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Helping the Four-Legged Friends

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Photos by Noah Chandler

CULLMAN – With a slowing economy, rising food prices, and summer weather in full swing, many family members are finding their way to the Cullman County Animal Shelter to participate in their foster program. Yes, you read that correctly. Many Cullman residents have been making the decision to give up their pets, cats and dogs alike, forfeiting them to the shelter simply out of a lack of resources.

"It is pretty regular these days to have someone simply say they can no longer afford to keep the dog anymore. It's not a matter of want, it's just that they can no longer provide for the dog as they did in the past," Patterson said. "It may be because they lost a job which has them living in a rental home or apartment that may not allow pets. There are not very many options for rentals in this county that allow pets without a pretty steep deposit."

The daily drop-off of animals to the shelter has naturally increased the burden placed on the system, resulting in a need for food, cat litter, and monetary donations to help cover veterinary costs. To help buffer this need, volunteers, along with local businesses including Tractor Supply, Pet Depot, and Piggly Wiggly, hold food drives each weekend.

The 'Fill The Truck' drive is a fundraiser aimed at collecting pet food, both dry and wet, along with cat litter and monetary donations. Patterson said as a volunteer she has seen a steady stream of pets, but mainly dogs, being brought to the shelter which makes food drives such as this one on Saturday extremely necessary.

"We have two separate ways of donating to the shelter if you weren't able to make it out today. You can donate monetarily to the shelter to the foster program, which will go towards the foster animals so they can receive their shots, as well as being spayed or neutered," she said. "The second way is to bring in cat food or dog food. Of course we always need cat litter too."

One Cullman County resident helping to alleviate the burden adopted two of the dogs recently. Wendy McKelvey had seen a listing on a popular site for humane society/animal rescue groups while searching for her missing dog.

"I lost one of my dogs in the tornado last year. I kept holding out hope that we would find her, looking online and that's when I came across Sophie," McKelvey said while petting the newly adopted companion.

Before adopting Sophie, who now sports the name of Pretty Girl, McKelvey adopted Slice, a dog that she brought into the family a few days prior. She said it is important to give these animals homes, simply because they are in need of a safe place to live.

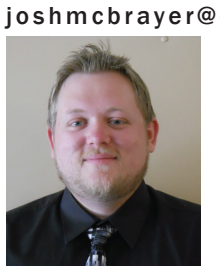
"There are so many dogs that need homes. You've got a lot of people that will take the animals into their homes, instead of having them in the shelter, just so they are able to find good homes for them," she said. "All dogs

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Alabama Stay-Cations: Hurricane Creek Park

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VINEMONT- What could make a man, who is in his thirties, has bad knees, and has worn a shirt and tie coupled with a pair of dress shoes for most of his professional career suddenly decide to put on a t-shirt, shorts, and a pair of hiking boots? Three words: Hurricane Creek Park.

Hurricane Creek Park was founded by Major William "Buddy" Rogers (1922-2008) when, after stashing away 25% of his Air Force pay over time, was able to buy 130 acres of land from local landowners right here in Cullman.

Rogers was a World War II heroic fighter pilot that flew 120 missions including two missions escorting troops in D-Day. With hours and hours of flight time under his belt, it is no wonder why he was a natural at flying over parcels of land for the purpose of mapping them. He was conducting such a mission when he fell in love with the area that he would come to "tame" and cultivate for future generations to enjoy, Hurricane Creek Park.

Months before, on a mapping mission in Colorado, Rogers flew over a beautiful and wild stretch of land known as Seven Falls. Rogers was quoted as saying Seven Falls was one of the most beautiful places he had ever seen. In 1960, when he flew over the gorge that was



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and cats need to be spayed or neutered. There are too many people who just throw out dogs and cats on the side of the road because they won't take care of them. A lot of this can be resolved by spaying or neutering."

Patterson echoed McKelvey's statement, saying the benefits of spaying or neutering is far greater than not providing the basic procedure for an animal.

"It's important for medical reasons. It can add years to the animal's life because they are less prone to certain diseases. To me it makes a better, calmer, pet because they don't have the hormones running through them," she said. "If everyone spayed and neutered their pets we would not have to be putting down litters upon litters of unwanted animals. These guys (dogs) would not be hoping a home would come available. It is a travesty to let puppies keep breeding when there are no homes for them."

All donations made the Cullman County Animal Shelter will stay in the county. Patterson said that the donations were not the only things that originate in Cullman.

"You can guarantee that every dog and every cat we have is from Cullman County. Everyone who turns in an animal to the shelter must show proof of residency," she said. "So it's safe to say that they are all 100 percent bona fide Cullman County animals."

To make a donation, visit the Cullman County Animal Shelter, located at 935 Convent Road Northeast, Cullman, Alabama 35055. For more information or to see the dogs and cats currently up for adoption, please visit the shelter or logon to, www.petfinder.com/shelters/cullmananimalshelter.html.







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No(ah)-It-All: : A Loser's Guide to Winning

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As a child, television was my only friend. Being labeled the weird child during my first week of kindergarten, many of my classmates gravitated towards one another while I lashed out in many self-destructive ways. A moment occurred that year which shaped my outlook on teachers, and basically authority figures in general, to this day.

After being out of school for a short while with a gnarly case of Chicken Pox, I returned to my Pine-Sol soaked schoolroom to find the teacher not so pleased to see me. This was my teacher's first or second year of teaching. Sadly enough, a lot of teachers were broken-in with me over the coming years and their tolerance for irritating, holy terrors was not yet built up. So please don't hold the next part against them.

While my classmates were taking in some good ole fashioned midday naptime on those delightful three-piece blue block mats, I was hard at work catching up on my coloring assignments. As I was sitting there, holding one finger against the line as to not impeach on the divider while scribbling with the other hand, the teacher came and sat down at the small plastic table.

It is so vivid that just writing this brings me back to that dinky chair with the teacher just sitting there watching me. After what I assume was a few minutes the teacher leaned over to me and whispered, "It was so much more peaceful when you were home sick." Once uttering the words, the teacher leaned back in the chair then eventually went back to their desk. I sat there, finger on the line still scribbling, trying not to break stride.

What this teacher did not know was how chaotic life was for a child whose father was a biker and mother a devoted Christian. The two worlds did not mix and knowing that I was a product of both, even then, made me realize I was different and would always stand out. These words from the teacher were not the worst thing that had been muttered to me by the age of six. Actually they were some of the cleanest, yet they cut deeper than any others.

I had been told by dad on many occasions that worthless didn't begin to describe my existence and still these simple words of, "It was so much more peaceful" echoed over and over for years to come. It defined me. As the step to first grade came so did the reputation of being a crazy, weird, hyper child. These claims were all true, but did not fully encompass exactly who I was. This was the year I skipped school for the first time. Three of us snuck out during recess and hid in the bushes all day. Once discovered, the principal had a long talk about why we should be ashamed.

Luckily for us this principal didn't believe in corporal punishment, although my parents did. It was not a beating or anything horrible such as that. It was just a normal whipping followed by a good stern talk followed by supper. As the years progressed my behavior became more outlandish and before long teachers knew of me years before gracing their presence. The words of my mother, "Your reputation precedes you", rang true. Along with a bad reputation there comes a lower set of expectations. Even if you are capable of excelling you will refuse to do so because those in authority just want what they think is your best effort, which in most cases is far, far below your actual capability.

As high school sped to a close, so did my run-ins with administrators. Well, that is up until my junior year. Following spring break, I returned to school with an awesome 26 in English and 11 unexcused absences. Back then we were permitted 10 absences per semester, so instead of seeing 10 days per semester I could ditch, I elected to check myself out most days for a period or two at a time. Once again, this guy was thumbing his nose at those in authority.

Once that 11th day hit the powers that be knew they had me. I was called into the principal's office and given a very macho speech about how my life would turn out. The three options this delightful 'person' gave were: I could drop out of school, try to get a G.E.D. and see if I could accomplish something with my life; spend the rest of the semester in I.S.S. (in school suspension), be failed, and repeat the junior year; or I could drop out. This was the first time these options had ever been placed before me. So without hesitation I simply replied, "Do you have any applications for the G.E.D. exam?"

Why did I tell you these things? Well, I wanted you to know that despite growing up crazy, different, idiotic, underachieving, and fighting with authority, the lessons those individuals taught me are invaluable to this day. The kindergarten teacher apologized some years later, although it was not necessary to do so. Those words were earned and honestly, I'm grateful for that sincere moment between teacher and student. Despite being raw it was needed.

In case you were wondering, I dropped out, easily secured a G.E.D. and have been writing for over a decade since then. What can be said? I'm a winner when it comes to losing. So don't count a child out because they are different, weird, or shy. They are just running a different race than everyone else, so give them some room and allow them to be themselves. Who knows? You may need their help someday.

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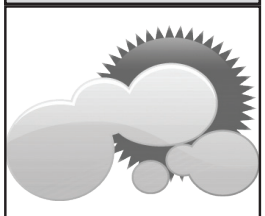
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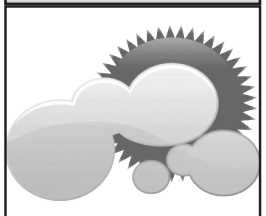
Day: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1p.m.

Mostly sunny, with a high near **92**. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Partly cloudy, with a low around **69**. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday



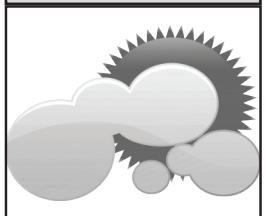
Hi: 91
Lo: 67

Day: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near **91**. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north.

Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around **67**. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Wednesday

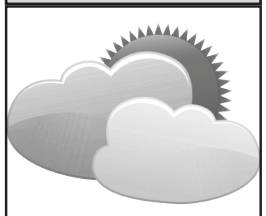


Hi: 90
Lo: 67

Day: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near **90**.

Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around **67**.

Thursday

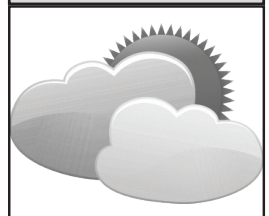


Hi: 85
Lo: 64

Day: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near **85**.

Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around **64**.

Friday

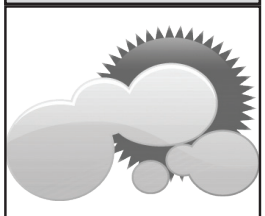


Hi: 79
Lo: 56

Day: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near **79**.

Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around **56**.

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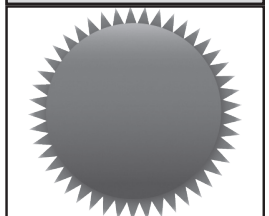


Hi: 80
Lo: 57

Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near **80**.

Night: Mostly clear, with a low around **57**.

Sunday



Hi: 85

Day: Sunny with a high near **85**.

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SPORTS

Shorter College Adds a Touch of "Vass" to their Basketball Program

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CULLMAN- Flanked by his parents, Steve and Tammy, Jordan Vass signed his letter of intent to play basketball for the Shorter Hawks (Rome, Georgia) as Cullman High School head basketball coach Bobby Meyer looked on.

"It has been a dream for him to play basketball (in college)," said Steve Vass about Jordan. "He has worked really hard at it. We are really proud of him. Sports management is something that he wants to get into and Shorter offers both."

"Shorter contacted him and wanted him to come try out. He went and tried out and (Shorter) said we have a spot for you on the team."

Shorter University is a Christian university and is a billed as a Georgia Baptist Institution. It is located in Rome, Georgia which is around 70 miles north-east of Atlanta.

"I feel pretty fortunate," answered Jordan when asked about his opportunity to play basketball for Shorter University, "They have a great basketball program and they have a major, sports management, that I am really interested in. I am just fortunate to get to go and improve on my basketball skills and hopefully be successful at the next level."

For anyone who followed the Cullman Bearcats on the hardwood his year, you could easily see that Jordan Vass is a leader on the court.

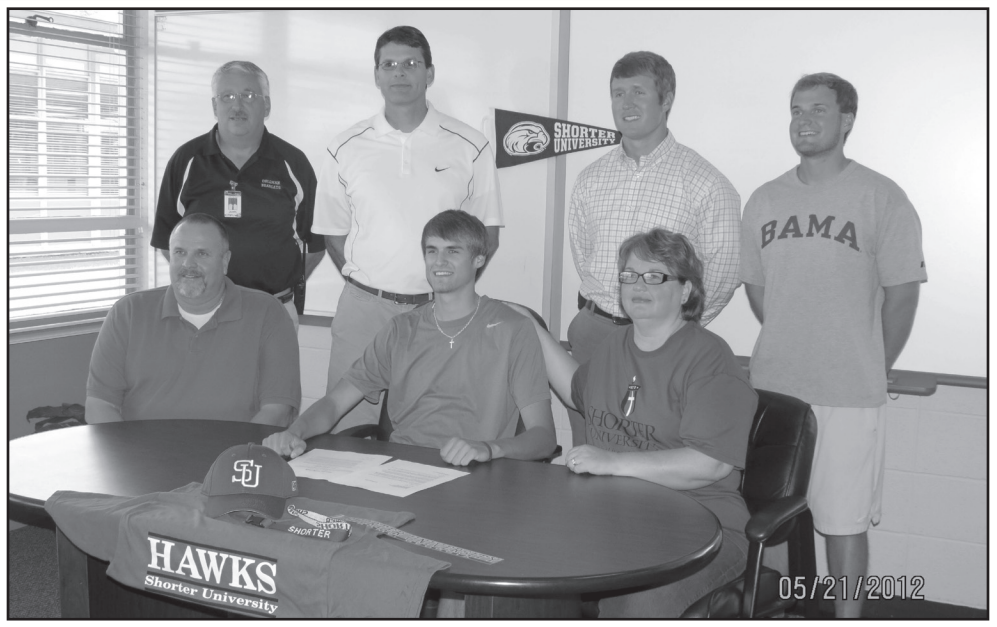
He is an unselfish player that elevates the play of everyone around him. This was evident as he played a key role in the Bearcats 2011 season, a season that saw them advance all the way to the 5A Northwest Regional Finals at Tom Drake Coliseum on the campus of Wallace State in Hanceville.

"A lot of our athletic programs sign kids (to scholarships) year in and year out," said head basketball coach Bobby Meyer, "but it has been a while since basketball signed anyone."

"Jordan is the first (signee) in my tenure here and it is big. It helps tell us that we are heading in the right direction, developing the kids."

Coach Meyer is right, if Jordan Vass is any indicator, with his comment about the Cullman Bearcats basketball program being headed in the right direction.

We here at CullmanSense wish nothing but the best for Jordan Vass as he heads of to Shorter University to make his family, his coach, and most importantly, himself, proud.





Photos by Tasha Meyer

SEC Heisman Heroes: Steve Spurrier

By: Josh McBrayer
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Welcome to the first installment of what we hope will become a monthly feature, SEC Heisman Heroes. The SEC has had 11 Heisman Memorial Trophy winners. Frank Sinkwich (1920-1990) for the University of Georgia in 1942, Billy Cannon for Louisiana State University (LSU) in 1959, Steve Spurrier for the University of Florida in 1966, Pat Sullivan of Auburn University in 1971, George Rogers for the University of South Carolina in 1980, Herchell Walker for the University of Georgia in 1982, Bo Jackson for Auburn University in 1985, Danny Wuerffel for the University of Florida in 1996, Tim Tebow (the first underclassman to win the award) for the University of Florida in 2007, Mark Ingram for the University of Alabama in 2009, and Cam Newton for Auburn University in 2010.

Steve Spurrier was a tremendous quarterback and long distance field goal kicker for the University of Florida Gators from 1963 to 1966. He was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in the first round of the 1967 NFL Draft. He was the third overall pick in that year's draft. He spent nine of his ten year NFL career with the San Francisco 49ers and played his final season with the expansion team, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

As great as Spurrier was on the field, most recognize him as one of the most feared coaches to ever prowl the sideline as an SEC coach. Sporting his trademark visor, Spurrier has lead his teams to a total of eight SEC Eastern Division Championships, six SEC Championships (all with Florida), one ACC Championship (Duke), and one National Championship while he was the head coach at the University of Florida. He has also been named ACC Coach of the Year once and SEC Coach of the Year an astonishing seven times including three in a row in 1994, 1995 and 1996 while with Florida.

Coach Spurrier took time out of his busy schedule of recruiting for the University of South Carolina to answer these questions for CullmanSense.

Josh Mcbrayer: Today there is much fanfare placed on the awarding of the Heisman Trophy with "Heisman watches" and year-long campaigns launched by schools. Was there any fanfare or campaign surrounding you in 1966?

Steve Spurrier: No.

JM: Going into the 1966 season did you have any clue that you might be hoisting the most prestigious individual award in college football? Why?

SS: I was one of 10 mentioned to win the Trophy.

JM: Please describe for our readers the decision to take the kick yourself when you drilled a 40 yard field goal to defeat Auburn your senior year.

SS: I was the long-distance field goal kicker for our team.

JM: Please describe, being a Florida Gator, what it was like to win the Fergie Ferguson award that recognized not your great football talent, but your great character.

SS: I don't remember that I won this award.

JM: You were already a two-time All-American, but do you feel being named the Heisman Trophy winner in 1966 helped your draft position?

SS: Probably.

JM: Your legendary coaching career began very shortly after you retired from the NFL, was this something you had always wanted to do or was it a decision you made after your playing career?

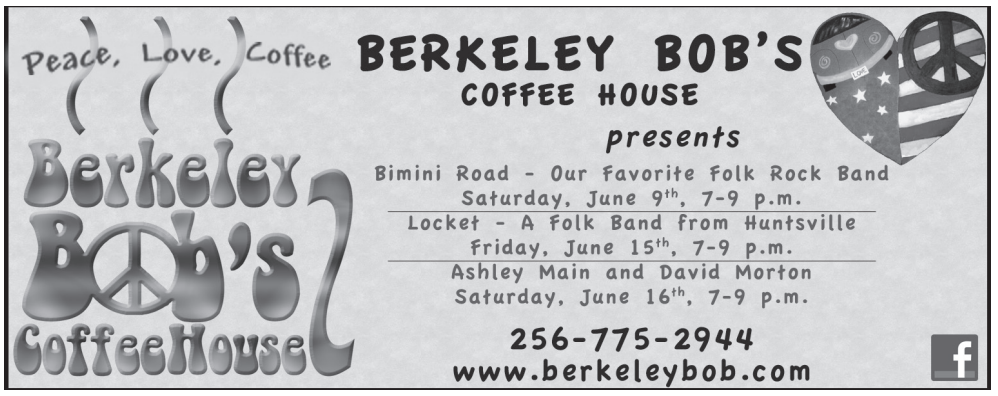
SS: After my NFL days were over.

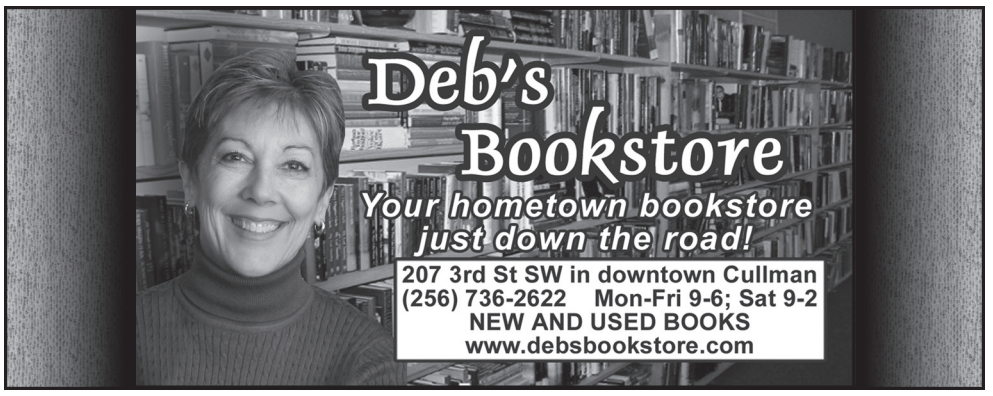
JM: Of the 250+ college games you have coached, do any stand out to this day? Why?

SS: Too many to name, but the one game that rocketed my coaching career was in 1989 (Duke 1-3 vs. Clemson 4-0); Duke 21, Clemson 17. Duke went on undefeated the rest of the season and won the ACC. I took the Florida job in 1990 and inherited the best team in the SEC (which we won 6 of the next 7 years).

Steve Spurrier, a man of few words, does not need to say much when it comes to his coaching style. He lets his demeanor and very impressive track record speak for itself.

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In Brief

St. Bernard Team Brings Home 14 Medals from State Track Meet

By: Joyce Nix
St. Bernard Contributor

SELMA – Saint Bernard students set another historical milestone recently at the State AHSAA 1A-3A Track and Field Competition in Selma, Alabama. The team of eight athletes brought home fourteen All-State medals, four gold, one silver, and nine bronze. Will Faulk earned three gold medals, Ayleana Mami had one gold, Logan Ayers had one silver and one bronze, and the boys and girls relay teams earned eight bronze.

In the 1A overall team competition, the girls finished in 6th place and the boys finished 7th. Will Faulk scored a total of 36 points in the state meet.

Faulk was the dominant runner in his three distance races. He finished first in the 800- (2:02.25) and 3,200-meter runs (10:17.97). That pair of victories was followed by a victory in the 1,600-meter run (4:37.78).

"A triple win at a state meet is pretty rare," Saints' coach, William Calvert, said. "For a distance runner to do it, that's just an unbelievable achievement. Winning the 800, 1,600, and 3,200 is an awesome feat. I was really excited to see him accomplish that."

Faulk, Seamus Russell, Oscar Perez, and Steven Mami took third in the 4x800-meter relay held on Friday.

In the girls' competition, Ayleana Mami won her second state title in a row in the 3,200-meter run (12:05.74). She ran fourth in the 800-meter run. Logan Ayers, another talented St. Bernard runner, contributed to the team effort with a second-place finish in the 800-meter run, third-place spot in the 1,600-meter run, and seventh place finish in the long jump.

Mami, Ayers, Morgan Matz, and Jaden Edge took third-place in the 4x800-meter relay on Friday.

Coach Calvert said, "St. Bernard Prep School is certainly being recognized state wide as an up and coming program in track and field as well as in cross country. This is due primarily to these students' hard work and dedication to excellence as well as their competitive spirit."

The St. Bernard students currently train on the wooded trails of St. Bernard which are used for cross country 5K/10K races. "The school is being pushed to build a track," said Calvert.

"In the meantime, we do the best we can with what we have and hope our success at the state level will continue. Each year our program grows and winning will help encourage more students to participate next year."



Members of the St. Bernard track team are front left to right; Jaden Ege, Ayleana Mami, and Logan Ayers. Back row; Will Faulk and Steven Mami.

St. Paul's Lutheran School Pays Visit to Cullman City Hall



On Wednesday, May 23, 2012, third grade students from St. Paul's Lutheran School visited Cullman City Hall to learn more about municipal government from Mayor Max A. Townson.

From left to right are: Caleb, Sophia, Chloe, Maiya, Natalie, Mayor Townson, Gabrielle, Olivia, Max, Ethan, and Lawson. Contributed by Leanne West.

New Business: Pawn Your Bond - Good Hope Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

By: Jackie Moore
Chamber of Commerce Contributor

The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting for Pawn Your Bond on May 11th.

While on a 14 day Elk hunting trip in Colorado Robert Lee and Shane Tyree decided they would open a pawn shop and Bail Bonding company.

At that time, Lee was the owner of Cullman Liquidations where he had uploaded a funny video about his life and business on YouTube that became an overnight sensation.

It caught the eye of producer Howie Mandel, who later made a TV series about Robert called "Flipping Dixie."

Tyree has been the owner/operator of Jasper Medical Supplies, Inc. since 2004.

"We hope to bring quality products at reasonable prices to the city of Cullman" said Tyree.

Lee stated that the economy has been tough on everyone and hopes the pawn shop will allow some to sell items for cash they can use on other things and others to buy items cheaper than they could purchase in a retail store.

Pawn Your Bond is also a licensed to sell, buy, or pawn guns.

Both Lee and Tyree are avid gun collectors.

For more information call them at (256) 734-3777 or visit them at 1506 County Road 457, Cullman, Alabama 35055.



Front Row (Left to Right): Colin Gray, Friend; Nancy Macon, Friend; Robert Lee, Owner; Anna Kate Tyree, Family; Shane Tyree, Owner; Randy Schnittker, Randy's Auto Sales; Jessica Jenkins, Peoples Bank; Bethany Grey, Friend.

Back Row (Left to Right): Mike Macon, Friend; Leeroy Tyree, Family.

All Steak Restaurant Ground Breaking Ceremony

By: Jackie Moore
Chamber of Commerce Contributor

The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce recently held a ground breaking for All Steak Restaurant on May 2nd. All Steak Restaurant's new located will be at 323 3rd Avenue Southeast, Cullman, Alabama 35055 and plan to have this new location open in the Fall of 2012. Till the new location is complete, All Steak will still be serving their famous "orange rolls" that are featured in "Alabama's 100 dishes to Eat Before you Die" along with all their other wonderful food at their current location of 314 2nd Avenue Southwest, Cullman Alabama 35055. For more information, call them at 256-734-4322 or visit them at 314 2nd AVE SW. Cullman, AL 35055.



Front Row: Joyce Hardeman, Comfort Care Hospice; Taren Heim, All Steak; Matt Heim, Owner; Mayor Max Townson; Harold Grey, Property Owner; Rhonda Grey, Property Owner; John-David Grey; Trent Lowry, Griffith, Little & Lowry; Marie Lesher Black, Liberty Tax Service.

Back Row: Kirk Mancer, Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce; : Ashley Lackey, Alabama Technology Network; Jeff Grey; James Grey; Jennifer Grey; David Moore, Servpro of Cullman/ Blount Counties.

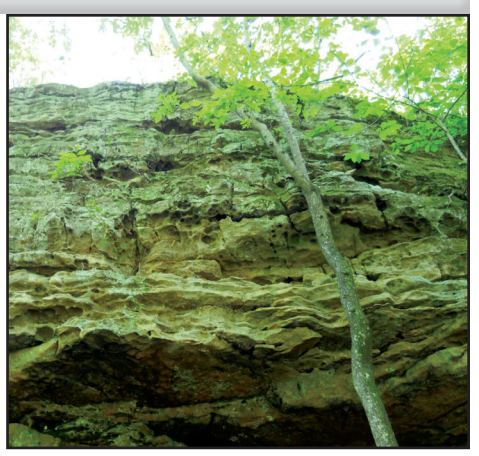
Community Matters

Alabama Stay-Cations: Hurricane Creek Park









to become Hurricane Creek Park, he was amazed at how similar both places were.

"Finally my curiosity got the better of me and I made a trip back here, this time on the ground so I could get a better look," Rogers once remarked about the land that he loved so dearly.

Rogers discovered the creek for which the park was named when he took it upon himself to climb down the face of one of the many bluffs that surround the canyon and creek below.

"Standing there in the midst of all that natural beauty - the mountainsides, the trees, mountain laurel, and creek - I lost all interest in flying and knew it was time to stand on solid ground," Rogers once commented.

It took a year, but the ever-persistent Buddy finally convinced the three landowners to sell him their parcels of land that made up what he would turn into one of the most breathtaking refuges in the country.

When he started his life-long project of molding and shaping the land into the splendor it is today, he had a knack for seeing the hiking trails and pathways in his head and it became very easy for him to make them a reality. He once said "about eight months out of the year the water is flowing pretty good and I wanted to make the trails that, no matter where you were walking, you could hear the falls running.

Since Buddy's passing in 2008, the City of Cullman Parks and Recreation has been maintaining Hurricane Creek Park and making vast additions and improvements that Buddy Rogers would be proud to see.

Some of the additions to the park have been the introduction of set mountain biking trails. It is approximately a three mile long loop that incorporates some fantastic obstacles for experts and novices alike and ends at the picnic area where every hour, on the hour, a shuttle will take you and your bike back to the start of the trail.

The most amazing new addition to Hurricane Creek Park, which is an ever ongoing project, is the rock climbing wall. The rock climbing wall is built on a deck that overlooks the gorgeous gorge that is Hurricane Creek Park. There are dozens and dozens of paths that are painstakingly laid out for your enjoyment. Just off the deck is a climbers' paradise, a fully stocked and well maintained Pro Shop which sells everything from the most durable climbing shoes to some of the best ropes and packs on the market today. When you are ready to make the transition from the rock climbing wall to the climbing a rock face, the friendly and extremely knowledgeable staff at Hurricane Creek Park is there to help.

Professional guide and overseer of the park, John McCrary is there to assist you with his years and years of climbing experience. He also teaches rock climbing courses that are from beginner to expert. Beginner classes are great for youth outings and groups just looking to have a great time and, best of all, Hurricane Creek Park supplies all the gear needed for the climb. At a rate of $25 per person, this is a very inexpensive way to enjoy all the park has to offer. The classes are held every Saturday morning, but you MUST call for reservations. It is offered for ages 6 and up.

Routes and courses are under construction for more advanced climbers and many of the routes still remain unclimbed and unnamed. Hurricane Creek Park welcomes participation in helping put up routes. If you are interested you can see McCrary about claiming first accent on many of the unnamed paths.

Last but not least are the scenic hiking routes that Buddy Rogers created all those years ago. McCrary has done a phenomenal job maintaining, adding, and generally continuing on with Buddy Rogers original vision of a park everyone can enjoy.

For this Stay-Cation piece I chose to enjoy the park the "old-fashioned" way and descended into the gorge on one of the well-manicured hiking trails. As one first enters and begins their hike down into the gorge, it quickly becomes evident why Buddy Rogers had such a passion for this place.

Local flora and fauna abound as well as sweet smells of wildflowers and the unmistakable smell of pine needles fill the air. The gentle flow of the creek can be heard as you descend further down the trail toward the fresh, clear water. Various butterflies can be seen from time to time on your leisurely stroll through the ever-green landscape, as well as the occasional lizard lying out on one of the many rock outcroppings, soaking up the rays like a scaly sun-bather.

The soothing sounds of the flowing creek grow ever stronger as you descend further down the canyon-side until you come to "Heaven's Staircase," a short, winding path through a narrow crevice. The name comes from the man-made wooden stairs that help you make your way down to the creek.

Once you arrive at the bottom you will find picnic tables overlooking the creek that is teeming with life from the smallest frogs to large sun-fish. Although fishing is not allowed, Hurricane Creek Park is a wildlife refuge, you can still appreciate the life that thrives here.

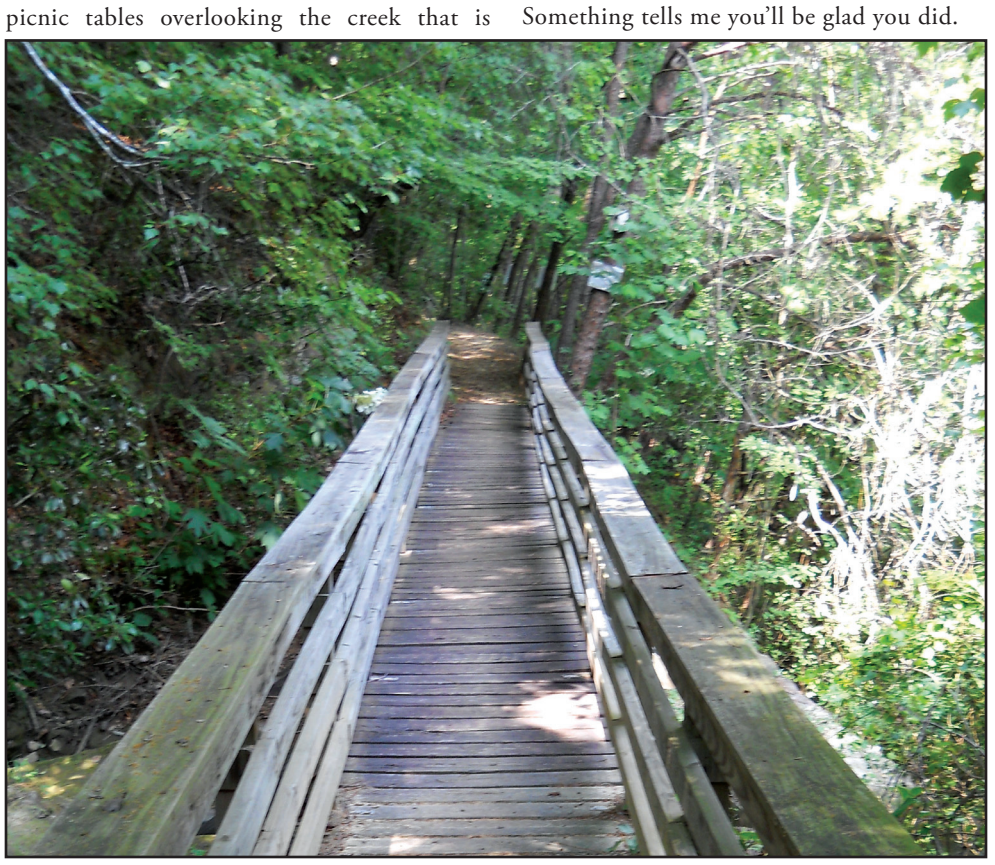
At this point you have a choice: go back the way you came (called the Low Trail) or go up the longer, steeper "High Trail," that takes you back to the trail-head through a different section of the park. For the sake of the story (and my own curiosity) I took the "High Trail" and it proved to be the right decision.

This particular trail takes you to the back part of the creek as you walk along its banks before ascending back up the face of the gorge. Taking the "High Trail" also affords you the chance to see more of the amazing rock formations on the grounds of Hurricane Creek Park, but, in my opinion, one of the most breathtaking formations on the property is the natural bridge that you stumble upon taking the long way back. A natural bridge occurs in nature when water carves its path through a section of rock, but does nothing to the apex, or top, of the rock. Formations like this, along with many other natural wonders, await you on a visit to Hurricane Creek Park.

Now is the time to rediscover everything Hurricane Creek Park has to offer. From hiking and biking, to climbing and dining, there is something for everyone at Hurricane Creek Park. Hurricane Creek Park is open from 9 a.m. until sunset Friday and Saturday and from noon to sunset on Sunday. Admission is $3 for adults and $2.50 for children.

Also, I encourage everyone to partake in the rock climbing courses offered at the park. Something tells me you'll be glad you did.



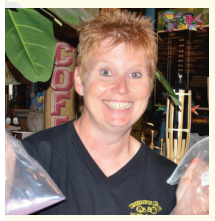


Lifestyle

Passion for the Kitchen

Send your recipes to recipes@cullmansense.com

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Learning From the Pros

I was invited to my first BBQ cookoff last year. Things are much different about grilling and smoking than you would think when it comes to judging.

For example, according to the judges, a good rib does not fall off the bone. They describe good as to when they take a bite, a perfect bite mark is left and the meat comes off neatly and does not slide off. Personally, I don't like ribs like that. I want them to fall off the bone.

Chicken is another story. The judges prefer chicken thighs to breast or any other type of part on the chicken. Personally, I like the white meat, not dark, but I have to say that after I tried a competition chicken thigh I may have to change my opinion. It was not like any dark meat I've ever tried. It was delicious!

If you thought that you could just cook up a good chicken thigh and present it to the judge on a bed of lettuce you are mistaken. Those things have to be made to where the skin doesn't slide off when the judge takes a bite. The skin has to be crisp, there's a special technique for that, and the thigh has to be formed into a nice little bundle and trimmed to look nice.



Boston Butt is another deal as well. There is something called the money muscle that is chosen to present to the judge as the best part of the butt. The bone must come out clean and easy. These people don't smoke just one butt either. They smoke several and choose the best from all of them. This method is the same for chicken thighs, ribs, and brisket. This is why in some cookoffs there is extra meat and they will let you try it.



I was amazed at all the different smokers sitting around. The one that seemed to be the most popular, at least the couple of times I went, was the Big Green Egg. Of course seeing all those Big Green Eggs made me want one too. It's an investment, but I can always find a way to justify things like that. Ralph and I have a phrase when we really want something and it costs a little more than we would normally spend…"it's our cigarette money." Since we don't smoke, we spend what we would spend on cigarettes if we did.

So, for my birthday, Ralph bought me a Big Green Egg from Werners. I have been practicing off and on for a year. There is a bit of a science to it, but once you get the hang of it, you are going to make some good food. I made pizza on it the other night.

For my next birthday, Ralph built an egg table for me so I could move it around. He is a perfectionist when it comes to building anything and it will be top notch. It is beautiful and more like a piece of furniture than a stand for my Big Green Egg.

Will I ever participate in a cookoff? I don't know. It's a lot of work, a lot of sweat, and a way of life for these people. They are like a family. I'ts like a huge tailgating party. It is nothing like I thought. I figured they would be looking out the corners of their eyes, scouting out everyone else, but they didn't. They were helping and encouraging each other and giving out pointers to the newcomers. I think I would enjoy it, but I really just like going to cookoffs to look around and get pointers for myself. I have developed a new respect for people that participate.

Pizza on the Grill

I don't like frozen pizza. You will see its easy enough to make your own and it tastes so much better. I have just started grilling pizza and now I may not want it any other way now. Give it a try.

This is for two pizzas

Ingredients:

- Pillsbury Hot Roll Mix
- A pizza stone
- A handful of cornmeal for the top of the stone
- 1-8 oz. bag of shredded mozzarella
- 1-8 oz. bag of shredded cheddar
- Whatever toppings you choose to put on it like pepperoni, sausage (cook it first), chopped onions, bell pepper strips, pineapple, jalapenos, olives, mushrooms…. you choose.
- Prego spaghetti sauce (No, I don't own stock in Prego) my favorite.

Directions:

1. Get your grill hot, to about 500 degrees. While the grill is heating up, mix the Hot Roll Mix by the directions on the side for pizza crust. It will have to rise at least 30 minutes.
2. Chop all your toppings and get them all ready.
3. When the dough is ready, split it into two parts and roll each one out on a floured surface. Put the crust on a pizza stone that has been sprinkled with cornmeal. This prevents it from sticking.
4. Decorate your pizza, sauce first, then toppings, then cheese.
5. It won't take long on the grill, maybe 15 minutes maximum. Just get it hot and bubbly and it will be brown on the crust edges.
6. I am going to try several different ways of doing pizza on the grill in the future. I will pass it along to you when I do.

Enjoy!

Ribs



This is the time of year that makes me hungry for ribs. I used to think that baby back ribs were the best, but after going to a couple of BBQ cookoffs, I learned that the rib of choice is St. Louis Style. These ribs have more meat and are not too big, but they are tender.

Ingredients:

- St. Louis Style Ribs
- Grill Master Sweet and Smoky Rub
- BBQ sauce of your choice. I prefer a sweet sauce.

Directions:

1. Take the ribs out of the pack and rinse. There is a thin membrane on the back side of the ribs that I try to peel off. Remove this membrane. Pat the ribs dry, and rub the Sweet and Smoky rub all over the ribs. Wrap the ribs in Saran Wrap and refrigerate about 2-3 hours.
2. About 4-6 hours before you want to eat, heat up your smoker or oven to 200 degrees. If you don't have a smoker, you can use the oven.
3. If using the oven, place the ribs on a foil lined baking sheet and cook for 2 -3 hours. Take the ribs out of the oven and wrap in aluminum foil, put them back in the oven and bake for another hour or until tender.
4. Remove the ribs from the foil and cover in your BBQ sauce of choice and put them back in the oven for about 20 minutes or until the sauce gets hot. Delicious!
5. If you are using your smoker, soak wood chips (hickory, apple, mesquite, etc.) for about an hour in water.
6. Get your smokers temperature to 200-250 degrees. Put the wood chips on your coals, place your water bowl above the he, t and arrange the ribs above that. I was using an electric smoker to smoke mine.
7. Smoke the ribs for about 3 hours, remove, wrap in aluminum foil and place back on the smoker. Smoke them another 30 minutes to an hour.
8. Remove the ribs from the foil and douse with the BBQ sauce and place them back in the smoker until the sauce gets hot or you can finish the ribs off on a grill on low heat.

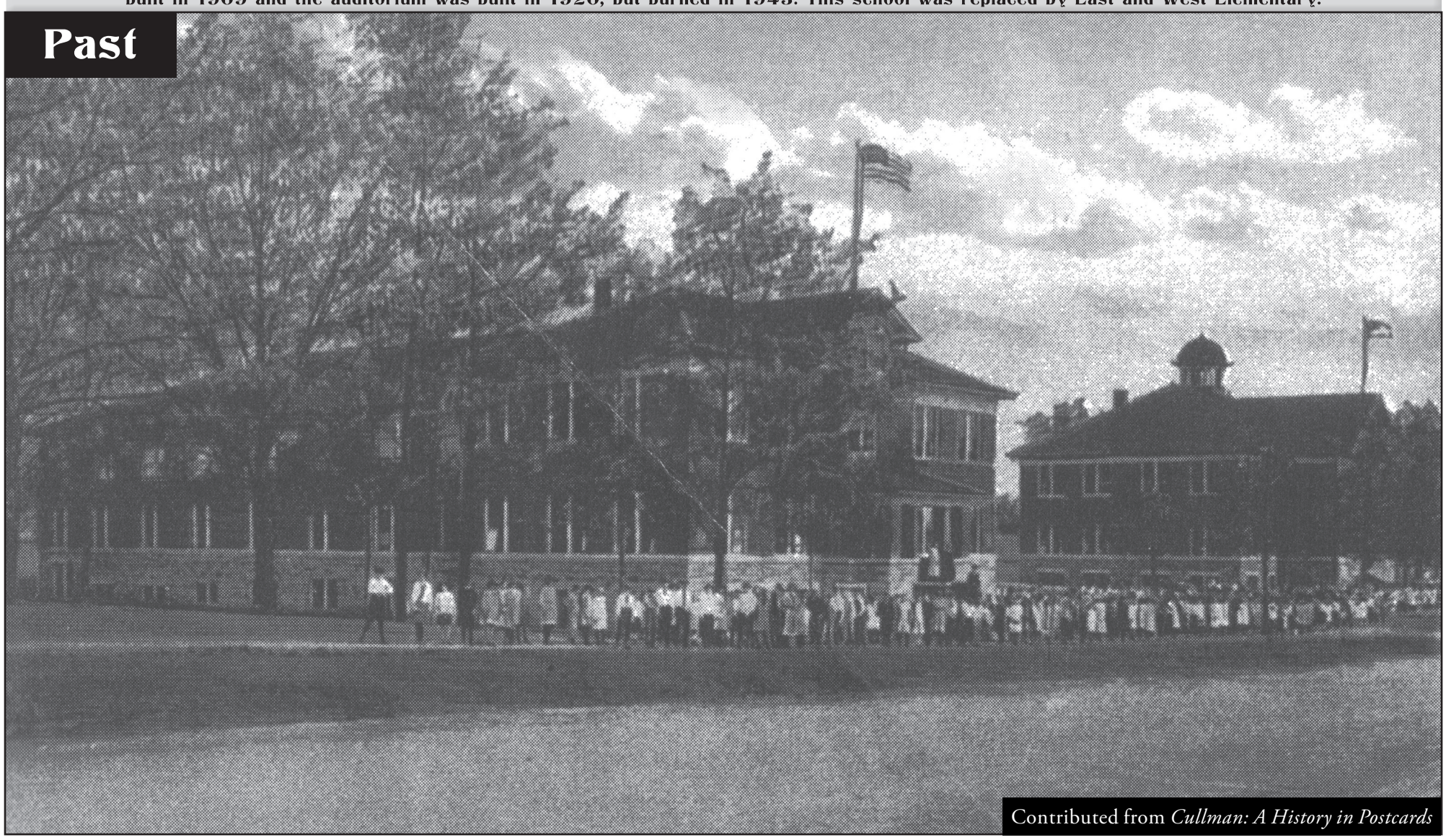
These are fall off the bone good!

Mirroring History

Exploring Historic Downtown Cullman at Cullman Public School

The old public school and auditorium were located near the present day Cullman County Courthouse. The elementary building (right) was built in 1909 and the auditorium was built in 1920, but burned in 1943. This school was replaced by East and West Elementary.

Past



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Present



East Elementary



West Elementary

Present photos by Jessica Norrell

Local Events Calendar

Send your Events to: calendar@cullmansense.com

Monday, May 28th

VBS at Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church
All ages are invited to attend Vacation Bible School this week from Monday, May 28, through Friday, June 1, each evening from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Church. Come share in the fun and fellowship!

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 29th

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. until 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!

'Masquerade' Jewelry Sale at CRMC
Get your wallets out, gals, and head to that fabulous 'Masquerade' Jewelry and other items sale which is taking place from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Cullman Regional Medical Center, POB II. All proceeds benefit Hospice of Cullman County, so you get to purchase some wonderful jewelry at fantastic prices and help a very worthy cause at the same time! Remember, all items cost only $5.00 each!

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 30th

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.

Aqua Zumba Classes at CWAC
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Thursday, May 31st

'Stroke Prevention and Tips' Luncheon
Cullman Regional Medical Center offers another of its educational seminars revolving around the topic of 'Stroke Prevention and Tips,' will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

This lunch along with earning session costs $5.00 for WomenFirst/SeniorChoice members, $8.00 for others. Paula Burks, RN, BSN, who is Director of the CRMC Critical Care Unit and 4-East Medical/Surgical Floor, will instruct attendees on several of the many important life-saving tips that can be utilized in case of strokes. Please pre-register to take part in this event by calling 256-737-2600 or www.crmchospital.com. Everyone is invited to attend these educational events.

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, June 1st

Senior Shindig at Sportsman's Lake Park
Everyone is invited to attend this year's Senior Shindig at Sportsman's Lake Park today from 9 a.m. until 12 noon!!

Come be part of this annual picnic at the lake as this year's theme of 'Champions' invites everyone to wear their favorite teams' t-shirts or other shirts which depict whom they root for during sports games and other events at their favorite schools or sports teams!!

You can wear shirts which celebrate your children's or grandchildren's sports teams or school colors! There are numerous collegiate institutions in our state, and we even have our own Wallace State Community College right here in our area!

There will several competitions for seniors to enter so get in gear and come on out to the Park and see which category you might qualify in are:

- Couple Married the Longest
- Oldest Veteran
- Oldest Woman and Oldest Man
- Best Dressed Alabama Fan
- Best Dressed Auburn Fan
- Best Bonnet Contest
- Buck Dancing Contest
- The Twist Contest
- Hog Calling Contest
- Most Unique Hat Contest

Even if you don't want to enter one of the contests, come and watch those who do and have a great morning with all your friends!

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, June 2nd

2nd Annual Poker Run/Car Show by Cullman County Rescue Squad
Cullman County Rescue Squad is sponsoring their 2nd Annual 'Poker Run/Car Show' at Smith Lake Park, with live entertainment, vendor booths, a car show with awards, the Poker Run, and other exciting events that will fill up a summer day for the family.

Prizes will be raffled as well. Car show registration begins at 7 a.m., with judging at 12 noon. Entrance fee is $20.00 for this event. The Poker Run also has registration at 7 a.m., with cost being $10.00 and $5.00 for an extra rider.

To get more information concerning this event, please call 256-595-3915 or 256-507-0409. Set this date aside as a great start to your summer.

There are lots of activities available at Smith Lake Park as well as the events centered around the Rescue Squad happenings!

'Mules and Tractors' featured for Farm Kids Club
Farm Kids Club activity features 'Mules to Tractors'. This program is open to all children ages kindergarten and up, and they should be accompanied by an adult.

The cost of this seminar is $5.00 per person and the session starts at 9 a.m. Sponsored by the North Alabama Agriplex Board and Peinhardt Living History Farm, everyone is welcome to come and take part in these special monthly events!!

To pre-register and for additional information, please call 256-297-1044 or e-mail cullmanag@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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: PETS

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.

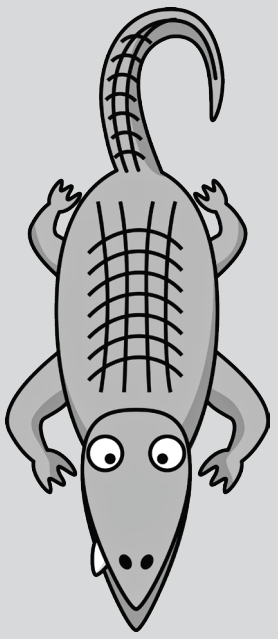
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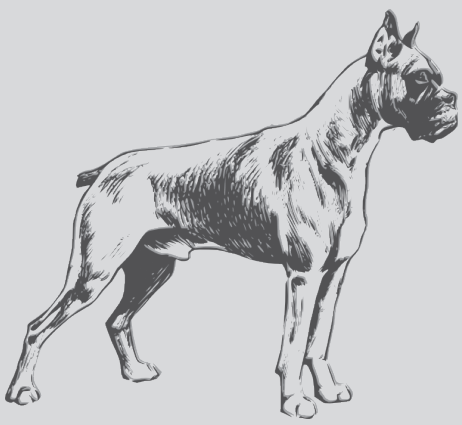
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Community Matters

Inaugural Smith Farms Music Festival Wrap-Up

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CULLMAN – The Inaugural Smith Farms Music Festival kicked off Thursday afternoon with a star-studded line-up of local bands and mainstays of the music world and was closed by the "Renegade Bluegrass" styling's of Rollin' in the Hay. They are a local band from right here in Alabama and have been touring for many years together. They have the distinction of opening Bonaroo this year, a huge outdoor music festival in Tennessee.

"It has been great," said Smith Farms owner and the person responsible for the festival, Rodger Turner. "Absolutely," he said when asked if he would consider holding another festival. "The more people to come out the bigger it is going to get."

The Birmingham based band, the Velcro Pygmies, who have played all over Alabama and Texas, headlined Thursday night. Their website describes them as "everything that is right about rock n' roll," and they live up to this by playing hard, fast, and loud.

Friday night the stage was set for the Wayne Mills Band and they took the stage for the second to last set of the night. The Arab based band blew the proverbial roof off as they played a mix of songs from their newest album "The Last Honky Tonk" as well as some classic fan favorites. Check out www.waynemillsband.com for more information on this great band and how you can purchase their albums.

Following the Wayne Mills band and closing the second night of the festival was the legendary southern rock heroes, The Marshall Tucker Band. Playing hits that spans 27 albums worth of songs, five of their albums went gold (500,000 copies sold), and two went platinum (1,000,000 copies sold).

They played a set that rocked the crowd and showed why they have been able to perform for over 35 years.

"It is awesome," said Dana Shelton, a local who drove up from Hanceville. "I am coming all three days. This is a great thing (Smith Farms) is doing for the community." When asked who she was looking forward to seeing the most, "If Taylor (Hicks) looks at me I will be flying high," she said with a whimsical chuckle.

Well she got her wish on Saturday night as Taylor Hicks took the Smith Farms stage and played a tremendous set. After the set was over he made his way down to the merchandise tent to sign autographs and take pictures with his fans. As I am sure everyone knows, Taylor Hicks was the winner of American Idol Season Five and is a native of Birmingham. He just released a new album entitled "The Distance" and it is available wherever music is sold.

"I would never overlook Cullman," Taylor Hicks said about playing the Smith Farms Music Festival, "I still have family in the area and Alabama is always in my heart."

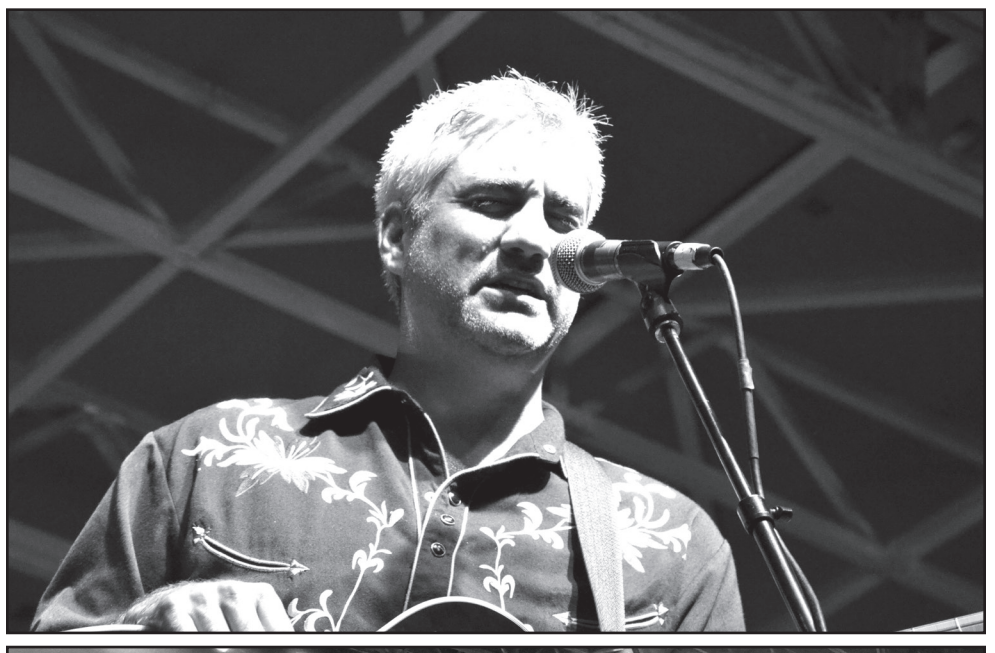
"Rollin' in the Hay," said Jason Maurer of Birmingham when asked who he wanted to see over the weekend. "We have been here since Thursday, but we spent most of (Thursday) in the pool," he said while watching his two young children play.

The audience was treated to one of the best performances of the entire festival when Rollin' in the Hay played their unique style of bluegrass. They played a mix of original songs along with covering everything from Snoop Dogg's "Gin and Juice" to the Johnny Cash classic "Cocaine Blues" with a little Widespread Panic thrown in for good measure. As customary when they end their set, they closed with a Nitty Gritty Dirt Band classic, "Will the Circle be Unbroken."

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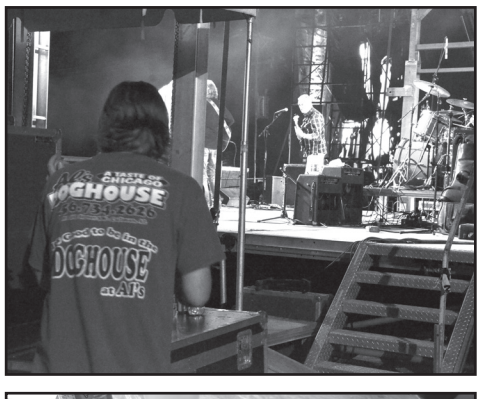
















CureSearch Walk
for Children's Cancer

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.

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