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Live Like Logan



Logan Lee is the 12 year old son of John and Donna Lee. In 2014, Logan was diagnosed with a childhood cancer called ATRT. If you know Logan, you know he is definitely a fighter. After a series of treatments, Logan found himself in remission...Logan1 Cancer 0. However, recently a large tumor was found on the left side of Logan's brain, which was later confirmed to be ATRT. Cue Logan the Fighter...Logan underwent surgery like a champ! The surgeon felt like he got most, if not all, of the tumor and Logan is recovering well. Logan 2 Cancer 0. An MRI is scheduled in December and a treatment plan will be determined then.

While Logan has been recovering, he has started his own YouTube Channel. It is called KoolKing Logan. When I first heard about it, I HAD to check it out! I was amazed! He had just over 7800 subscribers. Today when I spoke to Logan he said he had just over 110,000...yes, you read that right...110,000 subscribers!!! Since he has reached 100,000 subscribers, he will receive a Play Button. That is super KOOL! Lo-

gan uploads gaming videos and videos where he just talks to us. When asked which he likes best, he said he loves doing them both. "I like showing the gaming videos because I can teach others what I know. I also like talking to everyone too, so I do the other videos".

Logan's mom has a Facebook page called Team Logan Lee that she updates often about Logan and how he is doing. Please be sure to like the page so you can share this journey with Logan and his family. I believe Logan can teach us a whole lot about bravery and determination.

Many people have asked about sending cards and goodies to Logan. He now has a post office box that these things can be mailed to. It is P.O. Box 11505, Danville, VA 24543. If you will, please keep Logan and his family in your prayers. Also The Martin News will be covering him weekly for at least the remaining of 2020. This will allow us to update on Logan every week and an update on his YouTube Channel.

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As I have already mentioned, I LOVE this time of year! It is so much fun to go see Christmas lights and enjoy time with family. The lights this time of year are beautiful and breath taking. This picture is one provided by Callaway Gardens. If you have never been to see the lights there, you should make a plan to do so. You can ride through in your own vehicle or ride the trolley if they are allowing so during COVID-19. There are so many other things that you can do there as well and you can even do a little Christmas shopping in the gift shop. While you are looking at the lights, you will see them all. They have the twelve days of Christmas. My favorite was the lights that were in motion. So instead of me telling you the rest, go ahead and plan a family trip to Callaway Gardens and enjoy the Christmas Lights. The light show opened November 20th. There is limited capacity so please be sure to buy tickets in advance. Merry Christmas from Callaway Gardens. Be sure to send us pictures if you make the trip! We would love to share them with all The Martin News viewers.

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Wash Your Hands... It's the Thing to Do!

Hand washing is easy to do and it's one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of many types of infection and illness in all settings which includes from your home and workplace to child care facilities and hospitals. Clean hands can stop germs from spreading from one person to another and throughout an entire community. Many people ask when they should wash their hands. The answer is quiet simple and includes but is not limited to these. Before, during, and after preparing food, Before eating food, Before and after caring for someone who is sick, Before and after treating a cut or wound, After using the toilet, After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet, After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste and After touching garbage. Well as simple as that sounds, many say they do not know the right way to wash their hands. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tell us to wet our hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water and last, Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them. Often we are out and about and need to wash our hands and may not have soap and clean, running water. Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to reduce the number of microbes on them in most situations. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of microbes on hands in some situations, but sanitizers do not eliminate all types of germs. Hand sanitizers may not be as effective when hands are visibly dirty or greasy. You may ask "how do you use hand sanitizers?" Apply the product to the palm of one hand (read the label to learn the correct amount). Rub your hands together. Rub the product over all surfaces of your hands and fingers until your hands are dry. With December being Hand Washing Awareness Month, please take these tips provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and use them all year long!

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- 25th ~ Chehaw Thanksgiving Break Camp**
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- 25th ~ Kiwanis Club Meeting**
- 25th ~ Animal Thanksgiving at Flint RiverQuarium 10:30am**
- 26th ~ Happy Thanksgiving from The Martin News**
- 26th ~ Worth County Schools Closed for Holidays**
- 27th ~ Worth County Schools Closed for Holidays**
- 27th ~ Santa at the Tifton Mall 11am-8pm**
- 28th ~ Santa at the Tifton Mall 11am-8pm**
- 30th ~ WCMS Girls Basketball Home**
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December

- 1st ~ Lights of Love Ceremony at Phoebe Worth**
- 2nd ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon**
- 2nd ~ Rockefeller Tree Lighting**
- 4th ~ Sylvester Christmas Parade**
- 5th ~ Sumner Christmas Fest**
- 9th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon**
- 11th ~ BFHS Gift Wrapping 4pm-7pm**
- 12th ~ BFHS Gift Wrapping Noon-4pm**
- 16th ~ Kiwanis Meeting at Noon**
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Cookie Cutters Every Where!

If you are ever looking for something to celebrate for fun, look on the internet! They have holidays galore that they celebrate and one this week is Cookie Cutter Week. How cool does that sound? I love cookie cutters. Let me tell you about a Cookie Cutter Christmas Tree I did one year and about one year is all it took for me. HA! I am not even sure how the idea came up but we always had themed trees in our house. My friend did too. Now she puts up way more trees than I do. Unless she has gotten rid of the cookie cutters over the last year or two, she still puts it up. I loved my cookie cutter tree and disliked it all at the same time. :) I am very OCD and like things neat and in order. When you have hundreds of cookie cutters in every color and size, there is NO order to that! Let me tell you though how we did it. I started collecting the cookie cutters and my mother and friend would buy me some for every occasion and then some no occasion gifts. I would put them up and when Christmas tree decorating time arrived, bam there they were.... Piles and piles of them! I had every holiday kind and every kind in between. I did love my tree but my OCDness wouldn't let me stop trying to fix it, so I passed it on to my friend. Now she had two smaller trees with them on it and they looked adorable so the morale to the story is I should've used smaller trees... :) Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from The Martin News.

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National Cake Day is November 26th. Cake Day falls on Thanksgiving and what better way to celebrate Cake Day. I can say though that Thanksgiving is the day that I eat pie if I eat any dessert. However my favorite cake would Red Velvet and Nanny (Doris) Milling makes the very best Red Velvet cake that I know of. What is your favorite type of cake?

Shop Sylvester on Small Business Saturday

Small businesses often are overlooked by customers who are enticed by larger companies, and this can adversely affect the local economy in more negative ways than might appear on the surface level. The rise of shopping malls and large chain stores such as Walmart and other retailers has caused irreversible damage to Main Street in the last half-century or so, and it's paramount to remember the importance of supporting local small businesses. After all, why should we not celebrate the spirit of enterprise and entrepreneurship, as exemplified by small business owners who take the risk of following their dreams? After all, it's a common thing for politicians to talk about supporting Main Street over big business, and how small business owners often face greater hardships than larger companies. Since Small Business Saturday is held on the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day, it falls right during the peak shopping periods of the year. The 1960s saw the rise of the American shopping mall, and the decades since have seen large chain retailers further cementing their position in terms of taking over the retail sphere and displacing smaller, family-run businesses. This model has spread further throughout the world, and chain retailers have been usurping small businesses' market share worldwide in the last few decades. That being said, the difference is most stark in countries like the US, where small businesses have often been obliterated within a year or two of some large chain retailer coming to town and opening up shop. In India and much of South-east Asia, shopping malls coexist with small shops largely because they serve different markets as has been noted in the past, the corner shop is not going anywhere anytime soon in India because customers can purchase items on credit, and that's just something that you'll never be able to do in a Wal-Mart or BigBazaar. In the United States, the context is different, though. Different economic realities combined with different cultural ideas about how small businesses operate has ultimately been more harmful to those businesses in developed countries than in developing economies. And with all of the odds stacked against them, small businesses in the US need a day in their honor. Small Business Saturday is a relatively recent phenomenon with the first one being held in Roslindale Village, Massachusetts in 2010 as a counterpart to Black Friday. Small Business Saturday was originally sponsored by American Express and the non-profit National Trust for Historic Preservation. From the very start, the day has been promoted through advertising on both social media and more traditional means such as television and radio advertisement. Since 2013, Small Business Saturday has also existed in the UK following the success of its American counterpart. You may be wondering how to celebrate Small Business Saturday since it is possible that you might have been lead to believe that small businesses are a thing of the past. As a consumer, you can choose to spend your money at local small businesses on this day rather than going to the big box retailers at the local mall. After all, the best way to support small businesses is to go and spend money at them rather than somewhere else. You can also tell your friends to do the same, perhaps making a point of organizing a shopping day where you only visit small, local enterprises instead of chain stores. While you may or may not end up paying more, it's important to remember that spending your money at a small business generally puts more money into the local economy than if you're spending that money in a chain store. Some small business owners find that Small Business Saturday is a great time to run marketing promotions, as they can further capitalize on the increased foot traffic from the already busy holiday shopping season and on their online traffic. If you own a small business, you can run some promotion for the day, and otherwise put up a post on your Facebook page. If your small business does not have a Facebook page nor any other online presence, you should seriously consider taking Small Business Saturday to go ahead and do that. So support your local economy, and go out and buy things from a small business today. There are several small businesses in Sylvester that you can shop at on Small Business Saturday. Many of them have Facebook pages for you to follow to see if they are having any sales or specials. Be sure to check them out. Make your plans now to Shop Sylvester on Small Business Saturday.

Many of the things I talk about during the holidays are Christmas trees. I love decorating for Christmas and I love Christmas Trees. One of the Christmas trees at the Margaret Jones Public Library is inspired by books. Most of the ornaments and the star on top are made from book pages. How neat is this?

Source: MJPL



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\$12 Million Housing Project Coming To South Tifton



The revitalization of South Tifton is making a major leap forward as a \$12 million project will soon get underway to build affordable multifamily housing for low- to moderate-income residents in South Tifton. The development will be on 6.2 acres on the site of the former Captain's Point mobile home park – property the city purchased last year near Matt Wilson Elementary School. At Monday's Tifton City Council meeting, City Manager Pete Pyrzenski announced that the city's application has been approved for the federal

tax grant for the project. "This really is a game-changer," Pyrzenski said. "It's something that complements what we're trying to do, our long-term vision" for South Tifton. Tifton worked with IDP Properties of Valdosta to acquire the grant. IDP will build the housing, which could be completed by this time next year, said Bruce Green, Tifton Urban Redevelopment Agency director. Green told the Tifton Grapevine that the project will involve 56 housing units, with 28 of them being offered to individuals who earn 60 percent of Tifton's median income. The housing will be offered "below market rates," Green said. "This will be transformative for South Tifton," Green added. "We're super, super excited." The housing will be constructed just east of the Youth Activities Center that the city is planning. In September, Tifton was awarded a \$750,000 grant toward the center, which will be a focal point of the South Tifton community and will involve partnerships with the Tiftarea YMCA, with the Literacy Volunteers organization and with the Tifton-Tift County Public Library, among others.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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Larry Dean Teams With United Way To Offer Turkeys, Groceries



Tifton native Larry Dean Jr., former NFL linebacker and current Canadian football star, is teaming up with the United Way of South Central Georgia again to offer free turkeys and groceries to Tifton residents. Through his Larry Dean Foundation, Dean, with help from the local United Way, is giving away 100 turkeys and 100 bags of food beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, on Sunset Drive in Tifton. Interested residents should enter off Southern Avenue toward Golden Road and then turn right on Sunset Drive. Only one turkey will be given per household, with no more than two families per vehicle. The giveaway will be contactless; items will be placed in each vehicle's trunk. This is the seventh year that Dean's foundation is helping local families.

He previously explained that "this is where I grew up, born and raised. The community supports me so much; this is a small token of appreciation that I have for the community." Dean, 32, was a football star at Valdosta State University and played in 61 National Football League games with the Minnesota Vikings and Buffalo Bills. He currently plays with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League (CFL). He is a three-time CFL divisional all-star and was the East Division's nominee for Most Outstanding Defensive Player in 2018.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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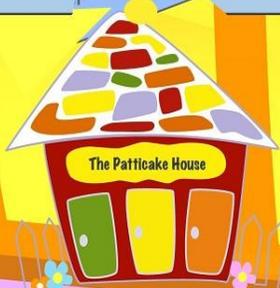


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I'm telling you what... I love the idea of all these fun days to celebrate! There is a National Cookie Day which is celebrated on December 4th. I was thinking what a great day to eat some cookies and not even think about the calories. :) It is even a good day to bake some cookies and share with your friends. I have heard of a cookie exchange. That sounds like a load of fun! So tell all of your friends about this and everybody start cooking those cookies. You will never know what kind of cookies your friends will bring but it will be a yummy day. Another great thing we could all do is bake cookies and take them to our fire fighters and police officers and anywhere else you think of. People sure do appreciate being thought of and eating cookies!



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Rockefeller Center Tree Lighting

This time of year is so much fun to me. I love the Spirit that the Holidays bring. I love all the Christmas lights to see and love hearing all the Christmas Carol's. Another thing I enjoy doing is watching the Christmas programs with events that we cannot actually attend. One of them is the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree Lighting. The 2020 tree will be lit for the first time on December 2nd with live performances starting at 8pm at Rockefeller Plaza, between West 48th and 51st Streets and Fifth and Sixth Avenues. The ceremony is free and open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Tens of thousands will crowd the sidewalks for the event and hundreds of millions will watch the live broadcast around the globe. The tree will remain lit and open to the public until 9pm on January 6, 2019. I will be one of the hundreds of millions watching on television. I have watched it several times over the years but after Larry was born, I have made it an annual tradition with him. We love the singing and of course the lighting of the Christmas tree. One thing I didn't know but I think is a great thing is for the eleventh consecutive year, the Christmas Tree will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. Once the holidays have passed and crowds have dispersed, the tree comes down and is milled, treated and made into lumber that is used for home building. Each year, the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree continues to be a symbol of hope, and inspired the children's book, "The Carpenter's Gift", written by David Rubel and illustrated by Jim LaMarche in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity. This information and more on this story is on rockefellercenter.com. For over eight decades, the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center and the holiday decorations adorning and surrounding have stood as a holiday beacon for New Yorkers and visitors alike. From the beginning, the Tree was a gathering place and reflection of what was happening in the world around it. Even before the first formal tree went up, workers lined up beneath a Christmas tree on the Rockefeller Plaza construction site to collect their paychecks during the height of the Great Depression. People from around the world came after September 11th to see the Tree decorated in a patriotic red, white and blue. Today, more than half a million people pass by the Tree very day, making Rockefeller Center the epicenter of New York City's holiday celebrations. It is on my bucket list to go there one day and just may happen.

The Margaret Jones Public Library shared stories about turkeys and pie last week with their pre-K-K friends at Worth County Primary School. The girls from the library enjoy reading to the children at the schools and day care facilities. It is so much fun to see the pictures where the children are enjoying story time.

Source: MJPL



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Tips for Safely Frying a Turkey



Frying a holiday turkey can be tricky. Here are some tips from UGA experts to help make sure your bird is thoroughly cooked and your holiday doesn't include a trip to the emergency room or a call to the fire department.

"People who fry turkeys say it produces a moister turkey. And it's quicker," said Elizabeth Andress, a UGA Cooperative Extension food safety specialist. "But in the eyes of safety experts, the typical propane-fueled turkey fryer is a major accident waiting to happen. There are definitely safety issues to consider." Don't use too much oil: Some of the most serious injuries are caused by faulty or misused equipment, like unstable fryer stands, uninsulated pot handles and or fry pots that have been overfilled with oil. Filling the pot too

full of oil can cause the oil to spill over when the turkey is placed in the pot. Spillovers at cooking temperatures can cause severe burns, Andress warns. Food safety by the fryer: "You have to be sure all the harmful bacteria have been killed," Andress said. "The only way to do this is to measure the temperature of the cooked turkey in several places with a food thermometer." First, heat the oil to 365 to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. This usually takes 45 minutes to an hour. Next, add your turkey and allow the oil to return to 365 to 375 degrees. Whole turkeys require about 3 minutes per pound to cook. To be sure your bird is safely cooked, she said, the temperature must reach at least 165 degrees in the thickest part of the breast. Some cooks prefer the innermost part of the thigh to reach 180 degrees. Andress recommends following these safety steps: Use propane-fired turkey fryers outdoors, a safe distance from buildings and anything that can burn, never use turkey fryers on wooden decks or inside garages, place the fryer on a flat surface to reduce the risk of accidental tipping, never leave the fryer unattended, never allow children or pets near the fryer. Even after use, the oil inside the pot can remain dangerously hot for hours, don't overfill the fryer, use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts when touching the pot or lid handles, make sure the turkey is completely thawed. Be careful with marinades. Oil and water don't mix, and water causes oil to spill over, which could cause a fire or explosion hazard and keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. And never use water to extinguish a grease fire.

Source: Tifton Grapevine



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*From Our Family to Yours,
Have A Happy and Blessed
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*Happy
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Happy
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It is at times like this we sit back and reflect on people and things we are most grateful for.

So, on behalf of the entire staff and management of Fields Funeral Home we would like to say thank you for your continued business, prayers and support!

Charles G. McDonald, Owner
Derik B. McDowell, Master Mortician

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**

Joy.....

Happiness.....

Health.....

*All these and many
more are my wishes for you!*

Happy Thanksgiving Day!

happy
thanksgiving

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**Happy
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~ Wishing You and Your Family a wonderful Thanksgiving full of many Blessings ~

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thankful family
blessed grateful
together blessings
november



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Thanks for **THINKING TIFTON!**
Wishing a very Happy Thanksgiving
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Tyron, Angela & Victoria



Happy Thanksgiving from our family to yours.
We will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and on Friday but will open early on Saturday, 2pm til 10pm and hope to see you then.



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Wild Adventures Christmas



Sleigh bells will be jingling during a Wild Adventures Christmas, select days December 12 - 27. Experience over one million Christmas lights in winter wonderland colors each night, snow showers everyday and tons of family photo opportunities! Of course Santa Claus is back to safely hear all the little ones Christmas wishes. Make this your merriest Christmas ever! Wild Adventures Christmas experience is included with your **Daily Admission** or **Season Pass**. The park will be covered with over 1 mil-

lion Christmas lights shining throughout. Take a stroll under a 120 foot tree canopy covered in Christmas lights that twinkles along to the music. Gather around their 5-story Christmas tree that is animated to some of your favorite Christmas music! At dusk each day, one lucky child will be chosen to flip the switch and light up the night. You will be mesmerized as you watch the lights on the tree dance to eight different classic Christmas songs. And don't forget to stroll through the Snowflake Tunnel for snow-like showers each day and tons of twinkling lights. This is something that you don't want to miss. My family use to go when Larry was little and we loved every minute of it. The lights were so beautiful and the music was so glorious to hear. Walking through the park was like a dream. Make plans now to attend.



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