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When the Fair Comes to Town

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CULLMAN – Saturday, thousands of Cullman County residents lined U.S. Highway 31 to take in the sights and sounds of the annual Cullman County Fair Parade. Children eagerly awaited the colorful floats bearing candy, while adults had their focus on the various marching bands, but all appeared to enjoy the entire parade. The 58th Annual Cullman County Fair, brought to you by the Cullman Lions Club, will officially open to the public on Thursday, September 20th and will be open daily until Saturday, September 29th. For more information on the fair, visit cullmancountyfair.org and for an extensive photo gallery of the 2012 Cullman County Fair Parade, visit our website at cullmansense.com.



Photo by Jessica Norrell

Local Marching Bands Take to the Field

By: Michael Bryant
Sports Correspondent

9 Schools Represented at Annual Band Expo

CULLMAN – September 15th was the second Saturday of the month, which meant two things: The Cullman County Fair Parade and The Big Band Exhibition. The latter is an annual event that is organized by the various band directors from the Cullman County High Schools. In all, nine different bands performed many selections ranging from Classical to Modern Pop.

The night started with representatives from State Farm holding a moment of silence to remember people whose lives were taken in automobile accidents.

After this, Cullman Middle School was the first band up. Led by Drum Major Abby Swann, the group of 6th to 8th graders performed the sounds of famous Pop musician Katy Perry including her hits "Firework" and "Last Night."

The Royal Blue Band of Cold Springs High School was first of the upperclassmen. Performing to the songs of Foreigner, the band got the crowd into it with the hits "Hot Blooded" and "Cold as Ice" as Drum Major Kristen Williams directed them to a near flawless performance.

Taking the field next was the purple and gold of the Hanceville High Bulldog Marching Band. The Bulldog band, led by Drum Major Ashlee House, went ethnic as they chose a selection of Hispanic songs including "Evil Ways" and "Aztec Fire" as selected by Mister Cupp. The Color Guard, led by Sy Shaver, the first male Color Guard Instructor at the school, highlighted the songs with their bright multi-colored flags.

Drum Major Elizabeth Bennefield marched the Holly Pond High School Band out onto the field. In their familiar green and gold, they rocked the crowd with the sounds of The Who which was chosen by their juniors and seniors. Some of the songs selected were "Pinball Wizard," "Chernobyl," and "21 Guns." Band director Louette Bennefield was pleased with her group and said the event "is a lot of fun and it's a chance for the high schools to show what they got before the competition season."

Father Howard Cole, whose son Christopher plays Baratone for the Broncos was also pleased. "I thought (the schools) have looked very good. (The event) has been very enjoyable. This is my sixth or seventh year coming and this year looks as good as the others."

The Vinemont Eagle Marching Band brought a nice Classical touch to the exhibition. Perform-

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Football Wrap-Up - Week Three

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Week three is behind us and two more unbeaten teams have fallen. One quarterback and two running backs put up tremendous numbers for the third week in a row and a team makes school history. Enough talk, let's get to it!

Hanceville (0-2) at Hamilton (2-0)
by: Zeke McBrayer

Hamilton – The Hamilton Aggies hosted the Hanceville Bulldogs in their home opener at Sargent Stadium. The Aggies are coming off two big road wins while the Bulldogs are looking to rebound from a heartbreaking come from behind loss to Good Hope.

Hamilton was on offense first. Two big passes by Mitch Stults and a one-yard carry from Garret May got the Aggies on the board first and they were up early, 7-0. This is where the score remained for the duration of the first as both teams traded possessions.

Hanceville started the second quarter on the 39 yard line. Led by Carlos Chacon and capped off by two big passes from Bulldogs QB Jeremy Hurst, the Bulldogs marched the ball down the field and tied the game up 7-7.

Hamilton took over and started at the 28 yard line. The Hanceville defense missed assignments and Stults took advantage, gaining chunks of yardage through the air to the tune of 49 yards. Just as the Aggies seemed poised to score, Bulldog Jeremy Hurst intercepted the ball in the red zone to give the Bulldogs a huge stop. Hanceville was unable to move the ball and were forced into a three and out.

Stults fielded the punt around midfield. He danced around tackles and followed his blocks all the way to the end zone to put Hamilton up 14-7. Hanceville looked to rebound after the punt return but fumbled the ball on the 8 yard line which set the Aggies up for another touchdown extending the lead to 21-7. The Aggies would carry this lead into halftime.

The Bulldogs came out at half time looking like a fresh team. After a good return by Jeremiah Washington and a personal foul they started their drive at midfield. A huge pass to Brontae Harris put the Bulldogs in the red

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In Brief

Cullman Mayor Max Townson Proclaims Constitution Week

By: Leanne West

City Hall Contributor

CULLMAN – On Tuesday, September 11, 2012, Cullman Mayor Max A. Townson proclaimed the week of September 17-23, 2012, as "Constitution Week" in the City of Cullman. "Constitution Week" is also recognized throughout the country as the President of the United States issues an official proclamation each year to commemorate this important anniversary.

September 17, 2012, marks the 225th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention. Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Children of the American Revolution commemorate this anniversary each year by ringing bells, flying flags, reading and becoming acquainted with the Constitution's true contents, and offering prayers for our country as the people of Philadelphia did on the day the document was signed.

"It is very important that we remember this important, historical anniversary each year," said Mayor Townson. "It is a great privilege to be an American, and I urge all of our citizens to take this opportunity to read and learn more about our Constitution and the founding of this great country."

Rhonda Van Zandt, a member of Dripping Springs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, received the official proclamation from Mayor Townson.

Those wishing to learn more about the U.S. Constitution and other historical documents can visit www.archives.gov.

My Home Living Assistance

By: Erika Mead

Chamber of Commerce Contributorr

CULLMAN – The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting for My Home Living Assistance on August 14th. My Home is a full service in-home provider of non-medical assistance and care.

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Front Row (Left to Right): Perry Knight Attorney at Law; Caroline Robinson; Family; Kevin Robinson, Owner; Mayor Max Townson; Leah Bolin, Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce; Jerry Jacob, Home Sweet Home; Stephanie Widener, Friend. 2nd Row (Left to Right): Joann Robinson, Family; Kalina Griffin, Cullman Times.

Expedition 32 Lands Safely in Kazakhstan

Courtesy NASA

The Soyuz TMA-04M carrying Commander Gennady Padalka and Flight Engineers Joe Acaba and Sergei Revin landed safely in Kazakhstan at 9:53 p.m. CDT Sunday (8:53 a.m. Kazakhstan time Monday).

Expedition 32 officially ended when the trio undocked at 7:09 p.m. from the Poisk module.

They began their mission when they arrived at the International Space Station May 17 for a total of 123 days on the orbital laboratory.

The Soyuz carrying the homebound trio fired its orbital engines for the last time at 9:56 p.m.

The spacecraft then separated and the descent module entered the atmosphere, deployed its parachutes then fired its landing engines just a few feet above the ground softening its landing.

Expedition 33 is now underway as Commander Suni Williams and Flight Engineers Aki Hoshide and Yuri Malenchenko continue their stay until November 12.

The station's newest trio began their mission when they docked their Soyuz TMA-05M spacecraft to the Rassvet module on July 17.

Padalka ceremonially handed the controls of the station over to Williams on Saturday afternoon.

He previously commanded two International Space Station missions including Expeditions 9 and 19. His first spaceflight was aboard the Russian Mir space station in 1998 bringing his total spaceflight experience to 711 days.

Williams is serving her second mission in space her first being Expedition 14 as flight engineer.

She has conducted six spacewalks, four during Expedition 14 and two on Expedition 32, for a total of 44 hours and two minutes.

A new crew is set to join Expedition 33 when Flight Engineers Kevin Ford, Oleg Novitskiy and Evgeny Tarelkin launch October 15 aboard the Soyuz TMA-06M spacecraft for an October 17 docking to Poisk.

Ford will command Expedition 34 when Williams, Hoshide, and Malenchenko complete their mission.



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No(ah)-It-All: : We're Just Getting Started

By: Noah Chandler

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As I look over all of the work that has been done over the past 23 months I reflect upon the days upon days without sleep, the weeks without food in the fridge, and the ripped and tattered shoes that kept these feet cold, wet, and worn, and realized that these moments serve as constant reminders of the grind that comes with building something from scratch. Don't get me wrong, we asked for it, and frankly, we are expecting a ton more bumps on our way down this newly beaten path because that's what happens when you have aspirations to do something that serves more than yourself.

See, growing up in Cullman I always heard people clamoring about "needing a different news source" and frankly, all of these people were right then, and the sentiment still rings true today. While we serve a basic service of community coverage – highlighting the positives in our community instead of heaping on the pile of manure that is constant negativity or trivial issues – we've not been able to scratch the surface of "hard" news. This lack of coverage comes as a great disappointment to me.

However that disappointment will soon be extinguished as we look to expand our reach throughout all of Cullman County. Whether you live in Colony, Holly Pond, or West Point, you can soon expect to see one of the CS crew at your city council meetings to help decipher what is being done in your community. This is just the first step in this venture to be the true leader in community reporting.

Please don't think for a moment that the content in this print publication will change dramatically, as most of the change will be noticeable on our website, though a few new sections will be added seasonally.

Each week we see an increase in rack sales, home delivery requests, and in some cases, people requesting that the paper be mailed to them in neighboring counties. So by no means am I sweating the validity of this quaint print publication because each one of you who pick up the paper – whether it is purchased or just picked up – prove there is a need for something truly local.

Since we are uniquely local, which means our entire crew hails from Cullman County, we each understand the complexities that come with small town living. Though we have a total population fewer than 100,000 residents, changes are made daily as the attitude seems to shift to a desire to become a larger county – tourism/economic development wise – but at the heart of this county we are a tight-knit group of people. If you recall post-tornado, the reason why this county was cleaned up so quickly was because of that tight-knit unity that is spread throughout all of the towns and municipalities. All Friday night allegiances were put aside as residents all pitched-in to help restore order to the entire county, not just the city of Cullman. These acts of genuine giving of time, money, food, shelter, and clothing will forever live with me, and it was these acts of caring that tilted CS in the direction of "soft" news.

Now, as with everything in life, it is time to adjust, re-evaluate, and apply all necessary changes in order to provide you with quality content. Let's face it; life isn't just one large meat lovers pizza, heavy on the beef, but light on all things fresh. Life is more like a stuffed pizza with everything on it and a little bit of everything else on the side which is basically what we are aspiring to be; one big pizza stuffed with a home section here, a sports section there, and topped with a splash of entertainment and a dollop of politics before encased in a neat, easy to hold, pleasant to look at, unit.

How I do love comparing news to food…well really comparing food to anything is generally a good way to get this guy's attention. Speaking of food; what about Annette Harris with her amazing recipes each and every week? She offers up some pretty tasty selections that are cost efficient, easy to make, and again, delicious.

Anyway, I just wanted to share my excitement with all of you about this new direction CS online will be heading towards and hopefully you'll enjoy the voyage. Besides, what fun is it mapping out great lakes and oceans if you don't have some good people to keep you company? Enjoy!

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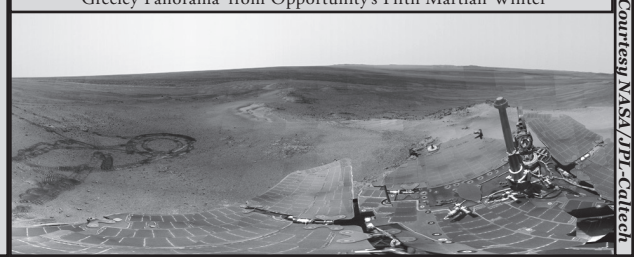
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Day: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. High near **80**. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph in the morning. Chance of precipitation is 90%. **Night**: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Low around **66**. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 90%.	**Day**: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 1pm, then a chance of showers. Cloudy, with a high near **74**. Light northwest wind becoming north 10 to 15 mph in the morning. Chance of precipitation is 60%. **Night**: Partly cloudy, with a low around **48**. North wind 5 to 10 mph.	**Day**: Sunny, with a high near **73**. **Night**: Clear, with a low around **48**.	**Day**: Sunny, with a high near **81**. **Night**: Mostly clear, with a low around **57**.	**Day**: Sunny, with a high near **81**. **Night**: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around **58**.	**Day**: Mostly sunny, with a high near **79**. **Night**: Mostly clear, with a low around 57.	**Day**: Sunny, with a high near **77**.

Space Weather Outlook: September 10 - October 6 2012

- Solar activity is expected to be low with a chance for moderate activity through the forecast period.
- No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.
- The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at high levels on September 10-11, 18-20, and 24-27.
- Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be mostly quiet to unsettled. Active conditions are possible on September 14-16 and 19-22, and again on October 03-05 associated with coronalhole high speed streams.

'Greeley Panorama' from Opportunity's Fifth Martian Winter



Courtesy NASA/JPL-Caltech

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CullmanSense Week Three High School Football Wrap-Up (Continued from Front)

zone for just the second time in the game. Hanceville showed that they wouldn't give in as they fought their way into the end-zone. A blocked extra point shortened Hamilton's lead to 21-13. Hamilton would get the ball back and score on the next possession as Stults connected with Charles Metcalf for a big 73 yard touchdown. This put the Bulldogs in a 15 point hole, 28-13, heading into the final quarter.

Following a short punt, Hamilton scored in two plays to extend the lead 34-13. Hamilton would then intercept Hanceville's QB and return it for a pick six. A forced fumble set the Aggies up and allowed them to score again, making the lead 48-13.

Hanceville took over on the last possession of the game and showed the Aggies that they may be down, but there was no quit in them. Led by Sheldon Lewis' 28 yards the Bulldogs ended the game showing that no matter what, they would not give up.

The Aggies (3-0) travel to Good Hope (2-1) next week while the Bulldogs (0-3) host the Vinemont Eagles (3-0).

West Point (1-1) at Cullman (2-0)
by: Josh McBrayer
CULLMAN – Coming off of a hard fought, come from behind win at East Limestone, the Cullman Bearcats looked to kept the momentum on their side, dropping the West Point Warriors 42-14.

Cullman came out and set the tempo of the first half by dominating the time of possession, field position and scoring drives. The Bearcats got on the board taking their first possession of the game 71 yards to the end zone. The drive was headed by senior leader at quarterback Zac Crocker who was 4 of 5 on the drive for 27 yards, including the three yard strike to his reliable target, Houston Turner for the score.

Cullman forced a West Point punt on their first possession of the game and the Bearcat offense went right back to work and scored again, this time on two plays. Crocker hit his man on a screen pass and Jones did his job, making several Warriors miss on his 74 yard trip to the end zone. The Cullman Bearcats quickly went on top 14-0 with just under five minutes left in the first quarter.

The first play of the second quarter saw the Bearcats get the ball back again when senior Richard Poston intercepted the pass of Warrior quarterback Bryant Farley. Several plays later they would turn the West Point turnover into points when Crocker found Turner for 14 yards and the touchdown. 21-0 Cullman. West Point got the ball back with little time left on the clock and was able to sustain a nice looking drive. West Point showed a little "razzle-dazzle" hitting a 16 yard flee-flicker then converting a 4th and 4 when Farley found Wesley Smith for 10 yards. Three plays later Kobe Smith ran it in from 10 yards out to give West Point their first touchdown, 21-7, with 1:50 left before the half.

Cullman, however, would have an answer. They were on the receiving end of a short West Point kick off and took over on their own 43 yard line. Crocker took to the air and hit Mason Goodwin for 12 and Turner for 17, bookending a two yard run by Johnson and quickly moved tot he Warrior five. From here Johnson finished the drive, punching it in from five yards out to give Cullman 28-7 lead with 34 seconds left before half.

West Point got the ball to start the second half but was forced to punt after six plays. Lucas McMinn of Cullman was able to bust through the line and block the punt to set Cullman up with great field position, at the Warrior 32. A 9 yard run from Johnson and a 23 yard pass from Crocker to Turner was all it took for the Bearcats to go up 35-7. Cullman soon had the ball back, on the 37 of the Warriors, after a West Point three and out. On first and ten, Crocker threw a screen to Keary Thomas. Thomas hit the hole created by his line and streaked up the middle for a 63 yard touchdown, the final Cullman score, making the score 42-7.

Being down by 35 to the number seven team in the state would be enough to make most teams crumble but that is not what AJ Lamar and the West Point Warriors are about. Fighting for the full 48 minutes is what they do and Friday night was no different.

After a missed Cullman field goal, West Point took over on their 20 yard line. Freshman quarterback Tanner Rusk showed no nerves as he stood in the pocket and delivered a pass to fellow freshman Tanner Young for 63 yards, setting the table for West Point at the Cullman 13. The very next play saw Bryan Farley run it in from nine yards out for the second West Point score and the final point for either team on the night. Cullman is your winner 42-14.

The Bearcats travel to Hartselle next week to put their undefeated season on the line against the reigning state champion and current #1 team in the state, the Hartselle Tigers. West Point welcomes the Russellville Golden Tigers to town for a Thursday night game.

Guntersville (0-2) at Fairview (2-0)
by: Johnny Thornton
FAIRVIEW – In a match-up where the quarterbacks stood out in excellent performances, it came down to the final play that determined the difference on whether the Fairview Aggies would remain undefeated or experience their first loss of the season.

Luke Bailey's pass was intercepted near the Guntersville end zone, giving the Wildcats a 21-14 victory at Dafford Smith Stadium, knocking the Aggies out of first place in the 4A, Region 6 standings. Fairview had two turnovers on the night. The first was costly when Dexter Gregory lost the ball after a nine-yard gain on a pass from Bailey and Guntersville took over at its 39.

The Wildcats consumed 13 plays and almost eight minutes of the opening quarter. The TD came on a five-yard run by Daniel and the conversion from Edson Jarmallo made it 7-0 with less than two minutes to go in the quarter. After getting the ball on the Fairview 35, the Aggies carried the drive into the second quarter that ended when Bailey ran it in from the six. The conversion by Jake Chandler sent the battle even at 7-7 at the 9:02 mark.

Starting its next series from the 30, Guntersville once again had very little trouble of moving the ball against the Fairview defense. The nine-play drive enabled the visitors to regain the lead when Daniel was free on a 25-yard run to the end zone and the kick from Jarmallo raised the margin to 14-7. Getting the ball to start the second half, the Wildcats generated another long scoring series. Eight plays and 64 yards with over 5:00 taken off the clock pushed the 'Cats to a 21-7 lead on a one-yard run by Bradley Hampton and the third conversion from Jarmallo.

Not to be outdone, the Aggies covered 80 yards of real estate and closed the lead to 21-14 as Bailey hit Marco Rodriguez on a 22-yard scoring play in which he went across the grain to find daylight to the end zone. Chandler booted the point after with the Aggies going into the final period trailing 21-14.

Fairview's defense forced the Wildcats to turn the ball over on downs and take over at the Aggie 26 early in the fourth. But the Aggies lost their second fumble of the night and Guntersville regained possession at its 40. The Wildcats drove into field goal range but Jarmallo missed from 37 yards out and Fairview had the ball at its 19 and 3:24 to play needing a TD and extra point to create overtime. Bailey moved the Aggies downfield by hitting on six of eight passes in the series. His longest gain was 24 yards to Ethan Widner and a 21-yarder to Bryant Powers.

Facing fourth and eight from the 15 with 5.5 seconds to play, the Aggies had no choice but to try and enter the end zone. The pass from Bailey was underthrown with Guntersville taking it near the goal line and ending the Aggies' chance to begin a season 3-0 for the third straight year. The Wildcats, who lost to Boaz in the opener then No. 1 Oneonta last week 28-10 in the regional opener, looked good in the first game away from Chorba-Lee Stadium. The Wildcats had 256 yards of total offense, 199 on the ground with 104 coming from Daniel at quarterback.

Fairview gained 348 yards, 195 by the run. The Aggies accounted for 17 first downs, only had three penalties for 30 yards and never punted the entire night. Now the Aggies, 2-1 and 1-1 in Region 6, will look to regroup when they travel to Locust Fork Friday. The Hornets are 0-2 in the region standings after falling to St. Clair County 30-14.

Cold Springs (1-1) at Hale County (0-2)
by: Michael Bryant
MOUNDVILLE – Defense dominated the first quarter of play as each defense made huge stops, keeping the game scoreless through one. The second quarter was a different story as the Eagles got the scoring started. Cold Springs quarterback Logan Campbell threw a 39 yard pass to wide receiver Vince Stewart to take a 7-0 lead.

Hale County started their next possession with two straight false starts to back themselves up 10 yards, but that's when their offense would go to work rushing 6 times, with four of those runs coming from running back Blake Williams for 49 yards, and Hale County would tie it up. After an Eagle three and out, a 45 yard run by Williams gave Hale County the lead 14-7. Cold Springs would struggle to have an answer, as they put up a nice drive, but after a holding penalty their threat stalled and they were forced to punt again. Hale County would take their next possession 86 yards that saw a beautiful down the field throw from Medders to wide receiver Christopher Byrd for 60 yards and would go in at the half up 21-7.

Getting the ball at half time, Hale County would pick up where they left off only this time they did it on the ground. Running 6 straight times for a total of 77 yards with a 37 yard run from Williams to put it in the end zone once more. It was big plays like this that Cold Springs just did not have an answer for. "When they run on you as well as they do, you start taking chances, and sometimes that results in them having big plays," said Elliott The Eagles would not let the score deter them as they would get the ball on their next possession. They started the drive with a 4 yard run by Caleb Ellison and a 7 yard run by Vince Stewart. They would let Ellison be their workhorse to wear down the Wild Cat defense. That's when they caught Hale County off guard with a 27 yard pass to get down to the two yard line. Ellison would punch it in to get back within two scores.

Knowing they had an advantage all game at the line of scrimmage, Hale County gave Cold Springs a taste of their own medicine. Led by Cedric Byrd and Blake Williams, it only took 4 runs before Hale County took a 21 point lead. Cold Springs would only have the ball for 45 seconds before having to punt back to Hale County. "I thought we played a pretty good game tonight," said Elliott. "Physically they were pretty good."

Cold Spring's defense, although wore down, would not give up and they held Hale County to a three and out. Cold Springs got the ball at their own 15, but penetration from Hale County pushed the back on three straight plays. Cold Springs would fumble the punt, where linebacker Tyler Gilliam would scoop it up and take it into the end zone. On Cold Spring's next possession, Hale County would get an interception, but they only ran one play as Cold Springs intercepted it back and got it to the one yard line where Austin Moore would run it in. Although the effort was great, it was too little too late as the Wild Cats ran out the clock.

Next week Hale County (1-2) travels to take on Francis Marion (0-3) as Cold Springs (1-2) returns home to face Aliceville (2-1).

Cordova (0-2) at Vinemont (2-0)
by: Ashley Buckelew
VINEMONT – Vinemont was one of only a few undefeated teams heading into Friday night's play, but they were up against an old foe; a team that held a 4-0 record over their head. That's right, it's Cordova. A team they had never beaten... until Friday night. Ty Jones and Tyler Boland, or the "Terrible T's" as I like to call them, helped to give the Vinemont Eagles their first ever win over the Cordova Blue Devils and their first 3-0 start since 1993.

The Eagles got things started off on the right foot, forcing a Cordova punt on their first possession. Five plays later the Eagles were deep in Blue Devil territory at the 22. This is where workhorse Ty Jones got the ball and ran 22 yards to pay dirt, giving Vinemont the early 7-0 lead over their rivals. Vinemont forced another punt from Cordova and took over on their 43. The very next play Ty Jones sprinted 57 yards for his second touchdown of the night, but it was called back due to a huge holding penalty called on Vinemont. Not one to be denied, Jones did get his second touchdown of the night when he punched it in for 16 yards out five plays later, just seconds into quarter number two. Vinemont went up by a score of 14-0 and this is where the score would remain for the duration of the half.

Both teams had a little trouble getting anything going until the third quarter when, you guessed it, Ty Jones would find the end zone for the third time, plunging it in from 36 yards out. This gave him the football "hat trick" and Vinemont a 20-0 advantage, heading into the fourth, as the PAT was blocked. Vinemont had a comfortable lead but they were not done yet.

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CullmanSense Week Three High School Football Wrap-Up (Continued)

Not to outdone by his counterpart, Tyler Boland got in on the scoring action when he exploited a hole made by his line and scampered 42 yards to pay dirt. Jones responded with another touchdown, his fourth, scoring from 36 yards away and ending the Vinemont scoring. The Eagles took a commanding 34-0 lead.

Down but certainly not out, the Cordova offense showed they were capable of explosive plays as well when Zack Smith blew through a hole and ran 50 yards for the first Blue Devil points on the night.

The 2-point conversion attempt failed and the score was 34-6 in favor of the Eagles. After a Vinemont fumble, Smith would help his team capitalize on the Vinemont miscue by scoring the second and final Cordova touchdown of the night, when he carried it in for 35 yards out. The Blue Devils converted the two points but it would not be enough as the Eagles improve to 3-0 with a 34-14 victory. The Cordova Blue Devils drop to 0-3.

"It is a historic night for our football team," said Vinemont head coach Alan Scott about the special victory. "It was definitely a team win tonight. I am very proud of my team." Vinemont travels to Hanceville next Friday to take on the Hanceville Bulldogs (0-3). Cordova (0-3) stays on the road as the travel to Winfield (1-2) to take on the Pirates.

Winston County (1-1) at Good Hope (2-0)
by: Noah Chandler

GOOD HOPE – Both teams scored often during Friday night's game but the hard play of the visiting Winston County Yellow Jackets proved to be too much for Good Hope as the Raiders fell late in the fourth quarter.

Winston County was first on the scoreboard as Tyler Green scampered in for a 1-yard touchdown run as time expired on the first quarter clock. Good Hope tried to fight back, however the next two possessions for each team would prove difficult for either team to move the ball. The Yellow Jackets marched down the field with assistance from Quarterback Seth Blanton as connected with receiver Edward Lamp for a quick 21-yard pass play, increasing Winston County's lead to 13-0, as the extra point was missed.

Good Hope would not be deterred as the Raiders mounted their own counter attack as Quarterback Sebastian Fendley rushed for a 17 yard pickup on a third down and long situation to help rejuvenate the team. Fendley continued carrying the load as he added two more rushes on the drive including a 2 yard touchdown run bringing the score to 13-7 Winston County lead with just :14 remaining in the first half.
A holding call against the Yellow Jackets with :02 left on the first half clock negated a 80 yard kickoff return by Cody Henderson, holding the team up at their 39 yard line to end the half.

The Raiders looked to jump on the board quickly in the third quarter but on the team's second snap the ball popped loose and Matt Riddle for Winston County scooped it up for a quick change of possession. The resulting play was a 39 yard pass from Blanton to Blanton connected with Cody Henderson that pushed the Yellow Jackets' lead to 20-7. Good Hope recovered quickly taking eight plays to drive 67 yards for the answering score. Facing fourth down with 14 yards to go, Raiders QB Fendley riffled a 29 yard pass to Chris Raper to pull the team within 6 points. The Raiders held Winston County to a four play series before forcing a punt, where the team picked up from their 40 yard line.

Fendley connected with Raper on two separate occasions, once for 17 yards and again with a 41 yard touchdown which tied the game at 20 with 5:40 remaining in the third.Winston County responded quickly as the team went in for the lead as Blanton connected with Henderson for a 37 yard touchdown pass, giving the Yellow Jackets a 27-20 lead. The Raiders made an attempt on their next possession but a loose grip allowed for Winston County to force a fumble, taking over possession at the team's own 44 yard line. A long 17 plays later saw Henderson punch through the defense landing him in the end zone for Winston County's final score of the game.

A long 38 yard kickoff return by the Raiders' Austin Crumbly helped to set the team up for its next scoring opportunity as QB Fendley rushed in for his second touchdown of the evening, scoring from one yard out and bringing Good Hope within 8 points. A missed two point conversion left Good Hope trailing 34-26 with just over 4 minutes remaining in the game. Two consecutive delay of game penalties on the ensuing kickoff backed the Raiders up to their 30 yard line, giving the Yellow Jackets a shorter field. However, Winston County kept close tabs on the ball in the final minutes, only relinquishing it on a fumble.

Good Hope tried for a last ditch hail Mary but the pass was picked off sealing a 34-26 victory over the Raiders, handing Good Hope their first loss of the season. Good Hope (2-1) stays at home to face the Hamilton Aggies (3-0). Winston County (2-1) also stays at home when they welcome the Danville Hawks (2-1) to town.

Holly Pond (1-1) at New Hope (1-1)
by: Howard Cole

NEW HOPE – Holly Pond, coming off of a hard fought victory, 18-13, over Brindlee Mountain, looked to keep rolling but they ran into a brick wall in the form of the New Hope Indians and fell to 1-2 after enduring a 42-0 loss.

It took New Hope just seconds to score the first of their touchdowns when the Indians took the ball 80 yards on a rush by Rudy Ford. The Indians converted the 2-point attempt and took an 8-0 lead. Dilan Surret returned the ensuing kickoff back to the 50-yard line, but just two short plays later the ball was picked off by the Indians and they were in business once more and wasted no time punching it in again. After Holly Pond turned the ball over on downs, New Hope would mount another scoring drive with Ford running it in from the 25-yard out and the Indians were on top 20-0 at the end of one.

Another miscue by Holly Pond resulted in the second interception of a Bronco pass and set New Hope up again. New Hope would chew up chunks of yardage before busting it up the middle for another score. Another touchdown and a safety would end the half and give New Hope a commanding 37-0 lead at halftime. The ball would go back and forth between the teams for much of the second half with New Hope scoring just once more making the final score 42-0. Holly Pond travels to Sylvania next week to take on the undefeated Rams (3-0). New Hope travels to take on the Geraldine Bulldogs (2-1).

There you have it, the week three wrap-up. As always, you can find the full stories from each game on cullmansense.com/scoreboard.

Cullman County Football Week Four Preview

By: Josh McBrayer

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Coming off of a week that saw two of the remaining undefeated Cullman County teams fall and Vinemont make school history, week three was full of surprises. Week four is highlighted by one of the marquee match-ups of the year, #7 Cullman at #1 Hartselle (rankings current of 9-12-12), and looks to be even better than week three.

Cullman (3-0) at Hartselle (3-0)
Cullman is riding the wave of momentum, coming off of a 42-14 win over West Point. Zac Crocker threw for 287 yards and four touchdowns in the win, Hartselle is heading into the game after facing their toughest test of the season thus far, a 23-8 win over the Athens Golden Eagles. Hartselle has outscored their opponents 127-22 and is averaging 42.3 points a game. Cullman, likewise is outscoring their opponents 114-49 and average 38 points a game. Something has to give in this battle of the unbeaten teams and history shows that neither team is willing to give an inch.

Aliceville (2-1) at Cold Springs (1-2)
The Cold Springs Eagles won the first game of the year but have had an uphill climb, dropping the next two to go 0-2 in their region. Aliceville has done the exact opposite, losing their season opener but roaring back to win the next two and put themselves in a great position in the region. The Eagles look for their first region win of the season Friday night.

Russellville (2-1) at West Point (1-2)
West Point will play host to the Russellville Golden Tigers and Channel 68's Thursday Night Lights. The Warriors will get a chance to get back on track AND on TV at the same time as the action will be televised. It will be a tough test for West Point as they face a good Russellville team.

Hanceville (0-3) at Vinemont (3-0)
Vinemont is riding a high. They are coming off a week that saw them defeat their nemesis Cordova for the first time in school history. Not only did the win get the proverbial "monkey" off their back, it also gave them their first 3-0 start since 1993. Hanceville on the other hand has been struggling this year. They are yet to notch a win, but it is not from a lack of effort. Hanceville gives 110% every time they step on the field and Friday will be no exception. Vinemont looks to go 4-0 but has a determined Bulldog team standing in their way.

Fairview (2-1) at Locust Fork (0-3)
Fairview was bounced from the unbeaten ranks last week on a last second interception that ended an Aggie comeback. Fairview played a good game and it was one that could have gone either way. They look to get back into the win column against a struggling Locust Fork team. The Hornets are averaging over 31 points a game but are giving up and average of 57. With QB Luke Bailey and a potent Fairview offense, this should be a high scoring affair.

Holly Pond (1-2) at Sylvania (3-0)
The Broncos were on the receiving end of a 42-0 shutout last week. It is safe to say this does not sit well with head coach Nate Ayers as he prepares his squad to take on the undefeated Sylvania Rams. The Broncos would like nothing better that to hand the rams their first loss of the season.

Hamilton (3-0) at Good Hope (2-1)
Good Hope was another Cullman County team that felt the "sting" of their first loss last week. They fell 34-14 to the Winston County Yellow Jackets. They will be looking to take their frustrations out on the visiting Hamilton Aggies. Hamilton will be looking to knock off their second Cullman County team in as many weeks after the 48-13 defeat of the Hanceville Bulldogs.

There it is folks. Your week four preview. This week will be a special treat as you will be able to take in TWO high school football games.

The West Point/Russellville game will be a good match-up Thursday then Friday you have your pick of several good games. No matter who you come out to support, you will find CullmanSense there getting you as close to the action as you can get without taking a hit.

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09/07/2012 - 7:00pm	Sulligent	7	20	20	28		28	View Story
	Cold Springs	7	7	7	7		7	
09/07/2012 - 7:00pm	Athens	14	20	27	41		41	View Story
	West Point	0	3	3	9		9	
09/07/2012 - 7:00pm	Cullman	3	10	23	30		30	View Story
	East Limestone	7	14	21	21		21	
09/07/2012 - 7:00pm	Fairview	14	34	40	40		40	View Story
	Douglas	13	26	26	26		26	
09/07/2012 - 7:00pm	Vinemont	7	7	7	21		21	View Story
	Danville	7	7	10	16		16	

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Community Matters

Local Marching Bands Take to the Field (Continued from Front)

ing Johann Strauss' "Blue Danube Waltz" and the Overture from the timeless opera William Tell, they stood out from the mostly Rock performances of the night. They were led by Drum Major Farrah Hopper.

The West Point Warrior Marching Band brought the upbeat mood back to the audience as they blasted their "We Will Rock You" Selection. Playing a bevy of hits from such artists as Queen, The Rolling Stones, and Lynard Skynard, they amped the crowd up for the halfway point behind their leader, Drum Major Christina Goforth.

The purple and gold of the Fairview High School Marching Band took the field and brought the crowd back in time. Performing a sample of hits that included "Call Me," "Centerfold," and "Tainted Love," Drum Major Mackenzie Carden was flawless in her direction. Of the performances on the night Fairview's Band Director, Nathan Kilgo, gave props not only to his band, but to all of the high schools saying "they're awesome; they all did an amazing job!"

If you were insane enough to snooze through those awesome acts, the blasting brass sound of the Good Hope High School marching band brought you back to life. Led by Drum Major Payton Presto, the Raiders pumped the sounds of Elton John through his hits "Crocodile Rock," "Saturday's Alright for Fighting," and his rendition of "Pinball Wizard." When asked how they came up with their selection, Miss Presto had a humorous quip by saying "Mr. Parker decides everything."

Last, but most certainly not least the Cullman High School Marching Band made their way onto the field. Boasting members that numbered almost twice the size of the next largest band on the program, they ended the night with a rendition of famous Blues music as chosen by Band Director Chris Smith. Led by Drum Major Casey Waters their horns blasted and their percussions boomed throughout the stadium playing such songs as "Georgia on my Mind" and "All the Trimmings."

All throughout the event, the crowd was into the show, singing and dancing along to their favorite songs. "I liked the Pinball Wizard (and) the Who Stuff (performed by Holly Pond)," said Josh Stickney, whose daughter Harley is a color guard for the Cullman High School Marching band. "But I thought all the bands all did really excellent."

Photos by Michael Bryant

Gallery Available Online



Cold Springs High School Band



Cullman High School Band



Cullman Middle School Band



Fairview High School Band



Good Hope High School Band



Hanceville High School Band



Holly Pond High School Band



Vinemont High School Band



West Point High School Band

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Lifestyle

Passion for the Kitchen

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My New Hairdo



Why must my family try so hard to turn me from a tomboy to a glamour girl?

I know there is a smile on my face in the picture, but you can bet they bribed me somehow. Maybe the bribe was ice cream, or getting to stay up late or spending the night at Aunt Ceil's house.

It had to be a good bribe or I wouldn't have worn those pink pajamas with a bow on them nor would I have allowed my mom to tease my hair for the picture. It is a faded memory, but I do remember how painful teasing hair is.

Why did they think that looked good? They thought it was so cute. Blahhhhh!!!!! Are you kidding me?

Maybe I was too young to know better and I just let them do it. I am pretty sure by the looks of my picture, missing my two front teeth, that I am about 7 years old.

I don't pose like that. Look at that picture! My hand on my cheek, my head tilted to a cute little pose in PINK flowered pajamas. Yep!

Must have been a good bribe. I even have a smile that is almost convincing enough to coax people into thinking that I was enjoying this little scheme to turn me into a girly girl.

It didn't work. You can bet after the picture I tried my best to mash the hair flat or mess it up. I figure my mom had enough hair spray on there to make my hair as stiff as a brick.

My mom went to beautician school, as they called it back then. I can remember her white suitcase filled with rollers, scissors, clippers, hairpins, a cape, you name it! I remember getting into trouble for taking the 'good scissors.' "ANNETTE! Wheres my good scissors?"

I only needed to borrow them for one second. I can't help that I forgot to put them back. After all, I used them for really important things like cutting a piece of rope that I had used to tie boards to a tree while making a fort.

I can remember my mom fixing my Nanny's hair and Aunt Ceil's too. They would sit in the living room, watching game shows while she rolled her hair on the rollers to give her a permanent.

That just seemed like too much trouble to me. How did people sit still that long? I was ready to go outside. That was just too boring.

I do remember one time when I came in the house and it smelled like rotten eggs! YUK!

What in the world? They told me that was part of giving her a permanent. Then one time I came inside to find Aunt Ceil with a cap on her head that looked like Batman without the ears.

And on top of that my mom used a hook to pull her hair through tiny holes. It took forever!

What is the meaning of all that mess? Why would you want to have stuff that smelled like rotten eggs put all over your head? I didn't get it.

I just know it was rare for her to ever catch me to do anything to my hair. I wonder if they ever found the pink pajamas. Hmmm……



Photos by Annette Harris

Black Bean Soup

This is good any time of year, but when you get that first nip in the air it's especially good.

Ingredients:

- 2 small sausage links
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- ½ cup salsa
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 pinch red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 2 cups water
- 2 cans black beans
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- ½ cup bacon bits

Instructions:

1. Cut sausage into small cubes. Put sausage in a pot with chopped onion, bacon bits and all seasonings. Cook until onions are clear.
2. Add 2 cups of water to the mixture.
3. Put one can of the black beans, drained into the pot with the other ingredients.
4. Puree the other can of black beans after draining. Add them to the pot.
5. Stir everything together and cook on low for about 30 minutes.
6. Top with sour cream and cheddar cheese.

Great with cornbread.

Hawaiian Chicken Kabobs

I decided to try to lose some weight and joined Weight Watchers. This is a recipe that is only 8 points.

You would never think you were on a diet! I served this with Caribbean rice, as shown in the picture. It's way easier than it looks.

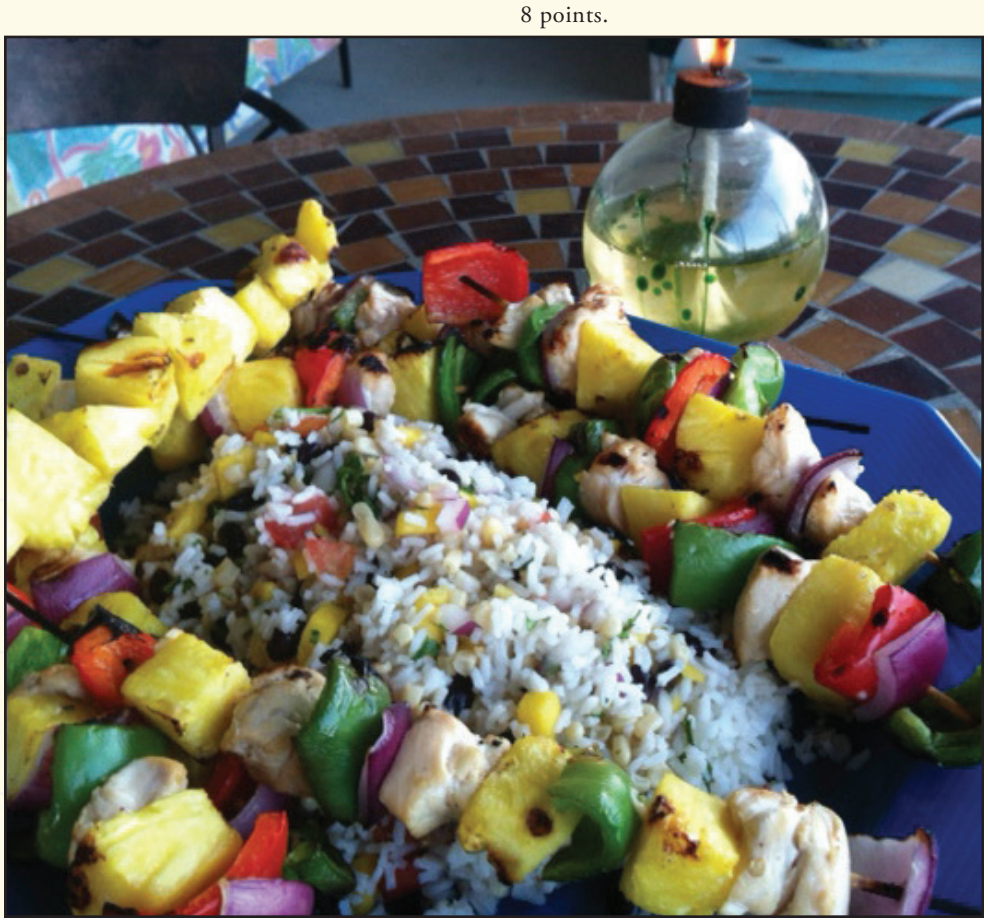
Ingriedients:

- 1 pound uncooked boneless skinless chicken breast
- ½ medium fresh pineapple
- 1 medium green pepper
- 1 medium sweet red pepper
- 1 large uncooked red onion or Spanish onion
- ¼ cup pineapple or orange juice
- 3 medium cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 Tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 2 sprays cooking spray
- 2 cups white rice, kept hot

Instructions:

1. Cut each chicken breast, pineapple, pepper, and onion into about 24, one-inch pieces.
2. Combine chicken, pineapple juice, garlic, soy sauce, and oil in a large nonmetallic bowl.
3. Marinate this in the refrigerator for at least 1 hour and up to 24 hours. *I would also recommend putting the peppers and onions in as well.
4. Preheat grill. Lightly coat vegetables with cooking spray.
5. Thread 2 pieces of pepper, pineapple, chicken, and onion onto each of 8 skewers. Brush with marinade. *If using wooden skewers, soak in water to prevent them from burning.
6. Grill over medium heat until chicken is completely cooked, about 8-10 minutes, turning kabobs every 2 minutes so they are cooked evenly on all sides.

2 kabobs and ½ cup rice per serving makes for 8 points.



Reflections of History

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This Week in History Sept. 17-23

September 17th
- 1787 – U.S. Constitution adopted by Philadelphia convention
- 1902 – U.S. protests anti-Semitism in Romania
- 1920 – National Football League organizes in Canton Ohio 12 teams pay $100 each to join American Professional Football Association
- 2010 – A drill reaches 33 Chilean miners who remain trapped underground after the 2010 Copiapo mining accident August 5, 2010

September 18th
- 1789 – First loan is made to pay salaries of the presidents and Congress
- 1895 – Booker T. Washington delivers "Atlanta Compromise" address
- 1947 – USAF (U.S. Air Force) forms
- 1996 – Roger Clemens ties his own major league record with 20 strikeouts

September 19th
- 1873 – Black Friday: Jay Cooke and Co fails, causing a securities panic
- 1931 – Lefty Grove wins his 30th game of season over White Sox, 2-1
- 1985 – 12,000 die and 40,000 injured in Mexico's magnitude 8.1 earthquake
- 1988 – Israel launches first satellite for secret military reconnaissance

September 20th
- 1797 – U.S. frigate Constitution, Old Ironsides, launched in Boston
- 1896 – John McDermott wins 1st U.S. marathon (New York City)
- 1945 – German rocket engineers begin work in U.S.
- 1985 – Walt Disney World receives its 200-millionth guest

September 21st
- 1784 – First daily newspaper in America, Penns Packet and General Advertiser
- 1922 – President Warren G. Harding signs a joint resolution of approval to establish a Jewish homeland in Palestine
- 1969 – New York Jet Steve O'Neal punts 98 yards against Denver Broncos
- 2011 – Google's new social network service, Google+, is released to the general public

September 22nd
- 1699 – People of Rotterdam strike over high cost of butter
- 1935 – Boston Braves lose NL record 110th game of year en route to 115
- 1970 – President Nixon requests 1,000 new FBI agents for college campuses
- 2010 – In accordance with U.N. Security Council Resolution 1929, Russia bans arms sales to Iran

September 23rd
- 1806 – Lewis and Clark return to St. Louis from Pacific Northwest
- 1890 – Ed Cartwright bats in 7 RBIs in one inning
- 1942 – Auschwitz begins experimental gassing executions
- 2011 – For the second day in a row, global stock markets fall as fears of a deepening economic crisis continue



Local Events Calendar

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Monday, September 17th

Cullman County Public Library Storytime
Storytelling at the main branch of Cullman County Public Library will be held at 10 a.m. with the focus being 'Fall Folklore'.

Cullman Kiwanis Club
The Cullman Kiwanis Club invites all local men and women who are interested in taking part in community service along with great fellowship, fun, networking and learning to attend their weekly luncheon meeting at 12 noon each Monday in the All Steak's third floor banquet room. Come see what Kiwanis is all about and enjoy a great luncheon meal as well.

Bosom Buddies Support Group
Members of the Bosom Buddies Support Group meet at 6 p.m. and invite those seeking help to come to the meetings. You are not alone and can find needed information and ideas from the members of this organization. The meeting is held in the Ave Maria room in POB II on the campus of CRMC hospital. There is no cost for this meeting. Please call Mary Dyer for additional info at 256-734-8729.

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.

Cornerstone Revival Ladies Prayer Meeting
A Ladies Prayer meeting is conducted each Monday night at 7 p.m. at Cornerstone Revival Center. For additional information call 256-796-2899. All interested women are invited to attend.

Aqua Zumba Classes at CWAC
Everyone is invited to take part in the Aqua Zumba classes that are offered each Monday at Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center beginning at 7 p.m. in the center's indoor pool. Please call 256-775-7946 for additional information!

Tuesday, September 18th

Cullman County Public Library Storytime
'Tales with Tina' on tap for Storytelling time at the main branch of the Cullman County Library today at 10 a.m. to meet Wilbur the pig as the reading 'Charlotte's Web'.

Cullman City School Board Meeting
The next regularly scheduled Cullman City Schools Board meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the Board Room.

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.

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group Meeting
Calling all Alzheimer's caretakers. Come join our support group as we meet at 5:30 p.m. Come see how others fare in their efforts and maybe learn something helpful for your own situation. Meetings are free and open to the public. They are held on the campus of CRMC in the Depot Room of POB II. Please call Jane Farley for additional info at 256-737-2038.

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.

Knit 1, Read 2
The Knit 1, Read 2 group meets every Tuesday at the Cullman County Public Library, Main Branch, at 3 p.m. This group welcomes all newcomers.

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, September 19th

Free Community Meal at Living Waters Ministries
A free community meal is offered each Wednesday night at Living Water Ministries beginning at 5 p.m. Living Water is located in the East Park Plaza on the left side of Highway 278 just past the entrance to St. Bernard Monastery.

Everyone is welcome to attend these Wednesday night gatherings. Further information can be obtained by calling James Moore, 256-338-9145. Donations also are gratefully accepted.

Aqua Zumba Classes at CWAC
Everyone is invited to take part in the Aqua Zumba classes, which are offered each Wednesday at Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center beginning at 7 p.m. in the center's indoor pool. Please call 256-775-7946 for additional information!

Thursday, September 20th

Cullman Iris and Daylily Society Meeting
Members of the Cullman Iris and Daylily Society will meet for supper and their business meeting starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Angler Seafood Restaurant. Everyone interested in this topic is invited to come out for a great meal and fellowship and a teaching/learning experience.

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!

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, September 21st

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, September 22nd

'Founders Day Festival'
Come out to Holly Pond as they celebrate their 100th birthday with a 'Founders Day Festival.' Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the day! Gates open to the public at 8 a.m. with a parade to begin at 8:30 a.m. from Holly Pond Middle School and proceed to the Park. Food vendors, crafters, and all types of fun for everyone! Quilts will be on display starting at 9:45 a.m., with a pie-eating contest for both adults and kids (Jell-O eating) starting at 11 a.m. This event is free for all so come on out to Holly Pond Park today and enjoy the fun. Check out our website at www.TownofHollyPond.com.

Natural Childbirth Classes
This class is for those who are considering having natural childbirth. Your education, desires and personal support network greatly influence a positive outcome. In this class you will learn: details about stages and phases of labor, relaxation techniques & comfort measures, how your birth partner can help you during labor, physiological positions and movements for labor, about medical interventions, the role of hormones during labor & birth, and much more. There are two class locations in the city; please call (256) 962-0975 for directions and registration. Visit http://www.birthing-beautiful.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, September 23rd

'Think Local First' 5K and Fun Run
'Think Local First' 5K and Fun Run takes place at Wallace State Community College on the back of the campus at the Tom Drake Coliseum. Entrants are asked to donate new, unused school supplies in support of the 'Backpacks 4 Africa College Project' which is being sponsored by WSCC Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Registration starts at 2 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. for the 5K and until 3:45 p.m. for the Fun Run. The 5K starts at 3 p.m. and the Fun Run will begin at 4 p.m. For more info call Brandon Smith at 256-352-8207 or brandon.smith@wallacestate.edu. There is a $5.00 fee for the 5K and the Fun Run is free.

Monday, September 24th

Cullman County Public Library Storytime
Storytelling at the main branch of Cullman County Public Library will be held at 10 a.m.

Cullman Kiwanis Club
The Cullman Kiwanis Club invites all local men and women who are interested in taking part in community service along with great fellowship, fun, networking and learning to attend their weekly luncheon meeting at 12 noon each Monday in the All Steak's third floor banquet room. Come see what Kiwanis is all about and enjoy a great luncheon meal as well.

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.

Cornerstone Revival Ladies Prayer Meeting
A Ladies Prayer meeting is conducted each Monday night at 7 p.m. at Cornerstone Revival Center. For additional information call 256-796-2899. All interested women are invited to attend.

Aqua Zumba Classes at CWAC
Everyone is invited to take part in the Aqua Zumba classes that are offered each Monday at Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center beginning at 7 p.m. in the center's indoor pool. Please call 256-775-7946 for additional information!

Looking Ahead

'Kalightoscope Christmas' trip Planned for Seniors in December
The final Senior Spirit Tour event of 2012 will be their travels to Louisville, Kentucky, December 3 through 6. Final payment for those with reservations is October 19, so make your plans and get signed up for another great time traveling with this fun group of 'Seniors' who are very much 'young at heart!!' $530.00 is the cost per person in a double room. This fee covers motor coach transportation, lodging for three nights, holiday dinner show, Christmas Village, Mega Caverns, Snow Fairy Castle attraction, Royal Breakfast, Mistletoe Marketplace, Princess Diane exhibit, Derby Playhouse, Louisville Slugger Museum, Joe Huber Farms, Corvette Car Museum, and lots more. Sounds like quite a delightful trip! Be sure to get your name in the pot so you can enjoy a magical holiday start early in December that will carry you with happy memories throughout the Christmas season!!! Please contact Angie Jochum for further info at 256-734-4803.

Vendors, Sponsors & Volunteers Signup for 3rd Annual Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival
Vendors, sponsors, and volunteers are being given the opportunity to sign up now for the upcoming 3rd Annual Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival which will take place in downtown Hanceville on October 20th.

Hosted by the Hanceville Business Council from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 20th, they have listed events planned for the day so everyone will know what a great event it will be. Sign up for your special spot now!

This is an admission FREE event featuring arts and crafts vendors, a sidewalk art show, a judged art show, entertainment, kids' activities, a historical walking tour of homes, churches, and buildings in Hanceville, and a German style lunch with much more planned! Proceeds raised during the day will go toward Hanceville schools. Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce's Erika M. Mead is helping coordinate this event and she can be reached at 256-734-0454 or EMead@Cullman-Chamber.org. Sign up now for a great day to spotlight your 'arty' works or to help volunteer for this fabulous family Fall event!

Community Matters

How Far Would You Go?

By: Noah Chandler
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16 hour journey all in the name of Childhood Cancer

CULLMAN – How far would you go to raise money and awareness for a friend or family member? Would you be willing to shave your head or how about walking for two-thirds of a day? For C. Winn Williams the answer is, yes.

Williams' wife, Kristie, shared an experience from her job with Winn. He said the chance encounter led him to the path where he is now, preparing to walk to Birmingham for the CureSearch Walk to help raise awareness for Childhood Cancer.

"My wife is a massage therapist in Cullman and has a client who is struggling with cancer currently. She loves to sing karaoke at a place in Hanceville when she feels good enough to do so. She has been asking my wife and me for a long time to come listen to her sing," said Winn. "Well one night back in June of this year we went to hear her sing."

Once arriving for karaoke night the Williams' sat across from a young woman and her daughter. Winn said the group discussed the struggles associated with the disease and once karaoke night ended, the families went their separate ways. Little did either family know they would be brought back together in a most unusual fashion.

"We sat across from this little girl and her mom, Maddy & Kerri Gamble. We spent the next hour or so talking about Maddy and her ordeal with cancer and later we each left and went our own ways. Weeks later, a woman I work with showed me a subscription form for CullmanSense with a picture of Karen Cook's son and Kerri's daughter, Maddy, who was sitting at our table during karaoke," said Winn.

"So at that point I decided to try to get in touch with Karen Cook and learn as much as I could about what was going on and see what I could do to help."

Cancer has touched the lives of both Winn and Kristie. The couple said they understand the struggles that are associated with the disease, not just mentally or physically, but also emotionally. When combined with medical bills, the task seems insurmountable. She said that's why it is important to 'chip-in' whenever you are able to do so.

"My Great Grandmother, Christine Johnson, died after her battle with Colon Cancer, and my cousin Jill Young also lost her battle to cancer this past April," said Kristie.

"This [cancer] is a terrible disease that touches the lives of so many. I have clients who are suffering and going through treatments as we speak. The funds to just go back and forth to treatments are outrageous. These poor families suffer enough, why shouldn't everyone want to chip in and help?"

Winn echoed his wife's sentiment, adding "Some are blessed financially and are able to give support in that way, but others can give support in other ways, by doing extreme things like what I am doing and in a way, can give hope to people or inspire others to ask themselves 'What can I do to help?'"

The couple will embark on their walk on the evening of October 4th; leaving from the Hanceville Community Center between 5 and 6 p.m.

They will walk through the night and most of the day Friday, most likely breaking for a short stint in Birmingham before continuing on to Linn Park early Saturday morning.

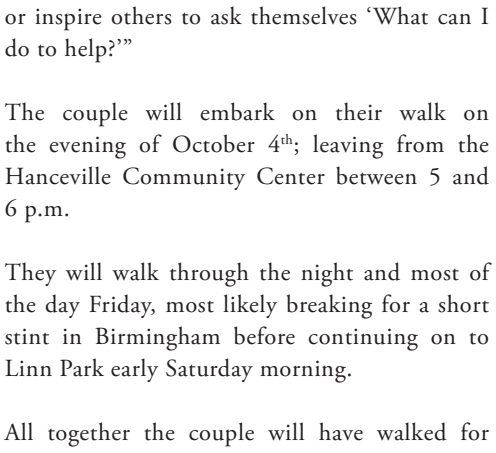
All together the couple will have walked for roughly 16 hours before the second phase of the event kicks in; the CureSearch walk.

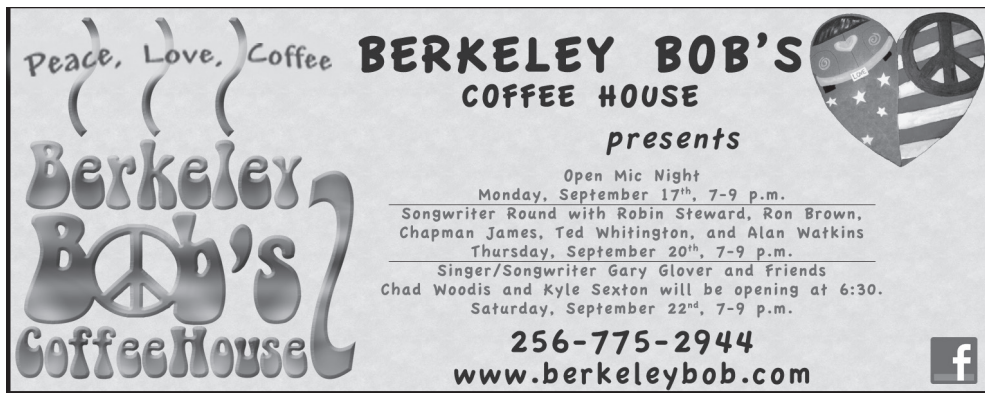
"I'm used to being on my feet moving around and running for the most part, but one also needs to be mentally ready for something like this, to be able to push through adversity because walking in the heat, cold, rain, whatever the weather throws at you," he said. "You want to be able to tell yourself to take one more step and not quit. So far, I'm by myself walking but will be glad to take someone with me who is ready! Any takers?"

In order to help complete task at hand, Winn is looking for sponsors in order to raise the most funds possible for Childhood Cancer through the CureSeach Walk. He is asking for your help, even if you can't walk with him.

"I'm currently looking for sponsors to help out or if you would like to make a donation, you can go to www.curesearchwalk.com and click on donate. Simply click the state of the walk, which is Alabama (Birmingham), and then enter my name which is Craigton Williams," he said. "From there you can select how much you would wish to donate and all proceeds go towards our walk team!"

If you would like to find out more about CureSearch Walk visit www.curesearchwalk.com, or for more information regarding Williams' walk visit facebook.com/BattleTheBeastWithMaddyDavid.







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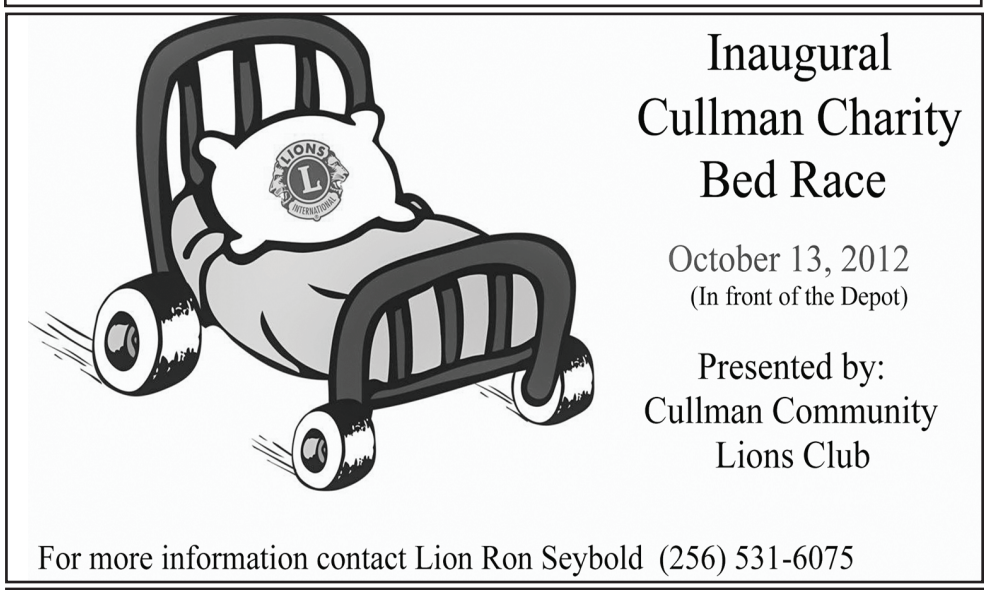
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THIS WEEK'S WORD SEARCH TOPIC IS: THE FAIR

BY: DUSTIN ISOM

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

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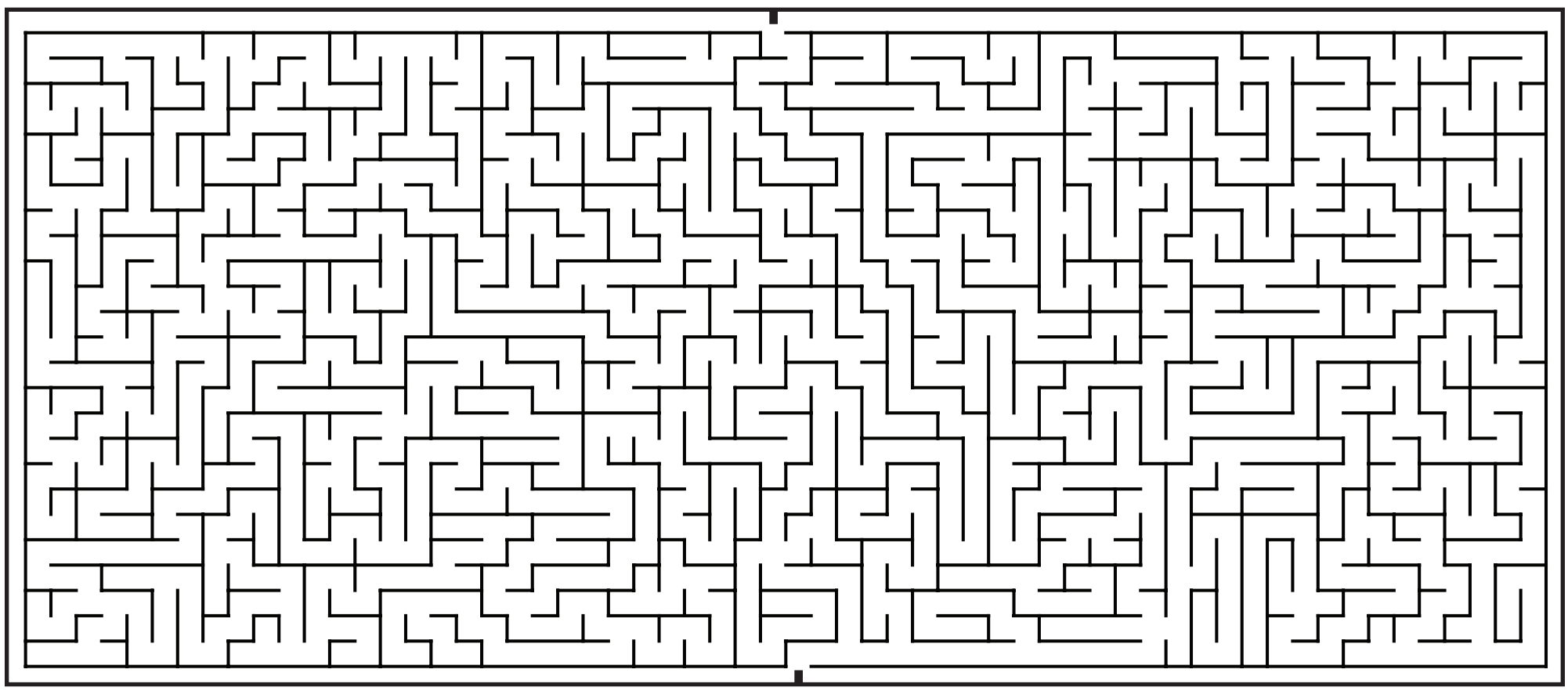


2. How did the forgetful CD get accepted into the vinyl club?



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