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Weather Not a Factor at this Year's Relay for Life

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Photos by Noah Chandler

CULLMAN – As most may remember, last year's Relay for Life event was pushed back due to the tornados on April 27th. With a new date came a new location as the Cullman Lion's Club offered up the use of the Cullman County Fairgrounds as a replacement.

But the first year at the famed grounds proved to be a difficult one as the weather turned from sun in the sky to a downpour on the grass. The relay was never officially cancelled, though the rains kept most from venturing out to support the American Cancer Society, along with local relay teams.

This year was different though. As tents popped up throughout the fairgrounds, a noticeable upbeat attitude could be observed on the faces of the survivors, caregivers, and those relaying for their team. They smiled and laughed while preparing for the overnight haul.

"It went great. From a committee standpoint it was fantastic, or as Mavis would say 'fabulous'," Relay for Life committee member Tim Kelly said early Saturday morning. "We had a super turnout and people stayed all night long, including six teams who competed in all the competitions. We even had people walking in the fog…not in a mental fog, but in a literal fog. It was a great time."

During the opening ceremonies a guest speaker, two-time breast cancer survivor Linda Hand, shared her experiences and emotions she dealt with while enduring her battle. Hand spoke about experiencing the gut-wrenching news of being told she had cancer in a span of just under 15 years. A mother and a grandmother, Hand said she fought hard to beat the disease.

She began a Relay for Life campaign in her home and was chairman for 13 years when she was diagnosed the second time. This second time would not be easy, Hand explained. With chemotherapy looming, a moment of surrealism struck her in the doctor's office.

"Once the doctor told me that we needed to schedule chemotherapy appointments I pulled out my calendar," she explained. "I don't know what could have been more important than chemotherapy, but I looked anyway. I told the doctor I had a hair appointment that day to which he replied, 'save your money.' By the second week I saw why."

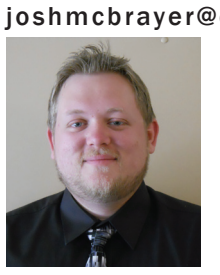
The speech Hand delivered brought tears to many eyes in the crowd, but the story was one of inspiration she explained, "Just don't ever give up."

Kelly, who lost both parents to cancer, said the constant fundraising is vital to finding a cure.

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Alabama Stay-Cations: The Alabama Sports Hall of Fame

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With the Class of 2012 ready to take their rightful place in the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, this is a great opportunity for the sports-minded fan to take the short trip down to Birmingham to take in some true sports legends.

As per Act Number 225 set forth by the Alabama Legislature, which went into act August 16th, 1967, any citizen of Alabama can nominate any person, living or dead, who they feel has brought fame and glory to the State of Alabama through their sports exploits.

Here are the rules for nomination according to the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame website, www.ashof.org

1. A candidate must have, by his/her athletic sports exploits, brought fame and glory to the State of Alabama.
2. Male or female participants in any recognized form of sports competition are eligible for nomination.
3. All candidates must have been in retirement at least one year, except for those over 40 who are still active.
4. Two categories of inductees are as follows; modern and old timers. If the nominee performed more than 40 years



Photos by Josh McBrayer

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Relay (Cont.)

He said the personal experience he experienced with his father, then again with his mother, has played a large role in shaping his future with cancer research and fundraising.

"I lost my dad to lung cancer in 1978 and my mother passed in 2004 from emphysema and cancer," he said.

"They (ACS) are on the edge of not curing, but possibly being able to prevent some cancers with something as simple as an inoculation."

The constant research which started some four decades back has advanced over the years Kelly said the advancements have not only helped the patients, but has helped aide in providing the currency which is crucial to further the research.

"We have to have Relay so we can further research," he said. "If you go back to the late 70s when they first started tracking a lot of cancer and mortality rates associated with cancer, today there are 375 more people alive every day because of the effect of the fundraising and research. Our target is to have 1,000 people a day and once we reach that we will change the goal."

Activities throughout the night include the Bra Modeling Donation Lap, Luminary Ceremony, and Parade of Teams. Once the clock struck midnight, the Celebrity Idol Variety Show kicked off the more advantageous portion of the evening, followed by the judge's favorite contest, the Relay's Hot Dog Cook-Off.

Participating teams spent the early morning hours preparing their own unique hot dog recipe. Once the dogs were gone, the Musical Chairs Scavenger Hunt had teams darting around the fairgrounds in search of their next clue.

At 4 a.m. the Relay took a turn for the frigid, as team members dawned soaking wet t-shirts before running a full lap around the grounds.

Once the participating members had a moment to dry off and warm up it was off to the main stage for the Fashion Show. As the sun broke the early morning sky it was time for breakfast after a quick Zumba class.

Just before 9 a.m. Mavis Martin and Tim Kelly took to the main stage to present the awards for the night's event. By this time most of the teams had packed up, but a select group comprised of about 50 individuals applauded the fundraising efforts. After which they all took the track for one last lap to officially close out the 2012 Relay for Life in Cullman.

Just because this year's Relay has ended doesn't mean preparations for next year aren't currently underway. The 2012 Relay for Life was described by many in attendance as "the best one yet." Kelly said he hopes they can exceed the aforementioned declaration.

"We are already preparing for next year," Kelly said. "We have a lot to top. Of course we could not do it without the teams, the donations, or fundraising. Without those key elements there would be no research, and without research there can never be a cure. It's not the committee that does this, it's the teams who do all the work, so thank you!"





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No(ah)-It-All: : Should You Trust the So-Called Mainstream Media?

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There used to be nothing better than sitting down on a Monday morning, opening the paper or flipping on your local news outlet to find out what has gone on whilst you were sleeping. Nowadays, unfortunately, whenever I seek out "hard news" it is always served up with a hearty helping of sarcasm, attitude, and opinions.

Either side of the aisle has their separate news outlets. It is a given that FOX swings to the right while MSNBC tilts towards the left and CNN, well CNN is just the Cynical Nonsense Net-worth that does far more pandering than either of the two listed above.

With this being said, the question is raised, "Can I trust any of these news outlets?" Well if you lean to either the right or left and are firm in your convictions then the answer is yes as long as you don't turn the channel or pick up different newspapers. Now for those who don't buy the one-sided rhetoric, CNN is a beautiful mix of one-third news photography/video, one-third flashy sensational graphics and a jumbo screen which would make Jerry Jones envious, and one-third opinion which somehow panders to both sides. Well that depends who is ahead in the polls that week.

It is perfectly fine to express your opinion no matter your profession, which is why what you're currently reading is considered a column not a story. However, if you are a reporter, photographer, videographer, or newscaster, keep your less-than-apt opinions to yourself when writing a story or producing a news segment. A lot of avid news watchers know that the rhetoric and propaganda has been ramped up over the past decade. There is no sign of it ending anytime soon, so always fact-check any story that may peak your interest.

Those who work in the media understand their job is to accurately report the news, keeping the story as unbiased as humanly possible, while providing all pertinent facts without embellishing or sensationalizing. The problem with this is that a huge chunk of the media conglomerate does not adhere to this very simple idea. Why? For some it is to build a wall of plaques from the self-nominated Associated Press awards while others just have a hard time regurgitating information accurately. Either way, accuracy without interjection is nearly impossible to find with any media, let alone the mainstream.

Don't let it get you down though. There is a small ray of hope, which can also be considered the portal to hades depending on which side you stand on…it is the Internet! As my uncle so delightfully suggested, the best source for governmental information is to go directly to the source. If you are looking for information regarding Alabama politics or governmental procedures, just visit Alabama.gov. And the great thing is that other states have their own sites as well, so we can fact check from a distance. So cut out the middle man when it comes to real pressing issues, especially if they are happening on a county, state, or country level, and you'll get a much clearer picture.

Even our local offices, including the Cullman County Courthouse, City of Cullman, and Cullman County Revenue Commission have websites. Each site varies, but each provides valuable information regarding permits, press releases, minutes from council meetings, upcoming road construction projects, and the list goes on and on. I urge you to visit these sites for "from-the-source" information if you desire the clearest of pictures. It beats having to take second, third, or sometimes sixth hand information, especially when it comes to your community.

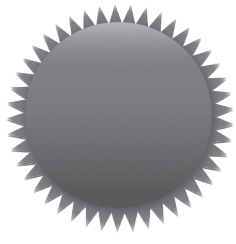
Here is a list of local municipalities you can visit for accurate information regarding most issues pertaining to local governmental procedures. My hope is that everyone will become heavily involved in researching these issues just so everyone can be better informed.

Cullman County Courthouse: www.co.cullman.al.us
City of Cullman: www.cullmancity.org
Cullman County Revenue Commission: www.cullmanrevenuecommissioner.com
Cullman City Parks & Recreation: www.cullmanrecreation.org

If you have an opinion that you wish to share with others then I urge you to step up to our "Soap-Box" and let your voice be heard. My assurance to you is that we will print only opinion pieces which are not vile, attacking, or idiotic in nature. So if you're going to step up then I suggest you come loaded to bear.

Weather

Source: NWS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
			
Hi: 85	Hi: 83	Hi: 77	Hi: 75
Lo: 64	Lo:60	Lo: 51	Lo: 50

Monday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near **85**. Calm wind becoming southeast between 5 and 10 mph.
Monday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Cloudy, with a low around **64**. South wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 60%.
Tuesday: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near **83**. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.
Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around **60**. West wind around 5 mph becoming calm.
Wednesday: A slight chance of showers before 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near **77**. Chance of precipitation is 20%.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around **51**.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near **75**.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around **50**.
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SPORTS

AREA ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Mauricio Rosas: St. Bernard Preparatory

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The Spotlight makes its way down Highway 278 East to St. Bernard Preparatory and locks in on pitcher, catcher, and third baseman, Mauricio Rosas.

He is a starter on the St. Bernard Saints baseball team and despite being only a sophomore, he is just as good in the classroom as he is on the field with his lofty grade point average. Taking a break from his studies, Rosas took time to answer these Spotlight questions.

Josh McBrayer: Tell our readers a little bit about yourself.

Mauricio Rosas: My name is Mauricio Rosas. I am 15 years old and I am a sophomore on scholarship at St. Bernard Preparatory.

My dad's name is also Mauricio and my mother's name is Carmen. I have one sister and her name is Jacqueline. I was born in Mexico City, Mexico but moved to Cullman when I was five years old.

JM: What sports do you play?

MR: I only play the sport of baseball.

JM: How long have you been playing the sport of baseball?

MR: I have been baseball since I was nine years old. I started out playing parks and recreation ball and moved on to high school ball.

JM: Who taught you to play baseball?

MR: My dad taught me to play baseball. I was looking for a sport to play when I was younger and found that I liked baseball the best.

JM: Who is your favorite baseball player? Why?

MR: My favorite player would have to be former Brave and current Toronto Blue Jay Yunel Escobar. I really like the way he plays the position of shortstop.

Head baseball coach and Class of 2012 Cullman County Hall of Fame inductee, Wade Knight, likes what he sees in Rosas.

"He is one of the best hitters on the team," said Knight. "He just keeps improving."

Although the season is over for the St. Bernard Saints, you can rest assured Mauricio Rosas will keep practicing and will continue to help lead the Saints to victory on the baseball diamond.





Top: Mauricio Rosas relaxes by playing baseball on his Xbox 360.
Bottom: St. Bernard Saints Baseball Team

Good Hope Lady Raiders Lay Claim to Class 4A, Area 13 Championship with 10-0 Victory Over East Lawrence

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GOOD HOPE – Good Hope Lady Raiders are Class 4A, Area 13 champions and will travel to the Sportsplex up in Huntsville to take on the runner-up of Area 15 at 8 a.m. in the sub-state regional on May 11. Good Hope got to that venue by topping the East Lawrence Lady Eagles 10-0 in the championship game of their area tournament. Co-MVP Cara Goodwin picked up the shutout win, allowing just two hits and striking out 13 Lady Eagle batters.

It did not take long for the Lady Raiders to make their presence in the championship game known, as the other tournament MVP Kayla Tillman led off with a single and advanced over on a wild pitch. Bailee Andrews then reached on an infield-error by East Lawrence and a ground-out by Goodwin scored Tillman for the only run they would need in the game. A double by Alannah Henke scored Andrews and Henke later scored with yet another Lady Eagle error fielding the ball.

East Lawrence's Emily Shelton settled in for the next two innings and did not allow a single run to score. However, the Lady Raiders were not going to be kept from scoring more runs later in the game with Darbie Randolph leading off the fourth inning with a triple to right field.

After a failed bunt-attempt by Tillman resulted in an out, Andrews got a single to plate Randolph for a 4-0 Good Hope lead. After a stolen base by Andrews, a single by Henke moved her over to third and a single from Darcie Wilson put the Lady Raiders at the half-way point of the run-ruled championship.

Andrews led off the sixth inning the hard way, being hit by a pitch. A walk by Goodwin and a single from Henke loaded the bases for Wilson, who scored an RBI sacrificing herself, as she was the second Good Hope batter to be hit by a pitch in the inning.

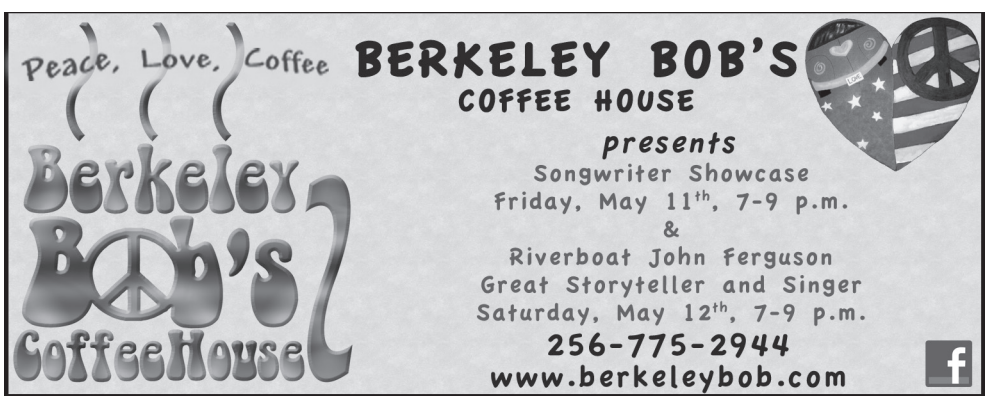
Megan Sterling then worked the East Lawrence pitching staff for a bases-loaded walk and yet another RBI.

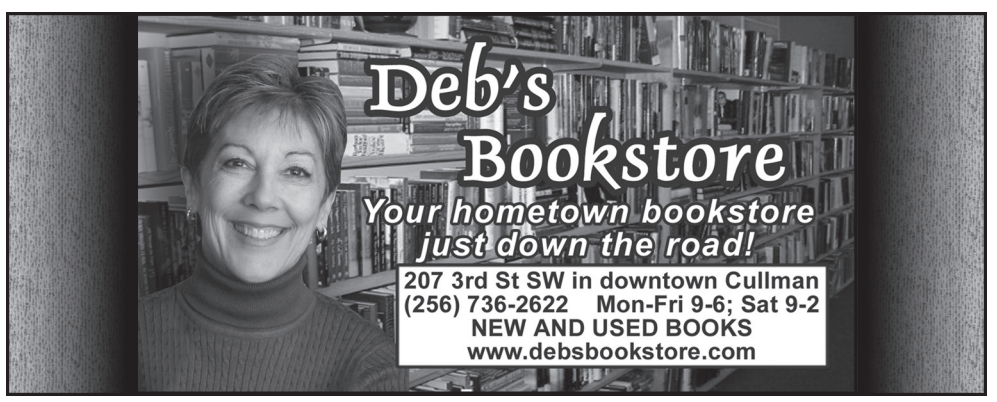


Kacy Thomas squirted a hit past the shortstop to score Elise Whitworth for the next run and gave Good Hope an 8-0 advantage and just two runs away from ending the game with the mercy rule. A bases-loaded walk to Hayley Calvert plated courtesy runner and senior Malory Bacate for a 9-0 lead, and Randolph knocked in the final and decisive run with a ground-out back to the pitcher to score Sterling.

Henke was focused and tops at the plate for the Lady Raiders as she went 4-for-4 from the plate with two runs scored, two stolen bases, and an RBI. Goodwin, Calvert, and Sterling each went 0-for-3; however, each received a free pass and RBI in the game. Tillman went 1-for-3 with a walk and run scored, while Bacate and Whitworth each scored a run.

Also for Good Hope was Randolph who went 2-for-4 with a run and RBI; Wilson went 1-for-3 with a stolen base, run scored, and two RBIs; Kacy Thomas went 2-for-3 with a walk and RBI; and Andrews went 1-for-3 with three runs scored and a stolen base. Estavia Jones was the only one to get a hit for East Lawrence, as she went 2-for-2 from the plate.





In Brief

Changes Coming Fall 2012 for Financial Aid Students

By: Kristen Holmes
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HANCEVILLE – Students who enter Wallace State in the fall 2012 term will notice several changes in financial aid as mandated to all colleges by the U. S. Department of Education. The good news for students is that Pell Grant funding levels will not decrease for the 2012-2013 academic year. Pell Grant eligibility will change, however, and that will affect the ability of some students to receive further funding.

Students currently have a lifetime Pell Grant limit of 18 full time semesters. As of July 1, the lifetime Pell Grant limit will be reduced to 12 full time semesters or 600 percent, and that limit is retroactive. (Receipt of a full Federal Pell Grant annual award is equivalent to 100 percent, and each full-time semester is equivalent to 50 percent of the award year, so 12 full-time semesters equates to 600 percent.Students are eligible to receive Pell Grants for the equivalent of two full-time semesters per year, even if they attend a third semester in summer, for example). Because the new limit is retroactive, if students have already received Pell Grants for 12 semesters, regardless of when that might have been, they will no longer be eligible.

"Some students who have been in school a long time will no longer be able to receive Pell Grant funding," said Becky Graves, Wallace State Financial Aid Director."Those students will have to find other alternatives, such as scholarships or loans, if they plan to continue attending school."

Federal Direct Loans and scholarships are available through the college. Some students may be eligible for funding through Veterans Affairs, the Workforce Investment Act or Trade Readjustment Act. Wallace State also participates in the federal work-study program, and a variety of scholarships are available through the Wallace State Future Foundation.

Another change for students will be in the Ability to Benefit rules. Currently, the U.S. Department of Education requires that students who want to receive federal financial aid and who do not have a high school diploma or a GED demonstrate their "ability to benefit" from college work, which has been done through federally approved testing, such as the Compass placement test, that measures reading comprehension, writing, and math skills (or grammar, reading and listening skills for non-native English speakers). After July 1, college students who have never enrolled in college courses and who do not have a standard high school diploma or GED will not be eligible for Pell Grants or Direct Loans.Changes in the rules will not affect funding for currently enrolled students who have met Ability to Benefit requirements. "If students have questions about their funding they should visit the financial aid office now so they can make plans for the fall 2012 term," said Graves.

Students who apply for financial aid are required to complete the federal application at www.fafsa.gov, and should use the IRS link to access their income tax information. According to Graves, using the tool will speed up the entire process for the student and the time it takes the college to process the student's file.

Wallace State is preparing to unveil a new administrative computer system this summer. The SunGuard Banner system, the same system that many larger universities use, will give students personalized and streamlined access to information, including financial aid, degree plans and academic progress, registration, grades, classes schedules, and unofficial transcripts. It will also allow students to track real-time progress and status of their accounts.

The financial aid office expects this service to be in place by the start of fall semester registration on July 16."We are really excited about the new computer system and the service it will allow us to give our students," Graves said."Students will be able to see changes on our system immediately."

The process for financial aid will never be instant, however, as financial aid is a complicated program with awards contingent on meeting all college and federal government guidelines. Inadvertent omissions and mistakes in a student's application can further delay the process.

Students should apply as early as possible to allow enough time to process their aid before payment is due for the fall semester. The priority deadline for applying for fall financial aid is June 1st. Fall classes begin August 16. More information about financial aid may be found on Wallace State's web site at www.wallacestate.edu/finaid.

Chamber Partnering with The Link of Cullman County on Non-Profit Fundraising Strategy Workshop

By: Deonne Ludwig
Contributor

CULLMAN - The May 11 Program is to assist area non-profits better strategize in order to receive the maximum benefit from their organization. According to a recent report the top three reasons Non-Profit organizations don't raise more funds are:

- they don't ask,
- they don't develop a plan, and
- they don't get the organizational CEO involved as the chief fundraiser.

The Chamber is partnering with The Link of Cullman County to bring Allan Burton with Hope Manifest to Cullman for a "Developing a Fundraising Strategy" Workshop on Friday, May 11 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Hope Manifest is a faith-based 501(c) 3 organization that helps non-profit organizations identify the most efficient and effective development strategies so they can connect with and ask passionate individuals for support. This workshop, which will be held at the Chamber, will be beneficial for anyone who is interested in raising funds for a non-profit, church, ministry, agency, or otherwise. The cost is $15.00 per person and includes lunch. Space is limited so reservations prior to the event are required. Please register either by e-mail at info@cullmanchamber.org or by calling 256-734-0454. To learn more about Hope Manifest feel free to visit www.hopemanifest.org.

CRMC Announces New Center for Wound Healing

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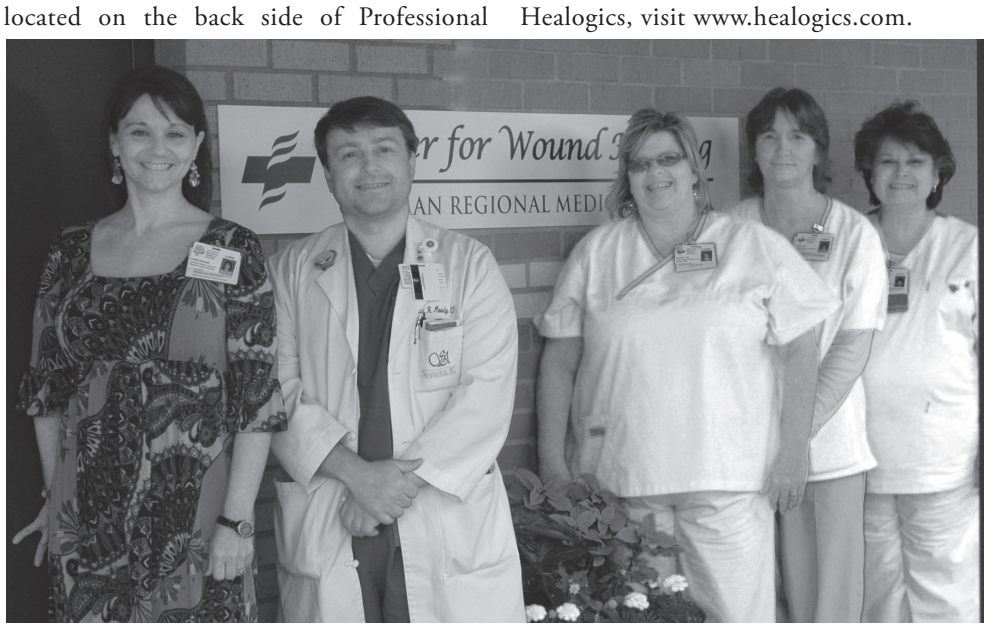
CULLMAN — Cullman Regional Medical Center is pleased to announce a new service to our community — a specialized Wound Care Center through a partnership with Healogics. Healogics is the largest provider of wound care and related disease management in the country. The Healogics network manages more than 500 Wound Care Centers in more than 10 percent of the hospitals in the nation. The company provides hospitals with the innovation, resources, and talent to provide more patients with affordable access to lifesaving wound care.

This additional service will offer a more comprehensive wound care program to manage chronic or non-healing wounds caused by diabetes, circulatory problems, and other conditions. The advanced center will house 2 new hyperbaric oxygen chambers and three treatment rooms and will be located on the back side of Professional Office Building 1 with a separate entrance close to CRMC's Outpatient Procedure entrance. The Center will open on Monday, May 14, 2012

The CRMC Center for Wound Healing will be an outpatient, hospital-based program that works in conjunction with the patient's primary care physician and will be open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., the program operates by appointment and requires a referral from the primary care physician.

Healogics is proud to have Lorie Strane, B.S., CMA(AAMA) as the Center's Program Director and Brad Moody, MD as the Center Medical Director.

For more information on CRMC's Center for Wound Healing, call (256) 737-2980 or visit online at www.crmchospital.com/wcc. For more information about Healogics, visit www.healogics.com.



CRMC's ONE Rehab Welcomes Speech Language Pathologist Bettina Weldon, M.S., CCC-SLP

By: Lindsey Dossey
CRMC Contributor

CULLMAN — Cullman Regional Medical Center's ONE Rehab Department is pleased to add Speech-Language Pathologist Bettina Weldon, M.S., CCC-SLP to its team. Weldon has been a speech-language pathologist for 10 years.She completed her undergraduate and graduate work at the University of Montevallo in Montevallo, Alabama and began her career at Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Hospital in Greenville, South Carolina and later at the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Spain Rehabilitation Center.

Most recently, Weldon served as a speech pathologist at Cullman Long Term Care and Rehab (The Folsom Center) for six years. She has experience in a variety of settings, including inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation, acute care, skilled nursing facilities, home healthcare, and adult psychiatric hospitals.She is a certified Vital-Stim provider, which is a specialized treatment method for swallowing disorders.Weldon's specialties include evaluation and treatment of adults with swallowing disorders, motor speech disorders, and aphasia, a language disorder that results from damage to the brain.Weldon is a native of Sylacauga, Alabama and in her spare time she enjoys traveling, cooking and being outdoors.

CRMC's Speech-Language Pathologists evaluate and treat speech, language, cognitive, voice, oral motor and swallowing deficits on an outpatient basis. Patients who have a neurological disease such as a stroke, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, or ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) or who have had a traumatic brain injury, may have difficulty communicating or swallowing and may benefit from Speech Therapy. If you think you or a family member may need speech therapy services, ask your doctor for a referral to CRMC's ONE Rehab Outpatient Speech Therapy Services.

For more information Speech Therapy Services provide through CRMC's ONE Rehab, visit online for a complete schedule at www.crmchospital.com/onerehab or call (256) 737-2271.



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ago or is 70 or older, he/she is considered an old timer.

For details on the selection process please visit the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame website. Now on to what you are all waiting for; the Hall of Fame itself.

As you enter the large glass foyer where you purchase tickets, you are immediately greeted with a selection of memorabilia including the University of Alabama helmet and Seattle Seahawks jersey of 2011 inductee, Shaun Alexander and the San Francisco Giants jersey of fellow 2011 classmate, Al Worthington.

Once inside, you can find yourself easily amazed at the vastness of the collection of memorabilia and artifacts that the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame houses in its three-story structure.

My suggestion is to start at floor number three as the levels are set up not by sport, but by decades in which the athlete was inducted.

Third Floor

On the top floor you will find memorabilia of some of the greatest athletes to ever compete in their respective sports, including some that you might not even know have ties to the great state of Alabama like Virgil "Fire" Trucks who was a member of the 1945 World Champion team, the Detroit Tigers

Also while with the Tigers, in 1952 he threw two no-hitters including one against the New York Yankees that boasted greats like Hall of Famers Yogi Berra, Phil Rizzuto, and a young Mickey Mantle. Trucks is one of only five Major League pitchers to throw two no-hitters in the same season.

He finished his career with four no-hit games. Artifacts include the two baseballs from his 1952 no-hitters along with one of his Detroit Tigers jerseys.

The "Brown Bomber" Joe Louis is also in this wing. He is considered by many to be one of the greatest boxers of all-time and was ranked the #1 puncher of all-time by respected boxing publication, "The Ring."

He finished his career with a record of 69 wins next to only three losses and one no-contest. He won an astounding 57 of his fights by knocking out his opponent.

He was honored as having the Fight of the Year five times and his fight against Max Schmeling in 1938 was proclaimed as the Fight of the Decade.

After winning the World Heavyweight Title on June 22nd 1937, Louis successfully defended his title an amazing 23 times until March 1st 1949 and holds the record for holding the title longer than any other man, over 11 years.

The home of the NHL's Detroit Red Wings is named Joe Louis Arena, after the boxing legend.

Artifacts of Louis on display include a bright red robe he wore to the ring with Joe Louis stitched in gold and written in cursive across the back.

Two legendary coaches, near and dear to most Alabamians, Ralph "Shug" Jordan and Paul "Bear" Bryant have a rightful place on the top floor. Their exploits in the sports world need no explanation. Artifacts include Jordan's Auburn Athletic Staff sideline jacket and Bryant's trademark hound's-tooth hat. The Alabama Sports Hall of fame also proudly displays the first football used at Legion Field.

University of Alabama and Green Bay Packers legend, Bart Starr, has artifacts displayed here as well. Starr played for arguably two of the greatest coaches to ever walk the sideline, Paul "Bear" Bryant and Vince Lombardi. He was the 199th pick in the 17th round of the 1956 NFL Draft. If there was ever a "sleeper" pick, Starr was it.

His accolades are legendary and include, among many other honors and awards, five-time NFL Champion and the winner of the first two Super Bowls ever played.

He was named Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl I and II as well as the league's Most Valuable Player in 1966.

He was enshrined in the National Football League Hall of Fame in 1977 and his number has been retired by the Green Bay Packers, meaning no other Packer will ever wear the legendary #15.

His artifacts include Packers game footballs given to Starr, along with his Packers helmet and a Green Bay Packers jersey.

Second Floor

The second floor features athletes whose careers are fresh on the minds of many visitors and is reserved for inductees from the 1980's to 2010.

The great tight end and current Baltimore Ravens General Manager, Ozzie Newsome, has his career on display here.

Newsome was a great tight end at the University of Alabama where he amassed over 2,000 receiving yards in his career and his 20.0 yards per catch was an SEC record and was good enough to earn him the honor of being named "Player of the Decade" for the 1970's.

He went on to set Cleveland Browns records for Most Yards and Most Catches while playing in the NFL. He is a member of the National Football League, College, and Alabama Sports Hall Fame.

His artifacts include three game balls, a helmet, and a jersey from his playing days with the Cleveland Browns.

Heisman Trophy winner and two-sport athlete Bo Jackson is also enshrined in this wing. Jackson won the prestigious Heisman Trophy in 1985 while he was a member of the Auburn Tigers.

He went on to play professional baseball as well as professional football where he was the only player ever to win the Major League Baseball All-Start Game Most Valuable Player Award and the National Football League Pro Bowl Most Valuable Player Award.

Jackson is still a superb athlete that recently biked 300 miles across the state of Alabama to raise money for those affected by the devastating tornadoes that ravaged Alabama last April.

Artifacts include a Kansas City Royals and Chicago White Sox jersey as well as a California Angels batting helmet from football and his Oakland Raiders jersey. His Heisman Trophy can also be viewed alongside the Heisman of Pat Sullivan in a separate display.

The longtime homerun king Hank Aaron is also immortalized here. Aaron terrorized pitchers with his ability to hit the long ball.

He surpassed the former leader, Babe Ruth, on April 8th, 1974 when he took Los Angeles Dodger pitcher, Al Downing, deep for his record-breaking 715th career home run. Artifacts include a game-used baseball bat.

First Floor

The ground floor of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame is reserved for the latest class to be inducted. Each player has their own case for a full year until their memorabilia is housed with their fellow Hall of Fame members and they take their place in the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

Anyone who is a sports fan or a fan of the state of Alabama should take in the history at the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Admission: $5 for adults, $4 for senior citizens 60 and over, $3 for current students and $14 for families. Groups of 10 or more get $1 off each admission.





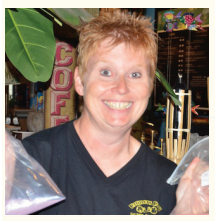


Lifestyle

Passion for the Kitchen

Send your recipes to recipes@cullmansense.com

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Photos by Annette Harris

What Holy Smoke Means to Me

The first time I heard "Holy Smoke" used in relation to food was one Christmas, years ago at Papa and Granny's house. There was always tons of food, but I was mostly interested in the desserts. Everyone brought a covered dish to add to the meal. This particular year, my Aunt Lynda brought something that knocked my socks off. She called it "Holy Smoke." I know why it was called that once I tasted it. It literally made you want to say "Holy Smoke."

I was kind of leery about something new to the table, especially when it was covered with whipped cream. I am not a fan of whipped cream, so I kind of ignored it. The name kept me curious, so after lunch I decided I would be the first to put a spoon in it. I dipped out a spoonful of the chocolaty goodness and tried it…. after pushing the whipped cream aside, of course.

HOLY SMOKE! I went back and got a larger spoonful and filled my plate. I was almost ashamed to let anyone see the pile on my plate, especially since I was such a skeptic of the whipped cream coated masterpiece. This time I went ahead and ate the whipped cream along with it, but I mixed it in with the chocolate pudding.

Where has this dessert been all my life? Why had no one ever brought this treasure to any of the family gatherings before?

I was so full I thought I'd bust, so I decided I would pace myself and get away from the pan of Holy Smoke. My Aunt Lynda walked by and said…OH! Who tried the Holy Smoke? I have never made it before. How was it? Well, I was the only one that had eaten any and it looked like 3 or 4 people had been in it. There was silence. Everyone else was too full to eat any dessert yet. No one said anything and I was safe.

I waited about 30 minutes or so and I couldn't stand it any longer. I had to have some more of it. I quietly walked around the dessert table and acted like I was trying to decide what to pick, when all along I knew the only thing I was there for. HOLY SMOKE! I dug into it like I had not had any of it yet and sat down to enjoy my dessert. After I put one spoonful in my mouth, Aunt Lynda asked me how I liked it. DELICIOUS, I told her. Can I get some more? SURE, she said, very pleased that someone liked her new dessert.

Well, to make a long story short…too late, I ended up eating the whole pan! No kidding! I ate it myself. Before long, I started feeling a rumbling in my stomach and a feeling of urgency to get to the bathroom. Too much information, as you can imagine what happened next. I never knew until that year that a person could be sick from two different areas of the human body.

It took me a long time to ever eat that again, but you can be sure that Aunt Lynda made it for every family function thereafter.

She was special. I wish she were here to make it for me one more time. I will never forget her.



Holy Smoke

Or more commonly called: **4 Layer Chocolate Dessert**

First layer-mix together:

- 1 cup flour-(I use self rising)
- 1 cup chopped nuts (optional-not a fan)
- ½ cup butter melted
- Press on bottom of a 9x13 baking dish and bake for 10-12 minutes on 350 in the oven.
- Let cool

Layer 2:

- Combine 8 oz softened cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 9 oz Cool Whip
- Spoon this mixture on top of layer one.

Layer 3:

- 2 small packages of instant chocolate pudding mix
- 2 cups whole milk
- Mix this together and spoon over the 3rd layer.

Layer 4:

- Top with Cool Whip

*You can put chocolate chips or chocolate shavings on top for decoration. One option is to use the chocolate Cool Whip. YUM!

Bruschetta Chicken Pasta

This is a recipe that is healthier than I usually eat. I thought it sounded good and I tried it. Delicious! This takes some time to marinate, so allow about 4 hours before you want to eat.

Ingredients:

- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 5 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 pints of red grape tomatoes, halved lengthwise or one pint yellow and one pint red grape tomatoes.
- 1 Tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 10-12 whole, fresh basil leaves, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 whole boneless, skinless chicken breasts, pounded with a tenderizer hammer
- Freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 small bottle Zesty Italian dressing
- 1-16 oz. bag of Rotini past

Directions:

1. Rinse, dry and pound the chicken breasts with the tenderizer hammer.
2. Put them in a dish and pour the Italian dressing over them to marinate about 3 hours or more in the refrigerator.
3. While the chicken is marinating, heat olive oil and garlic in a small skillet and stir. Let this cook about a minute, then cool.
4. Pour the garlic and oil in a medium bowl and add the tomatoes, balsamic vinegar, basil, salt, and pepper. Refrigerate this for an hour or two.
5. When the chicken has finished marinating, grill it 'til done in the middle. Cut into strips.
6. *You can cook the pasta while you are grilling the chicken. Drain the pasta and put in a large serving bowl.
7. Pour the tomato mixture over the pasta, add the chicken and top with Parmesan cheese. I like a lot of cheese.

Delicious and light.

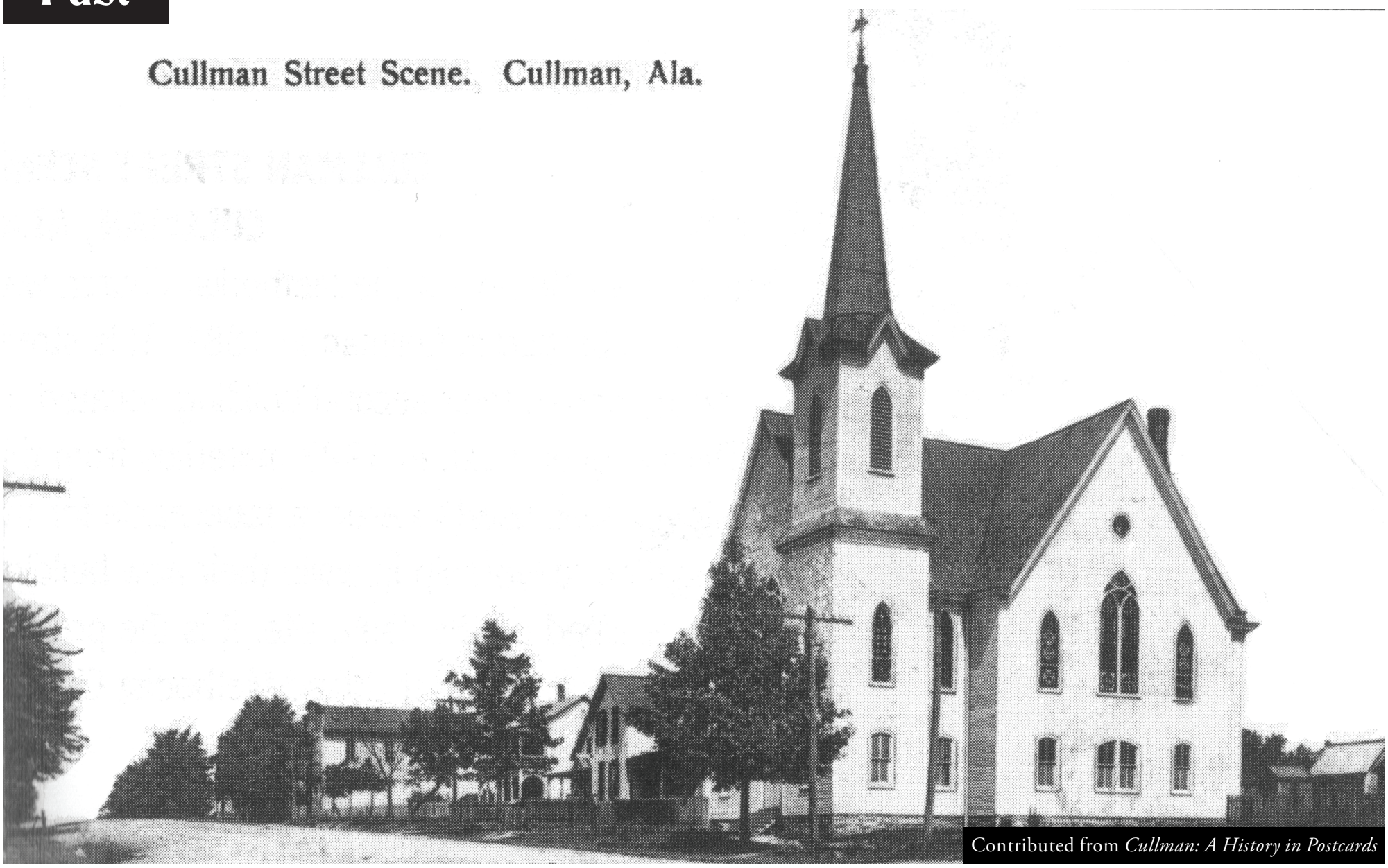


Mirroring History

Exploring Historic Downtown Cullman at 3rd Avenue East

The Cullman Mission of the Methodist Church was established in 1881. This scene shows the second building which is the present site of Cullman First United Methodist Church.

Past



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Present



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Local Events Calendar

Send your Events to: calendar@cullmansense.com

Monday, May 7th

'Backpacks 4 Africa'
The project name is Backpacks 4 Africa and this effort is being undertaken by the Phi Theta Kappa organization at Wallace State Community College.

We are seeking donations of new or slightly used backpacks in serviceable condition for school children in Africa who are not allowed to attend school without one. As these children are in an undeveloped country with little resources any size or color would be gladly accepted.

We are making a big push the week of WSCC graduation, May 7th - 11th, and have setup the following drop off points

1. On Friday, May 11th, graduation night, there will be a drop off at the gazebo in front of Tom Drake Coliseum from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
2. A drop off box is setup inside the WSCC bookstore which is open 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday. Phone 532-8100.
3. The Harlan G. Allen Math building during normal business hours. Phone 352-8234.

We will also be making another push during the summer semester and then again early in the fall semester. This project is being sponsored by the WSCC Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. We can be found on facebook at WSCC Phi Theta Kappa (Alpha Chi Tau). W. Mark Nelson is president of Phi Theta Kappa and his e-mail is wmarknelson@yahoo.com. For any other additional information concerning this project.

Bosom Buddies Support Group
Join in as the Bosom Buddies Support Group offers encouragement and support to individuals affected by Breast Cancer. This meeting, open to everyone, is held in the Ave Maria Room of CRMC's POB II building and will begin at 6 p.m.

Kay Parker Phillips, CRNP with Cullman Gastroenterology Associates, will discuss the topic of Colon Cancer and the importance of screening tests. Mary Dyer is group coordinator and she can be reached at 256-734-8729.

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.

Yoga Classes at Sacred Heart Monastery
Yoga classes are held each Monday evening through May 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Yoga classes are open to all interested and will take place at the Sacred Heart Monastery. Sr. Mary McGehee has additional information at 256-736-5820. The cost is $50.00 for each 6-week session.

Cornerstone Revival Ladies Prayer Meeting
A Ladies Prayer meeting is conducted each Monday night at 7 p.m. at Cornerstone Revival Center. For additional information 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 that 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!

Tuesday, May 8th

'How to Grow Your Business using Online Tools & Technology'
Charter Media is sponsoring a seminar on 'How to Grow Your Business using Online Tools & Technology.' This event, held in the Daystar Church Room of the Chamber of Commerce runs from 8 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Lisa Baker of MyMarketStreet.com, will be guest speaker.

Chamber members are invited free of charge to this event, with 'future members' having a fee of $10.00 to attend. Merchants Bank is sponsor this year of the 2012 Small Business Week programs which include the 'Small Business Persons of the Year Awards' Luncheon on Wednesday, May 9, as well as this training seminar today.

Farmers Market at Festhalle
The Cullman Farmers Market at the Festhalle Market Platz is open for spring. The Market opens every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Come see what our local farmers and growers have in store for you from week to week.

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, May 9th

Small Business Persons of the Year Awards
The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Small Business Persons of the Year Awards luncheon from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Cullman Regional Medical Center's POB II. This event, open to the public, will be held in the Colonel Cullmann room. Please contact the Chamber's Jackie Moore at 256-7255-0723 or jmoore@cullmanchamber.org to make reservations to attend the luncheon.

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, May 10th

Elks Lodge Buffet Lunch
Come join the Cullman Elks Lodge members as they fire up the ovens and open their doors to the public for their weekly lunch buffet at the Lodge Home. The cost is $8.00 per person, which includes two meats and veggies, plus tea. Everyone is invited to enjoy the fellowship and delicious meals each Thursday from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

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, May 11th

Friday Night Dance at the VFW
Cullman's VFW Post 2214 invites everyone to come to their weekly Friday night dances at the VFW Hall from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. The cost is $5.00 per person and music by the Golden Oldies and Country with the Midnight Highway Band will be filling the air. Funds raised go toward the building rental. Get your dancing shoes on and come out for a great evening of fun and entertainment tonight!

Saturday, May 12th

StrawberryFest 5K Run
The StrawberryFest 5K Run registration will begin at 7 a.m. for those not previously registered. The actual run begins at 8 a.m. at the Festhalle Market Platz. For additional information please call Dianne Boyle at 256-734-4688.

Walk for St. Jude's Children's Hospital
Everyone is invited to take part in a fundraising Walk for St. Jude's Children's Hospital at Holly Pond High School Football Field. Sponsored by Victory Christian Fellowship Church in Holly Pond, this event will begin at 8 a.m. and go until 11 a.m. There is no entry fee to take part in this walk; however donations will be gladly accepted for this fundraiser. Jeremy and Christy Collier have information regarding this project and they can be reached at 256-796-1290 or 256-962-0733. Come be part of a very special project for the children who benefit from healthcare at St. Jude's.

Mental Health Awareness 1/2 Mile Walk
In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, the local Mental Healthcare of Cullman program is sponsoring a 1/2 mile walk starting at 10 a.m. All walkers will gather at Cullman City Hall to begin the walk, which is free to enter. As part of the walk, participants and others may purchase a t-shirt for $10.00, with all funds raised going to the local mental health programs. Following the walk everyone is invited to gather in city hall auditorium and hear remarks from Dr. Parker of Jefferson, Blount and St. Claire Mental Health Authority as well as from others present today. Come join in the fun and help our community become more aware of the problems which face those with mental illness and their families.

Golf Tournament for Andrew Winfrey
There is a chance to reach out and help injured Andrew Winfrey and his family through a Four-man Scramble Golf Tournament. The tournament is to be held at Cullman's Golf Course starting at 1:30 p.m. Proceeds from this event will be donated to young Andrew's family to help with medical bills and living expenses for his family during his hospitalization. Cost is $400.00 per team or $100.00 per individual golfer. Various prizes will be awarded during the tournament.

In addition, Bill Smith GMC (2012 GMC Pickup Truck) and Dodge Chrysler Jeep (2012 Jeep Wrangler) both have donated vehicles as hole-in-one prizes for the 5th and 10th holes on the golf course. Individual hole prizes include straightest drive, closet to the pin, and longest drive.

There will be mulligans for sale, with food and soft drinks provided. For further information please contact Jason Caretti at 256-339-4182 or Joe Martin at 256-338-6017. Come try your luck and at the same time help a very deserving young man who faces a long rehabilitation fight.

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.

The Boogie Night Band provides music on Saturday nights. 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!

Looking Ahead

Spring Bluegrass Festival
Come out to the Spring Bluegrass Fest at Horse Pens 40 on May 18, 19, and 20. Featuring Cottonmouth Creek, Newgrass Troubadours, Camp Meeting, Blackrock Station, Angela McKinney, PamThrower and Shine, Azalea Ridge. There will be an arts and crafts show on Saturday as well. For more information visit hp40.com.

10th Annual Hanceville Varsity Cheerleader Yardsale
On Saturday May 26, beginning at 7:00 a.m. in front of Hanceville High School the Hanceville Varsity Cheerleaders will hold their 10th annual yard sale. Proceeds will benefit the Varsity Cheerleaders. There will also be a car show at the school on that day to benefit the school's cross country team.

PUZZLES, COMICS, AND JOKES

THIS WEEK'S WORD SEARCH TOPIC IS: BASEBALL

BY: DUSTIN ISOM

Complete this week's word search for your shot at two large 2 topping pizzas from Papa John's of Cullman. Send your entry to CullmanSense, 101 1st Avenue Northeast, Suite 230, Cullman, AL 35055.

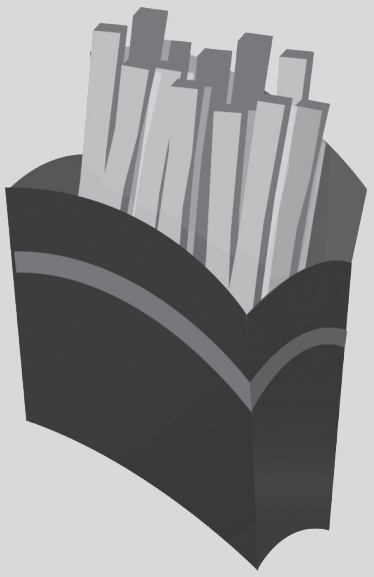
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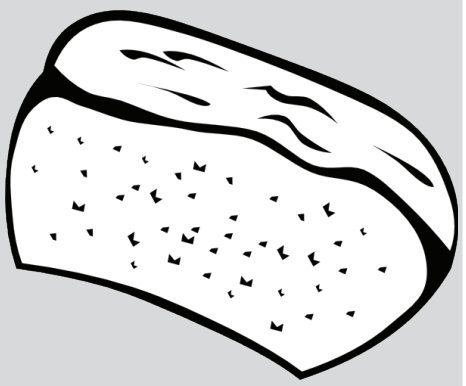
GETTING CORNY

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1. Why was the French fry a good candidate for the job?



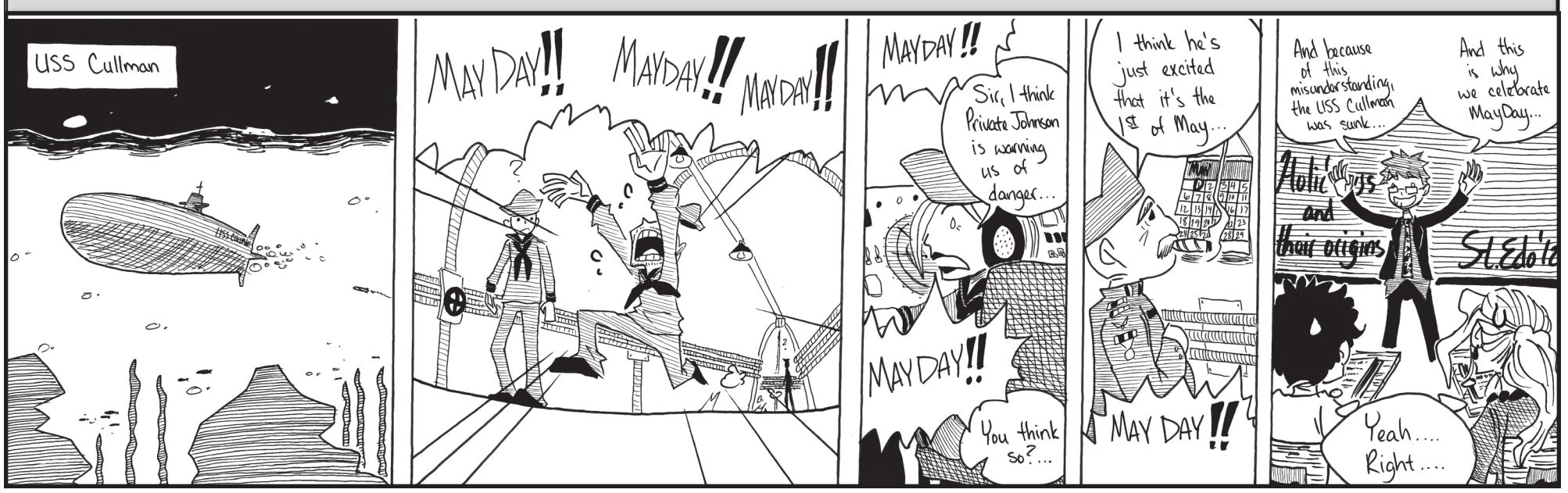
2. Why did the toast receive a negative reaction at the comedy club?



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1. He was thoroughly seasoned. 2. His mate-rial was stale and his delivery was flaky.

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



Community Matters

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Welcomes 12 New Members

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame inducted 12 new members last week. Those new members included Jan Brock, Donna Bryant, Joseph A (Joe) Burney, Billy Coleman, Mark Freeman, Jimmy (Jim) Grantham (posthumously) James B Hutchinson, Sharon Bolzle King, Wade Knight, Clyde Morris, Christopher G (Chris) Smith, and John Trinchitella.

Also honored at the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet were Kyle Haynes (Cold Springs), Jordan Vass (Cullman), Sabrina Russel (Fairview), Annie Holcomb (Fairview), Kayla Elrod (Good Hope), Diamond Simmons (Hanceville), Thomas Hays (Holly Pond), Halie Webb (St. Bernard), Sadie Rodgers (Vinemont), and Kayleen Hamby (West Point).

The 17 tables, with 22 seats each, were full of family, friends, and guests of the inductees and all enjoyed a catered meal of chicken, mashed potatoes, and green beans provided by All-Steak. The ceremony then kicked off as each new member took their place in the Hall of Fame.

Jan Brock graduated from West Point High School. She won a basketball championship in 1974 and was the leading scorer and honored as All-County. She was a signee of Wallace State and played on the first woman's team in Wallace State history. She has the distinction of having scored the first ever field goal for the Wallace State women's basketball team and was awarded for having the most assists. She also played full contact women's football for the Huntsville Renegades from 2001 to 2004 where she won the league championship in 2001.

Donna Bryant graduated from Cullman High School. She earned her doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Alabama. She was a member of the first gymnastics team at Cullman High School. She won the 1988 Alabama State High School Gymnastics Championship while she was a coach at Cullman. This was the first in school history. She also won back-to-back middle school championships in 1988 and 1989 while at Cullman. She was very instrumental in organizing gymnastics in Cullman.

Joe Burney is a Hanceville High School graduate. At the age of 17 he was severely injured as well as burned in a car accident. He spent six months in a hospital burn ward. He fought back from his injuries, thanks to some encouraging words from former White City principal Earl York. He went on to become the voice of local athletics as he was an outstanding play-by-play announcer for all manners of sports for an astounding 33 years.

Billy Coleman graduated from Sylacauga High School where he played football, basketball, and tennis. He went on to play tennis for the Auburn Tigers in 1974. He was the Alabama Outstanding Young Religious Leader in 1977. He was named football Coach of the Year in both Cullman and Walker Counties and started a Fellowship of Christian Athletes program at every school where he coached. He served as principal at West Point High School for 12 years and is now serving as the Cullman County Superintendent of Education.

Mark Freeman received his diploma from Cold Springs High School where he was named All-County and All-Area for three years in basketball. He was also named All-County in baseball for two years where he sported a batting average of over .400. He received a scholarship to Wallace State where he played basketball and baseball which included playing on the first baseball team in the school's history. He coached little league in Gardendale where he led his teams to twelve State Titles and three World Series Titles. He has officiated various sports for many years and still continues to do so.

Jim Grantham (1938-2009) was a Hanceville High School graduate and played multiple sports. He was an honorable mention All-State football player as well as a gifted baseball player. He was instrumental in establishing and organizing the Tri-County Football League for sixth grade. His plaque was accepted by his son, Mike Grantham.

James Hutchison graduated from Cullman High School where he earned All-Area, All TVC, and All-State in both basketball and in baseball. He received a scholarship to play both sports at St. Bernard College and lettered all four years. He coached basketball at Cullman High, Cullman Middle, and Cullman College as well as football at Cullman Middle. He also won a silver and bronze medal playing basketball in the Senior Olympics.

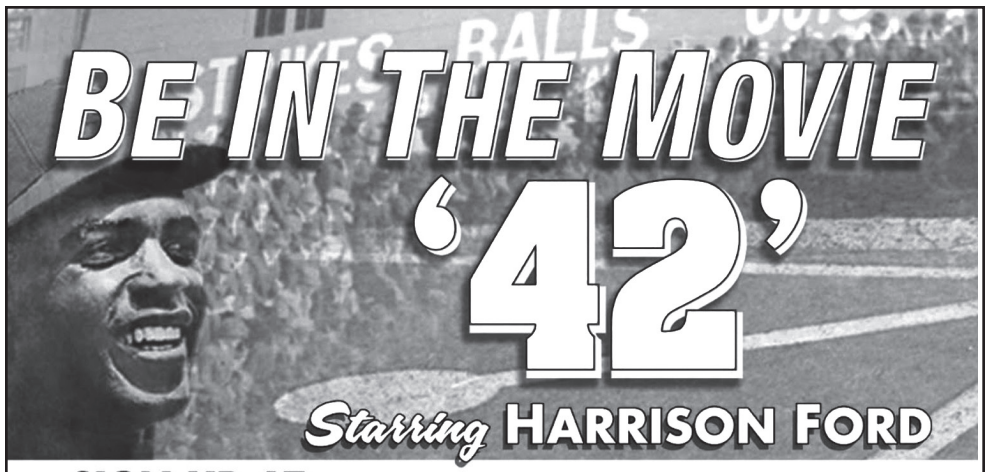
Sharon Bolzle King graduated from Fairview High School where she was a three-sport star. On November 10th 1977 she became the first female to receive an athletic scholarship to Wallace State. She is currently a sports trainer at the Cullman Aquatic and Wellness Center

Wade Knight received his high school diploma from West Point High School where he played football, baseball, basketball, and ran track. He went on to play outfield and catch for Florence State from 1969 to 1971. He has coached for over 30 years in Cullman County at Good Hope, Fairview, and Harmony. He is one of only two coaches to win a county basketball championship at two different schools. He currently serves as Athletic Director and a coach for St. Bernard Preparatory.

Clyde Morris graduated as a Holly Pond Bronco. He played basketball and baseball at Holly Pond where he earned many accolades. He has been an avid golfer for 40 years and has won several awards and garnered many accomplishments including two holes-in-one. His plaque was accepted by two of his brothers due to health reasons.

Chris Smith graduated as valedictorian from Vinemont High School. He played football, baseball, and basketball for the Eagles. He earned many awards during his sports career including All-County and All-Area in football and All-County and All-Area in basketball while playing on the first ever Vinemont team to win the Cullman Count Basketball Championship. He also won the prestigious Joe Shults Most Outstanding Player Award in 1985.

John Trinchitella graduated from Pensacola Catholic High School. He played football, baseball, basketball, and ran track where he earned All-Conference and All-City honors in both football and baseball. He was a member of the St. Bernard baseball team from 1961 to 1966 when he went into the Navy. He served in the Navy as a Lieutenant from 1966 to 1974. He is a very avid tennis player. He is a Men 40 Single's State Champion and served as Vice President of the Alabama Tennis Association. He is responsible for starting tennis programs in the Cullman County School System as well as coaching the Southern Benedictine tennis teams. He is currently a member and officer in the Cullman Kiwanis Club.



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Schedule: All Entertainment will take place under the Entertainment Tent located in the public parking lot behind the Cullman County Museum.

Friday, May 11

7:00	Farmers Market Open
8:00	Arts & Crafts Fair and Antique Tractor show
9:00	Cullman County Museum
9:00	Congregational Singing
10:00	Opening Ceremonies with special Guest
10:30	Senior Rap & Tap Band
11:00	Lunch
11:30	Bingo
1:00	Nashville Recording Artist "Mean Mary" James
3:00	Bill Reid and Friends
5:00	Cullman Idol Contest (Youth Disivion)

Saturday, May 12

7:00	Farmers Market Open
8:00	Arts & Crafts Fair and Car Show Open Kid's Fun Area Open 5K Run Starts
9:00	James Taylor- Singer Cullman Museum Opens Civil War Exhibit
10:00	Cullman High School Show Choir Wiener Dog Race & Fun Dog Activities
11:00	Wallace State Jazz Band
Noon	Roy Crawford and Cullman County Bluegrass
1:00	Three On a String- music
3:00	Cullman High School Jazz Band
4:00	Exit 310 - Music
6:00	Cullman Community Band
7:00	Cullman Idol Contest (Adult Division)

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