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# The Silver Screen

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On Friday night several hundred attendees witnessed the Red Carpet World Premiere of *Joan: Maiden, Martyr, Warrior, Witch* at the Cullman High School auditorium.

The screening began with what can only be described as an epic entrance by both cast and crew, as the newly dawned film actors, actresses, directors, and crew made their way down the red carpet.

Of course with any big premiere, flash bulbs popped as many were trying to get take that perfect shot on opening night.




Photos by Noah Chandler and Karen Lee
**The cast and crew pose for pictures following their world premiere of Joan: Maiden, Martyr, Warrior, Witch at the CHS auditorium.**

Joan can best be described as a first person account from four different periods in the young Saint's life.

The story began with Joan the Maiden, played by Lacy Trelles, living at home with her parents.

A horrible dream warned her father of the impending doom, but fate would not keep the young lass from fulfilling her rightful destiny.

Once the young maiden flees her overbearing, yet rightfully so, parents the story hands off to Joan the Martyr, played by Sadie Bell Freeman.

This account is told from her early days as a teenager where Joan accepts the voices in her head are in fact from God, not hysteria or delirium, and finds herself pursuing what will ultimately lead to her death; a free France.

In order to achieve this goal she would have to first convince the prince and future king, The Dauphin, played by Keillian Carpenter.

The Dauphin finds it necessary to test the young Joan, so he devises a plan to trick her, but she instinctually is led to him ultimately winning his trust. Well, at least for the moment.

Bloodshed, war and carnage quickly follow as the story is picked up on the battlefield with Joan the Warrior, played by Julia Neal. Joan, being just 16 years of age, commanded an army whom earned their courage and fight for freedom from her.

Though her life would be short lived, she suffered two significant wounds, the first coming from an arrow which struck her just above the breast and the second arrow striking her in the upper thigh.

Both wounds would prove to be nothing more than a minor inconvenience as she urged her army to push forward and fight harder against the English.

The downfall of the young woman came when Joan was imprisoned by the English, before she was handed over to the Inquisition.

Joan the Witch, played by Erica Harris, suffered greatly at the hands of her captures.

From being imprisoned high in a tower, which Joan leapt from, to being chained to the walls, shackled at the waist and

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***Right: CHS Theater Dirctor Dillon Lee, center, poses with the many Joans following the premiere of Joan: Maiden, Martyr, Warrior, Witch.***

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# From the Front

leg, the final days of Joan's life were a torturous one.

The Inquisition tortured her, trying to coax a false confession from the battered woman, finally getting what they needed after an unknown time in captivity.

Joan would realize that the sinister ways behind the Inquisition were mild compared to fire that awaited her at the stake, but at least she would be free from her earthly binds.

Cullman High School Assistant Principal Kim Hall said she was impressed with what the students had managed to produce.

"Our students are so gifted and so talented, which it really showed tonight. Mr. Lee did an excellent job with this first production," Hall said.

"It is going to be very interesting to see where this film will take our performing arts department over the coming years."

The performance garnered a standing ovation by all in attendance on opening night. Erica Harris, who made her theatrical debut as Joan the Witch, said she was overjoyed to get the part.

"This was my first time ever acting. It was actually my first audition," she said smiling after the premiere. "I've always been into theater and arts. I don't have athletics, theater is my thing and I am just glad that Mr. Lee and Karen did such a great job with our first film."

Harris, who will act as make-up artist on the upcoming May performance of *Cinderella*, hopes the future will continue to shine bright at CHS, as she is only a sophomore.

"There is so much talent in here at CHS," she said. "With each passing production we (theater family) grow tighter, so I am eager to see what the future holds for us all!"

Film Director and CHS Drama Instructor Dillan Lee was happy with the opening night viewing, but said it is necessary to make a few tweaks before offering the DVD version in three weeks.

"What everyone saw tonight was the rough cut," Lee said. "We have a bit of editing left to do, but the DVD, complete with behind the scenes, bloopers, our Red Carpet entrance and much more, will be made available, hopefully in no more than three weeks."

Lee gloated on all those who participated on the film, from the actors and administrators to the extras and patrons; he said none of the filming would have been possible without everyone's support.

"When I approached Asst. Principal Hall and Dr. Bouldin, they were all onboard.

From Dr. Harris all the way down to our student's parents who helped chaperon our trips to Montgomery, everyone was committed and onboard with the idea," he said.

"This film would not have been possible without all of their encouragement and help. Our actors and actresses did a fantastic job and the parents put in a lot of long hours on our field trips, so I must say thank you to them all for their hard work."

The May performance of *Cinderella* is slated for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th, with two night showings. Lee said he has not forgotten about the stage.

"We have not forgotten about the stage, but rather we looked for a way to involve more students who may not be willing to take to the stage. However we did have over 50 students audition for our upcoming performance, which is the highest number I can recall for play production."

DVD presales are being taken at the CHS office at a cost of $15 for the general public and $10 for students.

The cast included; Lacy Trelles, Sadie Bell Freeman, Julia Neal, Erica Harris, Keillian Carpenter, Antonio Cipollari, Dillon Spicer, Ben Tankersley, Jessica Lewis, Jay Terry, Erin Bodiford, Hannah Stringer, Joshua Barksdale, Alex Hudson Jeremy Odom, Leah Bales, Lexi Oliver, Noah Carpenter, Payton Palmer, Dara Moss, Jackson Hogan, Paige Schooley, Jordan Barnard, Karessa Kelley, Devan Hall, Clifford Emond, Alania Kennedy, Emily Hudson, Sharia Brinson, Jaz Bryant, Nikki Clines, Becca Donnelly, and Abby Adams.

The crew included; Producers-Becca Donnelly, Paige Schooley, Haile Horsley, Keillian Carpenter, and Noah Carpenter; Student Cinematographer-Jordan Johnson; 2nd Unit Student Cinematographers-Will Mitchell, A.J. Huey and Peyton Willhite; Directors-Dillon Lee, Karen "Red" Lee (also Lead Cinematographer, Art Director and Editor); Additional Cinematographer-Candace Schaffer, and A.J. Roach; and Site Manager-Wes Smith.







**Karen "Red" Lee and husband Dillon Lee pose for a quick shot before the world premiere of** *Joan: Maiden, Martyr, Warrior, Witch*.

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Romans 5:8

## No(ah)-It-All: It's Just the Way it Is

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As a child when I would ask a parental unit why a rule was valid, the stock response would be "Because".

When I hit the hallways of EES, CMS, or CHS and the same questions would arise, the stock response from administrators or teachers would be, "Because you need structure."

As I got older, out of high school and working for myself, whenever I would question any authority figure they would simply reply, "It's just the way it is."

These answers never made any sense back then and nowadays they carry less weight than they did a decade back.

Yet, the simplistic, but deceiving phrase still persists to this day.

No matter what the topic, whether it is something as trivial as a fishing method or as complex as a stance on political issues, it seems everyone has the stock response of, "It's just the way it is," but none can explain exactly why it is that way.

Stop for a minute and mull that over for a bit.

Alright, minute over, now chew on this stone for a little while.

Why is that we always give up whenever we hear these trite responses? Is it because it truly is the way it is or is it because most of us just give up way too easy?

Personally, when I hear that ridiculous phrase it is more irritating than the sound a plastic spoon makes when pushed through the fragile, yet durable, thinly produced plastic lining. It carries less weight than an empty freight train and has as much validity as a excommunicated priest, yet I hear it at least half-dozen times each day…the question, not the spoon.

Truly the phrase is nothing more than a colloquial expression that has morphed into this insignificant response that is best suited for school yard play, not the so-called real world we are so blessed to take part in.

Now don't get me wrong. I love a good vague excuse the same way everyone else does, but seriously this phrase is getting out of hand.

Why you may ask? Well it isn't because it has always been this way.

See there used to be a time when a person would be expected to give a detailed answer that properly suited the inquisitor, but it appears that is no longer the case.

Now we are stuck with "I don't know," shrugging of shoulders, or my most favorite "It's just the way it is".

So how do I plan on combating this worthless phrase? Simple. I am no longer acknowledging this a true response, but seeing it as a failed attempt to simply waltz past a situation.

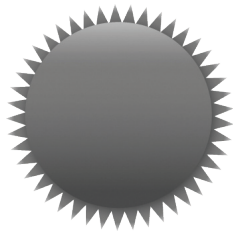
I do encourage you all to do the same with this phrase and any other that you may find off-putting, childish, or irrelevant.

Hopefully by not giving these less-than-adequate phrases little credence it will force others to delve into the reason behind the phraseology.

Then again I am sure someone will find a new way to pass off the same lame excuse because it is how it always been, is and probably will forever be.

## Weather

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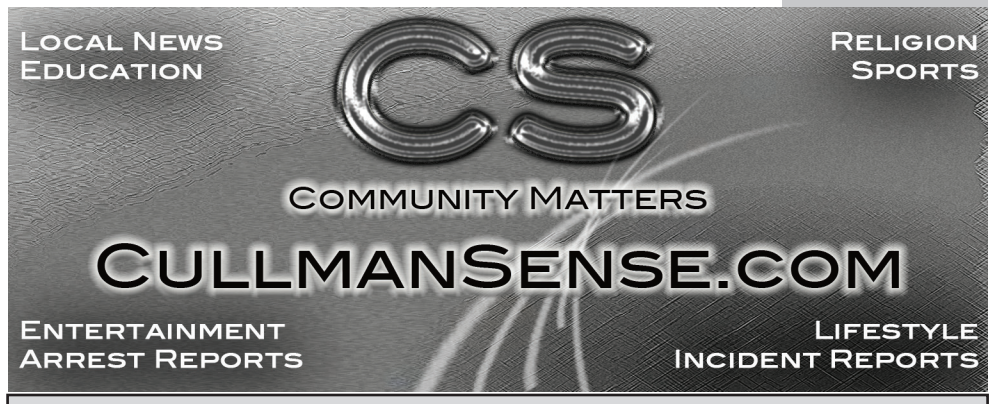
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**Monday**: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Calm wind becoming northeast around 5 mph.
**Monday Night**: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

**Tuesday**: A slight chance of showers, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south. Chance of precipitation is 30%.
**Tuesday Night**: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a low around 58. South wind around 10 mph.

**Wednesday**: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. Chance of precipitation is 70%.
**Wednesday Night**: A 20 percent chance of showers before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.

**Thursday**: Sunny, with a high near 65.
**Thursday Night**: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.




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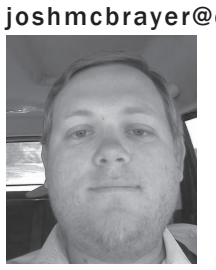
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SPORTS AREA ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

# The Hanceville Trio

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In a special three-part series, the Spotlight will stay focused on the Hanceville Bulldogs to highlight three of Hanceville's "shooting" stars: Broc Malcom, Diamond Simmons, and Sheldon Lewis.

First up is four-sport-star and quarterback for the Hanceville Bulldogs, Broc Malcom. He has averaged 14 points a game on the basketball court for the Bulldogs this season and scored over 900 points in his career. He led the team in steals and was second in both rebounding and scoring. Malcom has signed to play football for the Idaho State Bengals.

**Josh McBrayer**: Please tell our readers a little about yourself.

**Broc Malcom**: My name is Broc Malcom, I am 18 years old and I am from Hanceville, Alabama. I play football, basketball, polo, and run track.

**JM**: Tell our readers a little about what got you playing basketball.

**BM**: I love all sports and it was another sport I was able to play well. It allows me to compete. I have had the honor of being a four year starter on varsity.

**JM**: Tell our readers about your favorite sport and a little about why?

**BM**: Football is the sport I love to play the most. It is the sport I feel that I am he best at playing. I love the atmosphere and the thrill of representing your school under the lights on a Friday night.

**JM**: What do you feel is your greatest accomplishment in sports and why?

**BM**: I feel my greatest accomplishment to date is winning State in the 400 meter run last year (2011). It is a wonderful feeling to be called a State Champion and to realize what you have accomplished once you finish the race.

**JM**: Who do you feel has been you greatest inspiration in sports?

**BM**: My greatest inspiration has always been my mom. She has always been there to support me, no matter what I have done.

Head basketball coach Daniel Wakefield had this to say about Broc Malcom:

"Broc was a great competitor that hated to lose. He is the one of the greatest competitors I have ever coached in my 11 years in this profession. He would play hurt if he could and was a quiet leader on the floor. Broc was also a defensive specialist that led the team in steals for the past 2 seasons. Broc was all-county for 2 seasons and all-area for 3 seasons."

"He was a major contributor to the 54 wins HHS has had the past 3 seasons. Malcom was also a big factor in the success of the Bulldogs on the gridiron, leading his team with clutch passing and efficient rushing."

Next up in this three-part series is Hanceville starting point guard and Class 3A's reigning Back of the Year in football, Diamond Simmons. Diamond averaged five points a game this year on the hardwood floor while creating havoc for opponents on defense. Simmons has signed a football scholarship to play football with the University of North Alabama.

Diamond was kind enough to answer these questions:

**Josh McBrayer**: Please tell our readers a little about yourself.

**Diamond Simmons**: My name is Diamond Simmons and I am 18 years old. I am originally from North Charleston, South Carolina and I play basketball, football, and run track.

**JM**: Tell our readers a little about what got you playing basketball.

**DS**: Basketball was a way for me to play sports all year round. I have played basketball for four years. I enjoy competing so I tried to play every sport I could.

**JM**: Tell our readers about your favorite sport and a little about why?

**DS**: My favorite sport is football and it is also the sport I feel that I am the best at playing. All of the hard work has paid off with a full scholarship to UNA.

**JM**: What do you feel is your greatest accomplishment in sports and why?

**DS**: My greatest accomplishment, I believe, is being named 3A Back of the Year. The thing I am most proud of is that I always play for God and try to live my life right.

**JM**: Who do you feel has been you greatest inspiration in sports?

**DS**: I have always been inspired by old footage of "Sweetness" Walter Payton. I like his toughness and his dedication to the game of football. That how I want to be remembered, as a tough back who plays inspired football.

Coach Wakefield had this to say about Diamond:

"Diamond was our starting point guard and was our defensive specialist, which means he often got the toughest assignment. He started on varsity for three years and has never missed a practice or game during any of those seasons."

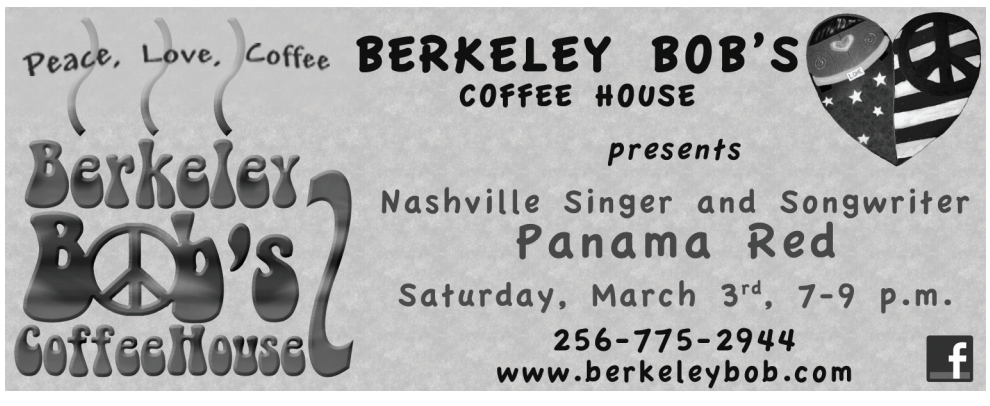
"Diamond was a good basketball player, but is an even better person. It is very easy to like Diamond just as a person, even though he was also an all-around great athlete. He always played and behaved with a Christ-like attitude and his character is top-notch. I was proud to be Diamond's basketball coach every time we took or left the

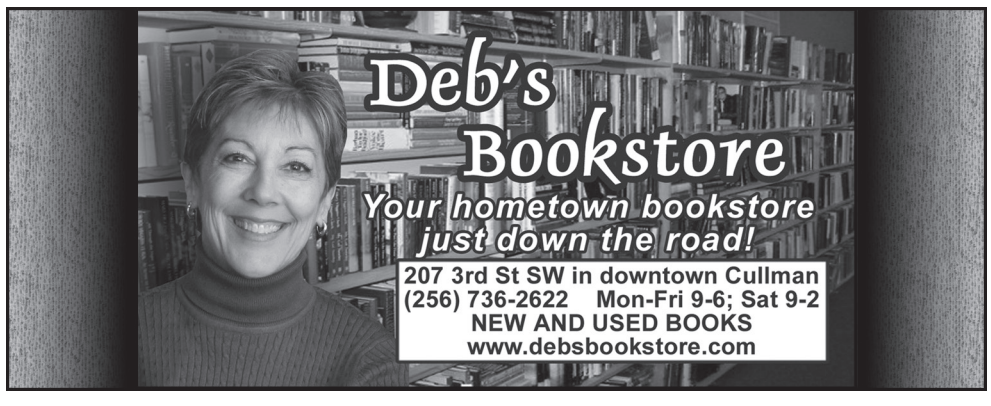


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**Top: Broc Malcom shoots from the charity stripe.**
**Bottom: Diamond Simmons takes a defensive stride.**





floor."

The third and final installment in this three-part series is the only underclassman in the trio, Sheldon "Debo" Lewis. Sheldon is a bruising linebacker for the Bulldogs.

He also played basketball for the junior varsity team for the first time this year.

**Josh McBrayer**: Please tell our readers a little about yourself.

**Sheldon Lewis**: My name is Sheldon Lewis and I am 17 years old. I am originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I play football, basketball, l and run track.

**JM**: Tell our readers a little about what got you playing basketball.

**SL**: I just started playing basketball this year and earned the starting center job on the junior varsity team.

**JM**: Tell our readers about your favorite sport and a little about why?

**SL**: I love the sport of football. It is the sport that I am the best at playing.

**JM**: What do you feel is your greatest accomplishment in sports and why?

**SL**: I feel that my greatest accomplishment so far is going 10-0 in football this last season and winning the regional championship.

**JM**: Who do you feel has been you greatest inspiration in sports?

**SL**: My biggest inspiration in sports is linebacker Ray Lewis of the Baltimore Ravens. I really like the effort and dedication he brings as a linebacker.

Coach Wakefield had this to say about Sheldon:

"Sheldon played basketball for the first time this season on the JV. He eventually earned a starting spot and was the team leading rebounder."

"He was the most improved player in the program from the first day to the last. I wish "Debo" had been playing basketball all along because he is a great athlete that can succeed in whatever he tries to play. He was very coachable and wanted to get better at basketball to help his team win. He is also a great person who is fun to be around that has a great attitude at all times."

I really enjoyed being his coach this season and look forward to him possibly starting on varsity next year."

I hope you as readers have enjoyed this special three part series as much as I have enjoyed bringing it to you.

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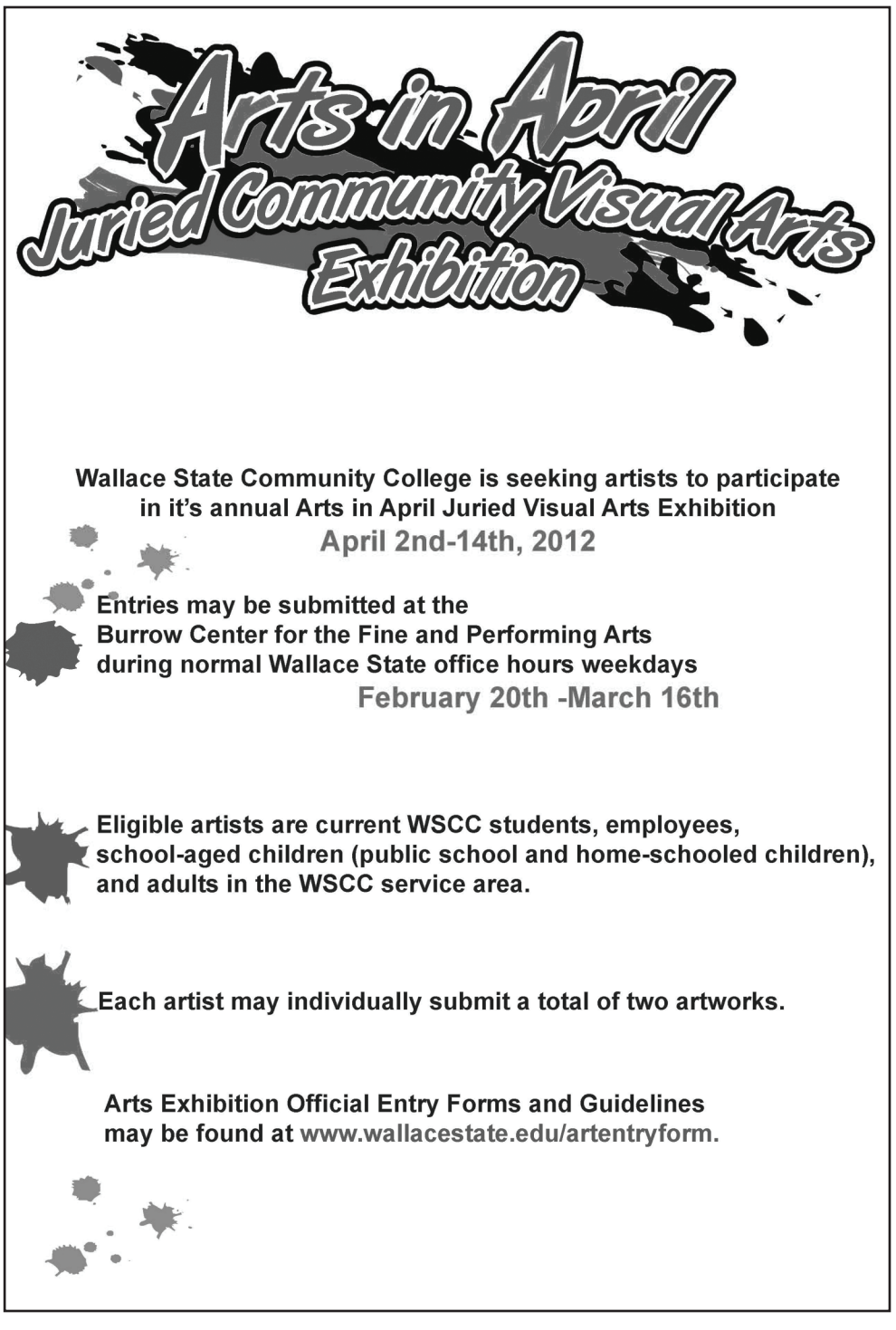



**Sheldon Lewis listens to his fellow players during one of the Bulldog's undefeated regular season games.**












# Community Matters

# An Abundance of Giving

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The 9th Annual Empty Bowls of Cullman County went off swimmingly as more people were served than ever before, adding some much needed funds to the Cullman Area Food Bank.

A worldwide concept that originated in 1990, an art teacher in Michigan created the fundraising effort back in 1990 and has become a worldwide concept since its inception.

The Michigan teacher's students would make ceramic bowls then would serve soup in their handcrafted bowls at a dinner to raise money for their local food bank.

Participants kept their bowls as a reminder to them of the hungry people suffering in their community.

Since then, Empty Bowls events have been held the world over in all places, from schools and churches to community centers.

All proceeds raised benefit the hungry. The keepsake pottery serves as an inspiring memento of the experience and is artistically built by local potters.

For Cullman, Sandra Heaven was the first potter to make the bowls and to become involved nine years ago.

Other potters are from Cullman and surrounding counties.

Tanya Shearer serves as the Coordinator of Empty Bowls of Cullman County and appreciates the event's primary purpose and the community's involvement in the effort.

"It is amazing how the Lord brought everyone together to create Empty Bowls, each on contributing their own special gifts and talents. In fact, most of the people who planned the first Empty Bowls are still actively involved today," Shearer said.

The first Empty Bowls of Cullman County was held in November 2003.

The event's efforts, while primarily aimed at alleviating the issue of hunger, are rooted in the idea of service-learning.

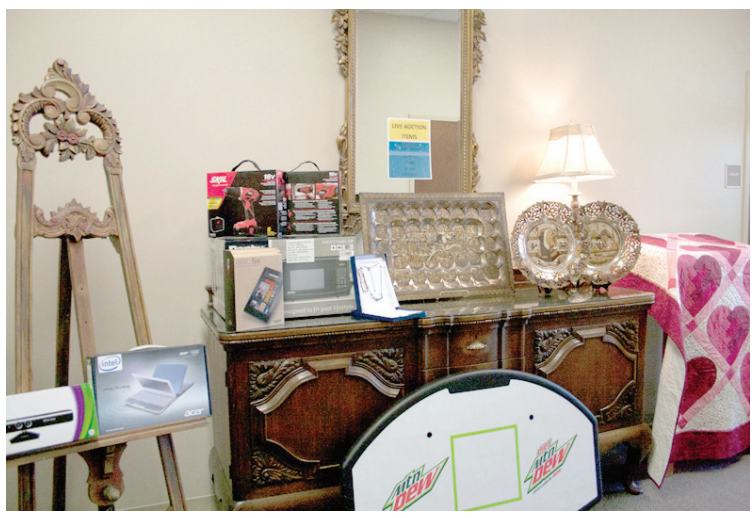
"We usually serve between 600-700 people each year to date, Empty Bowls of Cullman County has raised, $67,800 for the food bank over the past eight years," said Shearer. "This year we raised $12,000 for the Food Bank and we served 862 people. This is by far the largest turnout we've ever had."



*Photos by Jessica Norrell*







# Passion for the Kitchen

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***Photos by Annette Harris***

**I Begin to Cook**

My mother and grandmother were good cooks. I ate, enjoyed it and went about whatever else I was doing. Cooking was not for me.

I don't like green vegetables of any sort, no matter how good they are for you. I'm still waiting for the FDA to come out with an announcement that they were wrong and now green vegetables are not what they first thought, so don't worry about eating them. They are of no nutritional value. Somehow I don't think that's going to happen. I would take some sort of pill that had all that great nutrition that green vegetables bring if my life depended on it. Therefore I refer to the green stuff as rabbit food; enough about that.

I was always doing something outside, working, or going to school. I didn't have time for learning to cook. It wasn't important and I never thought about that if one day I had a husband I might need to know how to cook. I guess I just figured I would marry a man that knew how to cook, and that I did.

Once a year my mother always made an insane amount of Christmas cookies and my brothers and I would help with that. I think our helping was eating the broken ones or the raw cookie dough that is supposed to kill you and decorating the sugar cookies. That was my favorite part.

When I got a little older, about 16, I decided to try and make a cake. I'm not sure why, but I did. Pretty easy, I just followed the directions on the box.

We finally got a microwave and used it for heating things. My specialty was cheese toast and left over pizza. I really thought I had hit it big time when I made a scrambled egg. Of course, I had to find out how in the microwave recipe book, but it turned out pretty good.

I moved into my own apartment at 19 and soon found out that I was spending a lot of money on eating out and I needed to save money. I bought some cheese, hotdogs, eggs and the biggie…. hamburger meat! I was fairly sure anyone could make a hamburger. After a few attempts, I could scramble eggs, boil hotdogs, make cheese toast, and make myself a decent hamburger. It was food and I didn't really care about the quality. I didn't realize there was such a thing as quality. I didn't starve.

The first Christmas after Ralph and I started dating, my mother said it was time to make Christmas cookies and to invite Ralph. We got started and my mother was either trying to show Ralph I wasn't a lost cause and marry me off, or something, but she read the instructions to me and I did the work. I had the mixer going, it was a gadget and I liked that better than stirring by hand. She repeated where it said in the recipe to STIR IT BY HAND. I immediately lifted the mixer out of the bowl without turning it off and as Ralph and my mother watched in horror, cookie dough flung all over the kitchen. I proceeded to do as I was told and mix it BY HAND. I didn't use a spoon. I mixed it BY HAND. I didn't skip a beat.

The room was silent, but I was pretty proud of myself. Ralph thought it was about the funniest thing he had seen in a long time and he still talks about it today.

**Cheesy Cheeseburgers**

*Be really hungry when you decide to make these.

I love a good cheeseburger. Anywhere I go, I try to find the best cheeseburger to try. I have about figured out that the best cheeseburger to me is one I make myself because I can pick and choose everything about it from the bun to the cheese.

*This recipe makes 4 really big cheeseburgers.

Make 4 patties, fairly thick (1/4 lb. each), making an indention in the middle about 1 ½-2 inches across.
Put the cheese of your choice in the indention. I used the new Queso Blanco Velveeta for this burger. I used a slice about ¼ inch thick.

Make another patty (1/4 lb.) and put on top of the first one, covering the cheese. Pinch the sides together tightly so the cheese stays inside while cooking. Add salt and pepper.

On a hot griddle or grill, cook the burger on high heat to get a good color to the burger, flip and turn the heat down to medium high. Cook until juices run clear.
When done, put American cheese on top and let it melt.
My favorite buns to use for all my hamburgers are the Hawaiian buns made for hamburgers and they are large enough to handle this one.

Condiments, my favorites are purple onion, lettuce, tomato, sweet pickle relish, Miracle Whip, ketchup, mustard, etc.

Different variations of this burger are use ground turkey, using both the dark and white meat of the ground turkey, putting pepper jack cheese in the middle, bleu cheese is great inside this burger, etc. You get the idea.

**Magic Cookie Bars**

Makes 36

This is pretty sinful and deadly. Beware! You are going to addicted and sticky when you start eating these. They are so rich you could buy a yacht!

**Ingredients:**

- ½ cup margarine or butter
- 1 ½ cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 (14 oz.) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (not evaporated milk)
- 1 (6oz.) package semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 (3 ½ oz.) can flaked coconut or (1 1/3 cups) bagged coconut
- 1 cup chopped nuts (I don't ever put nuts because I don't like them)

**Directions**:

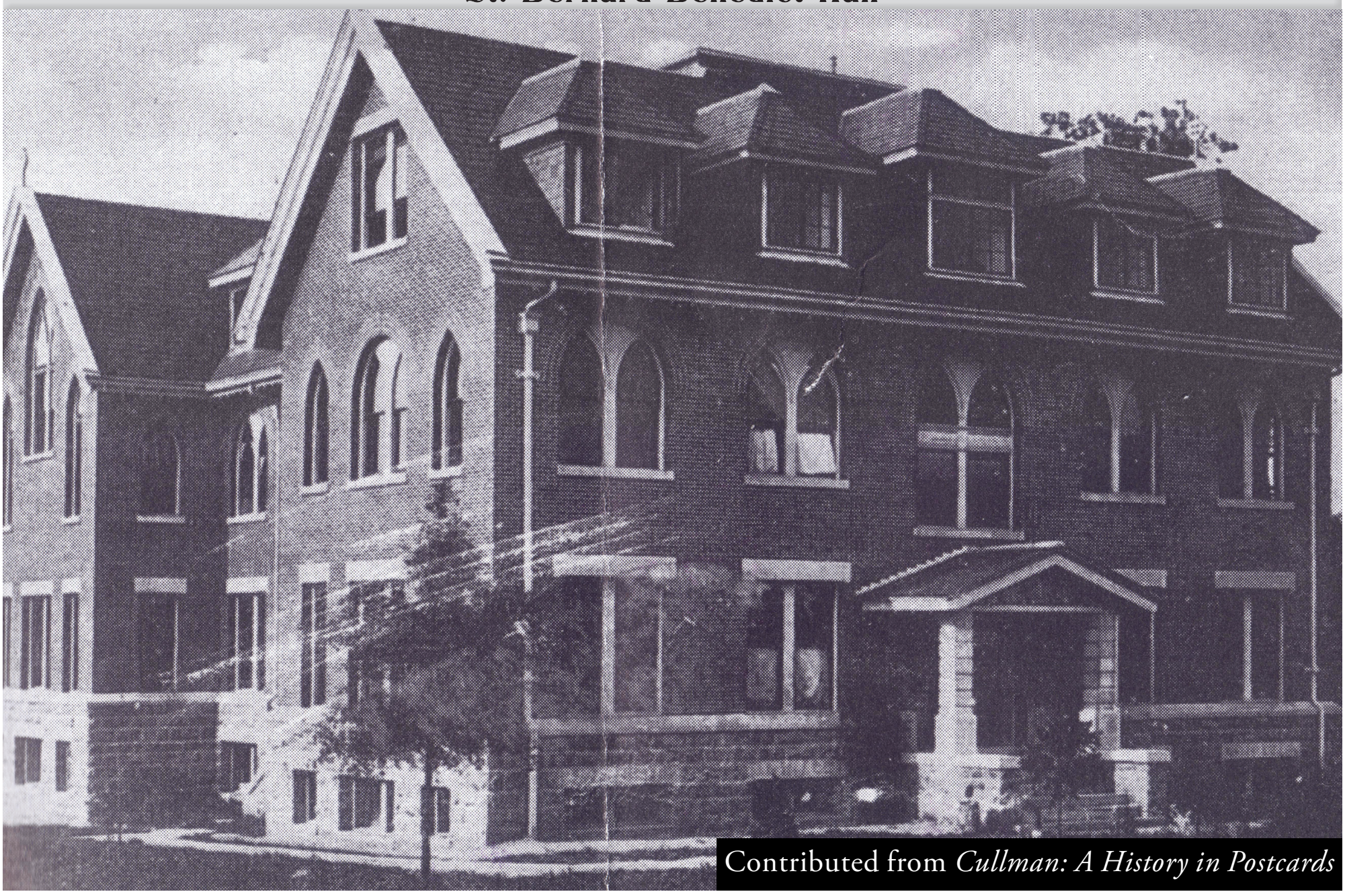
1. Preheat oven to 350 (325 for a glass dish).
2. In a 9x13 inch-baking pan, melt margarine in oven. Sprinkle graham cracker crumbs over the margarine; pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over the crumbs.
3. Top evenly with remaining ingredients; press down firmly.
4. Bake 25-30 minutes or until lightly browned.
5. Cool. Chill thoroughly if desired.
6. Cut into bars. Store loosely covered at room temperature.

*Remember, I warned you.



# Mirroring History

## Looking Back: Exploring Historic Cullman at St. Bernard Benedict Hall



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# Local Events Calendar

Send your Events to: calendar@cullmansense.com

**Monday, February 27th**

**Circuit Clerk Candidates Forum**
There will be an open forum tonight beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center featuring all candidates running for the office of Circuit clerk in the upcoming March primaries. Everyone is invited and urged to come to the forum to see what each candidate has to say about their views on issues affecting the Cullman community. Forums are free and will start at 5:30 p.m. There will be additional forums in coming weeks featuring other candidates.

**'The Equalizer' Women's Self Defense Classes**
Cullman Police Officer Cindy Rohrscheib is conducting a Women's Self Defense Program, 'The Equalizer', from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center. There will be a second class next Monday, March 5 as well.
This program seeks to educate women on how to recognize and reduce their risk of becoming victims and how to effectively resist a physical attack if necessary. The cost is $25.00 for the manual (per household) and is open to all women in our community.

To register for this learning seminar please contact Cindy Rohrscheib at Cullman Police Department, 256-736-4703 or email her at cindyr@cullmanpd.com. All women, all ages, are encouraged to take part in this class and to bring a daughter or friend along as well.

**Overeaters Anonymous Gather at Grace Episcopal**
Members of Overeaters Anonymous meet every Monday, at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in the Carriage House located on Church premises. Further information is available at 256-747-6218 or 256-352-1143. Everyone is invited to attend these gatherings.

**GED Classes at Desperation Church**
GED learning classes are held each Monday night from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Desperation Church. For additional information please contact Ed Oaks at 256-737-9564 or 256-735-6811. These classes are open to the public and everyone who wants to obtain their GED is welcome to participate.

**Cornerstone Revival Ladies Prayer Meeting**
A Ladies Prayer meeting is conducted each Monday night at 7 p.m. at Cornerstone Revival Center. For additional info, call 256-796-2899. All interested women are invited to attend.

**Aqua Zumba Classes at CWAC**
Everyone is invited to take part in the Aqua Zumba classes which are offered each Monday at Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center beginning at 7 p.m. in the center's indoor pool. Please call 256-775-7946 for additional information! Come start the New Year off with water exercises!

**Tuesday, February 28th**

**Cullman Walk MS Kickoff Dinner**
The Cullman Walk MS Kickoff will take place tonight with a lasagna dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Col. Cullmann Room at Cullman Regional Medical Center. For further information please contact Brandy Harm at 256-232-3670 and leave a message or through her email brandy.harm@nmss.org. Everyone is invited to attend this event and help support MS.

**Probate Judge Candidates Forum**
There will be an open forum tonight beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Galin Auditorium at Cullman City Hall featuring all candidates running for the office of Probate Judge in the upcoming March primaries. Everyone is invited and urged to come to the forum to see what each candidate has to say about their views on issues affecting the Cullman community. Forums are free and will start at 5:30 p.m. There will be additional forums in coming weeks featuring other candidates.

**Emotions Anonymous Support Group Meeting**
An Emotions Anonymous Support Group meets each Tuesday at noon at Grace Episcopal Church Carriage House. Those interested are invited to attend these group sessions. Further information is available through the Group Director's office at 256-734-3605 or 256-796-8440.

**Knifty Knitters Meeting**
The Knifty Knitters group meets each Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Cullman County Library. Yarn, needles and instructions are provided free of charge and every one of all ages who are interested are invited to attend these sessions. Further info can be obtained by calling Lesia at 256-734-2720, extension 23.

**Ladies' Auxiliary VFW Dance at Post 2214**
The Ladies' Auxiliary of VFW Post 2214 invites the community to their weekly Tuesday night dances at the VFW Post building. The country line dance starts at 7 p.m. each Tuesday night, with admission only $5.00 per person. Concessions are available and all proceeds benefit the Auxiliary's local projects.

**North Central Alabama Genealogical Society Meeting**
Members of the North Central Alabama Genealogical Society meet every Tuesday in the basement of the Wallace State Community College Library for informal study and to help new researchers. The meeting is from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and those interested are invited to this free gathering. Come learn about your 'roots'! Call Von at 256-739-2843 for more information.

**Wednesday, February 29th**

**Free Community Meal at Living Waters Ministries**
A free community meal is offered each Wednesday night at Living Water Ministries beginning at 5 p.m. Living Water is located in the East Park Plaza on the left side of Highway 278 just past the entrance to St. Bernard Monastery.

Everyone is welcome to attend these Wednesday night gatherings. Further information can be obtained by calling James Moore, 256-338-9145. Donations also are gratefully accepted.

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**Thursday, March 1st**

**Cullman County Commission Chairman Candidates Forum**
There will be an open forum tonight beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Galin Auditorium at Cullman City Hall featuring all candidates running for the office of Cullman County Commission Chairman in the upcoming March primaries. Forums are free and will start at 5:30 p.m. There will be additional forums in coming days featuring other candidates

**Raised Bed Gardening and Composting Workshop**
A 'Raised Bed Gardening and Composting' workshop will be offered tonight from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This event, which is open to the public for a $5.00 fee per person, is sponsored by the Alabama Cooperative Extension Agency, North Alabama Agriplex and Peinhardt Living History Farm, and is part of a monthly program offered the first Thursday of each month.

All programs take place at the Agriplex building across from the Cullman Bowling Alley. For additional information and to pre-register for the session please contact Rachel Dawsey at 256-297-1044 or thru email at cullmanag@gmail.com.

**'Everybody Dance Now!!!'**
Wallace State Community College Music Department presents it's 'Spring Sing 2012' program 'Everybody Dance Now!!!' beginning at 7 p.m. in the Burrow Center Recital Hall. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy an evening of great musical entertainment by some extremely talented students.

Tickets are $7.00 for adults, $5.00 for students. Tickets are available at the door each night of the event. For additional information please call 256-352-8277.

**Overeaters Anonymous Meeting**
Overeaters Anonymous meets each Thursday evening at 4:45 p.m. in the Carriage House at Grace Episcopal Church. Everyone is invited to attend these sessions. Further information can be obtained by calling 256-747-6218 or 256-352-1143. There also is a group which meets on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the same place. Meetings are open to everyone interested.

**Friday, March 2nd**

**Baked Potato Supper**
A Baked Potato Supper fundraiser will be held tonight from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center. The $8.00 a plate meal will include a jumbo baked potato with barbecue or chili. Folks are invited to dine in the Center or use take-out which is available as well.

Events during the evening include a bake sale as well as a raffle with all funds raised to go toward purchasing classroom/student needs. Additional information may be obtained by calling the school office at 256-739-0486. Everyone is invited to attend this event and support a worthy cause while feeding your family at the same time.

**40th Annual Rotary Auction**
Everyone is invited to attend the Rotary Club's 40th Annual Auction tonight at Cullman Civic Center. The viewing starts at 5 p.m., with the silent auction from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Auction, led by Joe Hagen, AL LIC #387, begins at 6:45 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this exciting event.

All funds raised benefit community projects under the auspices of the Rotary Clubs. There also will be a shotgun and $500.00 cash drawing. Free admission to this event and food and beverages will be provided by the Fidelia Club of Cullman.

**4th Annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament**
Come to the 4th Annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament Fundraiser sponsored by the CHS Boys Golf Booster Club will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Cullman Elks Lodge. There is $100.00 donation with an optional $40.00 rebuy. Payout is 50% of original donations.

Come support the CHS golf team and enjoy a night of cards with your friends! For further info please contact 256-736-3850 or 256-347-1925. Come see if you know 'when to hold 'em, and when to fold 'em'!!! It might just be your lucky day!

**Saturday, March 3rd**

**'Goats' Visit Farm Kids Club**
This Saturday's Farm Kids Club activity will feature 'goats' with live animals and goat milk and goat cheese tasting to round out the learning event. This program is open to all children ages kindergarten and up, and they should be accompanied by an adult. The cost of this seminar is $5.00 per person and the session starts at 9 a.m. Sponsored by the North Alabama Agriplex Board and Peinhardt Living History Farm, everyone is welcome to come and take part in these special monthly events!! To pre-register and for additional information, please call 256-297-1044 or email Cullmanag@gmail.com.

**Natural Childbirth Classes**
This class is for those who are considering having natural childbirth. Your education, desires and personal support network greatly influence a positive outcome.

In this class you will learn: details about stages and phases of labor, relaxation techniques & comfort measures, how your birth partner can help you during labor, physiological positions and movements for labor, about medical interventions, the role of hormones during labor & birth, and much more.

There are two class locations in the city; please call (256) 962-0975 for directions and registration. Visit http://www.birthingbeautiful.com for more.

**VFW Saturday Night Dance**
The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2214 invites everyone to their weekly Saturday night dances which begin at 7 p.m. and last until 10 p.m.

Music on Saturday nights is provided by the Boogie Night Band. Entrance fee is $5.00 for each individual. Come on out and bring your dancing shoes and enjoy an evening of great music, fun and fellowship!

**3rd Annual Legacy Gala for Sacred Heart Catholic School**
Sacred Heart Catholic School is sponsoring its 3rd Annual Legacy Gala in the Sacred Heart Family Life Center. Entertainment by the Barflys and catering for the event is provided by Cake-N-Eat It 2. Photos will be available by Theresa during the evening, and a silent auction will begin at 5 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.

Bidding on the Silent Auction items opens at 5 p.m., with the social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with dancing starting at 8 p.m. The Silent Auction will conclude at 9 pm with winners announced.

Tickets for the Gala are $150.00 per couple, and $75.00 per individual. Reservations for a table to seat ten are $1,000.00. To obtain your tickets before they sell out, please call the school office at 256-734-4563.Put your dancing shoes on and come enjoy a great evening of fun and fellowship and help support Sacred Heart School!

**Sunday, March 4th**

**'Open House' at St. Bernard Prep School**
St. Bernard Prep School opens its doors this afternoon at 2 p.m. to introduce students from grades 7 through 12 to showcase the educational possibilities that are available to them. Everyone is welcome to come spend the afternoon on the St. Bernard campus, and further information can be obtained by calling the school at 256-739-6682 or through their website www.stbernardprep.com. Come out and talk with students and instructors while enjoying the relaxing atmosphere that surrounds St. Bernard.

# PUZZLES, COMICS, AND JOKES

## THIS WEEK'S WORD SEARCH TOPIC IS: THE MOVIES

BY: DUSTIN ISOM

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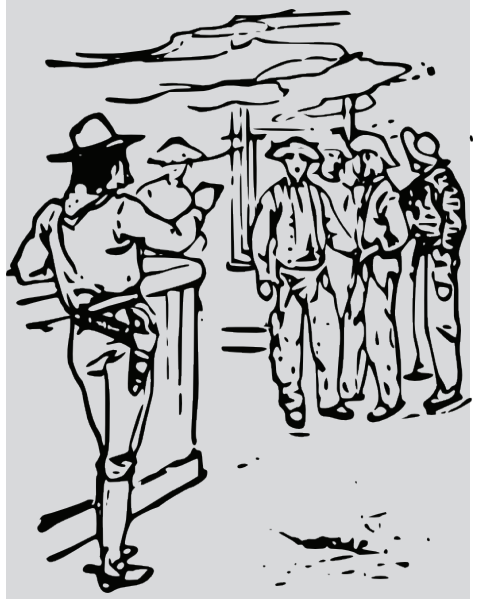
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## GETTING CORNY

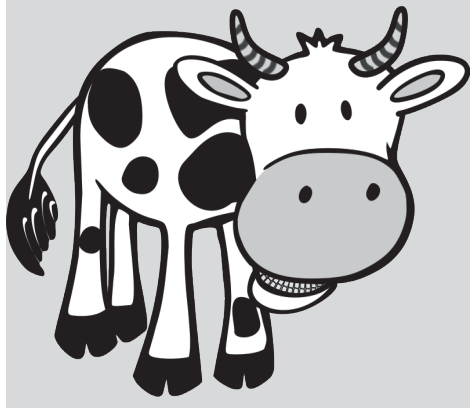
1. Why did the Hollywood producer hire a chiropractor to write his movie?




2. Where do the character's of Bonanza go when they get hurt?



3. What do you call a baby cow without any energy?



1. He could write a good back story. 2. Decaffeinated. 3. The Hauss-Pital.

## Comics by St. Edo — Anthony Saint — st.edo@cullmansense.com



SPORTS

# From the Opening Tip

By: Josh McBrayer
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The Good Hope Lady Raiders advance to the AHSAA 4A NW Region Semi-Final to take on Andalusia this Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the BJCC after handling Priceville in the Girls Class 4A Northwest Regional Championship 65-52 on Saturday.

The Lady Raiders came out storming in the first quarter, knocking in 27 points while holding Priceville to just six.

The large 21-point lead was enough to hold off the surge of Priceville in the third and fourth quarters to give Good Hope their second consecutive ASHAA 4A Northwest Regional Championship.

Kayla Tillman was named MVP of the Girls Class 4A Northwest Regional Tournament and was humbled by the award, deferring credit to her teammates.

"Honestly, anyone on the team could get MVP. It's a big deal but when you have everyone on the team that could get it, just share it. I was hoping they would do something like that (Co-MVP) but they can't," Tillman said.

"It is an honor to win MVP, but everybody on the team could get it. There are different areas where someone could get it."

"Nina Mills handles the ball amazingly well. She does everything she is supposed to; when she is open she takes it. She knows what she is supposed to do. Elrod, she plays defense, she shoots, she does everything. Why not give everyone the MVP?" she said with a laugh and a smile.

Joining Tillman on the All-Tournament team were teammates Kayla Elrod and Nina Mills along with Katie Parker and Molly Thompson from Priceville, Bugg Grizzard from West Limestone and K'Maya from Brooks.

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Follow the Lady Raider's championship pursuit at **cullmansense.com/sports**







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***2nd Annual***

**'Crowns for a CURE Pageant'**



Saturday, March 17th, 2012
Hosted by the Merchants Bank Relay for Life Team
Located at Cullman 1st Baptist Church
In the ROC (gymnasium)
Entry fee: $35.00
Miss Photogenic fee: $5.00
*You can pick up an application at any Merchants Bank location*

Admission is $3.00
*Kids 6 & under get in free!*
0 – 9 years begins at 10:00am
Survivors' Honorary Walk begins at 12:00pm
10 - 23 begins at 1:00pm
*For more information contact us at rfl@merchantsbankal.com*

***All proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society!***

# Just Sayin'

You are fearfully and wonderfully made ...
Psalm 139:14



## {You}nique 2012

*For middle and high school girls in the Fairview Community*

*March 10, 2012*

*9 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

*Fairview High School Auditorium*

**The world wants to tell us lies about our lives, but God promises us so much more.**

**He created YOU ... His beautiful child. Let's celebrate that together at YOUnique 2012.**

**We promise honest and encouraging discussions on topics like:**

- **Friendships that last**
- **Today's technology**
- **Real beauty**
- **Making choices**
- **Dealing with relationship issues, and more.**

**We'll have a time of worship followed by small group sessions for middle and high schoolers.**

**Lunch and snacks will be provided. And best of all ... it's free.**

## REGISTER TODAY!

**Register by Feb. 27 to receive a free event T-shirt. (Note: Supply may be limited.) Pick up a registration form at your church or contact Julie Grimes at juliefgrimes@yahoo.com or 256-796-1859.**

{You}nique 2012