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Mueller's March Madness

There is more than just NCAA brackets being busted in March. The letter from Attorney General Barr to Congress has busted the falsehoods, rumors, lies and smears on the Trump campaign and President Trump since 2016. While the report has not been released, the Attorney General's memo gives us great insight on the depth of the malicious manipulation heralded by the national liberal mainstream media and Democrat officials.

This shameful time in our nation's history should remind us that our 'light on the shining hill' must be guarded. In the hands of the wrong people on a mission of 'seek and destroy', America can be vulnerable. No president, regardless of political affiliation, should be subjected to the egregious actions President Trump has received. The 'collusion illusion' is busted and so should all that perpetuated this myth.

When the Democrats continue to drag our nation down because they lost the presidency they are putting their political agendas before our nation. What they are saying to us is, "We don't care how the people voted – you're wrong and we know better!"

This is a dangerous mantle they are wearing. Now, more than ever, we must rise and stand together to end their combative fury as it is chipping away at the foundation of our beloved nation. Let's continue to Make America Great as we are seeing our country with historic economic news due directly to the policy of the Congressional Republicans and President Donald Trump. The best way to do this is to focus on November 3, 2020... and bust the hideous actions of the liberals at the ballot box.

The Alabama Republican Party stands shoulder to shoulder with President Trump and Keeping America Great.

2019 ALGOP WINTER DINNER & MEETING



ALGOP National Committee Woman and Secretary of the RNC Vicki Drummond led attendees in prayer.



Master Sergeant Donna Johnson of the National Guard (Retired) sang the National Anthem.



6th Grader Brilyn Hollyhand of Tuscaloosa, publisher of The Truth Gazette blog, led the Pledge of Allegiance.



Thank you to all the sponsors and guests for their support.

Turnout was 'TREMENDOUS', and the event a 'YUGE' success!



The audience was impressed with Colonel Mark Tillman (Retired), as he described the events of 9/11 on board Air Force One.

The 2019 Winter Dinner was an memorable evening for the Alabama Republican Party.

Alabama's own former U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions was honored with a scholarship named for him and his wife, Mary, at their alma mater, Huntingdon College.

Guest speaker Colonel Mark Tillman shared his historic eye witness story of being the pilot of Air Force One on 9/11.

It was a great night to be a Republican!



Former ALGOP National Committeeman Edgar Weldon surprised former AG Sessions by announcing a scholarship in his honor at Huntingdon College, his alma mater.

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2019 Winter Meeting Recap

The ALGOP State Executive Committee (SEC) covered an extensive agenda during the 2019 Winter Meeting held at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Center on February 23rd.

Elections were held for officer positions on ALGOP's Steering Committee. Congratulations to the following members on their positions:

- Chairman: Terry Lathan
- Senior Vice Chairman: John Whal
- Treasurer: Sallie Bryant
- Secretary: Josh Dodd
- Vice Chairman District 1 and 2: John Skipper
- Vice Chairman District 3, 6 and 7: Pat Wilson
- Vice Chairman District 4 and 5: State Rep. Andrew Sorrell

Each Congressional District voted on new officers prior to the general meeting. The new steering committee will serve a two year term.

Additionally, there were deliberations on five resolutions, including one objecting to the Legislature increasing the state tax. All five resolutions passed, and are available on the ALGOP website. The SEC also received reports from the Chairman, Finance Chairman, Treasurer, Legal Counsel, and the ALGOP National Committeewoman and Committeeman.



The 2019-20 ALGOP Officers (clockwise): Chairman Terry Lathan, Senior Vice Chairman John Whal, Treasurer Sallie Bryant, and Secretary Josh Dodd.



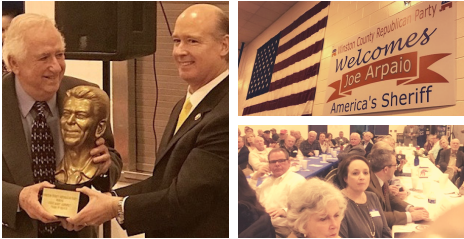
ALGOP National Committeeman Paul Reynolds delivered an update from the RNC to the State Executive Committee.

Save the Date

ALGOP SUMMER DINNER & MEETING
AUGUST 23RD AND 24TH
AUBURN, AL



Around the State



Winston County

A crowd of nearly 400 people came out to welcome 'America's Sheriff' Joe Arpaio as he delivered the keynote address at the Winston County Republican Party's annual Ronald Reagan Dinner on March 5th in Double Springs.

Sheriff Arpaio discussed his tenure as Maricopa County's top lawman as well as his time working for the Drug Enforcement Agency.

Retired Circuit Court Judge Bobby Ray Aderholt was presented with the Ronald Reagan Award at the dinner in honor of his many years of public service. His son, 4th Congressional District Representative Robert Aderholt, was on hand to bestow the honor. The county also saluted area resident Ed Cagle as its 'Republican of the Year'.

Top: 'America's Sheriff' Joe Arpaio with Alabama Republican Party Chief of Staff Harold Sachs and Winston County Republican Party Chairman Jerry Mobley. Bottom: Retired Circuit Court Judge Bobby Ray Aderholt and his son Congressman Robert Aderholt.

Mobile County

Azalea City Republican Women hosted Alabama Federation of Republican Women (AFRW) President Vicki Bailey at its meeting on March 11th.

Ms. Bailey spoke to the group about the history of the AFRW, which was started in Mobile by Mary Ellen Miller in 1963.

The club meets the second Monday of every month. Meetings start at 6 PM and are held at Briquette's Steakhouse on Montlimar Drive in Mobile. New members are welcome and can learn more about the organization by joining their Facebook group.



The Azalea City Republican Women welcomed AFRW President Vicki Bailey to their monthly meeting.



Elmore County

The Elmore County Republican Party hosted its first ever scholarship banquet on March 19th in Millbrook featuring a keynote speech from Congressman Bradley Byrne (R-1).

Congressman Byrne discussed the climate in Washington, DC now that the Democrats are in control of the House of Representatives. He highlighted the differences between the two political parties.

The dinner was part of Elmore County Republican's high school scholarship program. Area seniors are encouraged to participate in the organization's essay contest. The three finalist were invited to attend the dinner.

Right: Elmore County GOP Chairman Judge Bill Lewis thanking 1st Congressional District U.S. Representative Bradley Byrne. Top Left: The high school senior scholarship recipients. Bottom Left: ALGOP Chairman Terry Lathan with 'Weepublican' Bill Lewis Jr.



U.S. Senator Shelby recieved the YMCA Congressional Champion Award and discussed the work the YMCA is doing to invest in Alabama's youth.
(March 6, 2019)



U.S. Congressman Byrne is the co-chair of the bipartisan HBCU Caucus and spoke at the HBCU Steam Day of Action.
(March 7, 2019)



U.S. Representative Roby met with members of the Alabama PTA to discuss priorities for the school year and family engagement in the education system.
(March 13, 2019)



U.S. Congressman Rogers met with Chief Partridge and Mayor Craft of Oxford to receive a tour of their new law enforcement facility.
(March 20, 2019)



U.S. Congressman Aderholt spoke at the Westmoreland Boy Scout District's annual steak social night in the Shoals.
(March 19, 2019)



U.S. Congressman Brooks attended the Huntsville Madison County Chamber of Commerce's annual Washington Update where he answered questions from business and community leaders.
(March 4, 2019)



U.S. Congressman Palmer had the opportunity to speak with area farmers during a small-group breakfast hosted by the Alabama Farmers Federation (ALFA).
(March 7, 2019)



THE ROAD TO THE GAS TAX

On Saturday, February 23, 2019, the Alabama Republican Executive Committee passed a resolution by a margin of 61% to 39% against a bill raising gasoline taxes. Many members voiced concern over the quick movement of HB-2, the lack of information to the general public, the \$63 million that has been reallocated from road and bridge projects and wanted confirmation that these actions were a last resort.

The ALGOP resolution states, "...a current increase in the gas tax without reductions in the existing taxation revenue would be a move to increase the size and scope of government, redistribute income, and would violate the principles of our state and national Republican platforms." (Click here for resolutions.)

The legislators who tackled this issue ultimately cast their votes based on what each individual believed was in the best interest of their respective districts. It is their responsibility to share their reasoning for their individual decisions with their constituents.

To assure citizens that the funds are being used accurately and proficiently, the Alabama Department of Transportation will have a website devoted to the expenditure of these specific funds. This transparency will enable citizens to oversee in real time how their tax dollars are being spent.

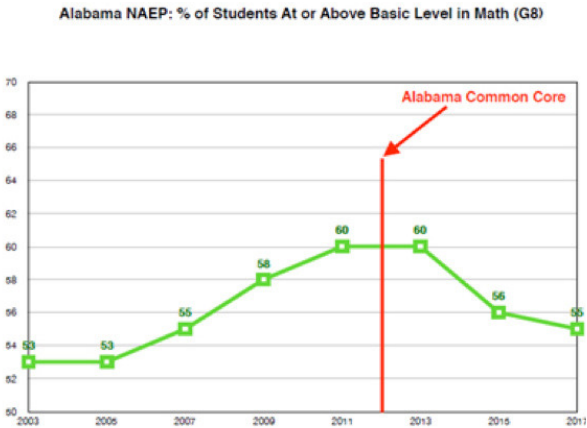
While we celebrate the conservative work since the Republican takeover in 2010 - eliminating 6,000 government jobs, no education proration, cutting and combining department services, securing a historic high education budget with teacher pay raises - we ask our elected officials to continue to be fiscally prudent as they manage our state's finances.

It's Time For Common Sense to Take the Place of Common Core

By a vote of 23-7, the Alabama State Senate passed a bill to repeal Common Core before adjourning for spring break.

After years of lobbying from conservatives, lawmakers took this very important 'first step' to end this controversial program.

The statistics don't lie. Alabama test scores have steadily dropped since Common Core was implemented in 2012 (see chart below).



Since that time, the Alabama Republican Party has passed three resolutions calling on the Legislature to repeal Common Core. The RNC has also passed a resolution calling for a repeal. ALGOP supports our teachers and giving them the tools they need to teach our children. The program is the problem.

This bill still must pass the Alabama House of Representatives. We encourage everyone to call their State Representative as soon as possible and ask them to vote to repeal Common Core. The main switchboard line is (334) 261-0500.



Senate President Pro Tempore Del Marsh introduced SB 119, which would repeal Common Core in Alabama. "This is a shot over the bow," Senator Marsh said in a video posted to social media. "It's not working. It's failing our children."



President Trump Visits Lee County

President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump traveled to Lee County on March 8th. It was less than a week after an EF-4 tornado touched down in Beauregard as our state mourned the loss of 23 Alabamians.

After touring the destruction from Marine One, President Trump visited a relief center set up at the Providence Baptist Church. The president told area residents, "We couldn't get here fast enough. I wanted to come the day it happened."

The President pledged FEMA would stay on the ground as long as is needed. "We love you all. We love the state of Alabama," he said.

The First Couple then paused for a moment of silence at a memorial that had been erected outside the church. The memorial consists of 23 crosses which represent each of the victims that perished.

The Red Cross of East Alabama is accepting donations to help victims.



Governor Ivey greeted the president and first lady. President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump paused for a moment of silence at a memorial for the 23 tornado victims outside the Providence Baptist Church. Photos courtesy of Governor Ivey and the White House press pool.

Vice President Pence Visits Huntsville



Winston County Republican Bonnie Sachs and Alabama House Speaker Mac McCutcheon were among those who greeted Vice President Pence. The Vice President signed a hat for Mrs. Sachs, whose county gave the Trump campaign the highest vote percentage in the state. Photos courtesy of Frances Taylor and Speaker MacCutcheon.

Vice President Mike Pence touched down in Huntsville on March 26th for a meeting of the National Space Council which he chairs.

He was greeted at the airport by numerous supporters including area Republican leaders and members of the National Guard.

Vice President Pence then traveled to the U.S Space and Rocket Center where he told the Council the Trump administration was committed to returning American astronauts to the surface of the Moon in the next five years.

"Let me be clear: the first woman and the next man on the Moon will be American astronauts launched by American rockets from American soil," the Vice President said. "But to accomplish this, we must redouble our efforts here in Huntsville and throughout the program."

VISION 2020

#OneAndDoneDoug

The Alabama Republican Party's top priority for the November 2020 election should come as no surprise: ending Doug Jones' tenure on Capitol Hill and replacing him with a Senator that shares the values of Alabamians.

During his term in office, Doug Jones has repeatedly cast votes against the Trump agenda. He did this despite making promises to support the wishes of his constituents who overwhelmingly support the President. He voted "NO" on the border wall, Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court, Gina Haspell for C.I.A. Director and ending late-term abortion.

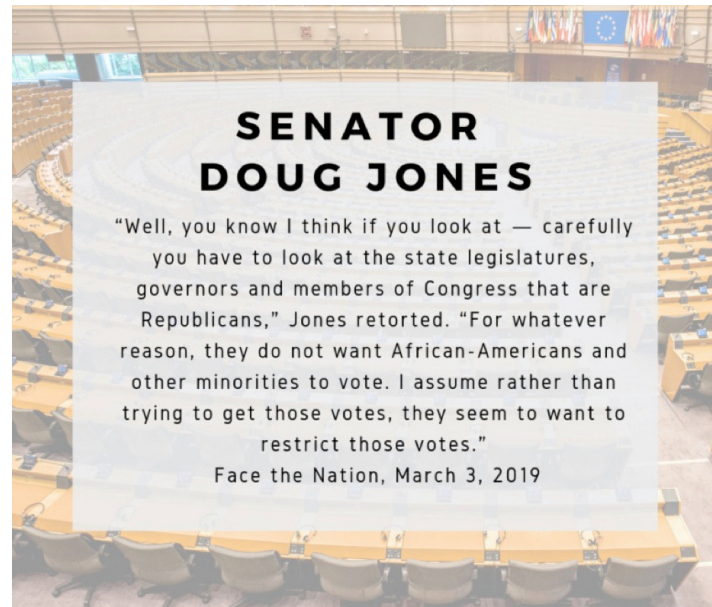
It's time to make Senator Jones #OneAndDoneDoug!

Over the coming months ALGOP will be reaching out to its supporters letting them know how they can be a part of the army being built to defeat Alabama's junior Senator.

Watch this space for our monthly 'Vision 2020' updates and, as always, thank you for your continued support.

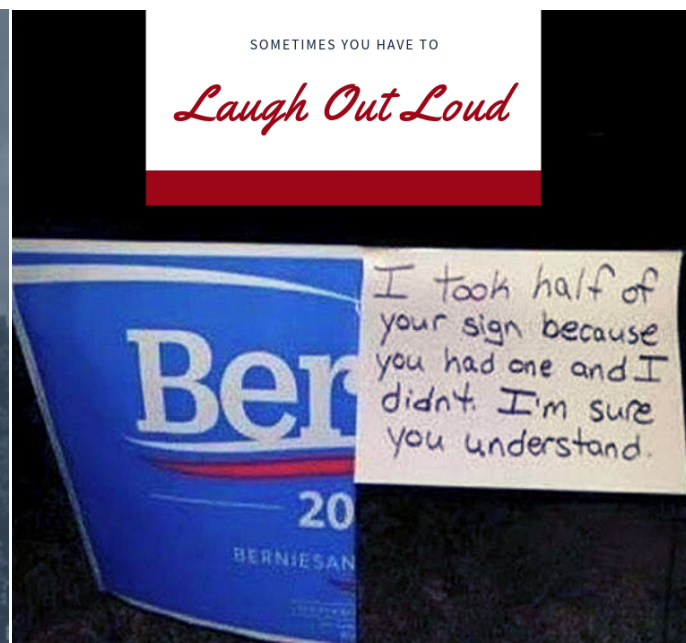


Democrat Alabama Senator Doug Jones shrugs as he tells Chuck Schumer he hates to vote against the New Green Deal. His body language tells us what he really thinks. #ShrugJones



"We need this seat, not just for Alabama but for America. Right now we are building an army."

ALGOP Chairman Terry Lathan



In Memoriam



Chairman Knight at Governor Ivey's Inauguration Ball with his daughter D.D. Knight.

GERALD KNIGHT Lee County GOP Chairman

The Alabama Republican Party lost one of its outstanding party chairmen, Gerald Knight. Gerald passed away unexpectedly on March 10th.

Chairman Knight was in the process of assisting the Lee County storm victims in the days before his passing. His love of others through his actions was a strong part of his life.

Prior to moving to Lee County, Chairman Knight was an active member of the Tallapoosa County Republican Party.

Please join us in keeping his wife, daughters and grandchildren in your prayers. He will be greatly missed, but his love of Alabama will always be remembered.

DIMITRI POLIZOS State Representative - Montgomery County

State Representative Dimitri Polizos passed away unexpectedly on March 27th.

Rep. Polizos was first elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 2013 when he won a special election for District 74. He was re-elected in 2014 and 2018. Rep. Polizos served on the Montgomery County Commission from 2004 to 2013.

He was the owner of multiple Montgomery restaurants, including Mr. Gus' Ristorante, and had catered several ALGOP events.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Rep. Polizos was a devout conservative who always put his family, friends and Alabama first.



In addition to many years of public service, Rep. Polizos was a successful restaurateur.