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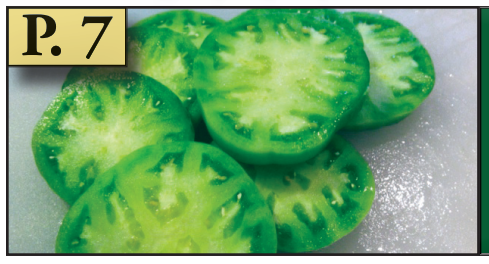
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Baileyton "Good Time" Drag Strip Still a Buzz 45 years after opening



Photos by Noah Chandler

BAILEYTON – "Welcome to the Good Time," is how you'll more than likely be greeted whenever you make a visit out to The Baileyton "Good Time" Drag Strip.

The bustling strip was created by Jack Walker back in 1966. Walker, who still maintains and operates the dual lane 1/8th mile track, said the middle of the name speaks for the time you'll have when visiting Baileyton.

"We call it the 'Good Time' because you're going to have a good time," Walker said while on a break from wetting the strip. "When I first picked out this plot of land my dad thought I was crazy to make a drag strip out of it. But here we are still running today."

The strip celebrated a milestone on Friday, June 16 as it raced in with its 45th anniversary. As part of the festivities, Walker brought out a special guest, Diamond Jim Crownhart, owner and driver of a supped up 2004 Trans Am. Oh yeah, it has a rocket engine under the hood as well.

"The startup will definitely put you back in the seat," Diamond Jim said while preparing for his run. "I've been doing this since I was 16 and there is nothing I love more."

A large crowd gathered at the drag strip to watch the jet car in action. Some in attendance had never seen the car before while others were seasoned vets. The common theme though was that they were all excited to see the fire breathing machine take to action.

The engine in the jet car comes from a Pratt Whitney J-60 Navy Fighter and produces 7,000 pounds of thrust with afterburner, packs 12,000 horsepower and can pull 4 G's, reaching a top speed of 198 miles per hour in just 1/8th of a mile. At just 1,830 pounds the car has room for a 25 gallon diesel/jet fuel tank, which when running will burn 2.5 gallons per second.

"It's a ride," he said with a smile. "After all those years of racing the different types of cars it was only natural to move up to a jet funny car. It was my retirement present if you will."

One very noticeable element was the father-son combination, not just in the crowd, but down on pit row. One such pair was Mark and his son Hunter McKelvy. Both gentlemen have been hitting the drag strip for years, although one has many more runs under his belt than the other.

"I was raised down here and I can guarantee

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Caitlin Varquez Named Cullman County Distinguished Young Woman



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Community Calendar

Rediscovering Cullman: Lacon and Cullman Flea Markets

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LACON – It goes by many names across the country like swap meet, flea market, and outdoor sale, but if you live in Cullman you simply call it "trade day." Just off Highway 31, nestled at the foot of Lacon Mountain, stands another mountain, of booths, both indoor and outdoor, that scatter the dirt and gravel landscape where people of all ages and walks of life come to peruse the wares that others have on display. All manners of merchandise can be found here. In one booth, a man had a little of everything from a large drinking fountain and a claw-foot tub to Rolling Stone magazines that were so old they were still in the old newspaper-style that comprised the first generation of the magazine's printing.

Two more buildings stand to your left as you enter Lacon from Highway 31. The first is a long, shed-like, building that houses an eclectic mix of wares. Here you can find video games and movies along with the systems to play them. Furniture for your living room, dining room, or bedroom, and even board games for the children saturate the building. You will also find a variety of old magazines, a few of which I picked up for myself, as well as a selection of racing memorabilia.

The next metal building is called the Variety Shop and has underwent several "facelifts" over



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that this place kept me out of trouble over the years," Mark said after his 11-year-old son Hunter finished his run. "I raced here and as he (Hunter) got older he wanted to race 4-wheelers. I wanted him to be safer, so we built this funny car for him."

The slimmed down funny car is on a smaller scale, but it still has enough power to race against 4-wheelers and other motorcycles. Hunter loves the speed and said he hopes to be able to continue racing as a hobby, but not as a career.

"It goes between 76-78 mph and it is based on a Briggs motor," Hunter said. "I've been racing for three years now and I just love getting out there to see how fast I can go. It's just a lot of fun."

The Baileyton "Good Time" Drag Strip is open for Test & Tune each Friday night for a cost of $7 at the gate. Spectators can come enjoy the show for $5 and there is a fully stocked concession stand and bathrooms on site.









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No(ah)-It-All: : Bar vs. Restaurant: Is There a Difference?

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Now that legal alcohol sales have been permitted in the city limits of Cullman for just over a year it is clear that there are bars and then there are restaurants. You may ask, "What's the difference," and I am here to say there is a huge difference.

At a restaurant you are able to order a reasonably priced meal that in most cases tastes pretty delectable. At the restaurant you can enjoy a mixed drink, beer or glass of wine with your meal. At a bar you receive lackluster food at best – most of which is frozen food – and you are able to take shots of liquor to wash down your beer.

As a child of an alcoholic and as a raging alcoholic at one point in my own life, I do feel as if my opinions on this are just a tad more valid than those of individuals whom have never walked inside any establishment that serves alcohol. Most of my early years were spent in dingy bars all around north Alabama and it is safe to say that I was the only child permitted into these establishments. Why? Because they were bars and you must be 21 years old to enter these places, a law we in Cullman do not have unless you're entering a package store.

Personally, I think children should not mingle with adults when the surroundings are tailor made for adults. Especially at 10:30 p.m. on a week night when the child is crying to go home but the mother elects to spank the child instead of being a responsible mother. Now you may be screaming, "You shouldn't condemn her," to which I would reply, "Then she should have never brought her child to a bar to begin with." I have first-hand knowledge of what happens to a child when they are surrounded by intoxicated adults and please believe that it is not fun for the child.

Now if you look around our quaint little city you'll notice that several "restaurants" have popped up in recent months, with others slated to open doors later this year. I have no issue with a legal business operating under the statutes and laws which have been laid out by our National, State and Local governments. However, if you call yourself a restaurant please keep the screaming, profanity and fights to a non-existent level because it is after all a restaurant, right?

What is hard for me to understand is this. Residents voted to approve alcohol sales, our government took several months crafting laws and ordinances and established an Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) to handle the alcohol license recommendations. But then they placed such a strangle hold on these legal businesses as owners of both bars and restaurants were placed under the same restrictions. Let's just face the facts that Cullman does have real life bars – which more than likely will never, ever, ever go away – but they live under this guise of a restaurant because it allows some residents to sleep better at night.

Yeah, I said that and the statement comes from a man who is not all too comfortable with alcohol to begin with. But then again my experiences are far different than many others and that's why I do not try to force my views on others. I'd rather share my experiences in a truthful and frank manner. Wake up, call these places what they are and get your head out the "life is just right" hole it has been buried in for too long or else watch how these regulations are warped and manipulated over the coming years.

You may have voted to keep Cullman dry, which many in my family did, or you could have voted for the city to go wet, as did most of my friends, but on either side of the equation it should be evident that children have zero business interacting with adults in a bar setting. If I want to go out to enjoy a night of live music while my friends drink – who never order food – at a bar then the last thing anyone should have to worry about is children. When you're surrounded by intoxicated, less-than-apt adults then your child may be the one to get trampled, knocked down or hit on. Yes, hit on. Most of these late night "restaurants" allow residents of all ages and most often they do not card anyone sitting at the table unless they are the one ordering the pitcher of beer or shots. Therefore they do not have a clue who is of legal drinking age and who isn't. But then again when our own statutes allow 18 year old minors to bring drinks to your table, do you really think these children won't serve their underage friends as well?

I'm stepping down from my soapbox now but just know that whether you call it a bar or a restaurant, we do have both in the city and the differences are clear cut if you visit some of the places after 9 p.m. on any night. Some are responsible and then again some are not. Over time with new crackdowns by the ABC Board and our local law enforcement agencies, maybe these so-called restaurants will finally be deemed bars, where a strict 21 & up policy will be implemented. But then again that would require calling things like they are and we know that won't happen anytime soon.

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AREA ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Kacy Thomas - Good Hope High School

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GOOD HOPE – The Area Athlete Spotlight returns this week and focuses on three-sport athlete Kacy Thomas from Good Hope High School.

Thomas had the distinction of being part of two record setting teams at Good Hope High School this year. She was part of the Lady Raiders basketball team (the last part of the season) who went 33-2 and went all the way to the AHSAA State basketball tournament before being eliminated in the semi-finals.

She was also part of the Lady Raiders softball team that went 43-5-2 and also advanced to the AHSAA State Softball Tournament. Kacy took the time to answer these questions for CullmanSense.

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

Kacy Thomas: My name is Kacy D. Thomas. I am 16 years old and a junior at Good Hope High School. I enjoy spending time with my friends, family, and going to church. I attend Sardis Baptist Church in Good Hope where I have been going for 6 months now. I'm an outdoors girl. I love to fish, hunt, and ride four-wheelers. On my off time I like to rest, play some golf, and swim.

JM: What sports do you play? How long have you been playing each sport?

KT: I play three sports: basketball, softball, and dance line. I have been playing basketball since I was 6 years old. It all started with a park and rec team called the Jazz. We were BEAST!

I was three or four when I started to play t-ball and I've been playing ever since. I really didn't develop a love for the game until I joined the Good Hope Raiderettes, (the original ones), at age 10. That's where I found my "home" (outfield). This is my first year on dance line and being the majorette, but I've had my experience. At age eight I started at Southern Starlettes with baton and dance and a few years later I left that to take up travel softball.

JM: What is your favorite sport? Why?

KT: Well I can't pick between basketball and softball. There's something I get from both of them that I love so much! In basketball I love the contact of the sport and the fast pace of the game, but in softball I love being in that position to know that you have to make this next out and if the ball is hit to you, you HAVE to catch it.

Running those long distances to make an insane catch is heart pounding, but when you make it you get a feeling that is just awesome. And I don't mind having to make a hard catch, I love pressure. What can I say? I'm a "Thomas" and that's what we live for.

JM: Who has been your greatest inspiration in sports? Why?

KT: That's an easy one, my brother Kevin Thomas, Jr. He's one of the reasons I chose to become an outfielder, because he was one and an amazing one at that! My brother has showed me so many things. I use to sit back and watch as a little sister and see all the determination and effort my big brother put into every game and race.

Kevin taught me that you can accomplish anything if you just believe in yourself and give a 110 percent no matter what. And because of that, he has made me the athlete I am today! I love you Kevin!

JM: Who is your favorite professional athlete? Why?

KT: Dwayne Wade! He sort of reflects my brother in a way. I've been a Miami Heat fan since 2005 when I first saw Dwayne Wade play. He puts so much effort and heart into the game that it makes it fun watching him play basketball. Wade was part of the reason I wanted to become a little baller myself.

JM: What has been your greatest accomplishment in sports? Why?

KT: Well that would have to be this past year with my softball team. Not many people come out to support our softball team, but I think we made a statement to everyone when we took the regional title (which was a tough one), and made it to state this year.

JM: What do you expect from the upcoming season in each sport you play?

KT: I know in basketball it is going to take some adjusting this year with Nina Mills, Kayla Elrod, and Cierra Jenkins gone, but we have a lot of talent on our team and we are competitors. I believe we have another great season this year. I don't expect anything less with my softball team.

I see us next year being right back at state, doing even better! I have a feeling that our danceline this year is going to be amazing just like it was last year.

Our kicks will be high, splits will be down, and our dances will be top of the line. The Good Hope Raider Band will be back just like last year, but 10 times better. You haven't seen anything yet!

Kacy Thomas may not be the biggest or the strongest on any given team, but she gives 110% every time she goes out to play. Whether it is softball, basketball, danceline, or anything else she attempts, you can bet she will pour her whole heart into it.



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In Brief

First Annual Sales Tax Holiday for Severe Weather Preparedness Items Set July 6 through July 8, 2012

Contributed by: Alabama Department of Revenue

The State Legislature passed and the Governor has signed Act No. 2012-256, creating an annual Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday by exempting certain "covered items" from the state sales and use tax during one weekend each year.

The first Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday will be held July 6 through July 8, 2012, commencing at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 6, and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday.

A provision in the new Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday law allows cities and counties to join the state and participate in the holiday by removing their own local sales and use taxes from the same items during the same weekend.

The Department will compile a list of cities and counties that timely notify the Department of their decision to participate or not participate in the Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. To provide guidance to both retailers and consumers, the city and county listing will be updated as notification is received by the Department and will be available at http://www.revenuealabama.gov/salestax/WPSalesTaxHol.htm.

The following is a list of the "covered items" under this year's Severe Weather Preparedness holiday:

Items below that have a sales price of $60 or less per item:

- Batteries: AAA-cell batteries, AA-cell batteries, C-cell batteries, D-cell batteries, 6-volt batteries, 9-volt batteries. (NOTE: coin batteries, automobile batteries, and boat batteries are not exempt.)
- Cellular phone battery
- Cellular phone charger
- Portable self-powered or battery-powered radio, two-way radio, weather-band radio or NOAA weather radio
- Portable self-powered light source, including battery-powered flashlights, lanterns, or emergency glow sticks
- Tarpaulin, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths, and other flexible, waterproof sheeting
- Ground anchor system, such as bungee cords or rope, or tie-down kits
- Duct tape
- Plywood, window film, or other materials specifically designed to protect window coverings
- Non-electric food storage cooler or water storage container
- Non-electric can opener
- Artificial ice, blue ice, ice packs, reusable ice
- Self-contained first aid kit
- Fire extinguisher
- Smoke detector
- Carbon monoxide detector
- Gas or diesel fuel tank or container

Items below that have a sales price of $1,000 or less:

- Portable generators and power cords

Hospice Truck Draw Down Set for July 26th

By: Lindsey Dossey
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CULLMAN — CRMC's Hospice of Cullman County will hold the Annual Truck Draw Down, its largest annual fundraiser benefiting indigent patients, on Thursday, July 26 at 6 p.m. in Cullman Regional Medical Center's Colonel Cullmann Room located in the Community Education Center in Professional Office Building II.

This year's event features a chance to win a new 2012 Chevrolet Pick-up Truck or $10,000 cash while enjoying dinner, door prizes, and much more!

"Each year the event grows due to the support from our generous community. I would recommend getting your tickets early as there are a limited number of tickets sold," Hospice of Cullman County Board Member and Event Chair Amy Walker said.

Dinner will be served to ticket holders at 5:30 p.m. with the Truck Draw Down beginning promptly at 6 p.m. In addition, the event will feature wonderful prizes and auction items, including homemade cakes.

Tickets cost $100 each and all monies raised will fund indigent patient care.

Thanks to Healthcare Authority of Cullman County Board Member Judy Butler & Tri-Green Equipment Company in Cullman who has donated a 2012 Child's John Deere Gator XUV 550.

Hospice will be taking donations for chances to win this wonderful child's toy.

The drawing for the Gator will be held in conjunction with the Truck Draw Down on Thursday, July 26 and you do not have to be present to win.

"This event is so important to patients and families who need our care and support when dealing with difficult end-of-life issues," Walker said.

"The monies raised will help us provide care to anyone needing it regardless of their ability to pay."

Tickets for the Truck Draw Down or for chances to win the John Deere Child's Gator can be purchased from the Hospice of Cullman County office located at 1912 Alabama Highway 157, POB I, Second Floor — or can be purchased from one of the following Hospice Board Members: Hank Allen, Jean Alexander, Wendell Copeland, Peggy Doss, Nell Dunlap, Felton Easterwood, Donald Jones, Clara Kent, Mike Manning, Connie McGriff, Dean McMinn, Linton Newlin, Rita Nicholas, Amy Walker or Gloria Williams.

For more information or to buy tickets for the Truck Draw Down, please call the Hospice office at (256) 739-5185 or visit online at www.HospiceofCullmanCounty.com.

Governor Bentley Discusses Homeowners Insurance Bills and Benefits for Consumers

Contributed by: Office of the Governor

FOLEY – Governor Robert Bentley on Wednesday discussed legislative approval of a series of bills aimed at improving access to affordable homeowners insurance.

"These bills will empower consumers and expand their options," Governor Bentley said.

"The lack of affordable homeowners insurance is an issue affecting many people across the state, especially those living along the Gulf Coast. The 2012 regular legislative session was a very productive session addressing this issue, and I commend lawmakers for working in a collaborative manner. We remain committed to continuing to address this issue, and today, I'm glad to announce we have made major progress."

Governor Bentley was joined at a news conference by Baldwin County Judge Tim Russell, who serves as chairman of the Governor's Affordable Homeowners Insurance Commission.

"Members of the Affordable Homeowners Insurance Commission and I are very grateful for the outstanding work of legislators in passing major insurance bills and for the support of the Governor," Judge Russell said.

"With these bills, we now have major incentives for homeowners to establish savings accounts to better prepare for any future disasters. Insurance companies will have good opportunities to underwrite some of our coastal exposures and enjoy the benefits of tax incentives. We are all excited about moving forward to solve property insurance challenges throughout the state."

Recently-approved insurance legislation includes the following bills:

Senate Bill 230: This measure gives tax credits to insurance companies that write insurance policies in particular areas of Mobile and Baldwin counties.

House Bill 166: The "Homeowners' Bill of Rights." This helps consumers understand more clearly what their policies contain so they can make sure they are purchasing the coverage they need.

This will help people avoid getting caught offguard without proper coverage in the event of a disaster.

Senate Bill 210: This measure requires insurance companies to send information to the Department of Insurance on numbers of policies written, premiums collected, and losses due to claims.

The department will aggregate this information and make the data available online to the public via zip code searches. This is good for transparency in the insurance process.

Senate Bill 227: This measure allows homeowners to create a "catastrophe savings account" that could be used toward a deductible and other uninsured losses related to storm damage.

House Bill 323: This measure clarifies what insurance fraud is and assigns civil and criminal penalties to such fraud.

Senate Bill 164: This measure allows insurers in Alabama to have more flexibility in their investments by allowing them to make new, out-of-state investments.

By helping insurance companies in this regard, the companies will, in turn, be able to better help their customers. The measure makes Alabama more attractive for insurance companies to do business in the state.

House Bill 405: This bill allows a homeowner to cancel a roofing contract within 10 days of signing the contract if the homeowner's insurance company says it will not cover part or all of the cost.

"Though our work is not complete, the passage of these reform bills represents an important step on the path toward comprehensive homeowners insurance reform," said Senator Ben Brooks of Mobile County.

"This legislation is a big win for consumers," said Representative Steve McMillan of Baldwin County.

"Alabama is now on par with neighboring states as far as information and fairness. We were one of a handful of states without an insurance fraud law until we passed this legislation. Also, due to this legislation, Alabama now has a 'Homeowners' Bill of Rights' pertaining to insurance coverage."

"Our goal is to make sure affordable insurance options are available to people all across the state," Governor Bentley said.

"I want to thank the Affordable Homeowners Insurance Commission, the Alabama Department of Insurance, legislators, consumers, and the insurance industry for working together on this important series of bills."



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the years as different people have come and gone, but one thing remains the same; the dolls.

At the far exit of the building is a vast collection of various dolls. Anything from handmade stuffed dolls to finely crafted porcelain dolls, they have it all.



At one time they also sold the classic (circa 1980s) Care Bear stuffed animals. I spent a ton of my own money at this particular place at Lacon because, at one time, my wife had a collection of the hard-to-find animals.

Along with these two buildings there are a plethora of booths that are rented on a week-in, week-out basis by different people every weekend, so there is always something new to be found at Lacon "trade day."

Although things have changed somewhat over the years, many things have stayed the same. Things like the small pond hidden on the property where my dad used to show me how to skip rocks or the fact that you will always find someone selling some form of animals, be it dog, cat, rabbit, or chicken. After all, this is why it is called a "flea market."

Amongst the many vendors at Lacon, no trip would be complete without a stop by the pork skin shack where, for a mere $2.25, you can buy a bag of the best pork skins you have ever tasted. A taste that still to this day reminds me of my childhood.



Little has changed from the days when my mom, dad, sister and I would come to Lacon after church to spend Sundays together as a family. Whether you are a frequent visitor, a past patron, or have never been, give Lacon a visit. You never know, you may just forge memories that will last a lifetime.

Cullman Flea Market



CULLMAN- Just a short drive up Interstate 65 from Lacon, off of Exit 308, stands another flea market and another lasting institution in Cullman.

Unlike Lacon, of which the vast majority is open, the Cullman Flea Market is all indoors. It does not have the space of other indoor flea markets, but what it lacks in quantity it makes up for in quality.

Before you even enter the main part of the flea market, you can visit Collectables by Ben. Here you will find anything and everything from the world of entertainment.

From movies and games to figures and posters, Ben has a little of it all, but what is most impressive about the shop is its selection of high-end movie props. Here you can find the razor glove of Freddy Krueger, the mask of Jason Voorhees, the shield of Captain America, and the hat of Alice in Wonderland's Mad Hatter all in one place.

As you step inside you come across one of the best booths in the flea market. Here you can find sports cards (right up my alley) and action figures ranging from the common to the hard-to-find. There are also video games at huge discounts and Hot Wheels, tons and tons of Hot Wheels. Common cars start at $1, but you can also find the high-end Treasure Hunt chase pieces and other rare cars as well.

In the far left-hand corner you will come across a booth that specializes in video games and is ran by the same family that owns Video Games and More located on Highway 31 across from Hunan's Chinese Restaurant. At this booth you will find everything ranging from Atari games to Playstation 3 consoles all from the owner's ever-changing inventory.

Another mainstay in the Cullman Flea Market is the t-shirt booth located in the middle of the flea market. They have a good selection of t-shirts that range in styles and sizes for fantastic prices.

Other vendors change from time to time, but with the selection offered by the various vendors on-hand, you are sure to find what you are looking for at the Cullman Flea Market.

Celebrate the Civil War at the Cullman Museum

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CULLMAN- After careful planning, the Cullman Museum has opened its Civil War exhibit to help celebrate the 150th anniversary of the war that pitted brother against brother and the Nation against itself, the Civil War.

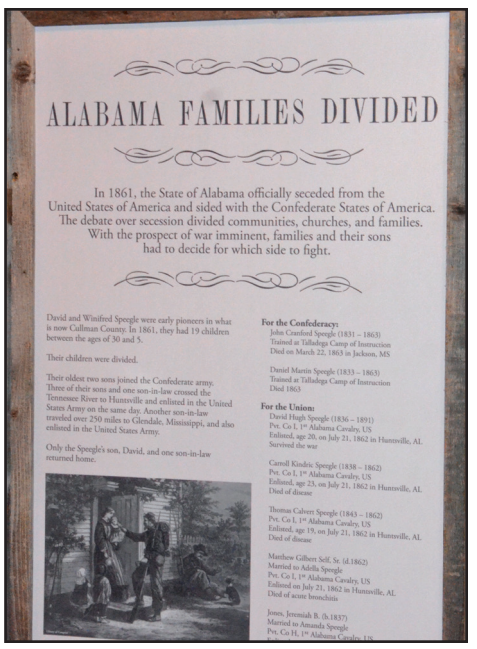
Museum worker Elaine Fuller greeted me at the door and was more than happy to tell me about the new exhibit and show me around.

"This year is the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War so we wanted to change our focus. Our focus was really on the time from when Colonel Cullmann arrived in the 1870s and the Civil War was before that. People do not realize that Cullman was not really here yet. It was just Cullman County. We do have a very rich Civil War history. We have the battle between Forrest and Strait that went all the way across Cullman County. There is just a lot of history that people did not realize was here so we just wanted to change our focus a little bit here. We wanted to do some local history (in regards to the Civil War). One exhibit is about the Speegle Family who has sons fight for both sides, Union and Confederate, in the Civil War."

The Speegle Family exhibit features a likely conversation the mother had with her two sons, begging them to stay at home. It also highlights what life was like back then with all manners of old farm equipment. One can also see first-hand a bed that is from the period and if you look closely you can see ropes holding the mattress off the floor. The ropes would loosen over time and would have to be re-tightened. This is where the expression 'sleep tight' comes from. Down a short hallway you can view a hand-spun dress that was made by a young girl that was 14 years of age. She picked the cotton, spun it into cloth, dyed the material, and sewed the dress together as was the normal practice in those days. You can also see reproductions of Union and Confederate uniforms with authentic weapons and accessories.

In the next room is the heart of the exhibit where artifacts from bullets, powder flasks, and antique guns to straight razors, eating utensils, and buttons can be viewed. Be sure to take notice of the center case in the room because it houses a muzzle from a gun that still has a bullet (can be seen with a mirror) lodged inside. Also in the center case one can view a film about General Nathan Bedford Forrest of the Confederacy and General Able D. Streight of the Union in what was to become known as Streight's Raid. For those of you who read the Stay-Cation column on the Crooked Creek Civil War Museum, this film talks of the fighting there and some of the film was even shot at the Crooked Creek Civil War Museum. The film is very informative and can be purchased in the Cullman Museum gift shop for $8.

No matter if you are a history buff, Civil War buff, or have never been to the Cullman Museum, you owe it to yourself to take the tour. You will learn a lot of what life was like in Cullman in years passed and you might just gain some well-deserved respect for this great town of Cullman. A place we all call home.







Photos by Noah Chandler

Lifestyle

Passion for the Kitchen

Send your recipes to recipes@cullmansense.com

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Speaking of Driving…

Last week I was telling you about my brother Larry and how I had to drive an old Jeep with practically no brakes, etc., etc.

Well, my dad must have just had a thing for old junkers and embarrassing me to death because he enjoyed both very much.

It reminds me of one day when daddy brought home the weirdest looking truck I'd ever seen. It was black and had a roof over the back, but the sides were open and so was the back. Turns out it was an old hearse that had been burnt out and all that was left was the hull. That truck gave me the creeps! I jerked my hand back really quickly when he told me what it was. Yuk! Dead people had been in this truck. Lots and lots of dead people, and I was touching it.

He decided to fix it up a little, so that meant it needed a paint job. My daddy had his own way of doing things, so he didn't take it to a professional that painted vehicles for a living. Noooooooo! He went in the basement and came out with a can of house paint, green, grass green, house paint, and a roller. Did he wash the truck first, at least? Nope! Dirt and all, he rolled the grass green paint on the burnt out hearse. I was thinking, well, it's something he will probably just keep around the house, but NO.

The next morning my daddy decided it would be the perfect thing to take me to school in. I thought I had heard wrong. Surely he wouldn't take me to school and embarrass me in front of everyone in that glowing green hearse. Well, guess what? He did. My mind was racing all the way to school on how I could somehow get out of being seen in this monster. Finally, I had an idea…"Hey daddy, I just remembered that I have to go in THIS building (on the edge of campus) today, not out front."

It worked. I think he was a little disappointed that I didn't get to show all my friends, but I breathed a sigh of relief.

My nightmare wasn't over, however. A few weeks later, my dad came home with another beauty. This truck was a 1940 model black truck. It was rusted in places, but actually not as bad as the hearse and he didn't paint it.

It was raining that day and he decided to take me to school in it. Why me? I noticed he had a string running across the windshield that he tied to the single wiper blade and the string ran across to my window. SURELY NOT!

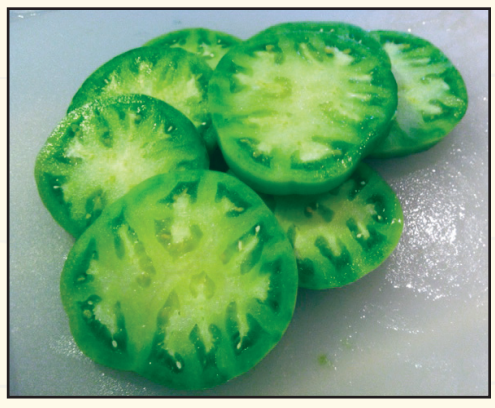
Here we go, down the street, raining cats and dogs, and not being able to see out of the windshield. He said, "Okay. When I tell you to, pull that string." Well, he yelled "PULL!" I pulled the string; the wiper blade came across and cleared the rain. I was thinking how that was nice and all, but how was it going to get to the other side. He didn't have a string to pull it back. Only a minute later did I have an answer to my question. The truck shook so much that the wiper blade vibrated back to the other side. "PULL!"...back to the other side.

"Hey daddy…can I get out at the same place as the other day?"



Photos by Annette Harris

Fried Green Tomatoes



This is very easy and it's the perfect time of year for these. They are delicious!

Ingredients:
- 4 large green tomatoes
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoons pepper
- 1 quart vegetable oil for frying

Directions:
1. Slice tomatoes 1/2 inch thick. Throw away the ends.
2. Beat eggs and milk together in a medium-size bowl.
3. Mix cornmeal, flour, salt, and pepper together.
4. Dip tomatoes into flour mixture to coat.
5. Now dip the tomatoes into milk and egg mixture, then dip back into the cornmeal and flour mixture.
6. In a large skillet, pour vegetable oil (enough so that there is 1/2 inch of oil in the pan) and heat over a medium heat.
7. Place tomatoes into the frying pan in batches of 4 or 5, depending on the size of your skillet. Do not crowd the tomatoes; they should not touch each other.
8. When the tomatoes are browned, flip and fry them on the other side.
9. Drain them on paper towels.

Stuffed Potatoes or Twice Baked Potatoes

Ingredients:
- 6 medium sized baking potatoes (enough for 6 people)
- 8 oz. bag of shredded cheddar cheese, divided.
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 stick of butter cut into pieces

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Bake the potatoes until a fork goes in easily. I use the microwave to bake mine.
3. With a spoon, scoop out the middles and put in a bowl. Keep the hulls.
4. Add the butter, salt and pepper, chopped green onions, sour cream and ½ the cheddar cheese. Mix all of this together and then spoon the mixture back into the potato hulls.
5. Top with the remaining cheddar cheese.
6. Put these on a baking sheet and bake for 20-30 minutes or until cheese is melted.



Mirroring History

Exploring Historic Downtown: Al Richter's Bakery - First Avenue West

Past



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Local Events Calendar

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Monday, June 18th

Visual Arts Institute' to be held July 16 thru 19
The institute allows for immersion in various visual art media including drawing, puppetry, painting, ceramic sculpture, mixed media, recycled art production, and computer graphic composition. Open studio time will provide time for individual exploration and/or completion of projects under the direction of an artist and participants will take home art supplies to continue. Daily lunch is provided in the registration fee. This program is designed for those aged 12 and above. This program has been made possible by grants from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. Deadline for registration July 9, 2012. Fee $75.00. Contact Natalie Godwin for further information (256) 352-7808.

Making Choices - BODYWORKS
A series of FREE sessions on healthy living will be offered. Sessions to include mindful eating to 'reading' a food. Teens to adults are welcome. There are morning classes from 10 until 11:30 a.m. and evening classes from 4 until 5:30 p.m. for your convenience. For further information please call Donna Shanklin at the County Extension Office at 256-737-9386. Classes are scheduled for each Monday at this time. Please attend first meeting or call to pre-register if you are interested in this program.

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, June 19th

Cullman City School Board Meeting
Members of the Cullman City Board of Education will gather today for a meeting starting at 12 noon. This meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Central Office.

Country Dance at VFW Post 2214
Come join the Ladies' Auxiliary of VFW Post 2214 for their weekly Tuesday night country dance and enjoy the music and fellowship!! Admission is $5.00 per person and concessions are available each dance night. Everyone is invited to this event.

Good Hope Farmers' Market
Good Hope Farmers' Market is open for the summer and filling up tables with all sorts of great tasting produce, all grown locally. Hathcock Park in Good Hope is the site and hours each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday are from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Come get some great veggies and other homegrown items to treat your family to some awesome tasting meals during these summer months. You can't beat the taste of 'fresh' from the garden!

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, June 20th

How to Apply for SeniorRx at Commission on Aging
Cullman County Commission on Aging is available to help seniors 55 and over see if they are eligible for any type of free medicine through the statewide program called SeniorRx. Workers at the Commission Office, 256-734-1241, are available to help with the process of applying. In order to apply for assistance through this program, folks need to bring

- Proof of Income
- A list of your medications
- If you have Medicare Part D, bring copies of your insurance cards and printout from your drug store for the current year (since January 1, 2012)

A staff member in the office will complete a SeniorRx intake form, determine if any of your medications are available through the patient assistance programs and complete those applications for you. They also tell folks to keep in mind that this help is not immediate; it will take time, but if you qualify it will be worth the effort. So if you would like to check into this program which is underwritten by various pharmaceutical companies, please take time to check with the Commission on Aging. They are always there for the seniors of this community.

'Touring Farms for Kids Tour'
The Farm Kids Club sponsored by the North Alabama Agriplex Board and Peinhardt Living History Farm will be 'Touring Farms for Kids Tour' today and tomorrow, Thursday, June 21. This monthly event is open to all and each program begins at 9 am. Children from kindergarten and up, accompanied with an adult, are welcome to take part in each monthly program. Cost is $5.00 per child. To pre-register please call 256-297-1044 or email Cullmanag@gmail.com.

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, June 21st

'Yes Ma'am....A Young Ladies Guide to Etiquette' Learning Seminar at CRMC
CRMC is offering a two-day instructional, hands-on class for girls ages 9, 10 and 11 two days, Thursday June 21 and, Friday, June 22, helping them to learn manners and etiquette through fun activities, including meeting and greeting others, proper telephone manners, shaking hands, table manners, school manners, setting a table in the proper way, writing 'Thank You' notes, birthday party manners and many more life skills! The young ladies also will learn how to speak with confidence as well as the importance of being respectful to others. Lunch and snacks will be provided during these two day courses. Cost is $50.00 for children of WomenFirst members and $70.00 to others. This seminar takes place in the Ave Maria Room in POB II on the CRMC campus. (Must have pre-registered by June 14 to take part in this program.) Additional information available at www.crmchospital.comor by calling 256-737-2600. Help your own young girls learn ways to maneuver through the stresses of youthful adulthood!

Coca Cola Concerts in the Park
Once again the Coca Cola Concerts in the Park will provide local citizens with entertaining musical nights each Thursday during the summer.Sponsored by the Cullman City Parks and Recreation, folks gather around the fountain at Heritage Park. Concerts are free and will feature different musical groups each week. For further information please call City Parks & Recreation at 256-734-9157. Bring your lawn chairs and tapping feet and enjoy an evening under the stars!

Good Hope Farmers' Market
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Come get some great veggies and other homegrown items to treat your family to some awesome tasting meals during these summer months. You can't beat the taste of 'fresh' from the garden!

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 22nd

Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce's Fourth Friday luncheon
The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce's Fourth Friday luncheon will be hosted by its Health Services and sponsored by Cullman Regional Medical Center. Held at the All Steak in the third floor Banquet Room, doors open at 11:30 a.m. for networking opportunities before the program begins at 11:50 a.m. Lunch costs $10.00 per person for Chamber members and $20.00 for 'future' members. Reservations in advance are requested so please REGISTER at www.cullmanchamber.org or call 256-734-0454 or send an email to info@cullmanchamber.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, June 23rd

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!

Sunday, June 24th

'Retirement Reception' for Pastor Bob Kurtz
Everyone is invited to attend a 'Retirement Reception' for Pastor Bob Kurtz of St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Church. Pastor Bob has been an integral part of the life of Cullman many years and folks are invited to attend and extend their thanks and appreciation to him and his wife as they end their pastoral career with St. John's. Refreshments will be served and there will be a basket at the door for those who wish to leave him cards of appreciation and thanks.

Looking Ahead

Colonel Cullmann's 189th Birthday Party
Come out to enjoy birthday cake and ice cream with Colonel Cullman as the Cullman County Museum celebrates at the Festhalle Market Platz on Thursday, June 28. The first 100 people will receive a slice of cake and ice cream, along with lemonade. The event will begin at 1 p.m. and a bounce house will be on site for the younger attendees.

PUZZLES, COMICS, AND JOKES

THIS WEEK'S WORD SEARCH TOPIC IS: RUMORS DELI & COFFEE HOUSE

BY: DUSTIN ISOM

Complete this week's word search for your shot at a

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Chef Salad
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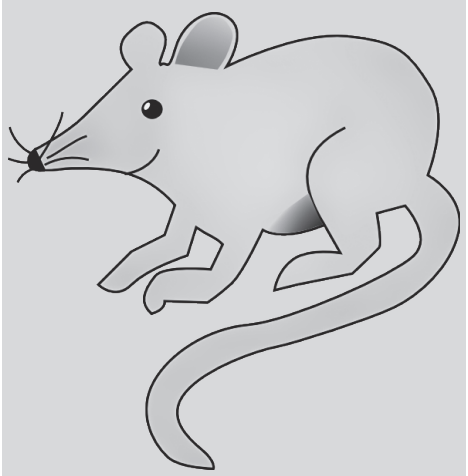
GETTING CORNY

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1. Why did the CIA surgeon have a hard time seeing during surgery?



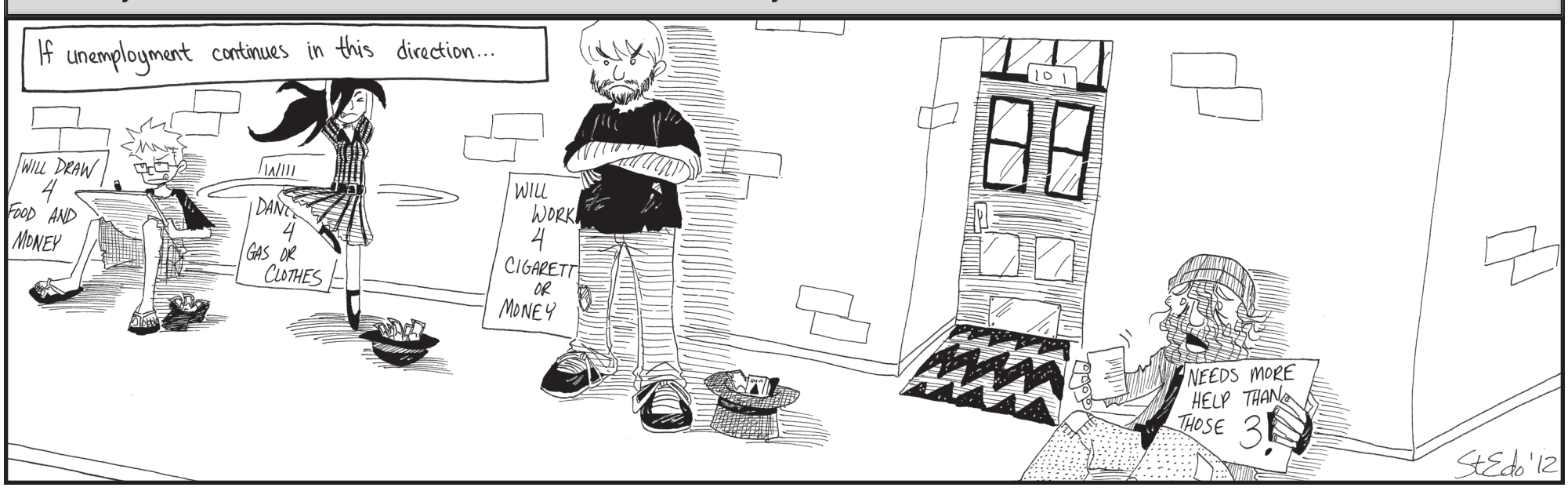
2. How did one rodent revive the other?



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1. He was operating undercover. 2. Mouse to mouse..

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Community Matters

Caitlin Varquez Named Cullman County Distinguished Young Woman

By: Joyce Nix
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CULLMAN – Representing Saint Bernard Preparatory School, Caitlin Varquez warmed the hearts of both competitors and judges as she competed recently in the Cullman County 2013 Distinguished Young Women's (DYW) Competition held at Wallace State Community College.

Caitlin prepared for weeks for this extremely fierce competition, in which young women are judged in areas of self-expression, talent, academics, and personal interview poise. DYW is not a typical beauty contest, but instead, is an academic program designed to help promote women and to recognize them for their academic excellence as well as community involvement.

"It was one of the most memorable evenings of my life," Caitlin said. "I prayed that God would give me what I deserved, and that the person who wins, be most deserving." Evidently Caitlin's fellow contestants thought her to be very deserving as she was chosen by them to receive the Spirit Award, earning her a $250 scholarship. The honors did not end there. With her uplifting rendition of "If They Could See Me Now," from the Broadway Play, Sweet Charity, Caitlin captured the talent portion of the pageant, earning her an $800 scholarship.

With alarming statistics and an obvious passion for the subject, Ms. Varquez did an excellent job of explaining her platform to the judges and audience members: to educate women about the risk associated with heart disease, and to promote wellness and fitness among women. Before the evening was over, this petite young woman with a bright, engaging smile, earned not only a dual-enrollment scholarship to Wallace State Community College for her academic achievements, but garnered the overall $3,000 scholarship when she was named the Distinguished Young Woman for Cullman County 2012.

"We are delighted to have Caitlin represent St. Bernard Prep and Cullman," said Fr. Joel Martin, President of Saint Bernard Preparatory School. "She is a remarkably talented young lady, and we know good things are in her future."

Caitlin is the daughter of Dr.'s Genaro and Mir Varquez of Cullman. She will represent Cullman County in the state competition to be held January 12-19, 2013 in Montgomery, Alabama.



Confessions of a Nerd: Hunting for Autographs

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As I alluded to in last week's online column, in addition to being a nerd I am also an "autograph hound," or on who actively seeks autographs. I have a vast collection from sports stars and celebrities including, but not limited to, footballs signed by Peyton Manning, Dallas Clark, and John Elway to name a few.

I also have obtained mini-helmets signed by the likes of Mark Ingram, Cam Newton, and Bret Favre, a basketball signed by Hall of Famer Scottie Pippin, and a floorboard signed by legendary coach, the late great, John Wooden.

Of all these great legends of sport, my one sports vice has always been baseball. I have 50+ signed baseballs, signed jerseys, pitching rubbers, home plates, and bats.

People always ask me 'what is your favorite autograph?' and I never hesitate in telling them it is the bat I got signed in person by the Atlanta Braves catcher, Brian McCann.

I try to get over to Atlanta at least three times a year to see the Braves play. The day always starts the same and ends the same, my son and I scour the player's parking lot behind the stadium looking for autographs. Behind the stadium is the best chance to get signatures from the big stars and this is how we snagged Brian McCann.

The first time we had the pleasure of meeting him, it was his first full season in the big leagues and there were not a ton of people around, so he came up and signed two baseballs; one for me and one for my son.

The second time we met him was different. He was an established player, a perennial all-star and the face of the Atlanta Braves, along with Chipper Jones. It was Opening Day 2010 and Brain McCann was the Opening Day catcher, as he is every year. He caught a 9-inning game in the sweltering April heat in Georgia. Anyone who knows baseball knows that the catcher is one of the most active positions on the field and is exceptionally draining because of all the heavy gear that has to be worn.

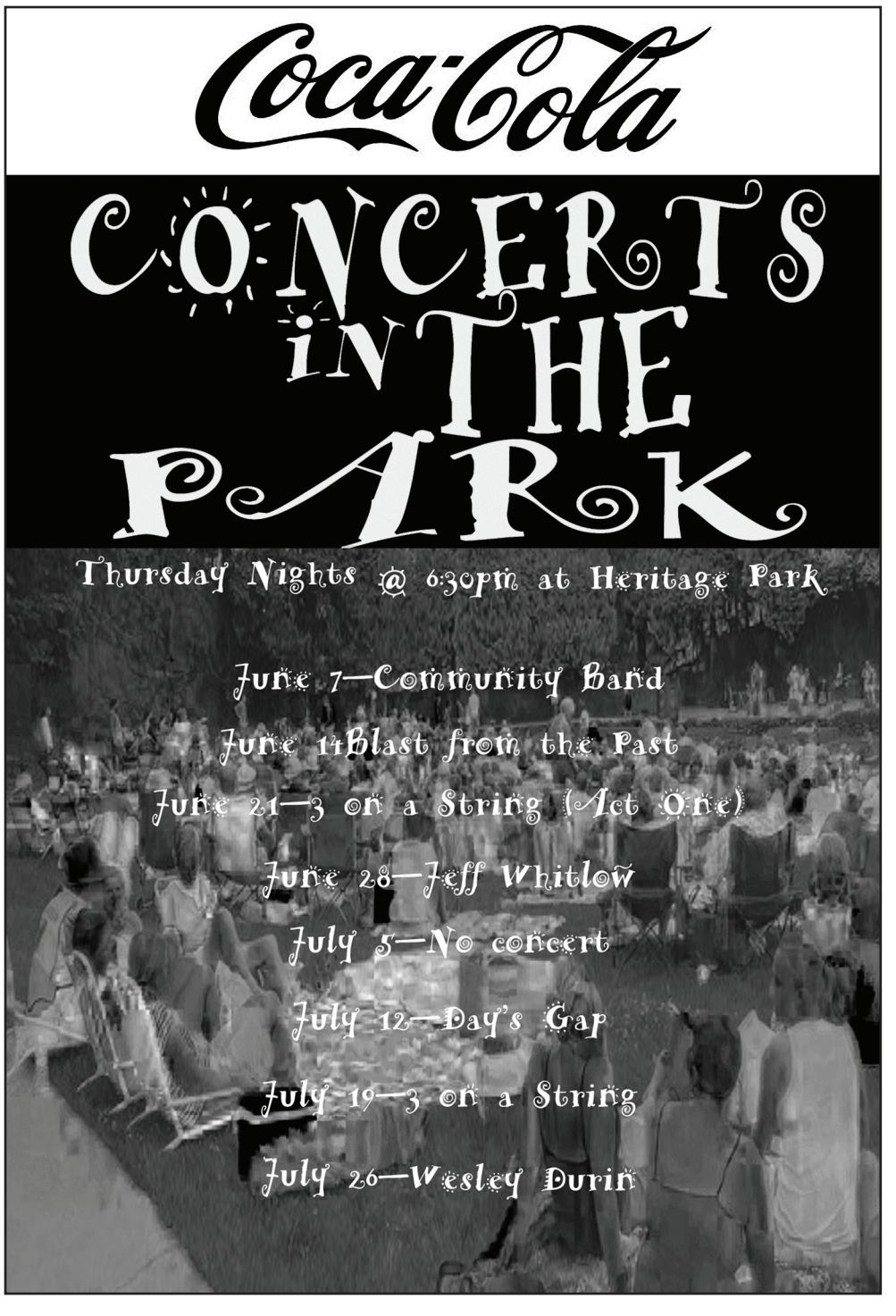
As customary after a home game in Atlanta, my son and I make our way to the back of the stadium and wait for the players to come out. Sure enough here comes All-Star catcher Brian McCann with his wife.

Instead of heading to his car with his wife, he immediately came over to the fence that separated the players from the fans and started signing autographs for all of the fans that patiently waited for their turn.

He said a couple of times he could only sign a few more because his wife was waiting, but he stayed and signed for everyone including the bat that my son and I proudly display in our man-cave.

To this day it is, and will always be, my favorite autograph story and piece of signed memorabilia.





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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