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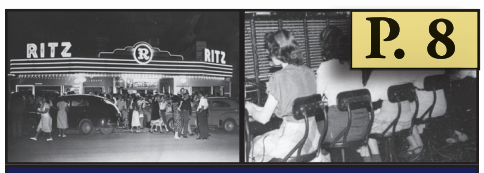
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It's Not Just About a Good Shot...

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Photos by Noah Chandler

JONES CHAPEL – On Saturday archers from across the state came out to Camp David for the 5th Annual 3-D Archery Shoot, in memory of Barry Bailey.

The tournament, presented by the Circle of Hope Relay for Life Team, weaved its way around the grounds of the camp, taking competitors deep into the woods then back out into a clearing to help simulate a real hunt.

"This is a 3-D Archery Shoot which has been held at Camp David for the past five years," Elaine Blackwood of Circle of Hope said. "Gardendale First Baptist Church was kind enough to host the event, which they've done since it began. We have a range of 20 targets, with each one of the targets having a specific scoring range setup all over the grounds."

The two-day tournament dubbed Shoot for a Cure had archers testing their skills. Among them was 20-year-old Nauvoo resident Krystal Miller.

After spending most of her young life with a bow in her hand, Miller said it was time to put her skills to the test at a competition.

"I was at Pat's Archery in Jasper when I noticed a flyer for this event," Miller said. "I have always wanted to go to a tournament, but have never had a chance. After seeing the flyer I knew this was the opportunity, so I went and told my dad that I was going to participate in this tournament with or without him."

A slip in concentration nearly cost Miller the tournament, but thanks to a quick minded dad she was able to continue on.

"I usually have my arrow resting in the bow, but when I went to shoot at the eleventh target I didn't notice that it wasn't there," she said. "I dry fired and it nearly cost me the tournament. We (dad) went down to Van's to get it fixed and were able to make it back in time to finish my round."

Robin Green, of the Nesmith/Addison area has been handling a bow for about 10 years. She found the sport when her husband introduced her to the it following her own battle with cancer.

"I've been shooting since 2003. I am a breast cancer survivor and I had surgery in 2003," Green said. "My husband now – I was getting a divorce at the time I had cancer – introduced me to the sport. He taught me how to shoot six weeks after my second surgery. I started shooting that year and it has snowballed ever since."

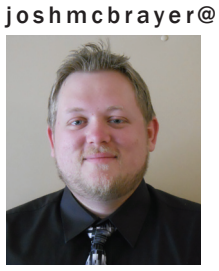
Combining her love of the sport and passion for warning others about the life threatening results of cancer, Green said the tournament was the perfect mix. Her warning to women is a simple one. Get checked and get checked regularly.

"It is a very personal thing for me. I had a preventive surgery and they found cancer when they went in. If that preventive surgery would

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Rediscovering Cullman: Clarkson Covered Bridge

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CULLMAN- Keeping with the anniversary of the start of the Civil War, this week I invite you to follow me on my journey to re-discover Clarkson Covered Bridge.

Clarkson Covered Bridge, sometimes referred to as Legg Bridge, is a 270-foot long truss bridge that allowed passengers in the early 1900s to safely cross Crooked Creek.

The same Crooked Creek where Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest fought to stop Union Colonel Able D. Streight's "Mule Brigade" (named for the type of animal they rode) from completing their mission of cutting off the supply line to Confederate troops between Atlanta, Georgia and Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Artifacts from this tumultuous time in American history can still be unearthed in the banks of Crooked Creek that run through the heart of the Clarkson Covered Bridge Park.

The Clarkson Covered Bridge has stood the test of time and stands today in her (mostly) original state.

The bridge was constructed in 1904 and was built in "truss" style where the planks on the underside of the bride form a webbing of sorts that allows the bridge to hold and sustain its



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not have been performed I may not be here today," she said. "There is nothing more important than being checked. You know your body, so don't wait to be checked."

Blackwood was pleased with the outpouring of support from archers from across Alabama.

She said without the participants, the sponsors, and the members of the community who take the time out of their day to support the cause, events such as this one would not be possible.

"We appreciate everyone who came out to shoot and to all the sponsors who help us put this event on every year. We had shooters come in from Nauvoo, Carbon Hill, Huntsville, Gardendale, Birmingham, Fultondale, and just all over. They have been wonderful to support our event each year," she said. "BHA, in North Jefferson County, was kind enough to loan us the targets, so we want to say a big thank you to them as well. And don't forget – Go Relay!"







Phi Theta Kappa: Backpacks 4 Africa

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HANCEVILLE – The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society on the campus of Wallace State Community College needs your help. Phi Theta Kappa is a branch of the National Honor Society that was started in 1910 for junior colleges.

Originally it was for woman's junior colleges only, but in 1924, through a constitutional amendment, it spread to cover every junior college. The Wallace State Community College chapter is taking on the daunting task of trying to collect backpacks for school-aged children in Africa who will not be able to attend school without one.

"We are trying to collect 1,000 backpacks by September 21st for children to go to school in Ghana, West Africa, so far we have collected 200," said Mark Nelson, president of Phi Theta Kappa.

"Each year the Wallace State Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society does a community service project. Usually we do something locally, but this year, after hearing Mark Marrow, we chose to help them raise backpacks."

"We have two drop-off locations. One at the Wallace State Community College Bookstore and we have one at the Harlen G. Allen Math Building. Any of the math teachers will be glad to help you," said Nelson.

If you or anyone you know has a new or slightly used backpack, please consider donating to this very worthwhile cause. You could be the one to change a child's life.



No(ah)-It-All: : Why Are Big Papers Failing?

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In recent weeks several large newspapers in the state have closed their doors, the paper doors that is, electing to go from daily service to just a three day per week distribution. As a publisher at a small weekly I can understand this move, but it raises the question of why are these papers failing.

Is it because there is a lack of credible news stories? Nope. Well what about a lack of advertisers? Nope, not that either. Then it has to be because everyone is going online to read the news isn't it? No! So what could it be then? It is the simple fact that all these papers tend to publish the exact same information, even though they are geographically located far from one another. The sad part is that television news stations have usually already ran the duplicated information hours before the story makes its way to print and nearly a half a day before it can reach your doorstep.

You see, there is this wonderful paid service called the Associated Press. You enroll, pay your dues, then you are able to cherry pick stories from all over the globe. It is a useful tool, but it should stay a tool. It should never be made into the backbone of a newspaper and the large facilities failing are still not realizing this. Some of the papers sitting on the edge of complete destruction have seemed to go into autopilot mode as of late, not too concerned with the outcome, which only adds to the problem.

The AP to me is the main reason why reporters, editors, and publishers alike have become so lazy when it comes to covering their own community, which in return is the reason why they are having to lay off so many talented employees. A few other papers are expected to downsize over the coming months, but no one seems to being trying to stop it.

So are there any papers out there that are making it? Yes, there are. Many of the one-day-per week or twice weeklys have seen a sales increase. The only logical explanation for me is that readers are willing to wait a few days just as long as the content is different than the other papers. The only way you can achieve this is by having nearly 100 percent of the content be local.

It truly is a very simple concept, but one that the sharpest of CEOs in the business has not fully accepted. The only logical explanation is that it is cheaper to "pull stories from the wire" than it would be to put a reporter on scene. The drawback to this though is that these news outlets are missing out on good, inspirational, local stories.

One other reason why these papers have failed is because the reading public has been force fed so much junk, propaganda, and lies, that even if they the outlets did make a genuine attempt at reaching out, most would turn away. It is not to be rude or cruel, but it is merely an earned response. I personally know of a couple weekly papers that are expanding their operations to accommodate more local stories.

Now some may think I'm an idiot for giving away my little secret, but there are so many newsworthy stories that take place every day, that even with a staff of 30, we couldn't cover it all. Plus, CS is here to stay, so no worries on our behalf. In fact it would give me great delight if other papers would finally gravitate to this model so you, the reader, could actually get factual, accurate reporting.

That seems to be a pretty fair proposal, no? Glad we are on the same page. But the odds of this happening are rather slim. So what is a person to do to find local, accurate information? Well, I encourage everyone to always check your local city and county websites for minutes from past meetings, ordinances, and a host of other useful information. I've always been a firm believer of going directly to the source, so I encourage you to do the same. After all that's why the websites are up and running.

At the end of the day I see a lot of hundred year old papers shutting down simply because they refuse to change their business model.

The business model for any newspaper, television network, or radio station should be one that actively includes the surrounding communities. If not…well, then they'll be a lot more newspapers failing over the coming years.

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It's More Than Random Punches at Triad Martial Arts

By: Josh McBrayer
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CULLMAN – This week we are changing up the Area Spotlight a little bit. Instead of focusing in on a particular local athlete, we are concentrating on a local sports establishment, Triad Martial Arts. Located on Tally Ho Street across from the Cullman Bowling Center, Triad Martial Arts has been a staple in Cullman since January of 1996 by martial arts legend, Johnny Lee Smith.

Smith is a third-degree black belt in the art of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, a martial art that centers on ground grappling and is what most fighters in mixed martial arts competitions employ.

Smith is also the first person in Alabama to obtain the rank of black belt, second-degree black belt, and third-degree black belt, all independent firsts, in the martial art of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

He has also trained extensively with Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu legend Rickson Gracie, the only Alabamian to do so, who's family re-defined the art of Jui-Jitsu.

In addition, Smith is also a fifth degree black belt in karate, a martial art that focuses on strikes such as punches and kicks. Smith is a 10 time Alabama State Karate Champion and a two-time National Karate Champion.

He also starred as Johnny Lee "Tiger Claw" Smith in World Martial Arts Council's (WMACC) Masters, a short-lived but highly successful choreographed martial arts live-action show with the feel of a video game. It ran in episodes and taught life lessons, one of the key values Smith teaches at Triad Martial Arts. Along with his stellar resume, Smith has trained numerous champions, like Daniel O'Brien.

Daniel O'Brien, while training under Johnny Lee Smith, has complied quite a resume himself. He is a 2011 Pan American Jui-Jitsu Gold Medalist, a 2011 Blackbelt No-Gi (a martial arts uniform), a Pan American Silver Medalist, a nine-time North American Grappling Association Gold Medalist, a North American Grappling Association Expert Division Gold Medalist, and he has also won numerous gold medals in various karate competitions. All this, he says, is thanks to Johnny Lee Smith.

O'Brien took a break to talk to us about martial arts and his Sensei, Japanese for "one before another" or in martial arts terms, one's master.

"My brothers and I wanted to take karate way back when. It is kind of a Cinderella story in how we got involved. We used to watch the show Johnny was on (WMAC Masters) when we lived in New York. We watched it and the Mortal Kombat movies. We moved all over because of my dad's job and we wound up in Alabama. We were in Decatur and Jamie Webster's School (Great Wolf from WMAC Masters) was in Decatur and there was an advertisement on a bench that said 'Great Wolf' from WMAC Masters was here. We remembered who 'Great Wolf' was because we remembered him smashing all that ice on WMAC Masters and we knew who Johnny was. My older brother and I even dressed up as Olympus (Herb Perez) for Halloween one year, so we knew who these guys were."

"We came up to Johnny's old school when it was still in Vinemont, but our dad wouldn't let us take classes because we already had fights on the trampoline. We went up (to the school) when I was around 10 and I did not get to take classes until I was around 16. I just started taking it because my brothers started taking it and I did not want them to be able to beat me up, but my heart was really into basketball at the time. You know, especially with Jui-Jitsu, people when they come in know a little something from watching Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), but (when I started) I did not know a thing. My brothers wanted to take it so I was like 'fine I will take it to' and I just fell in LOVE with Jui-Jitsu. My heart is in Jui-Jitsu."

Johnny Lee Smith founded Triad Martial Arts in 1996 after a difficult decision to break away from his teachers due to philosophical and ideological differences.

Triad, Smith's trademark style of martial arts, encompasses three martial arts disciplines. The first discipline is Karate-do, from the RyuKyu Islands, now known as Okinawa, Japan.

The second discipline is Kobudo, also from Okinawa, Japan, which is the use of weapons.

The third discipline is Jui-Jitsu, the practice of ground grappling that originated in Japan, but was adapted in Brazil and is popular with most mixed martial arts competitors.

Smith and his student instructors not only teach the ancient martial arts, but they also teach the core values that are sorely lacking in today's society.

Smith and his instructors produce great martial artists, but even greater young men and women.

This is evident in the creed of Triad Martial Arts set forth by Smith and followed by everyone who enters his Do-Jo:

'I will develop myself in a positive manner and avoid anything that could reduce my mental growth or physical health. I will develop self-discipline in order to bring out the best in myself and others. I will use common sense before self-defense and never be abusive or offensive. This is a Black Belt School, we are dedicated, we are motivated, we are on a quest to be our best.'







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In Brief

CRMC's New Center for Wound Healing Ribbon Cutting

By: Erika Mead
Chamber of Commerce Contributor

CULLMAN – The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting for Cullman Regional Medical Center's new Center for Wound Healing on Thursday, June 14.

The CRMC Center for Wound Healing, managed by Healogics, provides specialized treatment for chronic or non-healing wounds, which are defined as sores or wounds that have not significantly improved from conventional treatments.

Associated with inadequate circulation, poorly functioning veins, and immobility, non-healing wounds lead to lower quality of life and may lead to amputations.

When wounds persist, a specialized approach is required for healing. Typically, a wound that does not respond to normal medical care within 30 days is considered a problem or chronic wound. That's where CRMC's Center for Wound Healing can help by offering state-of-the-art treatment options such as debridement, Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, wound dressing selection, specialized shoes, and patient education.

According to CRMC President/CEO Jim Weidner, due to the high number of diabetes cases in our community, CRMC staff began meeting with potential partners for this venture more than 2 years ago, and is proud to partner with Healogics to bring this service to the community.

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

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



Front Row: Beth Evans, Event Guest; Kellie Britton, Chamber Ambassador; Denise Hollis, RN, CRMC Cardiovascular Services; Amy Canter, RN, CRMC Center for Wound Healing; Connie Lee, CMA (AAMA), Hyperbaric Safety Director at CRMC Center for Wound Healing; Jim Weidner, CRMC President/CEO; Mayor Max Townson, City of Cullman; Lorie Strane, BS, CMA (AAMA), CRMC Center for Wound Healing Program Director; Susan Copeland, CRMC VP of Ambulatory Services; Kim Eller, Healogics Area Vice President; Lorene Bailey, CRMC Adult Volunteer; Terri Wix, Front Office Coordinator; JoAnn Ivey, Event Guest; and Elizabeth Weston, Ms. Cullman Area.

Back Row: Kristin Minter, Cullman Primary Care; Shantel Brewer, Event Guest; Laura Edwards, RN, Director of CRMC Cardiovascular Services, Medical Day and Pain Clinic; Shawn Edmiston, Cullman Primary Care; Bobby Morris, CRMC Director of Plant Operations; Kathy Reed, RN, CRMC Center for Wound Healing Clinical Corrdinator; Michael Fulton, CRMC Director of Food & Nutrition Services; Charlotte Bishop, Event Guest; John Bishop, Event Guest; Toni Geddings, CRMC Director of Human Resources; JW Hightower, CRMC Director of ONE Rehab, Sports Medicine & Fitness; and Lindsey Dossey, CRMC Public Relations Coordinator. Not pictured: CRMC Center for Wound Healing Medical Director, Brad Moody, MD, Surgical Arts PC; Mac Cottingham, MD, Horizon Surgical; and Robson Araujo, DPM, Cullman Primary Care Orthopedics. Photo by Erika Mead.

North Alabama Agriplex Ribbon Cutting

By: Erika Mead
Chamber of Commerce Contributor

CULLMAN – The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting for the North Alabama Agriplex on May 23. Over ten years ago, several community leaders and members of the Cullman Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee had a vision of a facility that would showcase the importance of agriculture to our community and to future generations. The North Alabama Agriplex Board was established as a statewide board by the Alabama Legislature in 2000 and its purpose is to educate and create awareness of agriculture in Alabama.

It is a state agency established by Senate Bill 323 and made up of 11 board members mostly from Cullman, but also from Montgomery, Tuskegee, and Auburn. The Agriplex Board will host Touring Farms for Kids and partnering with local agencies to further agriculture education in the community.

Look for the Farm Kids Club in 2012, the Homegrown Gardening Series, and more. For more information, contact 256-297-1044 or cullmanag@gmail.com or visit them at 1714 Tally Ho Street, Cullman, Alabama 35055.



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2nd Row (Left to Right): Greg Hodgges, Former Board Member for Agriplex; Rachel Dawsey, Agriplex Coordinator ; Jerry Eddleman, Agriplex Board Member; Mike Roden, Agriplex Board Member; Jackie Walker, Agriplex Board Member; Jenny Folsom, Cullman City Council; Jim Boyd, Agriplex Board Member; Assistant Ag Commissioner Wayne Walker, Cullman County Commissioner Stanley Yarbrough

3rd Row (Left to Right):
Clay Borden, Agriplex Board Member; Tim Scott, Agriplex Board Member; Cullman County Commissioner Darrell Hicks; Rev Bill Lennard, Agriplex Board Member; Agriplex Board Treasurer Paul Pinyan; Lawyer Todd Mcleroy. Photo by Erika Mead.

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Rediscovering Cullman: Clarkson Covered Bridge (Continued)

shape and integrity, despite massive loads of weight exerted on the wooden structure.

Although the bridge is in desperate need of repairs, after all it is over 100 years old, the truss-style bridge is truly a testament to American craftsmanship. The truss bridge style is an invention of Itheil Town who was a civil engineer and architect from Connecticut.



The Clarkson Covered Bridge was once called, and is sometimes still referred to as, Legg Bridge because it was raised on land once owned by J.W. Legg. Horace King and John Goodwin, King's teacher of the art of bridge building, constructed the bridge.

The cost of the bridge in 1904 was $1,500.00. If the bridge were to be built today it would cost an estimated $38,500.00. The bridge was literally snapped in half during a violent storm in 1921 and was washed away by the raging and swollen Crooked Creek.

Luckily for the townspeople, the damaged half of the bridge was found lodged downstream in a narrow passage of Crooked Creek and was repaired by a contractor that the county hired. The cost of the repair was, coincidentally, $1,500.00.

In 1974 the Clarkson Covered Bridge was bestowed the prestigious honor of being added to the National Register of Historical Places, and in recognition of this a plaque was erected at the entrance of the Clarkson Covered Bridge.

Upon arriving at the park, most of the visitors make the 270-foot journey across the bridge that has long been closed to all but foot traffic.

A small gift shop is housed in a building made to look as if it was from the period of the Clarkson Covered Bridge's original construction.



In the middle of the building is a narrow breezeway that leads you to a boardwalk flanked by a seasonal pond on one side and a Grist Mill on the other.

The Grist Mill was added to the grounds during the countrywide Bicentennial Project in 1975, complete with a large mill water wheel.



Following the boardwalk, patrons of the park can find one of the many hiking trails that criss-cross the park.

Further down the hill, you will come to the picnic area of the park where you will find a small metal grill and several picnic tables.

For those patrons that have a bit of the "water-bug" in them, there is a small, sandy, beach with access to the cool waters of Crooked Creek. If you are the adventurous type, you can find a homemade rope swing that is fastened to a fascinating looking gnarled tree.



Families can gather here for special occasions like family reunions, day outings, or even outdoor wedding receptions.

This is a beautiful and historical piece of Cullman County's vast past and you owe it to yourself to visit this historical park.

Clarkson Covered Bridge is open from 9:00 a.m. to sundown. Admission is free.



CRMC Educates & Provides Support for Expectant Moms

By: Lindsey Dossey
CRMC Contributor

CULLMAN — Becoming a mother, whether it is for the first, second, or third time is a special experience.

Cullman Regional Medical Center enhances this wonderful occasion by offering programs that are helpful to all moms before, during, and after pregnancy.

Here are some of the upcoming classes available at CRMC:

Prepared Childbirth Class: Saturday, July 7

The goal of this class is to provide expectant mothers with information about the CRMC Maternity Center and information on what to expect during your stay which includes a tour of the Maternity Center.

Mom's support person is encouraged to attend. The class is held from 8 a.m. until noon in CRMC's Depot Room, in the Community Education Center in Professional Office Building 2 (POB 2).

The cost is $25 per couple; $20 per couple for WomenFirst Members and FREE to Medicaid patients.

Prenatal Breastfeeding Class: Saturday, July 7

The goal of this class is to provide mothers with practical solutions to the most common breastfeeding concerns. We will discuss breastfeeding during the first few weeks, breastfeeding products available and preparing to return to work.

The class is held from 1-3 p.m. in CRMC's Depot Room, in the Community Education Center in Professional Office Building 2 (POB 2) and follows the Prepared Childbirth Class.

You are not required to attend the Childbirth Class in order to attend the Breastfeeding Class. Cost to attend the class is $10 – mom's support person is encouraged to attend.

Register online today at www.crmchospital.com/maternity or call the CRMC Maternity Services Center at (256) 737-2200.

For a complete list of community classes and seminars at CRMC, search the Online Calendar of Events at www.crmchospital.com.

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Welcome to the World Trajan Alexander!



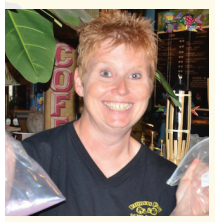
Congratulations to Jessica Norrell! Jessica gave birth to her son Trajan Alexander on Thursday, June 21st. He was born healthy and happy, weighing in at 6 lb. 9 ozv. We all look forward to watching this little man grow over the coming years. Congratulations from all of us!

Lifestyle

Passion for the Kitchen

Send your recipes to recipes@cullmansense.com

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How I Learned to Cook Squash



Aunt Ceil was the person I learned a lot of things from. She taught me how to count change, put together puzzles (which I love to do to this day), mow the grass, ride a bike, paint a house…you name it, she taught me. I admired everything about her.

She married at the ripe old age of 14, to a man much older than she was, but that's how you did things way back then. She was widowed at a young age as well and didn't marry again until her 60s. I never thought of her as old. Her first husband made a good living and since she didn't know how to cook, he hired someone to help her. She wasn't a maid, she just cooked every now and then. Maybe this was where I got my skills of not being able to cook. No one taught her. This story will be too long if I go into all that, so I will stay on the subject of squash.

One summer day, when I was 17, I was visiting Aunt Ceil and Doc, her 2nd husband that I really admired as well. They had some fresh squash and she wanted to fry it for supper.

I don't think either of us knew what we were doing, but she was trying to teach me how to cook it. We breaded the squash with flour, salt, pepper, etc. …you know how it goes.

She poured some oil in a pot on the stove and told me to turn it on. I thought you should turn it on high. To make a long story short, we walked away and came back to flames about 2 feet high on the stove.

Yikes! I didn't know what to do. I threw salt on the fire, water (don't ever do that); nothing was working. I knew that we had to get the flaming pot out of the house. I grabbed a potholder, yelled to Aunt Ceil to open the door, and I tried to carry it outside before it caught the house on fire. That fire was so hot that it was melting the pot as I carried it. Drops of grease and metal were dripping on the linoleum floor and catching the floor on fire as the pan wasted away.

I looked at Aunt Ceil as she was holding the door, yelling at me to throw it out, but I knew that if I did, it would be all over her.

I couldn't do that to her, so I dropped it and ran. The flaming grease splashed down all over my feet. Unfortunately for me I was wearing flip-flops. You can imagine how badly that hurt.

I ran outside where Doc had been working in the yard. He had heard all the commotion, came in, grabbed the flaming pot, and threw it in the yard. He burned his hands, but the pot and the fire along with Aunt Ceil and myself were outside.

Moving along with the story, I was in the ER being treated for 2nd degree burns on my feet. After I was treated and my feet were completely wrapped in gauze, I was wheeled out. My feet looked like two white submarines, but at least I had been given some pain relief.

All the patients in the ER stared at me as I wheeled by, and accordingly I waved to them as if I was in a parade. They looked at me like a deer in the headlights as I gave them some drug-induced advice…. "I know one thing…I'll never cook squash again!"



Waaayyyy more to come about my adventures with Aunt Ceil.



Photos by Annette Harris

Pizza Puffs

This is great for anyone. Picky eaters love this, kids love this, and people in a hurry love this. Give it a try. I think you will love it too….especially because its easy.

Ingredients:

- 1 –pack of 4 biscuits, any brand; just don't get the flaky biscuits
- 1 8 oz. block of Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 small jar of Prego spaghetti sauce or your personal favorite

Instructions:

1. Open the biscuits and press out each individual one into a larger circle. Using your thumb or finger, make an indention in the middle of the biscuit.
2. Cut the block of cheese into ½" squares or something close to that.
3. Put the block of cheese in the indention and bring the biscuit up over the cheese, squeezing the edges shut. It's kind of like a little packet.
4. Turn the "packet" seam-side down onto a cookie sheet sprayed with cooking spray.
5. Once you get them all on the cookie sheet, put a tablespoon of the spaghetti sauce on the top of each one.
6. Cook them at 350 degrees for 11 minutes.
7. The cheese will be all melty inside…Is melty a word? It is now.

Apple Breakfast Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 cup self rising flour
- 1/2 cup of granulated sugar
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 stick butter or margarine, melted
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 3 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled and diced into small cubes

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.
2. In a medium bowl, stir together, flour, both sugars, and cinnamon.
3. Add to that mixture the beaten egg, butter, and milk.
4. Stir in the apples.
5. Pour or spoon the batter into the baking dish.
6. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until it is golden brown.

You may not slap your grandma, but you will slap somebody!



Reflections of History

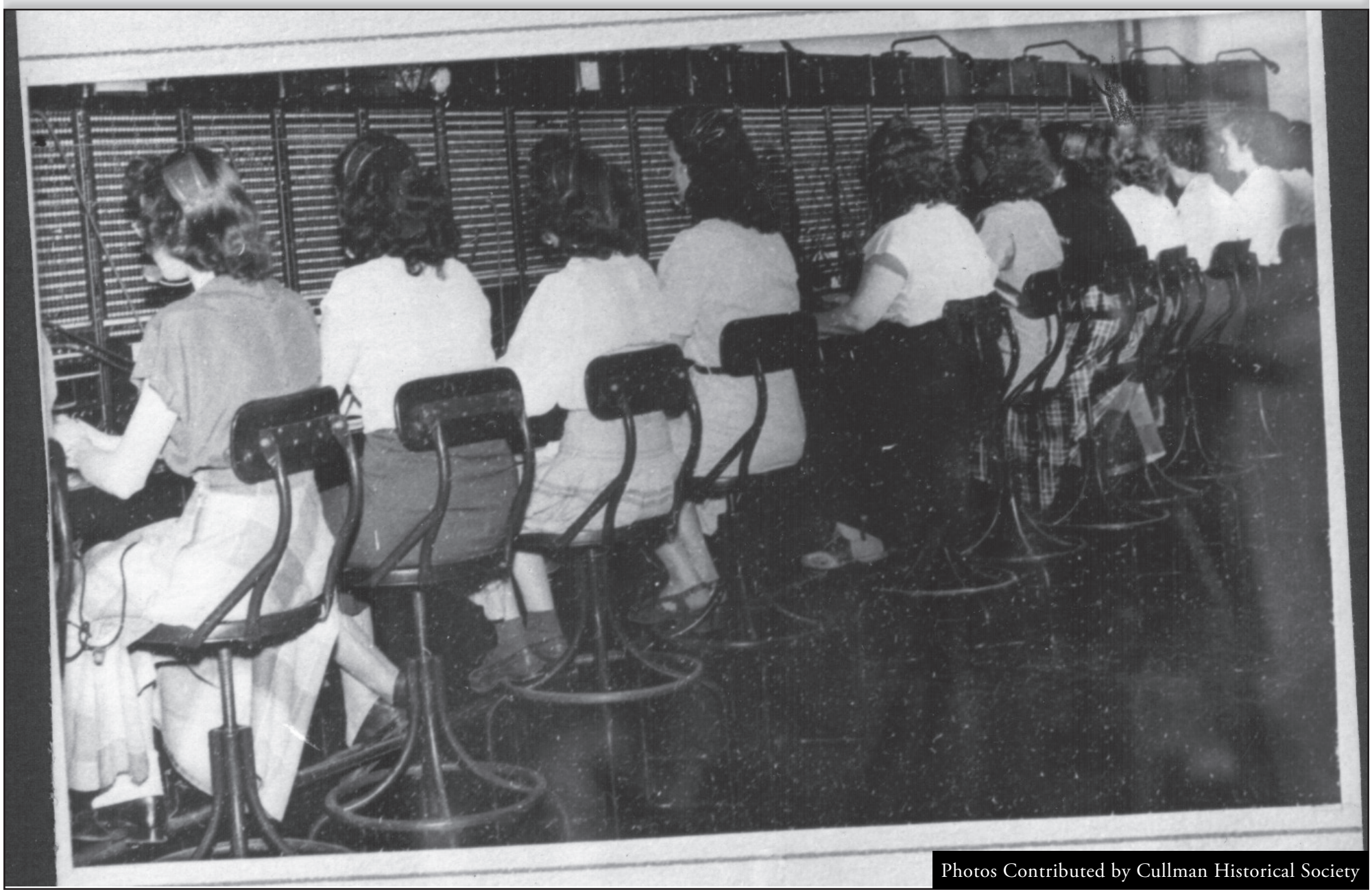
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Local Events Calendar

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Monday, June 25th

'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 26th

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 27th

2012 Beautification Awards
The 2012 Beautification Awards which are sponsored by Verizon Wireless will be presented during a luncheon meeting at the All Steak. The luncheon begins at 11:30 am and it celebrates and recognizes those businesses in the Cullman area that help ensure the community is a more beautiful place to live and do business. Individual tickets are $15.00 with a limited number of corporate tables which seat eight available for $150.00.

Please pre-register for this event at www.cullmanchamber.org. Jackie Moore has additional info on this program at jmoore@cullmanchamber.org or call her at 256-255-0723. Come to this event and support our local businesses in their endeavors to make Cullman beautiful.

Environmental Education Workshop Open for Teachers
Area teachers K through grade 12 are invited to take part in a free three-day workshop on environmental education topics and issues scheduled for June 27, 28 and 29th. Held in the meeting room of the Cullman County Board of Education this workshop will provide attendees with lots of free teaching aids to bring back to their classrooms as well as several hands-on sessions during the three day training seminar.

In addition, lunch will be provided for attendees each of the three days. There are only a few slots left so please call and pre-register as soon as possible to ensure your space! Call Deborah Widner or Pat Smith at 256-734-1431. These women are with the Cullman County Soil and Water Conservation District Office and can provide additional information concerning this learning workshop.

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.

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 28th

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. The first 100 people will receive a slice of cake and ice cream, along with lemonade. The event will run from 1 until 3 p.m. and a bounce house will be on site for the younger attendees.

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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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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 29th

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!

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Saturday, June 30th

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: THE JADE APPLE

BY: DUSTIN ISOM

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

$25 The Jade Apple Gift Card

Send your entry to CullmanSense, 101 1st Avenue Northeast, Suite 230, Cullman, AL 35055.

Drawing will be held Saturday June 23 at 5:00 p.m.

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GETTING CORNY

Send your jokes to:
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1. What do grocers and rappers have in common?



2. Why did the skunk hold back his opinion on the turtle's controversial political views?



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1. They try to keep it fresh. 2. He didn't want to raise a stink.

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



Community Matters

Concert in the Park Continues to be a Hit

By: Josh McBrayer
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CULLMAN- For the third week in a row, Heritage Park was filled with the sounds of applause, laughter, and music as Jerry Ryan, the front man for the comedy band Three on a String, brought his solo musical stylings called Jerry and Blue (Blue is his dog) to the wooden stage located in the beautiful Heritage Park courtyard.


Photos by Noah Chandler

Residents were dotted all throughout the courtyard, each music lover tapping their foot and humming along to covers of legendary musicians such as Elvis Presley and Merle Haggard.

Along with songs everyone knew, Ryan played some original songs in his one man band performance. Ryan played guitar and harmonica as well as a contraption that he worked with his foot that provided drum beats and the ringing sound of cymbals.

Along with the concert being free to the public, the Wallace State Community College chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa sorority was on hand providing concert goers with free water and telling them about their fantastic program, Backpacks 4 Africa. See Page 2 for a more detailed look into this wonderful volunteer project.



"We have been bringing (residents) each week for as long as the concerts have been held at Heritage Park," said Mary Tilley, a healthcare professional at Woodland Hills Assisted Living Facility, which is adjacent to Heritage Park.

"We have brought the residents to every concert since the beginning, except for when it was at Festhalle because of transportation issues. The residents were very disappointed. They really enjoy the concerts."

This was evident by the joyous expressions which were spread throughout the crowd.

Most of the faces were lit up with smiles as they enjoyed the down-home music permeating the air at Heritage Park.

Whether in a wheelchair or sitting on a fold-out canvas chair, the residents of Woodland Hills Assisted Living Facility were having a fantastic time along with everyone else in the park.

After Ryan exited the stage, his other two band mates from Three on a String took the stage for their performance.

"I have been with Three on a String for 40 years," Ryan said following the performance. "We do musical comedy."

When asked what brought Ryan to Cullman he responded, "I have family in the area. I actually have two cousins sitting on the front row and my dad's old homestead is in Hanceville, so I feel comfortable here."

Jerry Ryan put on a fantastic show for the patrons that came out to see him play. It was equal parts country, rock and roll, and comedy that equaled 100% quality entertainment.

If you have yet to make it out to Heritage Park for the "Concert in the Park," make plans to do so and you will be rewarded with a great night of free entertainment.



CURE SEARCH
CHILDREN'S CANCER
CHARITY DICE RUN
SATURDAY JULY 14TH, 2012
$10.00 PER PERSON
REGISTRATION AT ABOUT BIKES
FROM 9:00 AM TO 10:00 AM
LEAVE AT 10:00 AM

1ST STOP: SOUTHERN WINGS—HANCEVILLE
2ND STOP: CATOMA MART – HIGHWAY 157
3RD STOP: BIG D'S CYCLES – ARAB
4TH STOP: KRAZY T'S – HIGHWAY 79
5TH STOP: ABOUT BIKES – HIGHWAY 31

1st, 2nd, 3rd PRIZES
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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.

www.curesearchwalk.org/birmingham/maddyanddavid

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



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