dale - Oregon James - Oregon Kevin - Michigan St.

Dec. 31 - Liberty Bowl

(Missouri vs. Okla. State): Buzz - Missouri Brian - Oklahoma St. Dale - Missouri James - Oklahoma State Kevin - Oklahoma St.

Dec. 31 - Holiday Bowl

(Utah vs. Northwestern): Buzz - Utah Brian - Northwestern Dale - Northwestern James - Utah Kevin - Utah

Dec. 31 - Gator Bowl

(Texas A&M vs. NC State): Buzz - NC State Brian - Texas A&M Dale - Texas A&M

Jan. 1 - Fiesta Bowl (LSU vs. UCF):

Buzz - LSU Brian - UCF Dale - LSU James - LSU Kevin - UCF

Jan. 1 - Rose Bowl

(Ohio St. vs. Washington): Buzz - Washington Brian - Ohio St. Dale - Ohio St. James - Washington Kevin - Ohio St.

Jan. 1 - Sugar Bowl

(Texas vs. Georgia): Buzz - Georgia Brian - Georgia Dale - Georgia James - Georgia Kevin - Georgia.

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South Jones High School Marching Band Wins Bronze Medal at 5A MHSAA State Marching Championships

The South Jones High School Marching Band, War Path, recently competed in the 5A State Marching Championship. The championship was composed of the top thirteen qualifying bands throughout the state. All bands are judged in the areas of general effect, music performance, and visual performance. Special awards are also given for color guard and percussion. South Jones was awarded third place general effect, second place in music, second place in percussion, and overall bronze medal. The competition show was entitled "Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter, I". Soloists included: Jared Bush, Chloe Entrekin, Seth Estes, Miguel Gonzalez, Kragen Lewis, Madison Matthew, and Joseph Walker Pickering. Photo/submitted



Dylan Reeves drives toward the basket for Mize. Mize boys capped the night off with a 66-38 win over Clarkdale in Day 1 of their three-day basketball tournament. "I thought we shot the ball well, especially in the first half," said Mize head coach Kyle Magee. "But we didn't play defense as good as I'd like. We have to be more disciplined, cutting off driving lanes, and blocking out. But overall we played well. The most important thing is we responded. We talked a lot about defense at halftime." See more sports at www.



Emaleigh Welborn brings the ball up the court for the Mize Lady Bulldogs. Clarkdale opened the girls' hardwood contest with a two-point basket Thursday night inside Mize High School's gymnasium. Mize retaliated with a 6-0 run to take the lead they would never surrender en route to a 52-31 victory. Jadjaih Brown led Mize with 15 points. Jasmine Posey also finished in double digits with 13. Photo/James Pugh



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Mize basketball swept Clarkdale on the opening night of its JC Allen Basketball Tournament. The three-day tournament features 12 teams from six different high schools. The schools include Stringer, Raleigh, Mize, Clarkdale, Taylorsville and Enterprise Clarke. Above, Mize coach Kyle Magee gives instructions. Photo/James Pugh

Jones College receives EDA grant for robotic training

By Teresa McCreery

The Economic Development Authority of Jones County and PG Technologies, LLC in Ellisville have formed a partnership with Jones College to provide advanced technology training with robotics at the Whitehead Advanced Technology Center. Jones College has purchased two, 140 ABB Robotic Arms with controllers, teach pendants, grippers and transformers with PG Technologies' EDA Funding Support grant of more than \$62,500.

"Jones College is excited to partner with PG Technologies to offer training utilizing equipment purchased with an allocation from the EDA Funding Support. This equipment will be used to train PG Technologies' new and existing employees. Training will be managed by PG Technologies and Jones College," said Jennifer Griffith, Dean of the JC Workforce College.

PG Technologies employees have utilized Jones College's workforce training programs and are excited to be able to add another component with the purchase of this new equipment at Jones. Workforce Coordinator/ Financial Lead of Workforce College at JC, Greg Butler said the robotic equipment purchased will not be limited to

just PG Technologies employees. The Mechatronics Department of Jones College will utilize the robotic arms for training Jones students in the Electro-Mechanical and Mechatronics programs as well as provide training for companies through Jones' Workforce College training programs.

"This equipment will

give Jones College the ability to provide world-class training to the workforce in our area," said Butler.

The EDA of Jones County President, Ross Tucker said the EDA is excited to be able to provide advanced workforce training to boost economic growth in the region. "It is a wonderful partnership to have with Jones College and PG Technologies. This is an opportunity to offer high-tech training for current and future employees, with the possibility of attracting more business to the county," said Tucker.

PG Technologies combined the expertise of GE Aviation and Praxair in 2016 and chose to move into the GE plant in Ellisville. The combined efforts of the Economic Development Authority of Jones County, Mississippi Power, the city of Ellisville and Jones County joined the Mississippi Development Authority to offer incentives for PG Technologies to invest in Jones County, Mississippi. The Mississippi Development Authority provided assistance in support of the project for infrastructure and building improvements, relocation of equipment and workforce training. State and local officials pledged more than \$20 million in grants and tax breaks to attract the plant to the Magno-



Jones College's Electro-Mechanical instructor, Cody Robertson, helps PG Technologies team leader Dale Smith get familiar with the new ABB robotic arm recently purchased for high-tech training at the Advanced Technology Center. *Photo/Teresa McCreery*

lia State. The manufacturing joint venture provides the development, support and application of specialized coatings for GE components associated with nearly all of GE's aircraft engines. GE Aviation delivers jet engine parts from its locations throughout the U.S. to PG Technologies to undergo surface coating through various processes.

For more information about Jones College's Workforce College training contact the Whitehead Advanced Technology Center at 601-477-4114.





Danette Chancellor is a Physical Therapist at South Central Regional Medical Center.

"I feel honored to be able to help others. What I do can make a difference in somebody else's life. When you first get out of school, you have all the knowledge, but you do not have the life experience. I have been doing this for 30 years now. That is why I like the team at South Central. We can share and learn from each other. There is a personal connection, whether there is an older gentleman at the hospital and it reminds me of my dad, or somebody younger that I am working with and I connected with. They are all somebody's mother, somebody's sister, somebody's daughter. I want to give them back what they lost. I don't take this job for granted. This is where I was meant to be. This is who I am. I do feel very blessed to do what I do. It is my life. It is who I am. This career choice was not something I stumbled into. It is where God has placed me." Danette Chancellor, PT, CLT

"I feel honored to be able to help others."

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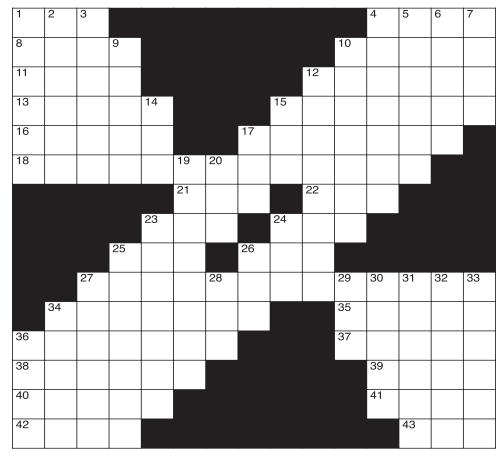
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 - affected sentiment 18. Diversion
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- 25. Makes honey
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- 27. Once home to a notorious wall
- 34. Gets back

I am a comic and actor born in Texas on December 13, 1967. I was a star quarterback in high school and I'm also proficient in piano. I gained recognition for my role on "In Living Color," and won an Oscar for portraying a music legend.

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Jones College is offering an 8-week welding class in Ellisville

Jones College's Workforce College is offering a welding day class at the Whitehead Advanced Technology Center in Ellisville in January. The course will meet Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., beginning Monday, January 22, 2019, through Friday, March 29, 2019.

This 8-week welding class will cover

(stick welding), steel prep and basic fabrication. A workforce certificate will be issued to successful students upon completion of the course. The cost of the class is \$350. Students are responsible for their own personal protective equipment. Financial assistance may be available to qualified students.

Bok Homa Casino to celebrate eight year anniversary

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Bok Homa Casino Turns Eight! Bok Homa will be celebrating its eight year anniversary on Thursday, December 20th with delicious cake and exciting giveaways! At 4pm, guests will enjoy anniversary cake and hors d'oeuvres and receive a free anniversary t-shirt while supplies last. Then at 6pm, guests can participate in the promotion, Santa's Bag of Prizes for a chance to win BonusBet, cash, and other great prizes!

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Homa first opened its Bok doors on December 20, 2010. The 27,000-square-foot facility offers over 700 slot machines with stunning graphand an all-American quick serve eatery appropriately named, Lucky's. Bok Homa Casino features sports betting and 12 table games, which includes Blackjack, Mississippi Stud, Three Card Poker, Craps, and Roulette. Also featured is the Event Center which is utilized to host property bingo tournaments and special events.

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Bok Homa Casino invites the general public to come out and celebrate on December 20th. Guests must be 21 years of age or older to attend. For more information on Bok Homa Casino, call 1.866.447.3275 or visit www.

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Shows, Desai chosen as HEADWAE recipients

By Teresa McCreery,

JCJC Media-Public Relations Director Two highly motivated and hard-working men in the science field were selected to represent Jones College as the Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence representatives. Science instructor Eric Shows of Ellisville and Jones College sophomore and pre-med/biology major from Hattiesburg, Shivum Desai, were selected to represent the college in Jackson during a special day of recognition. They will join 70 outstanding students and faculty members from 34 Mississippi public and private universities and community colleges in Jackson to receive special recognition from the Mississippi Legislature in February, at the 32nd annual HEADWAE luncheon as a reward for their excellence in education.

"I am honored to represent the college and also my division, as we have had several high caliber science faculty and student honorees for the program during my time at Jones. This year it is extra special because I get to share the honor with Shivum. I have served as Shivum's academic advisor and have seen him in action as a Phi Theta Kappa honor society officer, so the whole experience has an extra dimension of significance," said Shows.

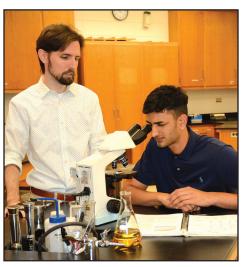
Additionally, this honor is also shared with Shows sister and mother. His sister, Natalie, was the HEADWAE student representative with their mother, Sandra, who retired from JC after teaching cosmetology for 29 years, represented the faculty HEADWAE representative in 2007.

"I'm sure this is probably a rarity to have family members chosen for this same honor but that also makes it extra special," said Eric Shows. "I am humbled to be selected also knowing I was nominated by a faculty member and because I know I have the support of my colleagues and the college ad-

ministration."

Shows has been the Science Division Department Chair for the last five years and has been teaching freshmen honors biology and microbiology courses for the past nine years at Jones College. The South Jones High School graduate was a dual-enrolled student at Jones in 2000, before his senior year of high school, taking general physics I and II and college algebra. He earned his Bachelors of Science degree from Mississippi State University and his master's degree in cell and developmental biology from Vanderbilt University. Shows has published several reports, abstracts and presentations with his colleagues including a report in Science magazine.

At Jones, Shows has been recognized as a finalist for the Faculty of the Year award in 2014, he was also selected to participate in the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy, and he serves the college as the Mississippi Space Grant coordinator for Jones College, the co-principal investigator for the National Science Foundations' Geo-SPARCC (Geosciences Streamlined Pipeline and Research for Community College's Grant), he is the Advisement coordinator for the Science department and a PTK advisor. "Eric is a valuable asset to the college. His student-centric focus embodies the very reasons why we are here. Whether it is in the classroom or an extracurricular activity, Eric is constantly challenging our students to be their best. He is an inspiration to us all!" said JC Dean of Academic Affairs Jason Dedwylder, Ph.D. Desai has aspirations of being a cardiologist. When the Oak Grove High School graduate is not working as the assistant manager at the Baskin Robbins in Hattiesburg, or in classes, Shivum is volunteering in Hattiesburg's hospitals, while also maintaining a 4.0 GPA. During spring break he



Jones College Science instructor, Eric Shows (left) and sophomore, biology/pre-med major, Shivum Desai (right) of Oak Grove were selected to represent Jones as HEADWAE representatives at a statewide ceremony honoring excellence in education. They are pictured in one of their favorite places, the science lab. *Photo/Teresa McCreery*

"job shadowed" at Forrest General Hospital and he routinely volunteers in the ICU at Merit Health Hospital. He is also the president of the International Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa at Jones. Recently, Desai was also chosen as one of three Jones student recipients as a New Century Scholars/All-State Academic Team member through Phi Theta Kappa.

"Serving students and those in the community is an accomplishment for me. But, if I can serve those that are in need, it then becomes an honor because of the impact it has on their lives," said Desai. "Being selected as the HEADWAE representative as a Jones student is a huge honor for me. I am thankful for those who believed in me and have been there to support my goals. I hope I can inspire others to do great things and excel in their future endeavors."

Dr. Dedwylder said Desai's self-less attitude is a rarity among college students. Volunteering in the hospital has made Desai more aware of others' needs. He enjoys spending time with these strangers in need, comforting them. I am very impressed because Desai is a full-time college student who works, volunteers and has a difficult and time-consuming field of study, yet freely gives of himself.

"Shivum is a remarkable student. There is no doubt he is committed to improving the quality of life of all around him. His journey to be a cardiologist will open doors for him to serve others and fulfill his purpose. He lives out our motto of 'Inspiring Greatness' every day," said Dedwylder.

Desai's future plans include graduating from Jones in May and earning his degree in biological sciences at the University of Mississippi, attend medical school and complete his residency in cardiology or internal medicine. His parents are Sanjay and Karuna Desai, who moved to Hattiesburg from London, England a couple of years ago.





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Supplemental feeding linked to disease, could cost Mississippi's hunting industry millions

This fall, the state Wildlife Commission cast what could be a lethal blow for wildlife and deer hunters in Mississippi. Until October 2018, hunters had to be at least 100 yards from a supplemental feeding station before a deer could be harvested. Effective October 11th, the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks removed any distance requirements, meaning a hunter can legally hunt and harvest deer within 100 yards of a feeder. This is not consistent with Mississippi's hunting legacy of fair chase and could cost our state millions of dollars.

With the discovery of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in Pontotoc and Issaquena Counties, and the frequency that CWD is now being discovered in Mississippi, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation is strongly urging the Wildlife Commission to impose a statewide ban on supplemental feeding of white-tailed deer and other wildlife.

The Wildlife Commission's decision to allow hunting over supplemental feed, or more appropriately put "shooting-overbait," for white-tailed deer is not in the best interest of the health of Mississippi's deer herd, the ethical sport of deer hunting, and the Mississippi citizens who all share in ownership of Mississippi's wildlife.

The risks of disease transmission directly from bait is welldocumented. Research indicates that CWD is transmitted through bodily fluids, but most prominently saliva. It is ironic that once CWD was detected in areas of our state, the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks banned supplemental feeding and attractants within the counties bordering the 25-mile containment zones, while within this same year the Wildlife Commission also approved hunting directly over supplemental feed in areas of the state that have not discovered CWD yet.

Economic impacts of hunting in Mississippi are estimated to exceed \$2.7 billion annually, and how we respond now will strongly affect the well-being of the herd and simultaneously the outdoor industry for Mississippi. Deer processors are reporting that business is already on the decline this year throughout the state. Hunters are concerned, and we will lose participation in the sport if we do not immediately implement best management practices to control CWD and other diseases.

Implementing regulations that allow the use of supplemental feed to attract and congregate game animals immediately after the discovery of CWD in Mississippi is contradictory to the efforts of our state's wildlife professionals to control disease and manage wildlife. Mississippi sportsmen and wildlife enthusiasts must take a firm stance against supplemental feeding and hunting game over bait.

For decades, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation, along with numerous other conservation organizations, have been on record opposing efforts to allow hunting over bait, and the Federation has worked for decades to prevent this unsportsmanlike style of hunting in Mississippi.

The Mississippi Wildlife Federation's mission is to "conserve Mississippi's natural resources and protect our wildlife legacy." Baiting is contrary to the spirit of fair chase; and given that we now know that CWD is in our state, this practice jeopardizes the very foundation of our hunting tradition in Mississippi. The survival of our hunting industry depends upon how the Wildlife Commission chooses to act now. We implore the Commission to share the Federation's commitment to responsible deer herd management for our state, today and for future generations of Mississippians.

The Mississippi Wildlife Federation (MWF) is the largest network of conservationists in the state. MWF is a federation of individuals, businesses, and member organizations. MWF and its members are committed to natural resource conservation, to environmental quality, and to supporting hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreation that brings people together with Mississippi's natural heritage. To join, support or get more information go to: www.mswildlife.org or call (601) 605-1790.

Holiday entertainment with friends and family of all ages



(Family Features) Holiday entertaining is no small chore. From feeding the masses to keeping everyone happy and engaged, it can be a big job playing host during the holidays.

From time-saving meal options to ideas that encourage everybody to take part in the festivities, consider these tips to help make it easy to keep guests of all ages entertained:

Simply catch up. Once the whole crew gets together, make a game out of giving everyone the chance to catch up. Put topics in a hat and draw to determine which category you'll hear about, such as "favorite vacation this year" or "the latest on the grandkids." Go around the room and give each guest a turn to share.

Go out for a change. Rather than trying to cook at home, save time by finding a restaurant or take-out option that suits everyone's tastes. Keep pricing in mind, as a large group can rack up



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quite the bill if you don't plan ahead. Several restaurants offer special deals, such as the 10 percent discount available at select eateries for AARP members. From Italian to seafood, finding the right spot for a bite to eat with grandkids or longtime friends can be a breeze.

Catch the newest release. When you feel like getting out of the house, heading to a movie theater can provide a chance to

relax, especially for family members who have traveled long distances to join the group. Remakes of classic favorites and holiday blockbusters can put a smile on just about anyone's face. Additionally, some theaters offer discounts for ordering tickets online ahead of time.

Deck the halls. Adding a touch of festive flair can make guests feel welcome and ready to celebrate the occasion. But you don't have to spend hours dragging out boxes of decorations to get your home holiday-ready. Colorful flower arrangements can add instant seasonal character and cheer to a room. Some floral services make it easy and affordable to have those bouquets delivered straight to your door, so all you have to do is find the perfect spot to showcase the pretty blooms.

Head to the mall. Shopping is another option for those looking to leave cramped quarters behind, and finding last-minute holiday deals could appeal to the procrastination-inclined gift givers. Take advantage of stores offering special deals or discounts with your AARP membership.

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Stress-free holiday entertaining tips

(Family Features) The holiday season is meant for spending quality time with friends and family, not stressing out over hosting. With some simple tips, you can cut down on hectic preparations while creating a memorable holiday full of food and fun guests can savor.

Consider these suggestions from the entertaining experts at Real California Milk:

Plan Ahead

Heading into your seasonal soiree with a plan in place can help avoid snafus. Make a shopping list of ingredients and decorations. Then put together a schedule a few days prior to the event to cover lastminute preparations.

Elevate Holiday Classics

Elevating classic appetizers is a simple way to savor the season. A trend on the rise, the Grazing Table starts with the table as the canvas, adds elements of the traditional cheese board then takes it to the next level with an arrangement of appetizers or brunch dishes and seasonal decor. Another way to lift your holiday spread is using high-quality, authentic ingredients like Real California Milk cheeses, made with milk from California dairy farm families, which are key ingredients in this Sweet Citrus and Spice Cheese Board.

Prepare Dishes and Decorations in Advance

Preparing for guests can be one of the most time-consuming aspects of hosting. Decorating at least a day ahead and setting the table the night before, for example, can help minimize stress. Welcome guests with holiday cheer and trendy decor like a



virtual yule log made of melting cheese, complete with holiday music.

For more holiday inspiration and recipes like antipasto skewers and yogurtpesto dip, queso fundido and cheese logs and bundts, visit realcaliforniamilk.com/ recipes.

Grazing Table

- Toma cheese, sliced
- natural almonds
- prosciutto
- salami
- Real California aged cheddar, sliced
- Real California burrata cheese
- olive oil
- herbs
- blue cheese
- Real California braided marinated string cheese
 - dry salami, sliced
 - premade antipasto skewers
 - yogurt pesto dipping sauce
 - Real California aged Gouda

- brie cheese
- Real California cheese log
- Real California cheese bundts
- dry jack cheese
- sweet red piquante peppers
- green California olives
- premade Real California queso fundido
 - breadsticks
 - tortilla chips
 - dark chocolate sea salt caramels
 - · dried citrus, such as oranges and lem-
- ons
- artisan bread, sliced

On large board, plate or tray, arrange sliced toma cheese, almonds, prosciutto, salami and aged cheddar. In center, place burrata cheese and top with olive oil and herbs.

On separate small plate, place blue cheese; crumble.

On medium board, arrange braided string cheese and dry salami slices.

On serving platter, arrange antipasto skewers around bowl of yogurt pesto dipping sauce.

On separate small cheese board, place Gouda, brie cheese and cheese log.

On slate, arrange cheese bundts. On separate plate, place dry jack cheese.

In separate bowls, place piquante peppers and green olives.

Arrange boards, plates, bowls and skillet of queso fundido on table, as desired.

Fill blank spaces on table with breadsticks, tortilla chips, dark chocolate sea salt caramels, dried oranges, dried lemons and bread slices. Add floral arrangements and holiday decor for finishing touches. Complete table with cheese knives and spreaders.

Sweet Citrus and Spice Cheese Board

- Real California brie cheese
- black olives
- green olives
- · dried oranges, sliced

 Real California pepper jack cheese, sliced

- almonds
- raspberries
- blackberries
- Real California burrata cheese
- honey, for garnish
- fresh herbs, for garnish

To assemble cheese board: On large board, plate or tray, arrange brie cheese, olives, dried orange slices, sliced pepper jack cheese and almonds.

On smaller board, arrange raspberries and blackberries around burrata cheese placed in center of board. Garnish cheese with honey and fresh herbs. Place smaller board into empty space on larger board.



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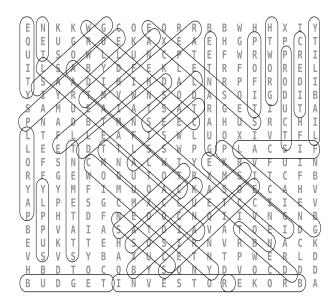
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