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MEET THE STAFF
Although my experience bartending in Johnson City at the Carnegie Hotel is limited to the past 6 months, every opportunity has been eventful. Prior to bartending, I worked at the Carnegie as a banquet server for two years, with only occasional opportunities to bartend small events. Recently, I’ve been bartending nearly all the large parties and weddings, some upwards of 200 people. This can be a bit stressful, especially when everyone shows up at the same time ready to drink and socialize. The different academic departments at East Tennessee State University have events at the Carnegie, and they tend to be very tame. On the other side of the spectrum, there are a few Greek life events every year, usually fraternity and sorority formals, which can get a little wild. During wedding season, we average one wedding a week, which is awesome for business. Our guests always have a great experience thanks to our very hardworking and professional banquet staff, managed by Matt Dickerson. It’s almost the most wonderful time of year, and with that comes the holiday parties. My experience with these events over the last two years have all been on the banquet serving side, but this year I expect that will change. I am excited for what the next couple months bring, as I know my bars will be very busy and full of all types of people. We get all sorts of people who have events here, blue collar to white collar, young to old, and informal to formal parties.

I’ve learned over the last few months that the money made while bartending can fluctuate greatly and is always subject to the event. For instance, I’ve had some large weddings where I’ve made very little money, and some small parties where I’ve made a lot of money. I think the inconsistency may be the one thing that separates bartending for banquets from bartending at a restaurant or club. As a full-time college student, this job is great, especially since most of our business happens on the weekends. This gives me a great opportunity to hit the books during the week, and remain in a good spot financially from the money made on the weekends. Work-life balance can be difficult, but thanks to my boss, we can easily work around my school schedule to make sure I not only can attend classes, but also have ample time to do my school work outside of class. To conclude, bartending banquets at the Carnegie Hotel in Johnson City has been life changing. It’s opened my eyes to all types of people, improved my work ethic, and given me people skills that I will use for the rest of my life.

Benjamin Ecker
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Name: Alex Wilkins  
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What made you want to serve our country? My desire to enlist and serve our country was a combination of several factors. One of the most influential of those was the desire to make my family proud. I also felt an almost natural calling at the time. I also longed for a challenge, a brotherhood, and the opportunity to experience many things that others cannot.

What advice would you give someone looking to go into the military? My best advice to anyone interested in enlisting into the military, would be to go in with a very open mind. There will be many times where one feels that it was a poor decision, or that they feel mentally or physically incapable. With an open and positive mindset, the body can accomplish insurmountable odds.

What is your favorite quote? “Be polite, be professional, but have a plan to kill everybody you meet.” - General James “Mad Dog” Mattis (USMC ret.)

Did you make any close friendships while in the service? Some of the greatest individuals that I ever had the pleasure of knowing, working with, and suffering together, were met through my time in the Marine Corps. Many of those friendships are still intact to this day, and I foresee them lasting a lifetime.

What was the best and worst ‘military’ food you were served, and why? Best: Steak and Lobster for the Marine Corps Birthday. Worst: no idea what it was, some sort of stale bread, meat? (possibly goat, could’ve been bird but who knows. It was rough) We were on the western coast of Africa, I suppose showing locals we appreciated their food.

Tell me a funny story you experienced that could only happen in the military. Suffering through, cold, wet, miserable, conditions was an often occurrence. Looking back, those are some of the most memorable and funny times you could have. No matter how poor the conditions, your best friends were right there suffering next to you. It was horrible at the time, but to look back, it does nothing but bring a smile and many memories.

How does your military experience affect your life today? I give a lot of credit to the Marine Corps, and my experience as a whole, into shaping me into the man that I am today. The 13 week change that occurs through MCRD Parris Island or MCRD San Diego is unmistakable. The confidence, the work ethic, the intestinal fortitude, it all impacts my life on a daily basis.

Do you recall the day your service ended? Where were you? I was stationed in Camp Lejeune, NC. I remember it being such a bittersweet feeling. For 4 years I was tied down by a contract to the US Government. And now I was let go to be on my own. It was a scary, headed into the unknown, memorable day.

What did you do in the days and weeks afterward? I was stationed in Camp Lejeune, NC. I remember it being such a bittersweet feeling. For 4 years I was tied down by a contract to the US Government. And now I was let go to be on my own. It was a scary, headed into the unknown, memorable day.

Where did you travel while in the service? Western Africa (Morocco, Sahara Desert) Europe (Spain, Italy, France)

Why did you pick the service branch you joined? My mother was in the Navy and my father was in the Army. Naturally I had to pick the best, most challenging branch.

Do you recall your first days in service? The first 13 weeks in general was a very trying, scary, emotionally breaking time. Transitioning from a civilian to a Marine was one of the most gut checking times I’ve experienced in life so far.

Did you work or go back to school? I attended one semester of college at ETSU. I felt very out of place and not in my element. After an unsuccessful attempt I school I found work where I continue to excel at to this day.
DOLLYWOOD'S
SMOKY MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS

It’s Christmas time in the Smokies! While the last of autumn’s colorful displays may still cling to the more tenacious trees in the valley, we’re already wishing for the first snowflakes of winter. The Thanksgiving turkey is still in the deep freezer and yet Christmas trees are up, Chex mix is being made, and Mariah Carey’s “All I Want for Christmas” seems impossible to escape no matter where you go. Leading the Christmas invasion is Dollywood Theme Park, which just last week kicked off the 28th season of Smoky Mountain Christmas!

This is by far our favorite festival at the park and one we look forward to as the year draws to a close. Over the seasons the event has grown to include over four million lights, a nightly parade, shows, specialty foods, and even a chance to visit with Santa and Rudolf! This year promised to be the best yet as Dollywood rolled out plans for the largest expansion since the event started all those years ago, and it doesn’t disappoint!

Homegrown star Dolly Parton herself came to kick off the event by lighting the park’s enormous new Christmas tree. Standing in Wilderness Plaza, it serves as the centerpiece of Glacier Ridge, the largest part of the expansion that stretches from the front entrance of the park all the way through Wilderness Pass to Craftman’s Valley. Visitors ascending the pathway to Timber Canyon will find that an extreme cold spell has brought the arctic to the Smoky Mountains. A mesmerizing tunnel of lights known as the Arctic Passage will bring guests to Drop Line Bay. The frozen waters around Dream Night Thunderhead have been taken over by polar bears who have ventured to the Smokies to visit their southern neighbors.

As visitors make their way to the plaza they’ll be amazed at the number of new light displays that cover everything in sight. Glacier Ridge is composed of over one million new lights, bringing Smoky Mountain Christmas’s current light count to over five million! Guests will want to linger in Wilderness Plaza to watch the amazing show soon to come. Every thirty minutes the fifty-foot tall tree comes to life with a synchronized display accompanied by favorite holiday tunes. Be sure to keep an eye out for Joe the Juggler as he wanders plaza looking for new crowds to cheer on his amazing talents.

Another unique element of Glacier Ridge waits at the upper end of Craftman’s Valley. As guests round the bend past Tennessee Tornado, they’ll see the aurora borealis dancing across the sky. Music and light combine to bring the northern lights to Tennessee in an awe-inspiring presentation.

Glacier Ridge is sure to become an annual favorite for all of us, but don’t forget everything else Smoky Mountain Christmas has to offer! There’s still four million lights spread throughout the rest of the park to enjoy. Be sure to stop by Rudolph’s and Friends, located in Craftman’s Valley, for all kinds of fun. You can take your photo with Bumble, decorate Christmas cookies, or play some reindeer games. Santa’s waiting for you in his workshop down at the Country Fair. Be sure to visit him as soon as you can because he’ll be leaving early to get back to the North Pole in time for Christmas.

Time and again Dollywood has been recognized for their amazing shows. Smoky Mountain Christmas is no exception, as the park rolls out five holiday performances. It’s a Wonderful Life brings the classic story of George Bailey to the stage for a new generation of families to enjoy. Don’t forget to stop by the Showstreet Palace Theater to catch our favorite show, Christmas in the Smokies. Other productions include Appalachian Christmas, O’ Holy Night, and ’Twas the Night Before Christmas.

The spirit of the season takes over the park’s other shows as well. Dolly’s family spices up their musical numbers with a repertoire of holiday hits in My People, My Music, while Christmas with the Kingdom Heirs showcases cherished carols from Dollywood’s award-winning gospel quartet. Walking down Showstreet, you might just catch the joyful a cappella tunes of the Mistletoes. Each evening ends with the spectacular Parade of Many Colors. Be sure to grab some holiday treats before snagging your spot along the parade route. Hot cocoa, gingerbread cookies, and wassail are even more reasons we love this time of year at Dollywood.

For more information on Dollywood’s Smoky Mountain Christmas, visit https://www.dollywood.com/theme-park/festivals/
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**Spotlight**

- **TUESDAY - Nov. 20** -
  - Downtown Country
    Jiggy Rays in Elizabethton 6:30pm
  - Stemwinder Band
    Rocks Wood Fired Pizza and Grill 6pm

- **WEDNESDAY - Nov. 21** -
  - Open Mic Night
    The Willow Tree Coffeehouse & Music Room
  - H.B. Beverly
    Rocks Wood Fired Pizza and Grill 6:30pm
  - Open Bluegrass Jam
    Gypsy Circus Cider Company 6:30pm
  - Donnie & The Dry-Heavers: Jam Sessions
    Model City Tap House 8pm

- **THURSDAY - Nov. 22** -
  - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

- **FRIDAY - Nov. 23** -
  - Steve Earle & the Dukes 30th Anniversary of Copperhead Road w/Special Guests The Mastersons
    The Paramount Center of Arts 8pm
  - Magus and the Movers, Sammy Guns Band
    The Willow Tree Coffeehouse and Music Room 7:30pm
  - Mind Modes
    Gypsy Circus Cider Co 8pm
  - 2018 Pea Pickin' Hearts
    Yee-Haw Brewing Co 8pm
  - James Meadows
    Quaker Steak & Lube Bristol 8pm
  - Indighost / Swim In the Wild on Black Friday
    O'Mainnin's 10pm

- **SATURDAY - Nov. 24** -
  - Rusty Steel & Quarter Bounce
    Holston River Brewing Co 9pm
  - Southern Rebellion!
    Wild Wing Cafe JC 10pm
  - BIG Son: Black Friday
    Capone's 10pm
  - Steve Earle After Party w/ Brother Oliver
    Machiavelli's Bristol 10pm
  - Dance Party w/DJ Anna from Phantom Entertainment
    High Voltage Kingsport 7pm

- **SUNDAY - Nov. 25** -
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- Karaoke at Numan’s - Johnson City
- Karaoke w/ Absolute Entertainment at Woodstone Deli - Kingsport

**WEDNESDAY**
- Karaoke w/ Southern Sounds Karaoke at American Legion 8pm
- Karaoke at CJ’s Sports Bar
- Turn the Page Karaoke at VFW Post 2108 – Johnson City

**THURSDAY**
- Karaoke w/ Absolute Entertainment at Macado’s – Kingsport
- Karaoke at Zachary’s Steakhouse
- Michael’s Krazy Karaoke at Stateline Bar & Grill
- Karaoke at CJ’s Sports Bar
- Karaoke w/ DJ Marquez Top Shelf Entertainment at Wild Wings Café JC
- Karaoke at Numan’s - Johnson City
- Karaoke w/ Absolute Entertainment at New Beginnings - Johnson City
- Karaoke at Jiggy Rays Pizzeria
- Karaoke at Wild Wing Cafe Johnson City

**FRIDAY**
- Karaoke w/ Southern Sounds Karaoke at Sportsman’s Bar & Grill 9pm
- Karaoke w/ Shane Rouse at Bear’s Bar
- Karaoke at Kingsport Moose Lodge
- Karaoke w/ Reverb Karaoke at The Cottage 8:30pm
- Turn the Page Karaoke at VFW Post 2108 – Johnson City
- Karaoke w/ Absolute Entertainment at Woodstone Deli - Kingsport
- Karaoke w/ Toddzilla at Sportsman’s Pub
- Karaoke at Elizabethton VFW
- Karaoke w/ DJ Marquez & Top Shelf Entertainment at Holiday Inn (Exit 7) – Bristol, VA
- Karaoke at Numan’s – Johnson City

**SATURDAY**
- Karaoke w/ Toddzilla at Sportsman’s Pub
- Karaoke at Kingsport Moose Lodge
- Turn the Page Karaoke at VFW Post 2108 – Johnson City
- Karaoke w/ Absolute Entertainment at Macado’s – Kingsport
- Karaoke at Numan’s – Johnson City
- Karaoke w/ Tony & Rod at CJ’s Sports Bar
- College Football SATURDAYS w/ DJ Paul Gallo AND Post Game Karaoke!

**SUNDAY**
- Karaoke w/ Absolute Entertainment at Woodstone Deli - Kingsport
**THINGS TO DO**

**Tuesday- November 20th**
- **Town Christmas Decorating Contest** - Town of Unicoi all day
- **F3 Free Men's Bootcamp** at Founders Park - Founders Park 5:30am
- **15th Annual Brenda Smith Memorial Christmas Charity Drive** - Smith Brothers Harley-Davidson 9am
- **Turkey Shoot Out** - Memorial Park Community Center 3pm
- **2nd! Harry Potter Trivia Night at Johnson City Brewing** 7pm
- **Texas Hold 'Em** - CJ's Sports Bar 7pm
- **FiA Free Women's Fitness Tues. Evenings** - Founders Park Field Side 7pm
- **SINGO** - Barley Waters 7pm
- **Cornhole Tournament!** - CJ's Sports Bar 7pm
- **Elf: The Musical** - Barter Theatre 7:30pm
- **Bingo at Tipton St. Pub** 9pm

**Wednesday- November 21st**
- **Town Christmas Decorating Contest** - Town of Unicoi All Day
- **FiA Free Women's Fitness Wednesdays** - Founders Park 5:30am
- **15th Annual Brenda Smith Memorial Christmas Charity Drive** - Smith Brothers Harley-Davidson 9am
- **Tea Leaf Reader Can Release** - Gypsy Circus Cider Company 4pm
- **Foosball** - Capone's 5pm & 8pm
- **Yee-Haw Yoga CASA** - Founders Park 5:30pm
- **Dancing With Deanal** - CJ's Sports Bar 6pm
- **Happy Hump-Day Ladies Night** - Bear's Bar 6:30pm
- **Bottoms Up Beer and Yoga** - JRH Brewing 6:30pm
- **Elf: The Musical** - Barter Theatre 7:30pm
- **Wooden Snowflakes** - Barter Theatre 7:30pm
- **Barley Waters Cards Against Humanity** - Barley Waters 8pm

**Thursday- November 22nd**
- **Town Christmas Decorating Contest** - Town of Unicoi All Day
- **F3 free men's bootcamp** - Founders Park 5:30am
- **15th Annual Brenda Smith Memorial Christmas Charity Drive** - Smith Brothers Harley-Davidson 9am
- **Full Belly Bash and Karaoke!** - Wild Wing Cafe (Johnson City, TN) 4pm
- **Thanksgiving Night No Elimination Blind Draw** - Kingsport Moose Lodge #972 6:30pm
- **FiA Free Women's Fitness Thur. Evenings** - Founders Park Field Side 7pm

**Friday- November 23rd**
- **15th Annual Brenda Smith Memorial Christmas Charity Drive** - Smith Brothers Harley-Davidson 9am
- **Tread-Away Turkey Day** - Kingsport Aquatic Center 9am
- **36th Annual Country Christmas Show - Viking Hall 9am**
- **Bristol Speedway in Lights** - Bristol Motor Speedway 6pm
- **Opening Night!!** - The Dean Family Christmas Light Show 6pm
- **5K Friday!** - Johnson City Brewing Company 6pm
- **Elf: The Musical** - Barter Theatre 8pm
- **Wooden Snowflakes - Barter Theatre 8pm**
- **The Comedy Zone at Maddies Hall** - Maddie's Event Hall #375 8pm

**Saturday- November 24th**
- **Town Christmas Decorating Contest** - Town of Unicoi All Day
- **F3 free men's bootcamp** - Founders Park 6am
- **FiA Free Women's Fitness Saturdays** - Founders Park 7:15am
- **Erwin Tinsel Trail** - The Gathering Place Park 8am
- **Saturday Spectacular!** - Tennessee Hills Distillery 9am
- **Small Business Saturday** - Downtown Kingsport and Johnson City ALL DAY
- **15th Annual Brenda Smith Memorial Christmas Charity Drive** - Smith Brothers Harley-Davidson 9am
- **36th Annual Country Christmas Show - Viking Hall 9am**
- **The Tri-Cities Christmas Market** - Appalachian Fair 10am
- **Shop Local Art & Craft Market** - The Willow Tree Coffeehouse and Music Room 10am
- **Holiday Market** - Boone Street Market 10am
- **2018 Erwin Christmas Parade** - Erwin 10:30am
- **Whoville in Jonesborough** - Main Street Jonesborough 11am
- **Christmas Market** - International Storytelling Center 11am
- **Annual Town Christmas Parade - Town of Unicoi 2pm**
- **State Street Market and Rummage Sale** - Bloom Cafe and Listening Room 5pm
- **StarWatch - Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium 6pm**
- **Lighting of the Tree in Jonesborough** - Washington County Courthouse 6pm
- **Moscow Ballet’s Great Russian Nutcracker** - The Paramount Center for the Arts Bristol, TN 7pm
- **Elf: The Musical** - Barter Theatre 8pm

**Sunday- November 25th**
- **Town Christmas Decorating Contest** - Town of Unicoi All Day
- **Erwin Tinsel Trail** - The Gathering Place Park 8am
- **36th Annual Country Christmas Show - Viking Hall 12pm**
- **Elf: The Musical** - Barter Theatre 3pm
- **Wooden Snowflakes - Barter Theatre 3pm**

**Monday- November 26th**
- **Town Christmas Decorating Contest** - Town of Unicoi All Day
- **FiA Free Women's Fitness** - Mondays - Founders Park 5:30am
- **F3 Free Men's Run Group** at Science Hill Track 5:30am
- **Erwin Tinsel Trail** - The Gathering Place Park 8am
- **15th Annual Brenda Smith Memorial Christmas Charity Drive** - Smith Brothers Harley-Davidson 9am
- **Mike Gallagher's Birthday Extravaganza & Special Beer Releases** - Johnson City Brewing Company 4pm
- **Holiday Soup & Songs** - McKinney Center 6pm
- **Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting** - Believe in Bristol 6:30pm

**Cryptogram:** "If you want to be respected by others the great thing is to respect yourself. Only by that, only by self-respect, will you compel others to respect you."

**DropQuote:** "Jane Austen is the pinnacle to which all other authors aspire."
If you are from this area you may be of Scottish heritage. If so, you may have a special interest in the new film “Outlaw King”, now playing on Netflix and in select theaters. The film is a fact based historical drama about Robert the Bruce (Chris Pine), the 14th-century Scottish king who staged a war against the formidable English army. The film is set in 1306 AD when Robert Bruce and other Scottish nobility surrendered to King Edward I (Stephen Dillane) of England. King Edward leaves Bruce to collect taxes, and weds him to Elizabeth de Burgh (Florence Pugh). While he is collecting taxes Bruce overhears about the execution of William Wallace, which leads Bruce to murder John Comyn, Lord of Badenoch, after he refuses to join Bruce in his upcoming efforts to defeat the English occupation of Scotland. After the clergy of Scotland hear of Bruce’s desperate action, they pardon him if he will allow himself to be crowned King of Scotland. When King Edward hears about Bruce being named of Scotland, he brands him an outlaw and sends his son Edward (Billy Howle) to capture Bruce. At this point in the movie, Bruce attempts to evade the English army while sending his new wife and his daughter by his first wife, now deceased, into hiding. Bruce is

not on the run due to fear, but is doing so in order to gather an army to take on Edward and his invading forces. Bruce has the support of his brothers, and they soon are leading a rag tag troop, which includes Bruce’s sworn protector James Douglas (Aaron Taylor-Johnson), Lord of Douglas against the English. During the fist battle, the Scots fail miserably, leading Bruce to escape with his remaining men, which are few in number. Despite defeat, Bruce continues to elude Edward, much to the frustration of his father. Eventually Bruce begins a plan of guerilla warfare, and when facing the invading English army again, fares far more successfully. The film features exciting battle sequences, and the beautiful scenery of both Scotland and England. There are castles galore, which only adds to the authenticity of the storyline. Director David Mackenzie (“Hell or High Water”) does a wonderful job with the large cast and pacing of the film. As for Pine, probably best know as Captain Kirk from the “Star Trek” film series, and the love interest in “Wonder Woman”, proves to be a formidable King of the Scots. Pine expertly conveys both strength and heart, which are needed for such a demanding role. He also never overpowers his co-stars and has great screen chemistry with the aforementioned Pugh, who is masterfully understated as the Queen of the Scots. This film not only entertains, but provides a great history lesson about Robert the Bruce, one of the most famous warriors of his generation, who to this day is considered a national hero in Scotland. Overall, “Outlaw King” is well worth your time thanks to the efforts of Pine and the beautiful scenery of Scotland. (Rated R)
The Princess Bride

I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again, the ultimate test for a movie is a test of time. Today we worry about what movies make the most at the box office—which has always been true to a degree. Which is why it’s all the more surprising when you find out that a movie we all know and love was either a flop at the box office (“Clue”), or did only middling success like Rob Reiner’s 1987 film “The Princess Bride.” Based on the 1973 novel of the same name by William Goldman, “The Princess Bride” was in development for years before Reiner finally brought the film to the big screen.

Goldman wrote a screenplay for the film shortly after the book was published when 20th Century Fox snapped up the rights to the film. At various points, everyone from Richard Lester to Francois Truffaut to Robert Redford was attached to the film. Dismayed, Goldman bought back the rights to his story. Following the success of Reiner’s 1985 film “Stand By Me,” he decided he wanted to bring “The Princess Bride” to the screen. Reiner had been a fan of the book since his father, legendary comedy writer and director Carl Reiner, gave him a copy of the book shortly after it’s publication.

Buttercup, played by Robin Wright in her breakout, is about to marry the scheming and rather not nice at all Prince Humperdinck (Chris Sarandon), but Buttercup’s heart belongs to a farmhand named Wesley (Cary Elwes)—who hasn’t been seen in a week of Sundays. Just as Buttercup is about to become a Princess, she is kidnapped by a band featuring a Spaniard looking for the man who killed his father (Mandy Patinkin), a gentle giant played by Andre The Giant, and a mysterious pirate. “The Princess Bride” is a charming and delightful of a movie as any movie could be. As much as it has become a part of our pop culture today, it’s hard to believe that though critics in 1987 loved the movie, audiences largely stayed away. What a lucky time we live in where movies can be discovered on home video and become classics.

The commentary track from Criterion’s 1997 laserdisc is ported over here, it features Reiner, Goldman, producer Andrew Scheinman, and actors Billy Crystal and Peter Falk. Also included is a really neat feature taken from the audiobook of the novel read by Rob Reiner, it’s been edited to be in sync with the film, allowing you to get an idea of how Reiner adapted the film. Also new is a look at a tapestry Goldman had commissioned based on his novel. Additionally, most of the bonus material from the previous DVD and blu-ray releases are included as well.

One of the best features though of Criterion’s blu-ray is the packaging. The movie is packed in a small, clothbound book. It feels exactly like the kind of books you’d check out from your elementary school library. It’s a wonderful touch, and one of the more creative packaging ideas I’ve seen from Criterion.

The Criterion Collection brings “The Princess Bride” to their catalog for the third time, but the first time on blu-ray for them, the film has been released on blu-ray before and Criterion has issued the film twice before on laserdisc. This new blu-ray edition features a new 4K restoration of the film created from the 35mm camera negative. Compared to the previous blu-ray release this new disc blows that one away. Right from the start the film’s colors pop and shine with a vibrancy that is lacking on the earlier release.

All in all, Criterion has done a truly fab job with their blu-ray of “The Princess Bride,” undeniably one of the most beloved films of the last thirty years or so. If you have the previous blu-ray and are wondering if this is worth getting, the answer is yes. Based on the image quality alone, you’ll find a lot more life in this transfer than what was on the previous disc. If you know someone who loves this movie, this would be a great gift for them as we get closer to the Christmas season. Highly recommended. see you next week.

Batteries Not Included

By Andy Ross
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Step back into the ‘40s era with Jonesborough Repertory Theatre’s radio station WJRT as the theatre presents its annual 1940s USO Christmas Show.

Just as America entered World War II, radio airwaves served as a key source of entertainment and news for families on the home front, as well as entertainment for the troops at home and overseas. The radio cast will be broadcasting live radio skits as well as singing and dancing to many patriotic and familiar Christmas tunes as they honor our military families with this memorable Christmas celebration of our freedom.

This production is written and directed by Jennifer Ross-Bernhardt, choreographed by Heather Allen, with band direction by Lucas Schmidt.

JRT gives special thanks to the sponsors: Denny Dentistry, Morningstar Farms, Joe Grandy, Citizens Bank, Chick-fil-A, Sonia King/Mary B. Martin.

Shows run December 6 through 16: Thursday through Monday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. Tickets are $16 general admission, $14 for students and seniors. There is also a special group rate for parties of 15 or more. To purchase tickets, call the Historic Jonesborough Visitors Center at 423.753.1010 or go online to www.jonesboroughtheatre.com.

(JRT’s USO show is neither sponsored nor endorsed by the USO, and it’s not a fundraiser for the USO.)

The Civic Chorale presents "Celebration in Song" December 9, 2018

The Civic Chorale, under direction of its Music Director, Dr. Rodney Caldwell, will present its annual seasonal concert on Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church, 105 South Boone Street, Johnson City, Tennessee. The concert, entitled “Celebration in Song”, features works by Herbert Howells, Benjamin Britten, André Thomas, Mary McDonald, Ernani Aguiar, Norman Luboff, John Joubert, and others. There is a $10 suggested donation at the door.

The Civic Chorale, founded in 1973, is the region’s premiere auditioned volunteer adult chorus. Dr. Caldwell is also the director of choral studies at Mars Hill University in Mars Hill, North Carolina.

For additional information, visit The Civic Chorale website www.thecivicchorale.org.

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Twinkling lights, the scent of Fraser firs, handcrafted ornaments and lovely Christmas decorations are filling the shops and store fronts of downtown Jonesborough. The annual Celebration of Trees, a unique exhibit of beautifully decorated Christmas trees, will be held in Historic Jonesborough December 3-23.

This year’s exhibit begins at the Historic Jonesborough Visitors Center where 6 beautifully decorated live trees will be on display within the Old Town Emporium Gift Shop. These trees are all sponsored and decorated by area businesses and non-profit organizations. Here you can pick up a program which features a listing of nearly 25 locations throughout the historic district where you can view over 30 decorated trees.

The Celebration of Trees has been a Jonesborough tradition for more than 28 years. Growing over the years it has now become an event that stretches from the Visitors Center to the Jonesborough Senior Center to the Chucky Depot Museum at Jonesborough on 2nd Ave. The exhibit features many spots in between as well, with stops at the Historic Eureka Inn, International Storytelling Center, Noelle, Gabriel’s Christmas, Boone Street Market, McKinney Center and many others. You are sure to leave in the holiday spirit!

The exhibit is free and open to the public on display Monday, December 3 through Sunday, December 23. Exhibit programs are located at the Jonesborough Visitors Center and the International Storytelling Center. All locations are open to public viewing during their normal operating hours.
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Main Street Jonesborough is your destination for Christmas shopping. Support local businesses by shopping local for Small Business Saturday in downtown Jonesborough and enjoy extended shopping hours from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

During Small Business Saturday, participating merchants will be handing out a limited supply of specially designed, Shop Small canvas tote bags plus special incentives, holiday treats, give-a-ways, and free gift wrapping. In addition, The Heritage Alliance will be offering free Town Tours starting at the top of every hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. from the Chester Inn State Historic Site & Museum and a free Railroad Tour will be offered at 2:30 p.m.

Jonesborough is proud to have the streets lined with small businesses that fill their shops and boutiques with items that can be found only in Jonesborough. Here you’ll find handmade jewelry from local artisans, special Appalachian Mountain crafts, unique, handcrafted gifts from around the world, nostalgic antiques, handcrafted jewelry, repurposed furniture and more. You’re invited to join The Shop Local Movement and discover Jonesborough’s downtown shopping district on Saturday November 24 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information visit jbochristmas.com or contact Cameo Waters at cameow@jonesboroughtn.org or 423-753-1013.
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The Christmas in Olde Jonesborough series will kick off with Whoville on Saturday, November 24 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. complete with the Grinch and other characters. Dress as your favorite Whoville character and get a “grinch treat”. Activities, movies and popcorn will be located throughout town. Then at 6 p.m., we welcome you to join us as we officially kick off the Christmas season with the Lighting of the Tree. Music and Storytelling will lead up to the official lighting of the Spruce beside the Washington County Courthouse in downtown. Also on Saturday, support local businesses by shopping local for Small Business Saturday in downtown Jonesborough and enjoy extended shopping hours from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Each Saturday will offer a variety of events from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. along with music, storytelling and extended holiday shopping hours in Tennessee’s Oldest Town. Santa will also be on site at the downtown Courthouse each Saturday for pictures and visits with children. Be sure to bring your letters to Santa and drop them off in the mailbox by December 15th and receive a reply from the jolly old man himself. The Christmas Market will be available on the Plaza of the International Storytelling Center featuring handmade crafts, jewelry and holiday items. Free gift wrapping will also be offered on any purchases made in Downtown Jonesborough during the Saturday events.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nov. 12, 2018 – As multi-platinum selling and GRAMMY® winning group Casting Crowns prepares for this week’s release of a brand new studio album, Only Jesus (Nov. 16), the group announces the Only Jesus Tour, a 37-city spring arena tour run featuring fellow GRAMMY winner Zach Williams and Austin French. The tour kicks off Feb. 21, in Richmond, Va., and travels to major markets in New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maine, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Georgia, Florida and more before wrapping up on May 4, in College Station, Texas.

Tickets for most cities on the Only Jesus Tour will go on sale this week, with an early pre-sale campaign beginning at 10 a.m. local time Wednesday, Nov. 14, and running through 10 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15. The public on-sale launch will begin at 10 a.m. local time Friday, Nov. 16. Several exclusive VIP Fan Experience packages are available featuring options such as front row or premium seating, a pre-show jam session/Q&A with Casting Crowns, group photo opportunities, merchandise, signed tour poster and more. For ticket details, visit www.CastingCrowns.com/tour.

Presented by Compassion International, the Only Jesus Tour will support Casting Crowns’ brand new studio album, Only Jesus, releasing the Friday. On the past few weeks leading up to the street date, the band has released six of the album’s tracks early, including the title cut and first radio single, “Only Jesus,” which is one of the fastest charting songs of 2018 and already a Top 10 smash, “Only Jesus” gives Casting Crowns their 26th Top 10 song on the Hot Christian Songs chart, the most by any artist.

Casting Crowns will hit the West Coast this holiday season for the highly-anticipated It’s Finally Christmas Tour with special guest Hannah Kerr. Beginning Nov. 29, in Portland, Ore., the Christmas run will hit 7 cities including Seattle, Spokane, Abbotsford (BC), Oakland and Irvine, ending Dec. 6, in San Diego.

With more than 11 million records sold, Casting Crowns has held the position of Billboard’s top-selling act in Christian music since 2007. The band continues to impact audiences with their powerful live shows, having performed for nearly seven million fans and has crossed over a milestone of more than 100,000 child sponsorships generated through Casting Crowns’ concerts. For more information on the Only Jesus Tour, visit www.CastingCrowns.com.

ABOUT CASTING CROWNS Prolific CCM band Casting Crowns has achieved sales milestones with more than 11 million albums sold including one RIAA 2x multi-Platinum album, five RIAA Platinum albums, two RIAA Platinum DVDs, seven RIAA Gold albums, four Gold DVDs, one RIAA Platinum certified single and five RIAA Gold certified digital singles. The band currently holds the position as Billboard’s top-selling act in Christian music since 2007. Casting Crowns has also earned three GRAMMY Music Awards (out of seven total nominations), a GRAMMY Award for its 2005 album Lifesong, and seven GRAMMY nominations. In addition, the group has garnered 18 GMA Dove Awards and two Billboard Music Awards from 11 total Billboard Music Awards nominations. Casting Crowns’ seven band members all remain active in student ministry in the Atlanta area and tour according to their local church commitments. Serving his 25 plus years in youth ministry, lead singer/songwriter Mark Hall maintains his role as the student pastor at Eagle’s Landing First Baptist Church in Atlanta. For more information, visit www.CastingCrowns.com.

ABOUT ZACH WILLIAMS As a husband, father, singer, recording artist, songwriter and worship leader, GRAMMY® winner (Best Contemporary Christian Album, Chain Breaker) and multi-GMA Dove Award winner (Artist of the Year, New Artist of the Year) Zach Williams continues to make history. Achieving two consecutive radio No. 1 hits for 35 weeks as a debut artist (“Chain Breaker,” “Old Church Choir”) Williams’ music comes from a place of humility and honesty as his songs are a direct reflection of God’s redemption in his life. “Chain Breaker,” his official RIAA-certified gold record-breaking single, has impacted millions of people around the world, earning Williams his first GRAMMY® nomination (Best Contemporary Christian Music Performance/Song, 2017) and a Billboard Music Award nomination (Top Christian Song). He’s also won two GMA Dove Awards (New Artist; Pop/Contemporary Recorded Song of the Year, “Chain Breaker”) and a K-LOVE Fan Award (for Breakout Single). Williams was also named Billboard’s 2017 Top Christian Male Vocalist and New Artist of the Year. Apple Music chose him as Artist of the Week in December 2016, while “Chain Breaker” was the top track of 2016 on iTunes’ Christian Songs chart and also reached No. 12 on Billboard’s Hot Rock Songs chart. Williams has also been awarded by BMI with a Citation of Achievement for “Chain Breaker,” recognizing the song for its national popularity and reach. For more information, please visit www.ZachWilliamsMusic.com.

ABOUT AUSTIN FRENCH Growing up in small town, Cordele, Ga., Austin French dreamed of sharing his faith and passion for Jesus through music at a young age. Being surrounded by a musical family inspired his passion for writing music. As he began to develop his gifts he formed bands learning to take his music to stages and churches. After becoming the worship pastor at Journey Church, in Tifton, Ga., French met his wife, Jocelyn. While serving there, French was featured on the first season of the ABC TV show “Rising Star,” where he finished as runner-up. After the show, Austin and his wife moved to Florida, and then to Nashville, Tenn., in 2017 where French began his journey into the CCM industry, signing with Fair Trade Services. After moving to Nashville, French and his wife adopted their son, and while in the process, gave birth to their second little boy. French’s debut album, Wide Open is available now. For more information, visit www.austinfrenchmusic.com.

ABOUT COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL Founded in 1952, Compassion International is a Christian child development organization that works to release children from poverty in Jesus’ name. Compassion revolutionized the fight against global poverty by working exclusively with the Church to lift children out of spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty. Compassion partners with more than 6,700 churches in 25 countries to deliver its holistic child development program to over 1.8 million babies, children and young adults. It is the only child sponsorship program to be validated through independent, empirical research. For more information, visit www.compassion.com.
Christmas for the Stargazer on Your List

Santa the Stargazer has some recommendations for that special person on your list who seems to always be looking up.

To recommend a telescope is hard, as there are so many at different levels of expertise, but remember, you get what you pay for. But there are many of the “go-to” variety around the $1,000 price point that are computerized and will go to thousands of celestial objects on command.

For that youngster who shows an interest in the starry realm, there are a variety of telescopes for around the $100 price point that can be an inexpensive introductory to stargazing equipment. The “big box” stores have low price telescopes, but these are built cheaply with lots of plastic and low quality optics that are good on the Moon and planets and only the brightest of deep sky nebula and galaxies.

Some of the best cyber retailers to check are Orion, Meade and Celestron. Any google search will yield a bonanza of places to visit. And many of the sites have tutorials and explanations of the types of telescopes to fit your needs.

Don’t forget about a good pair of binoculars, available at sporting goods stores and astronomy manufacturers. There are dozens of easy to find galaxies and star clusters with binoculars, and nothing is better to see the star clouds of the Milky Way. Even sports binoculars are fine for stargazing, like 7x35s. The first number is the magnification power of the binoculars, and the second number is the diameter in millimeters of the lenses at the end. So, a good astronomy pair of binoculars are something like 10x50 (10 power with a big 50 mm wide lens). Buy an inexpensive binocular mount that attaches to the front of the instrument and affixes to any tripod to keep a steady view. Binoculars and a good telescope are a life-time investment that will be used for decades.

A definite winner on your list is one of the monthly magazines about the hobby—Sky & Telescope or Astronomy. You can find Astronomy at WalMart, and both can be found at a good book store. The current monthly issue included with another starry gift (or a yearly subscription) will whet the appetite of any stargazer. Your guide to what’s up in the night sky, a monthly magazine is the perfect gift to see just how interested someone is in astronomy. And it is a great resource to weave your way through all the nuances of stargazing. And each magazine has their own publishing house and astronomy product line that is full of practical and educational spacey things. From star charts to Mars globes to posters, there are plenty gift items to choose.

Books, books, books. I am a book nut, and have quite an extensive library of astronomy and space exploration volumes. There are lots of books on amateur astronomy at any of the national bookstore chains. And those bookstores usually have a simple, inexpensive star wheel that will show you the night sky for any time of the year. Here are a few of my favorite beginner stargazing books that are available through on-line sellers:

365 Starry Nights by Chet Ramo A night-by-night look at what’s up, written with lots of historical anecdotes. Richly illustrated to explain the practical side of stargazing, it uniquely takes each day of the year and highlights what’s up in the starry sky. And it can be picked up cheap on the Internet.

New Atlas of the Moon by Thierry Legault and Serge Brunier. An oversized photo album that take the Moon day-by-day and identifies features with plastic overlays. With binoculars or a telescope you can identify craters, ancient lava flows and breathtaking mountains and their shadows.

The Monthly Sky Guide by Wil Tirion and Ian Ridpath; and Guide to the Night Sky by David Levy. These are more detailed tomes about the constellations of the night and the wonders they contain. Any of the many books by these three astronomy authors are great to own.

Riding Rockets by Mike Mullane. Though not about stargazing, this book is all about what it was like to ride the Space Shuttle by an astronaut who did so four times. Written with humor and a refreshing frankness that is absent from most astronaut tell-all books, many space lovers find this book to be the best—myself included.

Does your stargazer already have the equipment and know-how books of the hobby? Well, there are many practical gifts. Consider a gift like warm weather clothing, from gloves to warm snowsuits, for your stargazer. A wool hat is nice, and there are all kinds of hand and feet warmers that would make nice stocking stuffers.

Also a good gift for that amateur astronomer on your Christmas list is any flashlight that emits red light! That’s a sure hit gift for any stargazer as red light doesn’t affect night vision as the eyes dilate to adjust to faint light. A skywatcher has to look at charts, handle eyepieces (and find his hot chocolate!), so a red filter on a flashlight, or some unique light that goes on a hat or affixes to a telescope leg will be a great gift.

And finally, how about a gift idea for somebody on a low budget? Consider giving a framed 8x10 photo of one of those amazing images from the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope. The American taxpayer actually owns all the images of any space probe launched to the Moon, Mars, or anywhere else NASA has been. Go to www.hubblesite.org/gallery and you’ll see a tab for the “astronomy printshop.” Just follow the instructions and you can own a museum quality image from the Hubble Telescope. Download the largest possible file to a CD if you want to take it to a photo lab—or print it out yourself. Snap the image in a frame, and grab the Christmas wrapping paper! The Hubble website even has wall-sized murals of three astronomy objects that can be downloaded in sections and taken to a local printer to reproduce.

There you are…some astronomy ideas for Santa’s helpers. And as for my own Christmas wish list—anything with a star or moon on it is just fine with me!
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“Goal- start promoting freedom, end fear of being alone, fear containment of anything, let go, respect the journey of others…” - Pamela Anderson

A couple of weeks ago I enjoyed the most perfect date of my life.

It started on a chilly autumn afternoon at the Marquee Cinemas with a matinee showing of the new “Halloween” (my favorite time of day to see a movie.) Following 2 hours of gruesome fun and WAY too much buttered popcorn, my next stop was to J Frank, one of my top 3 favorite Tri-Cities eateries. I opted for a seat at the bar next to the cozy fireplace. A feast ensued- bread, wedge salad, crab cakes and shrimp piled atop a perfectly rare filet. Red wine flowed as easily as the lively conversation. Following dinner I found myself taking in the city lights at the rooftop bar at the Bristol Hotel. It was a perfect evening with great company and no awkward silences, enjoying all my favorite things at all my favorite places.

Because I was on a date with ME. And there ain’t NOBODY that treats me better than me.

I am a firm believer that no matter your marital status you should be in a long-term relationship with YOURSELF first and foremost. Self-care is so highly underrated and to ever be a healthy individual in a strong relationship, you have to value yourself above everything else. I would say this has been my biggest fault within every serious relationship I’ve had. The way I show love is to “do” for people. I make them the star and center of my universe. My happiness has always been directly equated to the happiness of my partner, therefore I put my own needs and wants second. Within my most recent relationship I did everything asked of me which involved lowering my own standards and compromising my own morals because I trusted and believed this individual and in the end I was very hurt and alone and again left to put my life back together. This is settling and I see so many people making the same mistake because we are nurturers. We want to take care of the people we love and want to make them number 1, even if it means letting the important things in our own lives go. It is a tough cycle to break, especially for me, but one that is absolutely necessary to ever find an equally loving lifetime partnership.

This is why I am putting the emphasis on dating myself and hoping to encourage all of you to do the same. Whether you are in a relationship or not, start investing the love and attention you want to receive from a partner into YOURSELF and watch the magic happen. Self-care gives you confidence and happiness and as a human magnet, that is when you attract the people who value the same things as you. You also will gain the insight that you are completely capable of living and ENJOYING life on your own, and if someone is giving you less than how you would treat yourself, it’s easier to rid your life of them.

So take yourself out for an expensive dinner, or at least a decadent dessert. Draw yourself a bubble bath and dive into a new book. Indulge in luxury bedding or buy yourself something you’ve been eyeballing for awhile. Take a drive over the mountain and spend a day exploring a new town. North Carolina is brimming with exciting small cities less than an hour and a half from the Tri-Cities where you can tour wineries and breweries, shop til you drop and eat til you can’t breathe. If you can’t find someone to go with you, all the better! These “solo dates” are about figuring out what YOU like and want so you can expect nothing less than that out of another person. Worst case scenario you might make a new friend, and when has that ever been a bad thing?

I would love to hear some of your own solo dates! I welcome you to like and follow my Appalachian Barbie Facebook page and share your ideas! Happy dating!

XO- Kathie
January Jams returns to Abingdon’s Barter Theatre for a seventh year of world-class concerts

Abingdon, VA – Abingdon Music Experience and presenting sponsor Blue Ridge Beverage announce the 2019 lineup for January Jams at Barter Theatre. Six world-class performers will take the stage at the intimate Barter Theatre, performing Fridays and Saturdays, January 11-26, 2019. Over the past six years, January Jams has showcased the best of bluegrass, Americana, soul, jazz and blues, bringing music legends and rising stars to downtown Abingdon, VA.

The series is funded by the Town of Abingdon, in partnership with the region’s leading businesses: Blue Ridge Beverage (Presenting Sponsor), Bank of Marion, Eastman Credit Union, First Community Bank, Food City, and JJ’s Restaurant and Sports Bar, as well as media sponsors WNCW 88.7 and Birthplace of Country Music’s Radio Bristol.

The series has made Abingdon a music destination, drawing visitors from across the southeast and beyond. One particular draw is the chance to see these performers at Barter Theatre, an intimate, 500-seat venue with a unique history rooted in the Great Depression. A full-service concessions stand is available for adults 21 and up.

For the first time this year, discounted student tickets are available with a valid student ID; prices will vary by show and quantities are limited.

All concerts are at 8:00pm, and doors open at 7:15pm.

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January Jams 2019 Lineup

An Evening With Béla Fleck & Abigail Washburn

January 11, 2019
For Fans of: Sam Bush, Medeski, Martin & Wood, Keller Williams

Béla Fleck & Abigail Washburn, “the king and queen of the banjo” (Paste Magazine), have a musical partnership like no other. Béla Fleck is a fifteen-time Grammy Award winner who has taken the instrument across multiple genres, and Abigail Washburn a singer-songwriter and clawhammer banjo player who radicalized it by combining it with Far East culture and sounds. The two met at a square dance, began collaborating musically and eventually fell in love. On stage, Fleck & Washburn will perform pieces from their Grammy-winning self-titled debut as well as their new record, Echo in the Valley (Rounder 2017). With one eye on using the banjo to showcase America’s rich heritage and the other pulling the noble instrument from its most familiar arena into new and unique realms, Béla & Abigail meet in the mean, head-on, to present music that feels wildly innovative and familiar at the same time.

Sam Bush Band

January 12, 2019
For Fans of: Newgrass Revival, Ricky Skaggs, John Cowan, Tim O’Brien

If joy were a person, he’d bring both peace and frenzy. He’d be full of music, light, and energy that soothes even as it stirs us up. Eyes closed, wire-rim glasses in place, mandolin pressed against his ribs, joy would be Sam Bush on a stage. That rapt merging of life and art fills Bush’s new album Storyman, a freewheeling collection that gleefully picks and chooses from jazz, folk, blues, reggae, country swing, and bluegrass to create a jubilant noise only classifiable as the Sam Bush sound. Many of the songs are stories—several of them true—and the legendary mandolin player co-wrote every one of them with friends including Guy Clark, Emmylou Harris, Jon Randall Stewart, Jeff Black, and others. For Bush, a lifetime of channeling his energy has led to stylistic innovations that have changed the course of bluegrass and roots music alike.

The Reverend Shawn Amos with Special Guests Ben Hunter & Joe Seamons

January 18, 2019
For fans of: Keb Mo, Dom Flemons, Jonny Lang “modern blues with a nod to the past”

From West Coast clubs, to Deep South joints, to European festivals, to YouTube, to the podcast universe, the Reverend Shawn Amos’ message of joyful blues is reaching an ever-increasing flock. The Rev’s distinctive blend of black roots music, R & B, and stripped down rock n’ roll brings a bracing, soul-deep musical experience to audiences starved for authenticity, for connection. “I derive a lot of satisfaction bringing people joy,” he says.

Seattle songsters Ben Hunter & Joe Seamons give life to voices that have long been silenced in American culture. Their award-winning performances are highlighted by story-telling that, rather than bringing the past to life, vividly shows how the past still lives in the present. Through their songs, audiences witness current issues crop up again and again in folk songs, dance tunes, acoustic blues, and prison ballads. Ben & Joe bounce from fiddle & banjo breakdowns to a cappella field hollers, early jazz to gospel songs featuring Piedmont guitar style and rattlin’ bones.

Tameca Jones

January 19, 2018
For Fans of: Gary Clark Jr., The Broadcast, The Suffers, Ruby Velle & The Soulphonics

When local Austin, TX native Tameca Jones opens her mouth and sings, jaws hit ground. Her honeyed and powerful vocals have been captivating her hometown for a little over ten years.

Tameca spent years skillfully and tastefully breathing new life into the music of others. She made a name for herself as the “Queen of Austin Soul,” blowing minds with her tasteful and vibrant interpretations of a diverse list of artists that include Tina Turner, Nirvana, Elton John, Jimi Hendrix, and more. The Austin Chronicle called her interpretations “sonic pretzels” that “juxtapose(s) crunchy jaggedness with her infectious, honeyed voice.” Her debut single, “Hot and Bothered,” is a Motown inspired cut produced by Josh Moore (Max Frost). The track is on both Spotify and iTunes. Independent music site, The Joy of Violent Movement, called “Hot and Bothered” “a sexy and slinky and old-school soul-inspired” song that is “contemporary and upbeat.” Tameca Jones is set to release her highly anticipated debut EP in February. There is little doubt that she will soon be the next big name to break out of Texas.

An Evening with Drew & Ellie Holcomb

January 25, 2019
For Fans of: Johnnyswim, Need to Breathe, Mandolin Orange

Drew and Ellie Holcomb are a husband and wife Americana duo from Nashville, TN. Shortly after their marriage in 2006, the couple began touring together with Drew Holcomb and The Neighbors. The band has supported many national touring acts including Ryan Adams, The Avett Brothers, Don Henley, and Willie Nelson.

Ellie is no longer a touring member of “The Neighbors,” and has found success in a solo career as a Christian singer/songwriter. Her albums As Sure As The Sun and Red Sea Road have both topped the iTunes Christian chart. Drew Holcomb still tours nationally with Drew Holcomb and The Neighbors and their most recent album, Souvenir, is their most critically acclaimed release yet. This January Jams, Drew and Ellie Holcomb is a special engagement event, allowing The Holcomb’s to collaborate once again.

Dustbowl Revival

January 26, 2019
For Fans of: Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats, St. Paul & the Broken Bones, Lake Street Dive

Dustbowl Revival is an Americana Soul band with eight full-time members who mash the sounds of New Orleans funk, bluegrass, soul, pre-war blues, and roots music into a genre-hopping, time-bending dance party that coaxes new fire out of familiar coal. Dustbowl is touring behind their self-titled, fourth studio album which spent three weeks on Billboard charts, hit #1 on Amazon Americana-Alt-Country, #2 on Amazon Folk, and spent 16 weeks on the Americana radio chart peaking in the Top 20. The band was founded in 2008 in the bohemian enclave of Venice Beach, California. Over the last five years Dustbowl has become known for their free-flowing and joyous live shows, combining their funk rhythm and brass section with a fast-picking string band section —opening for bands as diverse as Lake Street Dive, Trombone Shorty and The Preservation Hall Jazz Band.
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