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Holly Pond Dedicates Museum and Library to Guy Hunt

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HOLLY POND- Former Governor Guy Hunt was called many things in his lifetime. Preacher, farmer, father, friend, but to most he was simply called Guy. The ever-humble Governor Guy Hunt was immortalized Friday morning in a ribbon-cutting ceremony that officially opened the Guy Hunt Library and Museum.

Numerous political figures and family members including Alabama Senator Paul Bussman and Dr. Donald McPherson, Superintendent of Coffee County Schools and grandson to the late Governor Hunt, spoke of what an honor it was to have known Guy Hunt.

I had a chance to speak to Senator Bussman and this is what he had to say about Governor Hunt.

"When he was running I used to campaign for him at football games handing out matchbooks, if that tells you how long ago it was," Bussman said with a chuckle. "He was one of the first Republican conservatives and he trail-blazed a lot for us (republicans). We are still benefiting from what he accomplished."

Everyone around Governor Hunt had nothing but great things to say about him. How he was always eager to give advice when asked, how he would do anything he could to help someone and how he was loved by all that knew him. This was evident in the turnout for the ribbon-cutting as many people from all over Cullman County, not just Holly Pond, came out to show their support.

"I had wanted this and had mentioned it to Guy," said Governor Hunt's widow, the former Anne Smith, when asked about the honor bestowed upon the Hunt family.

"All of this (motioning to the cases of Governor Hunt memorabilia) was in my house. I had one room that was stacked full. I had talked to Guy (Governor Hunt passed away in 2009) and asked if I could talk to the Mayor about (the museum) and he always said 'absolutely not.' I just get so emotional with everything that has been done," Mrs. Hunt said as she gestured to the museum once more.

The Museum contains a variety of artifacts from Governor Guy Hunt's personal life, such as his high school yearbook photos, his Asian-themed pieces from a trip overseas he took with his first wife Helen Chambers (1951-2004), and from his life as Governor including photos with Former President George Bush Senior and comedian Bob Hope during Hope's induction into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

Attached to the Guy Hunt Museum is something the town of Holly Pond has been lacking for a long time, a library.

"The library and museum means that our kids will not have to drive out of town to Cullman or other places to check out books," said Herman Nail, Mayor of Holly Pond, about the significance of the Guy Hunt Museum and Li-

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Alabama Stay-Cations: Ava Maria Grotto

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CULLMAN- With so many great family attractions around the city of Cullman that are clamoring for your tourist dollars, why not keep them in Cullman by visiting, or re-visiting, the miniature world of Brother Joseph Zoetl.

The Ava Maria Grotto (grotto being the Italian word for cave) is located on the grounds of Saint Bernard Abbey right here in Cullman.

The wonderful miniatures were a hobby of Brother Joseph, a hobby he enjoyed from his first miniature that he constructed in 1912 until he finished his last, the Lourdes Basilica Church, in 1958 at the age of 80.

The Bavarian-born monk displayed his works in the gardens near the St. Bernard Monastery, but they were moved to their present site in 1934 to accommodate the overwhelming throng of visitors that flocked to see Brother Joseph's miniature creations.

Brother Joseph took his inspiration from photos and descriptions of Holy sites from around the world and used stone, concrete, costume jewelry, and all manners of donated or unwanted materials to create his "mini miracles."

The entrance to the Ava Maria Grotto is



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Guy Hunt (Cont.)

brary. "They can study and do their (school) work here, close by. It saves money, saves gas, and they are closer to home too."

Not only does the Guy Hunt Museum and Library bolster the town of Holly Pond, but it also kicks off their Centennial Celebration. Here is a list of upcoming events that celebrate the town of Holly Pond.

May 26th - Holly Pond High School Alumni reception and Banquet at Holly Pond High School

June 23rd - Holly Pond Cemetery Walk at Lions Club Park

July 21st - Singing Festival/Vegetable and Baked goods Contest and Show at Lions Club park

August 18th - Jam-In-The-Park at Governor's Park

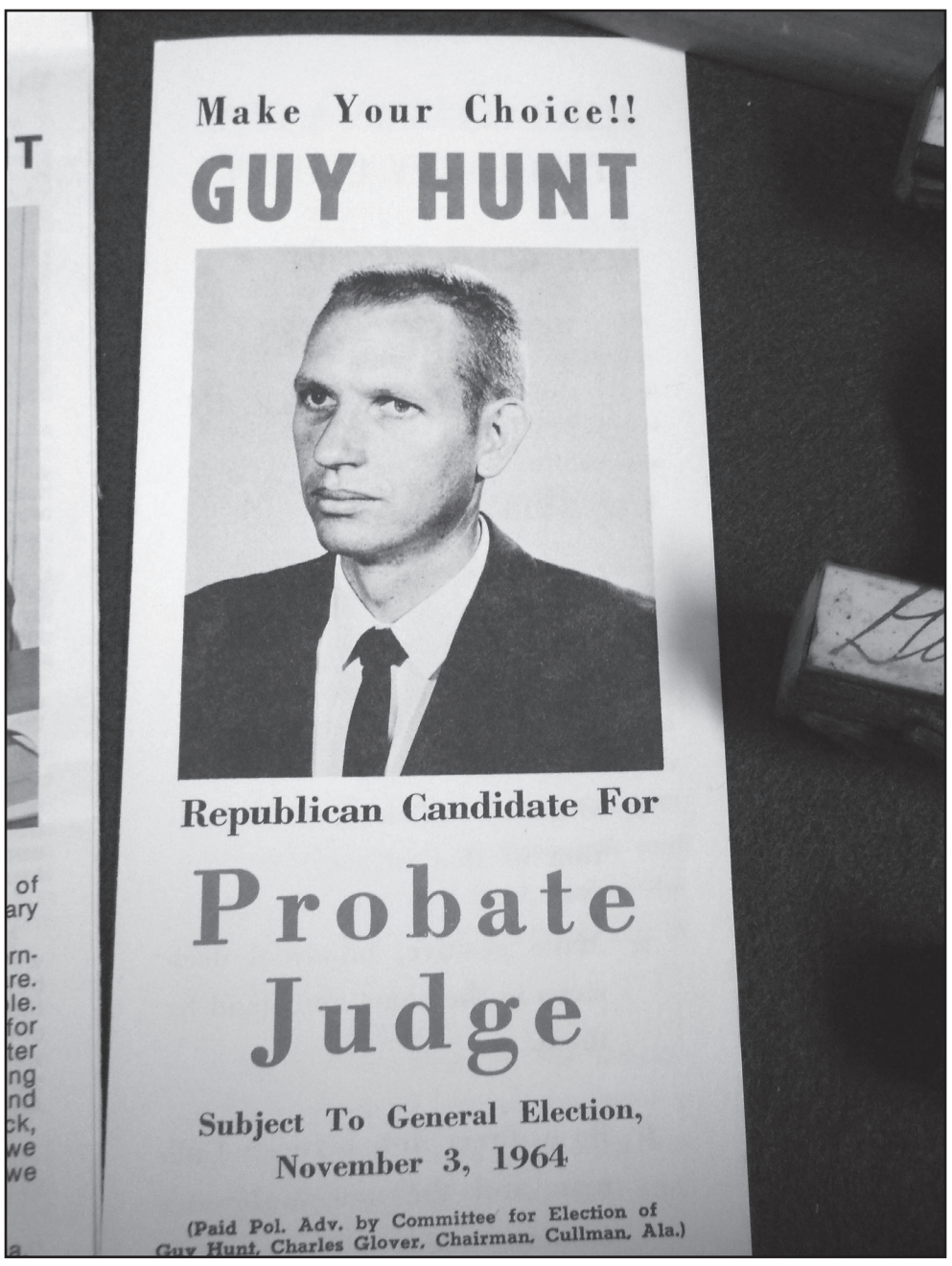
September 22nd - Founder's Day Festival at Lions Club Park

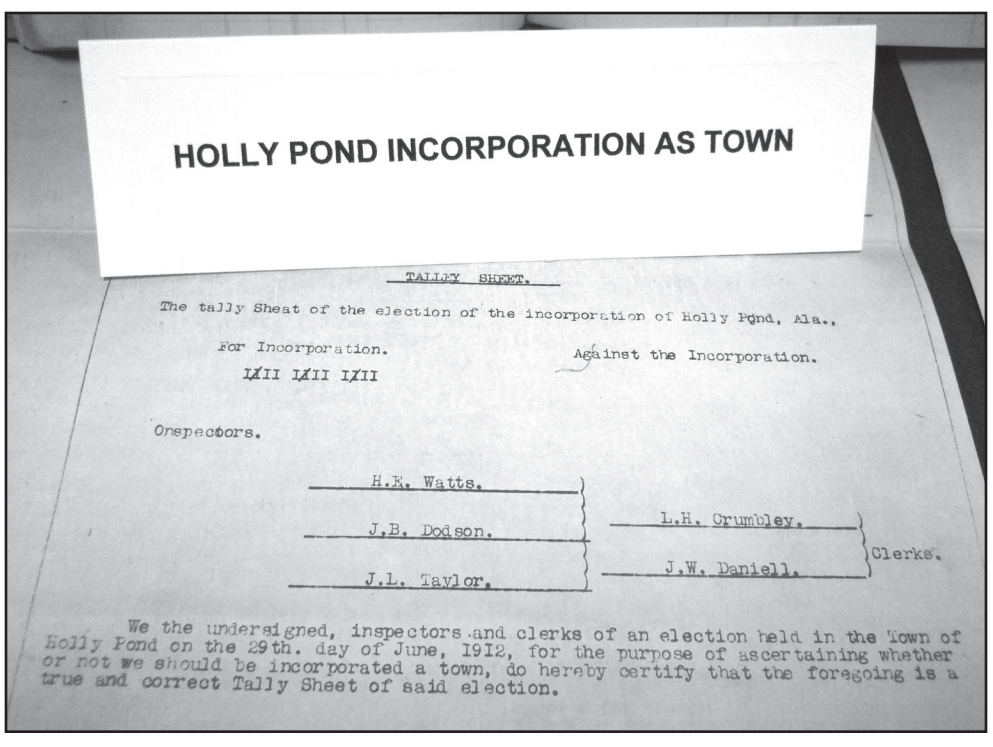
November 3rd - 5 K Run (Walk) at Lions Club Park

December 1st through January 1st - Christmas Cards in the Park at Governor's Park

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No(ah)-It-All: : Vote for Me ... If not, Go to Hell!

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There are three key points you are never to speak on while on a film set; religion, politics, or acting methods. Discussions on any of these topics can literally get you forcibly removed from the set and more than likely placed on a blacklist to boot. Now with the mention of a blacklist, let me now say that the following column is solely based on my own thought process, not that of any other. If this offends you then I extend my sincerest non-apology for expressing a simple opinion.

The political arena has always been a source of great laughter for this gent – the right, the left, the center, or whichever way the wind blows – since being exposed to the process some two decades back. Whether it be a ridiculous scandal involving tax dollars or lavish vacations for staff members, to the occasional (who am I kidding) sex scandal, not to mention the bills which get passed without reading, all seem to lead national headlines weekly, if not daily.

Not all politicians or elected officials are crooked, dirty, or looking out for their best interest. There are some great ones fighting for the people whom they represent or hope to represent. However these upstanding lads and lasses tend to be overshadowed by the ones lining their pockets, making backroom deals, or mingling after hours to hatch a devious plan to take over the entire CITY (Insert maniacal laugh)!

This week though we are going to focus on the irritable, upset politician. Roughly a week ago I was greeted with a beaut of a welcome while walking into a convenience store by a local politician. After criticizing this quaint publication for what this person considers a lack of testicular fortitude, they then inquired my political stance in a rather irrational manner.

Something deep inside insisted to, "let it go," but then again how would this individual learn proper respect without allowing them to spew their ignorance. I've found when you encounter a loudmouth the best option is to let them vent their little heart out. Once they finish, then, and only then, do you retort if it is necessary.

As with most who argue political issues, this individual went directly for a personal attack, but luckily insults are like my gasoline. Once they realized this wasn't going to work the tactics shifted to insulting my integrity. I can say this proudly. Not now nor ever have I slanted a story, photo, or press release to benefit or hurt any individual. At 175 pounds it is safe to say that this guy can't fit into any pockets, despite misleading reports to the contrary. Yeah, I heard that rumor too.

Back to the politician and their less than apt argument over nothing. After challenging my integrity the onslaught of ignorance was in full swing. Once this individual tuckered themself out it was my turn. This was a quick decision, – seeing how my eyes had only been open for less than an hour – but a gratifying one. I led them down a slippery slope. The great thing about a slippery slope is that all you have to do is put the person at the top then let them hang themselves out to dry.

All that needed to be said was, "I don't trust most politicians because they are crooked." Such a simple, yet elegant jump-off point for a thinking politician to take advantage of, but in there lies the problem. Without hesitation, the politician in this individual rose up, beginning a childish rant of how I lump all politicians in the same boat and how people such as myself are the problem. This came as no surprise, mainly because my intent was to invoke such a reaction, but it was more gratifying than expected.

What came next was a bit on the odd side though. When pointing out their flaws this individual felt it necessary to rattle of a good ole fashioned "Go to hell" while firing off. When my immediate response was, "I probably will go," this person assured me, "You will go because I'll take you there myself." It was rather humorous, but this person had one more gem for me as I exited.

"You need to go to church," was how this individual left me as they staggered back to their stool. Can someone please explain why that was the parting statement? I couldn't figure out why they chose that for their parting words, but it's good advice, I guess? Oh well. Thank you fancy politician person for being that shining light that had the opportunity to prove my purposeful idiotic statement wrong, but instead elected to run down the nonsensical path of belligerence. T'was a delightful breakfast treat!

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ALABAMA SUPERSTAR SPOTLIGHT

Alabama Athletic Director Mal Moore

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Whether you are an Alabama fan or an Auburn fan, any football fan in the South knows the name Mal Moore.

The University of Alabama legend has spent close to 30 of his 50 years in the world of sports with the Alabama Crimson Tide, be it player, coach, or in his current position of Athletic Director.

Moore has had a hand in an astounding nine of the Alabama Crimson Tide's 14 National Championships including one as a player in 1961 under the tutelage of another University of Alabama legend, Paul "Bear" Bryant.

Moore then went on to win seven National Titles as a coach in some capacity, while serving as Alabama's first offensive coordinator.

His last title as a coach came under football coaching great Gene Stallings in 1992.

His last two titles have come as the Athletic Director during the "Saban Era."

Moore, who was recently elected to the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2012, took time away from his extremely busy schedule to conduct this interview with CullmanSense.

Josh McBrayer: You have had a tremendous career in the coaching field. Please explain how starting out as a graduate assistant under legendary coach Paul "Bear" Bryant helped you become a legend yourself.

Mal Moore: I came from a very small school in Doizer, Alabama (as of 2000 the population was 391) and was very fortunate to get to play for coach Bryant.

All of the players had great pride in what we accomplished in 1961 winning the National Title. I had always wanted to coach and coach Bryant helped make that happen.

He helped me with my first coaching job at Montana State under Jim Sweeney. (Bryant) then hired me back in 1964 as a graduate assistant.

He brought me back again in 1965 and I got to coach with him for 19 years. (Bryant) was able to help get me into coaching.

JM: Have you always strived to become an athletic director or was it something that just presented itself over time?

MM: I did not plan on becoming an athletic director. I always wanted to be a head coach.

JM : You have had a hand in an astounding nine of the Alabama Crimson Tide's 14 National Championships, as a player, coach, and athletic director.

What does it mean to you having been a part of that much history at such a prestigious university?

MM: I recognize that I have been very fortunate to be at the right place at the right time as I was on coaching staffs with Paul "Bear" Bryant and Gene Stallings.

You are lucky to be a part of one National Championship team. I am very fortunate.

JM: Of all the accolades you have collected over your 50+ years in athletics, has their been any one thing that has stood out as something you never thought you would accomplish?

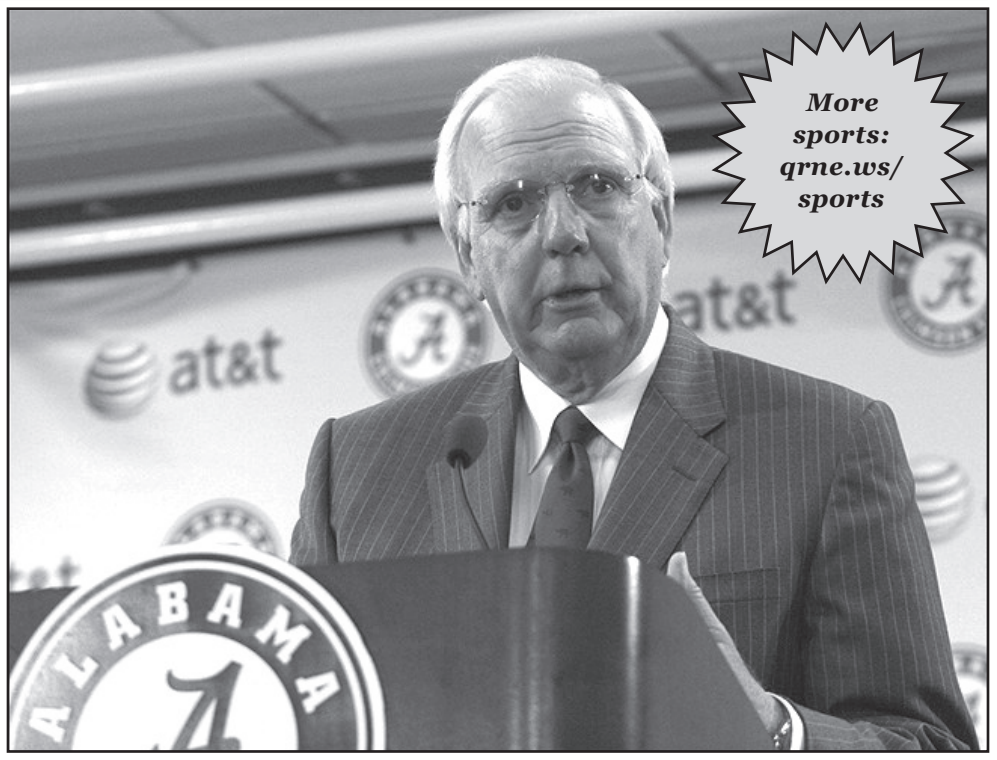
MM: All my life I had heard about Alonzo Stagg and I never dreamed that I would see Coach Bryant break the record (for all time wins).

I also never dreamed I would be the Athletic Director at the University of Alabama.

JM: Having you roots so firmly embedded in the great state of Alabama, what does it mean to you being inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2012?

MM: It means a lot to me; coming from a very small town and getting to come to the University of Alabama. Alabama is in my heart and soul. It is hard to describe the high sense of pride that I feel.

With all that Mal Moore has accomplished it, comes as a surprise to no one that Moore was elected to the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame and will go down as a legend himself in the annals of the University of Alabama's athletic program.




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In Brief

New Program Provides Job Training for Older Unemployed Veterans

By: Tara Hutchison
State Contributor

MONTGOMERY – Beginning today, older unemployed veterans may sign up for a new job training program called Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP), which is designed to provide training and education that will lead to high-demand jobs.

VRAP was established as part of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, which was signed by the President on November 21, 2011.

- Veterans may apply for this program if they:
- Are unemployed
- Are between the ages of 35-60
- Did not receive a dishonorable discharge
- Are not eligible for any other VA education program (e.g.: the Post-9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Assistance)
- Are not receiving VA disability compensation because they cannot work (un-employability)
- Are not enrolled in a federal or state job training program

VRAP will offer up to 12 months of training assistance at the rate of the Montgomery GI Bill payment, which is currently at $1,473 a month.

Participants must enroll in VA approved education programs at community colleges and technical schools that lead to an associate's degree, non-college degree, or a certificate that will lead to employment.

There are limited spaces in the program. Those interested in applying can do so online at http://benefits.va.gov/vow/education.htm or by visiting a local Career Center. A listing of Career Centers can be found at www.joblink.alabama.gov. It is estimated that there are 11,000 unemployed veterans in Alabama.

Governor Bentley Announces April Unemployment Rate Decline

By: Tara Hutchison
State Contributor

MONTGOMERY – Governor Robert Bentley on Friday announced that Alabama's preliminary April unemployment rate is 7.2%, down from March's revised rate of 7.4%. April's rate represents 154,307 unemployed persons, down from 157,494 last month and 203,520 in April 2011.

"Alabama hasn't seen an unemployment rate this low since the start of the recession," Governor Bentley said. "I think we are getting to a point where we are seeing many areas of the economy improving. For example, the automotive base in Alabama is increasingly strong. Just yesterday, we announced Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Alabama will be expanding its production facility in Huntsville. We have also seen many other exciting developments across the state that are leading to new jobs for Alabamians. We will continue our job creation efforts with the goal that anyone who wants a job is able to find one."

Wage and salary employment increased by 8,500 jobs over the month, with gains occurring in the leisure and hospitality industry, the professional and business services industry, and the trade, transportation, and utilities industry, among others. The last time Alabama's unemployment rate was at or below 7.2% was in November of 2008. "The Gulf Coast and other areas of our state are gearing up for what looks to be a record year for tourism, and that's adding jobs. Also, our automotive manufacturing and auto supplier industries are nearing full employment, which is contributing significantly to our decline in unemployment," said Alabama Department of Industrial Relations Director Tom Surtees.

Preliminary figures show that the number of employees in the Motor Vehicles Parts Manufacturing industry has increased by 13.1% over the past year. The number of employees in the Motor Vehicle Manufacturing industry has increased by 3.96%. Employment in the Leisure and Hospitality industry has increased by 3.03% over the last month, and 3.15% over the last year.

The counties with the lowest unemployment rates are: Shelby County at 4.6%, Coffee County at 5.3%, Lee County at 5.6%, and Limestone County at 5.6%. The counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 15.1%, Lowndes County at 13.9%, and Dallas County at 12.2%.

New Business: Green Top Taxi Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

By: Jackie Moore
Chamber of Commerce Contributor

The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting for Green Top Taxi on May 15th. Green Top Taxi, LLC is the newest addition to Cullman's profile.

Tim and Tammie Dunlap, natives of Cullman, both having 25+ years in business and transportation experience have seen the need to introduce Cullman to its first professional taxi service.

Tammie Dunlap has owned and operated Cullman Massage Therapy Clinic for over 20 years.

Tim has been involved with celebrity transportation for over 27 years and has been employed by Dolly Parton as her personal driver now for 4 years.

The Dunlaps will combine their experience to furnish reliable, safe and professional 24/7 taxi service for Cullman and surrounding counties of North Alabama.

"We have had nothing but overwhelming response from the city government, local business and private citizens."

"We appreciate everyone's help and support and promise to serve this community with our full attention."

For more information call them at (256) 737-8222 or visit them at 104 4th Ave, NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Wallace State Future Foundation Announces J.W. Hooper Scholarship

By: Kristen Holmes
Wallace State Contributor

HANCEVILLE - The Wallace State Future Foundation announced a new scholarship, the J.W. Hooper Scholarship, recently.

The J.W. Hooper Scholarship has been established by Scotty Hooper of My-Way Transportation, with a gift of $10,000 to the Future Foundation.

These funds will provide scholarships for students at Wallace State enrolled in the diesel mechanics program or other transportation related program, with a preference given to employees and dependents of My-Way Transportation.

Scotty Hooper is the president of My-Way Transportation and has supported the transportation technology program by serving on the industry advisory board and most recently as a member of the industry accreditation review team.

For more information about scholarships available through the Wallace State Future Foundation, visit www.wsccfuturefoundation.org.



Pictured Left to Right: Wallace State President Vicki Hawsey, Lonna Holmes, Seth Hooper, Karen Hooper, Scotty Hooper and Wallace State Future Foundation President Gloria Williams.

New Business: Frostings Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

By: Jackie Moore
Chamber of Commerce Contributor

The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting for Frostings on May 11th. Frostings is a locally owned bakery that serves freshly baked sweets daily.

They specialize in homemade baked goods such as cupcakes, custom cakes, pies, and brownies. They also serve specialty items that include a variety of chocolate covered treats.

Whether you have a custom order our just a sweet tooth they can meet all your needs.

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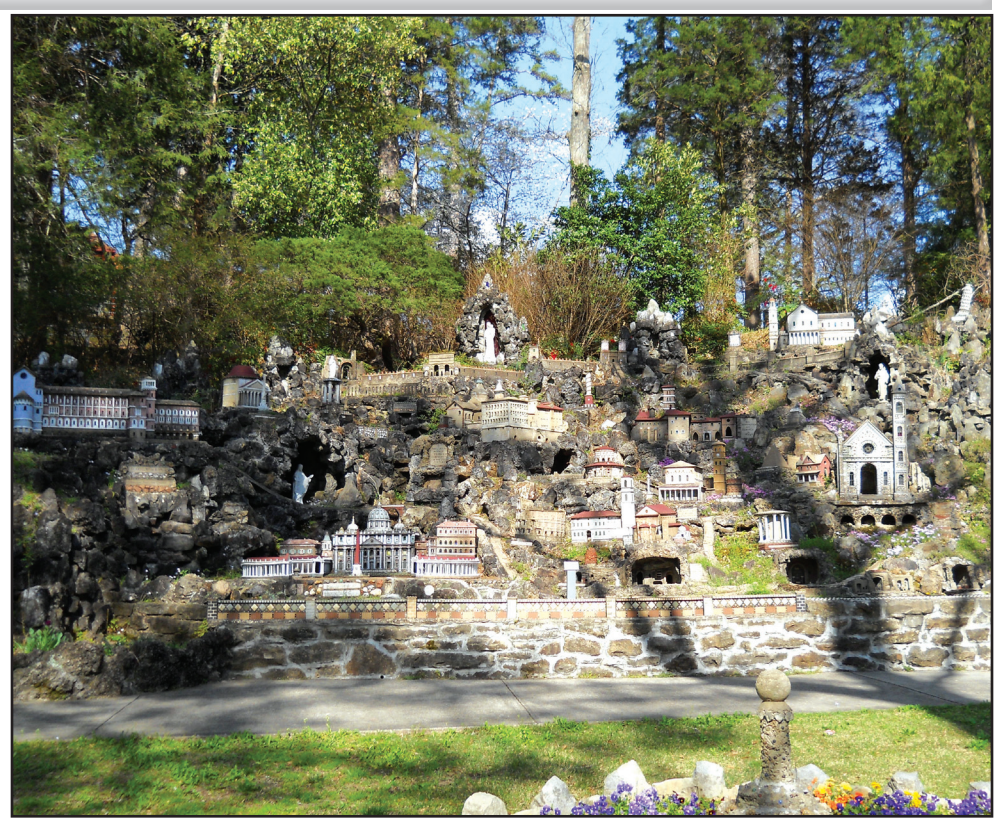
Front Row (Left to Right): Joyce Hardeman, Comfort Care Hospice; Tonya Martin, Regions Bank; Amy McClerren, Frostings; Kristen Stafford, Frostings; David Brown, Owner; Mayor Max Townson; Kate Cost, Family; Susan Cost, Owner; Amy Brown, Owner; Allison Chauvin, Frostings; David Moore, Servpro of Cullman/ Blount Counties.

Back Row (Left to Right): Jamie Wood, Frostings.

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through a small gift shop that sells many religious items and has books, pamphlets, and leaflets that provide a wealth of information about the Grotto.

There are over 50 miniatures on the grounds of the Ava Maria Grotto and here you can read about some of them.

The first miniature you come upon is the Holy City of Bethlehem, birthplace of Jesus Christ.

Above this beautiful work of art is the Latin phrase, "Venite Adoremus," with the English translation being, Come Let Us Adore Him."

St. Peters Shrine is another can't miss miniature that pays homage to the Lord's chief Apostle and the first Pope, St. Peter.

The miniature is in the construct of an old world shrine with a stunning miniature stained glass window depicting the Apostle Peter.

Although Brother Joseph recreated some of the Holiest places in the world through his miniature works of art, he also seemed to have a sort of whimsical side as he showed with his "Hansel and Gretel Visit the Temple of the Fairies."

Not only does the artwork show the famous brother and sister duo from the timeless Grimm Brothers fairy tale, but it also depicts a large dragon that is lurking under the temple but is bound by a chain.

The amazing works of art built by Brother Joseph also include one of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World," the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. These gardens are rumored to have been built by Nebuchadnezzer II for his wife, Amyitis, to ease her home-sickness.

One of the most beautiful miniatures on the grounds is of one of the most famous and beloved shrines in the world, the Lourds Shrine.

The shrine, located in the south of France, is where a huge church was constructed on the site where the Blessed Mother appeared to Bernadette Soubirous on 1858 when she was only 14 years old.

A great number of miracles have occurred on this Holy site. Unfortunately, this was the last miniature Brother Joseph would create.

Brother Joseph passed away in 1961 and is laid to rest in the Abbey Cemetery along with his other brethren who have departed from this life. The cemetery is located just to the right of the Ava Maria Grotto.

The simple gravel path is adorned with depictions of the various stages of the crucifixion. Standing in the center of the Abby Cemetery is a large statue of Jesus Christ upon the cross.

The grave stones are colored white and fastened in the shape of a cross; a fitting headstone for one who has dedicated his life to serving the Lord. Also here is a small chapel.

Inside this tiny structure you will find a limited number of pews. As you look upon the alter you will find a large statue of the Mother Mary holding the crucified Jesus at the moment he was removed from the cross.

A gorgeous circular stained-glass window also adorns the small chapel. This is a wonderful spot to listen to the flowing creek below and reflect on the wonders seen at the Ava Maria Grotto.

The Ava Maria Grotto is located at 160 St. Bernard Drive and is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Admission is $7 for adults, $5 for senior citizens, and $4.50 for children ages 6-12. Children under 6 are free with a paid adult.

Special rates are available for groups and discounts are offered to AAA members. The Ava Maria Grotto can be reached by visiting http://www.avemariagrotto.com or by calling 256-255-5860.





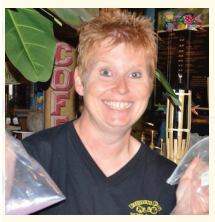


Lifestyle

Passion for the Kitchen

Send your recipes to recipes@cullmansense.com

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Those Were The Days…and I Miss Them

When the kids were younger and Ralph worked night shift, my friend Karen and I got together with our kids on the weekends. The kids played great together since they were practically raised glued to each other.

We started out with a glass of something we called "Patience." Patience was our reward for the weekend. We relaxed, we talked, and we laughed. It was fun to get together like that. Patience was actually wine.

We decided to stop calling it that after Maddie came home telling a story about how the DARE officer came to school that day and talked to them about drugs and alcohol.

He asked them if any of their parents drank and Maddie said, "Well, my mom and her friend Karen drink "Patience." He said he had never heard of anything called Patience before. She proceeded to tell him that she knew there was such a thing because we drank it every Friday night.



I guess they had outgrown our name for wine by then, which was actually a joke, not to hide what we were doing. We said it gave us patience to deal with the loudness coming from the kids downstairs.

Getting together every weekend was not an option. We needed to get together for our sanity and the kids were anywhere from 2-4 years apart in age and they always found something to do.

They were actually like brothers and sisters and we used to kid about being like the TV show back then called "The Dinosaurs" where they were known as "not the mama and not the daddy"…you get the picture. We were family and no matter what, were there for each other.

Many years have gone by, but they still laugh about those days and how they always used to make Tommy feel important by being the principal when they played school…although his office was in the bathroom and he had to keep the door closed. He was too young to know any different. He was a good sport.

The kids are all grown now and are stretched from Cullman, to Huntsville, to Chicago, and one even is in India right now, but you can ask any one of them about the days of Patience and the Dinosaur family and you will probably get a smile and a laugh from any one of them. They are still "not the family."

How, with our kids all grown, does life get so busy to where we don't have the time any more to get together? It's just us now, thinking about a grandbaby on the way that we will share until the other has one.

I guess Karen will call it "not the grandbaby" and while I'm thinking about it, I may have a glass of Patience.



Photos by Annette Harris

Pull Apart Pizza

This is quick and a favorite for kids as well as adults. Our kids grew up on this and lived to tell about it.



Ingredients:

- 1 pack of 4 biscuits of any brand. We used the cheap ones.
- 1-8 oz. pack shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1-16 oz. jar of any brand spaghetti sauce. We use Prego sauce.

Directions:

1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees
2. Cut each biscuit into fourths.
3. In a large bowl, pour the spaghetti sauce and add in the biscuits.
4. Stir in the cheese.
5. Spray a 9x13-baking dish or metal pan with cooking spray.
6. Pour the biscuit mixture into the pan. Spread it evenly.
7. Bake for 30-40 minutes.

*Sometimes the biscuits in the middle don't get done, so keep an eye on it.

Texas Caviar

Everyone has his or her own recipe for this delicious snack. Here is mine, although it changes from time to time as well.

Ingredients:

- ½ purple onion, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 3 green onions, chopped
- 2 or 3 jalapeno peppers, chopped
- 1 Tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 tomatoes, diced
- 1 8 oz. bottle of Zesty Italian dressing
- 1 (15 oz.) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (15 oz.) can black-eyed peas, drained
- 1 can (11 oz.) white shoe peg corn
- Salt and pepper to taste
- ½ bunch chopped fresh cilantro (I don't like a lot of this)

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, mix together all of the above.
2. Cover and chill in the refrigerator at least 2 hours.

We use corn tortilla chips to dip and eat this.



Mirroring History

Exploring Historic Downtown Cullman at J.R. Griffin Building

The J.R. Griffin store was built in 1902 on the corner of Third Avenue East and Third Street. The top floor was used as Cullman's first "moving picture show." On Saturday nights the benches were moved and it became a skating rink. The first high school was opened in the upstairs in 1908 as well.

Past



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Present



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Local Events Calendar

Send your Events to: calendar@cullmansense.com

Monday, May 21st

Cullman County Commission on Aging Helps Seniors through SenioRx Program
Cullman County Commission on Aging is available to help seniors 55 and over find out about obtaining free medicine through a statewide program called SenioRx.

No appointment is necessary, but there are certain items you need to bring with you to their agency office on Sportsman Lake Road.

Hours for working with one of the office's helpers are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To see if you qualify for this program, please bring 1) proof of income; 2) a list of your current medications; and 3) if you have Medicare Part D, you need to bring your insurance cards and a printout from your drug store for the current year (since January 1, 2012).

During the meeting, a staff member in the office will complete a SenioRx Intake form, determine if any of your medications are available through the patient assistance programs, and complete these applications for you.

Please keep in mind that this help is NOT immediate, as it will take time, but if you qualify, it will be worth the effort and wait.

For more info, please call the Commission at 256-734-1241. If you know someone who might be eligible for this program, you could be a guardian angel in disguise for them!

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.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Anyone interested in ideas for weight loss are invited to attend the TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) group as they meet each Tuesday night at 6 p.m. at Benedictine Manor.

Jeanne Latham (256-734-7146) or Ginger McMinn (256-739-3925) will share information concerning their meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend TOPS and receive encouragement from others who are interested in weight loss.

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 22nd

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 23rd

VBS Registration at Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity Lutheran Church, Hanceville, is preregistering NOW thru May 30 for their upcoming Vacation Bible School which will be held Monday, June 11, through Wednesday, June 13, at the Church.

Camp will be conducted each day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please check out www.trinityhanceville.com for additional information or call Susan Cupp at 256-339-5230.

You may also check with the Church office by calling 256-352-6442.

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 24th

DivorceCare Support Group
Daystar Church sponsors a DivorceCare Support Group each Thursday night at 6 p.m. at the Church. Additional information is available by calling Daystar Church at 256-737-0800.

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 25th

'Boston Butt' Sale at Warehouse Discount Groceries, Hanceville
Make plans to have smoked 'Boston Butts' for your holiday celebrations as the Hanceville Lions Club plans to do the cooking for you! They will offer their usual smoked Boston Butts for $30.00 each Friday.

They will be set up at Warehouse Discount Groceries in Hanceville, so come on by early and smell that great 'ol smoked fragrance! You'll be sure to want one for the weekend then! Help yourself feed your families and help a great cause at the same time

Heritage Park Summer Tournaments - USSSA BB/SB
Heritage Park is sponsoring several tournaments this summer. This weekend, Friday thru Sunday, features the USSSA BB/SB.

For further information please check out the website for both Heritage Park and Chester Freeman Park at www.cullmanheritagepark.com or contact Park Manager Shelby Williams at 256-739-9931 or 256-739-9582 or at www.cullmanrecreation.org.

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 26th

Memorial Day Festival at Smith Lake Park
The annual Memorial Day Festival at Smith Lake Park will take place Friday, May 26, and Saturday, May 27, with live entertainment from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

There will be the usual arts and crafts vendors, food booths, and other enjoyable activities, including boating, fishing, swimming, putt-putt golf and camping.

Musical acts scheduled for the weekend include:

Called Out Ministries
James Taylor
D. J. Mix Music
Terry Padgett (as Elvis impersonator)
Jake Mann
Rock Solid
Tall Timber
Gamblers Ruin
Wayne Abbott (as Willie Nelson Impersonator)
Charlie Painter

For further info call 256-739-2916. Come on out and start the summer season off right with a music and fun-filled weekend

'Fill the Truck'
Everyone is invited and urged to help 'Fill the Truck' today as items and money, too, are being sought to help the Cullman County Animal Shelter foster program.

From 11 a.m until 4 p.m, folks may drop off supplies such as food for puppies, dogs, kittens and cats. Other items are needed and welcome, especially cat litter.

Donation stations will be set up at Pet Depot in Town Square Shopping Center; Tractor Supply on Highway 31 South, near K-Mart; and Piggly Wiggly which is located on Highway 157 just east of Highway 31 North. Please help those who cannot help themselves

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!

PUZZLES, COMICS, AND JOKES

THIS WEEK'S WORD SEARCH TOPIC IS: ALABAMA GOVERNORS

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

Send your jokes to:
jokes@cullmansense.com

1. What did the milk say when the vinegar dropped in?



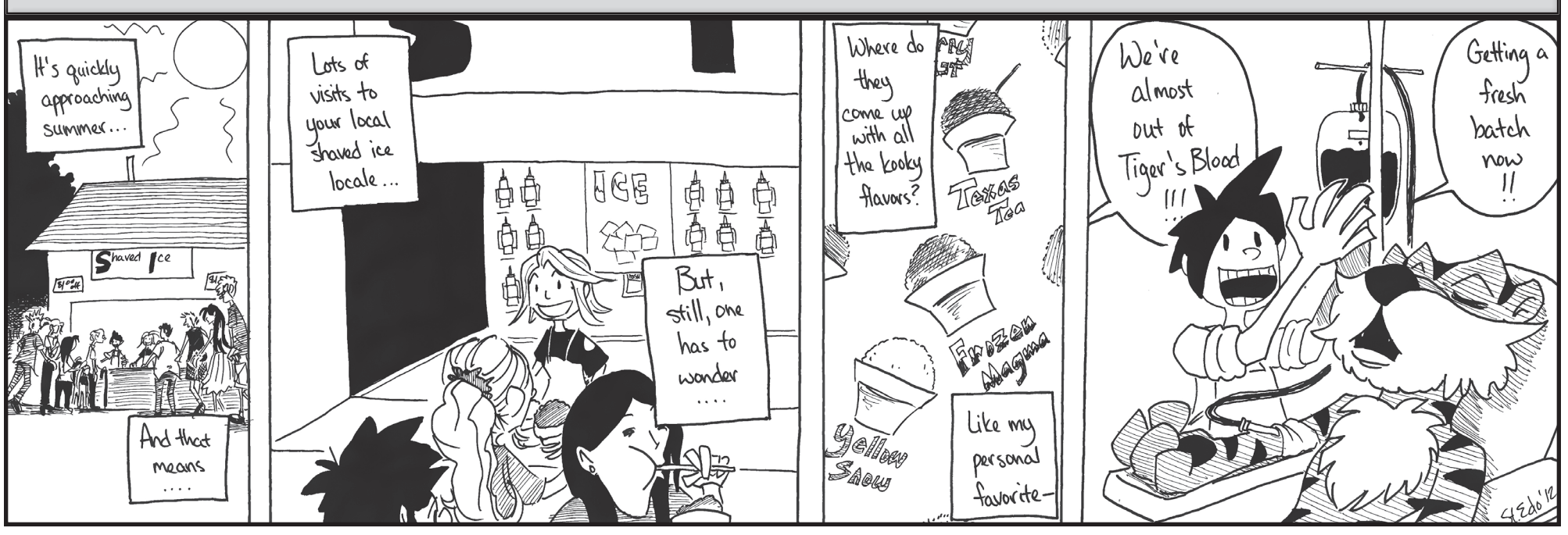
2. How did the surgeon know where to start the procedure on his patient?



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1. You curdled me. 2. He followed the order of operations

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



Community Matters

Brave Shave

By: Noah Chandler
noahchandler@cullmansense.com

HANCEVILLE – Currently, two Hanceville Elementary School classmates are battling their own separate forms of cancer. David Cook and Maddy Gamble have each been fighting the disease for over a year and the hopes are that the children will stay in remission and eventually cured.

In order to find a cure, the first piece of the puzzle is identifying what type of cancer the children have. David, now 9, was diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma at age of 8. He is currently in remission and travels to Children's Hospital of Birmingham every six weeks for follow-ups. Maddy, who's now 10, was diagnosed with Epitheliod Sarcoma at the age of 7. She too is currently in remission and travels to St. Jude's every three months.

"They're just two kids. What can I say," Karen Cook, mother of David and Leader of the Brave Shave initiative. "They're kids that have been through more sickness and pain and even seen more kids die than some of us adults. They're two kids that like to play ball, ride their bikes, and act silly from time to time, but they both have cancer."

To raise money for Childhood Cancer Research, Cook hatched a plan reminiscent of 80s TV shows.

She decided that if her team could raise the sum of $20,000 by the October 6th Walk, which takes place in Birmingham, that she would shave her head. Yes, that's correct. She will shave her head – bald.

"Brave Shave sort of snowballed from me telling the team if we raised $20,000 I would shave my head, then Hanceville's Mayor said if we raised another $5,000 to total $25,000 he would shave his head. So it only seemed logical to stay with the number 36 and get some other brave ones to shave with us," she said.

Brave Shave is being sponsored by All About You, a Hair Salon in Hanceville, and will be the fixing up the new doo's for those 36 brave souls whom have put their hair with their mouth is to help raise money for childhood cancer research.

The event itself will take place at the Hanceville Recreation Center.

"It'll be the last fundraising event, but we're saving it for the night before the walk," she said. "It'll (the shave) be Friday, October 5th starting at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m. We will be accepting donations at the door. Right now, we're in the process of planning some surprises that evening, so we can't give away too many details, but it'll be a great event of fellowship, refreshments, laughter, and donations at the door to help us be able to shave that night."

The close nature of the disease has driven Cook for the past year to help her son. She explains what the process was like once they discovered the illness.

"My son was diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma at the age of 8, after having only ONE symptom. He woke up one morning hoarse. Come to find out he had a mass in the back of his throat. We were so blessed that the doctors caught this early," she said. "During his chemo treatments, I tried to remind him constantly, that we were blessed, because he didn't have to go through as much as other kids we'd met, that I want and expect him to grow up being thankful for that, to go out there and help educate people that cancer is real and kids get it too and to help other children and THAT'S why we're here today. To make a statement about childhood cancer and help other children."

The Brave Shave is a lead up to the Cure Search Birmingham walk, scheduled for Saturday, October 6th. Cook said the Cure Search is strictly for childhood cancer research, which they use to fund clinical trials nationwide.

"If you would like to be a part of our team please go online to www.curesearchwalk.org/birmingham/maddyanddavid. The cost is $10.00, or if you would like to donate more you can do so," she said. "Again, because we're sticking to that number 36, we are looking for 36 people to join our team as walkers or virtual walkers. They do give to UAB/Children's Hospital."



The number of shavers Cook hopes to have take the bald plunge is 36. Currently there are 16 shavers which include Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail, along with other Cullman County residents.

"Statistically there are 36 kids diagnosed EACH DAY with cancer, so we're looking for 36 to shave with us. We have David himself, family members and friends of David and Maddy, high school kids, middle school kids, and even a primary kid, business owners, paramedics, a lawyer and of course the mayor," she said. "I'd like to challenge others to take this brave challenge as these people have. If you knew each of these shavers, you'd know they each have a story behind them. Come to the brave shave, meet them all and you'll be blessed."

The Brave Shavers include;
#1 Karen Cook – David's mom
#2 Kenneth Nail – Mayor of Hanceville
#3 Noah Chandler – Publisher of CullmanSense
#4 Kenny Taylor – Cullman EMS (CEMS) Paramedic Supervisor
#5 Brandon Brown – Maddy's uncle
#6 Cody Kerby
#7 Johnny Cook – David's uncle
#8 James Lee – Co-owner, Cheesecakes Deli & More
#9 Brandon Burgess – 2011 Hanceville High School graduate
#10 Christian James – Hanceville High School student
#11 Travis Phillips
#12 Brad Jones
#13 Greg Johnson – Attorney in Cullman & public defender for City of Hanceville
#14 Christian Baker – Good Hope Middle School student
#15 Malaki Blakely – Good Hope Primary School student
#16 David Bailey – Cancer survivor

Cook said the beauticians from All About You will be trimming anyone's hair where the length extends past 10 inches.

Why 10 inches? It is the minimal requirement for hair dedication to the world renowned Locks of Love initiative.

"The beauticians will be cutting my hair so I can donate it to "Locks of Love" prior to them shaving me," she said. "If there are others that want to donate their hair to Locks of Love, but not shave, the hairdressers will be prepared to do that as well. Hair has to be 10 inches in order to donate."

Currently the goal of $20,000 has had a trickle response, garnering just $300 in the first few weeks of the drive.

Cook hopes with more publicity, the number will steadily rise, leading up to the balding of 36 county residents.

She is asking people who may not be able to come out to the walk in Birmingham but still would like to be involved, to participate in the 'virtual walk.'

"Right now we have just over $300, so we need folks to sign up to join us as walkers or even virtual walkers, both of which only requires a $10.00 donation," she said. "Please go online check out the website, you can donate or join the team online. You may say, 'Hey, October is a long way off, so what if I can't go to the walk?' Trust me, we won't come drag you to the walk, but we will say thank you and God bless you for joining our fight."

Besides the Brave Shave, Cook said there are two other fundraisers in the works. They are as follows:

Poker Run
Saturday, July 14 at About Bikes, located in Blount Springs
Begins at 9 a.m. with free coffee & doughnuts
At 9:30 a.m. registration begins at $10 per hand
Riders will head out at 10 a.m.
The ride will be approximately 70 miles round trip
Door prizes & 50/50
For more information contact Jenie at About Bikes 256-352-2303.

Alabama Championship Wrestling presents Extreme Measures Against Childhood Cancer
Set for Saturday, September 22nd at 7 p.m. at the Hanceville Rec Center
Doors open at 6 p.m.
For more information check out facebook.com/americanchampionshipwrestling

To make a donation online go to www.curesearchwalk.org/birmingham/maddyanddavid. To make a donation locally you may contact Karen Cook at 256-962-3482 or Kerri Gamble at 256-595-8124.

All donations are tax deductible, but Cook asks that you donate online to be sure it's under the correct team's name, so that they get the credit for your donation and that it helps them reach their goal.



CureSearch Walk
for Children's Cancer

Join the team
Battle the Beast with Maddy & David
in our fight against Children's Cancer
at the **2nd Annual Birmingham**
CureSearch Walk!



Saturday, October 6, 2012
Registration: 9 a.m.
Walk Ceremony/Walk Begins: 10 a.m.

Our team is about TWO kids that attend Hanceville Elementary
BOTH cancer survivors & BOTH fighters

There are 36 children diagnosed EACH day with cancer. In honor of 36, we are looking for 36 to join our team & now…if our team raises $20,000 David's Mom, Karen will shave her head. Hanceville's Mayor, Kenneth Nail has stepped up & said if we raise an additional $5,000 to total $25,000 raised he will shave his head, too. So now, we are looking for 36 to shave at The **Brave Shave Event** to be held in Hanceville the night before the walk.

www.curesearchwalk.org/birmingham/maddyanddavid

For more information, please contact Karen Cook at 256-962-3482
or www.curesearchwalk.org/birmingham/karencook
For more information on CureSearch
for Children's Cancer, please visit www.curesearch.org.



To honor. To remember. To cure.