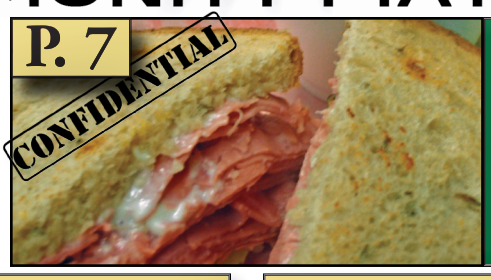
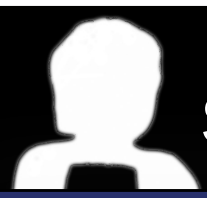
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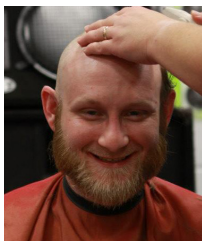
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Going Bald for a Cause

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CureSearch Fundraiser Lifts Spirits, Leaves Many Hairless

HANCEVILLE – Several dozen Cullman County residents underwent a bit of a transformation Friday night at Hanceville Recreation Center during CureSearch Walk fundraiser, The Brave Shave.

"It was more awesome than I ever could have expected. The atmosphere that night was full of love, excitement, and anticipation of who was or wasn't going to shave, meaning myself and Kenneth Nail," said Karen Cook, Battle the Beast team leader and The Brave Shave event organizer.

The event was created by Cook as a way to raise

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Photo by Noah Chandler

Meet WSCC Music Director Tiffany Richter

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HANCEVILLE – Sitting in the corner of the Choreography room, located in the Burrows' Center on the Wallace State campus, a woman sits watching as her students perform to a selection of songs from "Schoolhouse Rock". The music finishes and her students come to a rest, looking toward their instructor.

"You should know your steps. Get there when you're supposed to get there," is her response and the students go through the routine once more.

That is because the woman, Tiffany Richter, who is a music instructor and director of the Wallace State Singers, demands excellence and knows that the students she allows into her program can achieve that excellence.

After living all over the country, Richter's father, who is a minister, settled the family in Oklahoma. Growing up in church, Tiffany fell in love with music.



Tiffany Richter - Contributed

"I apparently started singing, my mom says, when I was six months old. It was just always a part of my life."

She says those around her supported her love for music. "My family is very musical. My grandmother plays an instrument. My mom, my dad,

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Football Wrap-Up – Week Six

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With a full slate of games in week six of the high school football regular season, there was something for everyone. Overtime, wins and losses, close games, blowouts, and points galore. So without further ado, here is the week six wrap up.

Francis Marion vs Cold Springs
by: Zeke McBrayer

Cold Springs – With the Homecoming festivities in the air, the Cold Springs Eagles (1-4) set up to bring a win home for the second time this season. The Francis Marion Rams (0-5) came all the way from Perry County to try and get their first win of the year. With the crowd at their back the Eagles received the ball to start the game.

Cold Springs started the game off on their own 38 yard line. Their run heavy offense was on display Friday night as they drove down the field. The drive was topped off by a 24 yard touchdown run by the Eagles Caleb Ellison. The 2 point conversion would fail and Cold Springs would jump out early to a 6-0 lead.

The second drive was much of the same for the Eagles. The run seemed to be dominant over the Rams defense. After two big back-to-back runs by Vince Stewart and Caleb Ellison the Eagles continued to force their way through a few yards at a time. Down in the red zone on the fourth down, the Eagles relied on Ellison to get the first down to keep the drive alive. Four plays later Ellison would once again find the end zone, this time from the 2 yard line. The Eagles quarterback Logan Campbell would run the 2-point conversion in to give Cold Springs a 14-0 lead.

The Rams showed that they would not go down without a fight. After a big return by Jacquarius Perkins to the Eagles 34 yard line the Rams went

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In Brief

Brother Anselm Makes Final Vows at St. Bernard

By: Joyce Nix

St. Bernard Contributor

CULLMAN – Br. Anselm Christopher Kuehler was joined by the monks of St. Bernard Abbey and his family and friends on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, for his Profession of Final Monastic Vows in the Abbey Church.

Br. Anselm made his vows during the 11:30 a.m. Mass celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

Fr. Joel Martin, O.S.B., Junior Master of the monastery, presented Br. Anselm as a candidate for final vows to Abbot Cletus Meagher, O.S.B. and the community.

After the community had given their affirmation, Abbot Cletus delivered a homily for the occasion.

In his remarks he spoke of the vowed life and the rich monastic tradition that is the heritage of those who live the Benedictine vocation.

Following the ancient custom, Br. Anselm read his vows before the Abbot and then signed the document on the altar with Br. Leo Borelli, O.S.B, and Fr. Bede Marcy, O.S.B, as his official witnesses.

After the singing of the prayer of profession, he was clothed in the monastic cuculla, a robe given to monks who have solemnly professed their final monastic vows.

Br. Anselm is originally from Tyler, Texas; he is the son of Simon Henry and Carol Ann Halloran Kuehler and is the second of six children.

He attended school at The University of Dallas and earned his B.A. degree in English and Theology from the University of Dallas.

He has been a teacher for most of his career. Before coming to St. Bernard, he was employed at St. Ann's School in Decatur, Alabama. Br. Anselm currently serves as a teacher in St. Bernard Preparatory School.

His duties also include work at Ave Maria Grotto.

After the liturgical celebration, the congregation was invited to join Br. Anselm and the monastic community for a festive dinner in the St. Bernard Dining Hall.

In attendance were a number of his former students from St. Ann's School as well as St. Bernard Preparatory School.

St. Bernard Abbey is Alabama's only Benedictine Abbey and home to over thirty monks.

For more information visit www.stbernardabbey.com.



Faithfully Restored



After being destroyed by the April 27, 2011 EF-4 tornado, the steeple of First Baptist Church of Cullman is now restored. Photo/ Caption by Ivan Johnasen

Pilot Club Rummage Sale

By: Patricia McGriff

Contributor

CULLMAN – The Pilot Club of Cullman will hold a two day rummage sale on October 26th and 27th at the Cullman County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. The club's annual indoor yard sale will be held from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26th and 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, October 27th.

Pilot Club is a non-profit community service organization whose service focus is helping persons with brain-related disorders and disabilities through education, volunteerism and financial support.

All proceeds from the sale will be used to help support the Pilot Club of Cullman's various projects such as BrainMinders, Project Lifesaver, Margaret Jean Jones Center, Field of Miracles, Alzheimer's Support Groups, and the Pilot Light Home.

When: Friday, October 26th from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 27th from 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Cullman County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

For more information or if you have items to donate, please call Susan Copland, Fundraising Chair at 256-709-8789. Or you can e-mail her at scopeland1125@gmail.com.

New Center for the Developmentally Disabled

By: Erika Mead

Chamber of Commerce Contributor

CULLMAN – The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce recently held a ground breaking for Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled's new Beech Center on September 21st. Through the vision of the 310 Board of Cullman County, The Beech Center will be constructed on the Ingram Land next to the existing Margaret Jean Jones Center.

The Beech Center will have a full basketball court, stage, kitchen, and 6 classrooms on the main level. The basement will house a 7,000 square foot storm shelter for the public as well as the offices for the Cullman Red Cross.

This new venture will enable people with developmental disabilities, who are not receiving services, to have a place to interact with friends and learn valuable educational and recreational skills as well as a safe place for residents of Cullman to gather during severe weather.

For more information, call them at 256-737-1915 or visit them at 1807 Beech Ave SE, Cullman, AL 35055.



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Back Row: Mike Bates, Red Cross Director; Lee Johnson, Red Cross; Terry Poynter, Red Cross; Herman Reid, CCCDD Board Members;Wayne McCracken, CCCDD Board Members; Nick Robbins, CCCDD; Darlene Quick, CCCDD Board Members; Charese Morris, CCCDD.

Logan's Roadhouse Opens Doors

By: Michael Graham

Contributor

CULLMAN – Steak lovers in Cullman will have something to celebrate today as the doors officially open on the newest location for Logan's Roadhouse.

The Nashville-based Logan's is best known as "the Real American Roadhouse," a place where guests can come as they are, be themselves and make lifelong friends.

It is not only known for its great grilled steaks and ice-cold longnecks, but also its mouthwatering, made-from-scratch yeast rolls and bottomless buckets of in-shell peanuts.

When you're done shelling just toss the hulls to the ground.

The high-quality, moderately priced menu will feature more than 30 entrees including aged steaks hand cut-fresh on the premises, grilled chicken, fresh ground steakhouse burgers, baby back ribs, seafood, and specialty salads from only the freshest ingredients.

The 6,500-square-foot restaurant seats 237 guests and is reminiscent of American roadhouse of the past, complete with neon signs and an interactive jukebox.

Logan's Roadhouse has been featured on the national Food Network show "The Secret Life of Roadhouses."

According to host Jim O'Connor, Logan's Roadhouse is "where roadhouse culture is alive and well."

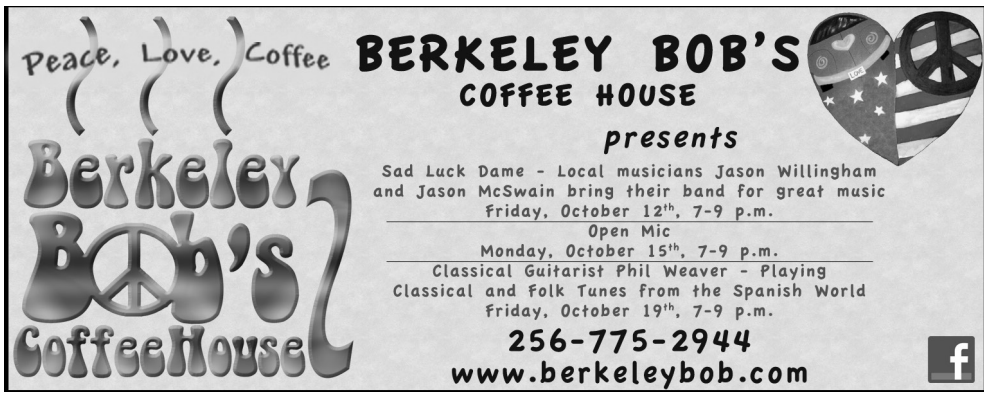
"Our team searches the country for the best restaurant sites, and we're excited about opening our first location in the Cullman area," said Tom Vogel, president and chief executive officer of Logan's Roadhouse.

"We see a lot of opportunity and we plan to be a valuable part of the community by bringing to Cullman a place where guests will feel comfortable, enjoy high-quality steaks, and a kickin', upbeat atmosphere, all at a great price.

Approximately 130 area residents will find employment at this new restaurant.

Hours of operations are from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday.





No(ah)-It-All: : Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow

By: Noah Chandler

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Is there really a more beautiful sight than a man with a blatant comb over? You know the comb over type. The one which will grow hair 8-inches on one side, while keeping the other side relatively short as to make the blending of the two streams into one optimistically seamless bouffant easier. Yeah, now you're with me.

There are a plethora of examples in current pop culture but the best place to check out these beautiful creations in flight has to be that of your local Mega-Lo Mart. They come in all shapes and sizes whether they're the wirery wispy types that resemble a worn-out Brillo pad, or the Hair Helmets which are created from a mixture of 30 percent hair, 60 percent hairspray and 10 percent desperation. Of course my all-time favorite is the Avalanche, whereas eluded in the first graph is where one side is roughly four times the length of the opposing side, leaving the center of the dome chromed out. Once the two sides are merged it makes for a quaint cover-up, well that is until the wind hits it then watch out, AVALANCHE!

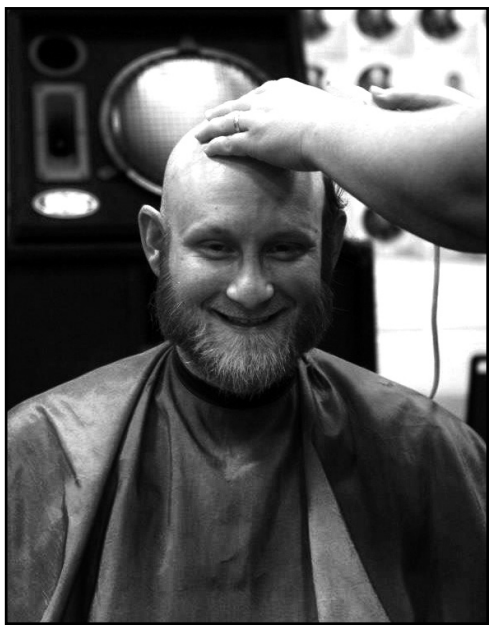
Balding is nothing to be ashamed of, I should know because this guy is balding quickly as the days tick away. However these poor attempts at grasping the last strands, literally, then forming a carefully layered hair helmet are quite bewildering. Recently, as part of a fundraiser, roughly 40 participants and myself sat down to be clipped to the skin, including several women. While it was done for a good cause, after seeing the hairless result the verdict was in on my own balding dilemma.

For most men their hair is part of the pride persona. We are told stories of Samson whose hair was the central focus of his strength, so there is small connection. Plus, men have a way of connecting with their carnal side, aligning themselves with fiercely respected creatures such as lions, which possess long manes. These simple notions are reflected in a man's appearance from long hair, to a full beard, to even the neatly manicured low cut. Either way, hair, or lack thereof, has been the main focal point of a person for quite some time now.

The comb over is like the old lion in the pride, the one who has reigned for generations but whose time has finally come to wander, alone, out into the dark abyss while the new school of baldness steps prominently in to the forefront. It is time to put the final nail in the hair coffin, so if you're like me don't try to conceal your shiny head, instead trim off the remaining strands – it shouldn't take that long – then buff that newly freed dome to a high shine. Then throw on some shades, trust me you'll need them, and then hit the streets strutting for the entire world to see your shimmering scalp.

Besides, think of all the advantages of being completely bald. Minimal maintenance, no need for shampoo – unless you're a beard man – awesome selections of form fitting skull accessories, plus you can use the top of your head as a signaling device to low flying planes if you're ever lost. While I say a lot of this in jest the fact remains that a comb over is just sad, although funny whenever a stiff breeze whips down the sidewalk.

New to the movement myself, I've had a few friends help to ease me into this new way of life. Men who are balding have no fear, let the skin shine proudly and say to the world "I'm here, bald and proud!" Otherwise you may fall victim to the dreaded comb over which could in turn land you at the center of yet another delightful No(ah)-It-All column. See, it can be worse!



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Hi: 63 Lo: 43	Hi: 71 Lo: 53	Hi: 76 Lo: 47	Hi: 73 Lo: 51	Hi: 78 Lo: 54	Hi: 80 Lo: 59	Hi: 78
Day: A 30 percent chance of rain before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near **63**. Northeast wind around 5 mph. **Night**: Mostly clear, with a low around **43**. Calm wind becoming north around 5 mph.	**Day**: Sunny, with a high near **71**. East wind around 5 mph becoming south in the afternoon. **Night**: Partly cloudy, with a low around **53**. Calm wind.	**Day**: Partly sunny, with a high near **76**. **Night**: Mostly clear, with a low around **47**. ***Follow us on Twitter:*** ***@cullmansense***	Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near **73**. **Night**: Partly cloudy, with a low around **51**. ***Like us on Facebook:*** ***facebook.com/ cullmansense***	**Day**: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near **78**. **Night**: Mostly cloudy, with a low around **54**.	**Day**: Mostly sunny, with a high near **80**. **Night**: Partly cloudy, with a low around **59**.	**Day**: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near **78**. ***Watch our YouTube Channel:*** ***youtube.com/ cullmansense***

Space Weather Outlook: October 08 – November 03

Solar activity is expected to be at generally low levels with a chance for an M-class event, particularly during 12-26 October when Old Region 1583 returns. 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 11-13 October as a result of a coronal hole high speed stream. Flux for the remainder of the forecast period is expected to be at background levels. Geomagnetic field activity is expected to begin at quiet to unsettled levels, increasing to active to minor storm levels late on 08 October with the arrival of the earth-directed CME from 05 October. Minor storm levels are expected to continue through 09 October. Then geomagentic field activity is expected to decrease to unsettled to active levels for 10-11 October under the influence of a coronal hole high speed stream. Quiet conditions return on 12-14 October before2 SWPC PRF 1936 08 October 2012 subsequent coronal hole high speed streams bring unsettled to active conditions on 15-17 October.

SPORTS

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

to work. A big 18 yard run by Kenneth Mickens was extended by a face-mask penalty on the Eagles and put Marion in a 1st and goal situation. After two short runs by the Rams quarterback Johnte Hoskins, it was Demetre Williams who pushed his way forward to find the end zone. A low extra point kick shortened the Eagles lead to 14-6.

Marion received the ball to start the second half and looked to rebound against Cold Springs. However and illegal substitution and a sack would effectively end the Rams drive. The two teams swapped possessions for the rest of the quarter. Cold Springs came out in the 4th looking to put the game away. Three big runs by Ellison would prove irrelevant as the Rams stripped the ball away from Vince Stewart.

On the next possession Marion's Hoskins would be picked off once again. Starting on the 38 yard line, it took only 8 plays for Ellison to find the end-zone for the third time of the game and the clock wound down to 40:3 seconds left in the game. A 2-point conversion by Campbell would put the game away, making the score 22-6 and that was the final.

St. Clair County vs Fairview
By: Michael Bryant
FAIRVIEW – The Fairview High School Aggies were celebrating Homecoming tonight where they honored the class of 2003 before the game. The high power offense that is normally seen by the boys in Purple was almost non-existent in the first half only scoring eight points, but it came to life during the second half as the Aggies outscored St. Clair County 22-0 to win 30-16. Following the game Fairview Coach George Redding granted an extensive interview to talk about the play of his team.

General Thoughts on the Game
"We got a win. That was big. It was exactly what we thought it was going to be. It was an all-out fight. It was physical and we knew we were going to have to overcome some stuff, because (St. Clair) is such a good sound football team. I think they played extremely well on defense. I thought they did a great job staying at home. We weren't able to fool them on anything. They have done a great job sitting at home on our bootlegs and they run the ball so hard. So it was important for our defense to play extremely well and they did. We gave up two touchdowns in the first half and then didn't give up anymore. So I couldn't ask for anything more out of our defensive side.

On why five of the first seven plays were passes after preaching they were going to run the ball
"We script our first plays. Our first sixteen plays every week are scripted. So it's something we go off of. It's something we feel good about the entire week with things we have game planned. So our first sixteen plays we try to do a lot of formations and just see what we're going to get and if we get any of those things then we get back into doing the things that are going to be best for us."

On what St. Clair did defensively to shut them down first half
"Well you know, we saw tonight exactly what we've seen on film. It wasn't really anything that was a surprise. It's just that they are a good football team. They do a great job. Their secondary came down and made it a little tough on our receivers to get off the ball early. So we had to make some adjustments there and our guys did a better job as the game went on to get off the football. We did some things up from in the run game and we ended up settling in as they game went on in order to help us hit some stuff on that."

On the continuous offside penalties (Fairview had 5 in the 1st quarter)
"A lot of that your guys get caught up and get excited, and wanting to make a play. You just have to settle in and (stop) the nerves. That definitely hurt us on the first drive and caused them to go in and get that score, but we fixed that pretty easy."

On the 58 yard kickoff return to start the second half
"Oh it was sensational. Justin Bryan did an outstanding job and he took it up in there. It was a middle wedge, and it took it up in there even though there was a big wall where there was no place to go. He's a playmaker and it ain't over until that whistle blows, if Justin has the football, and he did an outstanding job of getting outside and making a play."

On the adjustments made at half-time that allowed Fairview to outscore St. Clair 22-0
"We went in there and from our game plan, we went through and started marking the things that we saw through the first half. We didn't run but about twenty-something plays in the first half. You know we're used to a few more than that. So that was a big adjustment. We had to go by the formations and the looks that we were getting and we started highlighting the things that were going to be the best plays versus those looks, and I felt like our guys did an outstanding job coming out the second half an executing. That's what it came down to, our guys executing."

On what they can learn from this game for next week
"I don't know what we can carry over. Winning and getting back, and having to overcome, and fighting back (are) things that you're going to have to do if you're even going to have a chance at staying on the field with Oneonta. They're an outstanding team. They're so well coached (and) loaded with athletes. It's going to be one of those deals where it's going to be a tough night. We're going to have to overcome some stuff. We're going to have to make some plays. That's definitely the biggest thing that has to carry over to next week."

Good Hope vs Danville
By: Tony Sisk
DANVILLE – Fifteen points! That is what the Good Hope Raider offense gave the Danville Hawks in the Class 3A, Region 7 match-up that had very, strong play-off implications within the game itself. The winner moved to 2-2 in the region and in prime spot to move into second place behind the Hamilton Aggies. Two defensive pick-six scores directly led to a 22-0 lead by Danville and the Hawks held on to win 22-19, as the Raiders late come-back heroics fell short.

"We had our chances for the win and our kids didn't give up," Good Hope head coach Chris Moss said. "They (Danville) just took advantage of our mistakes."

The Hawks scored the first points of the game with 49 seconds left in the first quarter and added on eight more points just 16 seconds later when defensive end Tyler Jolly picked off an Austin Crumbley pass and rumbled in 45 yards for the score. Danville then set up the water bucket on the extra point and was able to get a shovel pass from Justin Morgan to Kyle Evans for a 15-0 advantage.

After a three-and-out by both squads, Good Hope looked poised to get back into the contest and was moving the ball on the Hawks. The Raiders got two first downs and were set up in quality field position near just across the 50-yard line. Kainan Smith attempted a deep pass on first-and-fifteen, but Good Hope was called for offensive pass interference. On the ensuing play, Smith threw an interception to D. J. Batts who raced in for the 35-yard score and a 22-0 lead.

Good Hope's defense finally stymied the Hawks for the remainder of the game and shutout Danville in the second half. The Raiders began to methodically draw closer to Danville on the scoring column, first getting on the board with 4:33 left in the half and after the extra point by Tyler Speakman, the Raiders began chipping away. Speakman had a chance for more points just before half as he lined up for a 27-yard field goal attempt, but was just wide left and Good Hope trailed 22-7 going into the locker room.

Danville began the second half with possession and appeared to be moving its lead ever so larger. But, the Raiders defense stiffened and gave the ball over on downs back to their offense. Good Hope then moved the ball at will for 73 yards on eight plays capped off with a 2-yard run by Jared McClure. The conversion failed and the Raiders were behind nine points.

The final points of the game came mid-way through the fourth quarter with McClure hitting a wide-open Crumbley streaking down the right side of the formation on a half-back pass. Crumbley raced in for the 37-yard score and the extra point snap was bad leading to the final margin.

Hamilton vs Vinemont
by: Grant Smith
VINEMONT – The Vinemont Eagles gave a valiant effort against the fourth-ranked team in class 3A, Hamilton, but a controversial fumble by Ty Jones, that was returned for a touchdown proved to be too much to overcome as the Eagles fell to the Aggies in a shootout in Class 3A Region 7 by the final of 56-49.

Jones started the scoring in the first quarter on Vinemont's first possession as he went 11 yards after a handoff from quarterback Duncan Hopper. Taylor Evans added the point after and with 8:42 left in the opening quarter, Vinemont led 7-0. Almost a minute-and-a-half later, the Aggies dented the scoreboard on 14 yard run by Quinton May. Kevin Chavez added the point after and with 7:08 left in the first quarter; the game was tied at 7.

After forcing a Vinemont punt, Hamilton struck again, this time on a 70 yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Mitch Stults to Jessie Box. The Aggies faked the point after and with 3:56 left in the quarter, Hamilton led 13-7. Vinemont would strike again on a 35 yard run by Jones with 0:22 seconds left in the quarter. Evans added the point after and the Eagles led 14-13.

The second quarter was action packed as the teams combined for 36 points. Quinton May ran two yards for his second touchdown of the game. Chavez added the point after and Hamilton led 20-14 with 10:29 left in the half.

Almost three minutes later, Kurtis Brawner blocked an Aggie punt that was returned seven yards by Josh Chambers. Evans added the point after giving the Eagles a 21-20 lead. Hamilton would strike again, this time on a 14 yard pass from Stults. Stults added the two point conversion to put the Aggies back in front 28-21.

After stopping Vinemont, Hamilton struck again, this time on 41 yard pass from Stults to Box. Chavez added the point after and the Aggies led 35-21. The Eagles were down but not out as Jones ran 49 yards for a touchdown.

While Jones was still moving his feet, the Aggie defenders just stopped in their tracks thinking Jones' forward progress was stopped but it wasn't and he outran the defenders 49 yards to the end zone. Evans added the point after and the Eagles pulled to within seven at 35-28. That's how the half ended. Jones had 178 yards rushing in the first half with three touchdowns.

Logan Rogers picked up the controversial fumble that appeared Jones was on the ground before the ball came loose and returned it 25 yards for the touchdown. Chavez added the point after and Hamilton led 42-28 with 8:19 left in the third quarter.

Vinemont would strike back later in the quarter on an 11 yard run by Tyler Boland. Evans added the point after and with 2:41 left in the third quarter, Hamilton led 42-35. Stults would electrify the Aggie faithful with a 51 yard touchdown run less than forty-five seconds later. Chavez added the point after and the Aggies led 49-35 with 2:08 left in the quarter.

Garrett May would extend the Hamilton lead five minutes into the final quarter with a two yard run. Chavez added the point after and the Aggies led 56-35 with 7:37 left in the game. After an exchange of possessions, Boland electrified the homecoming crowd with a beautiful 67 yard punt return. The point after failed and Hamliton's lead was cut to 56-41 with 2:13 left in the game.

The Eagles added one more score to close the margin to seven with :20 seconds left in the game. The score came courtesy of a 47 yard touchdown from Duncan Hopper to Tyler Boland. Jones added the point after closing the final margin to 56-49. Jones' three rushing touchdowns gives him 14 on the season, the best among running backs in Cullman County.

Hanceville vs Winfield
by: Clay Speer
WINFIELD – After starting the season a dismal 0-2, the Hanceville Bulldogs have found their rhythm, winning their last three games and trying to get back to the playoffs for the second year in a row. They were looking to continue the turn-around of their season so they hopped on the bus and endured the long ride to the campus of Winfield High School.

As good as the Hanceville offense was last year, they are leaning heavily on their defense this year and Friday night was no exception. Bronte Harris led the Bulldog defense. A defense that held Winfield to only 174 total yards in the game while intercepting Winfield four times, returning one of the pick for a touchdown.

Hanceville's offense did a great job moving the ball, but could not get a successful drive going because of some questionable penalties. Hanceville had eight penalties in the game. Half of these were unnecessary, and stopped several potential scoring drives. Winfield only had two penalties the whole game.

It was a very physical, defensive game. Hanceville's defense stayed on the field almost the entire game. From the support of the fans and fellow teammates, the defense "pitched" a shutout despite being up only 6-0 until halfway into the fourth quarter. Hanceville's Harris also contributed on offense, when he broke a huge fifty yard run, taking it to the house and making the core 12-0. This finally gave the defense a little bit of breathing room. Hanceville's offense had roughly 230 yards. Most of the yards were rushing from several of Hanceville's running backs.

SPORTS

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

This was a very hard nose, old-school, football game. Both teams played very hard, but hats off to Hanceville's defense for their athleticism and stamina to earn their third victory in as many game.

Victory Baptist vs Cullman Christian
by: Johnny Thornton
CULLMAN – Cullman Christian School celebrated a hard fought 52-41 victory against Victory Baptist Friday night. The win on homecoming was the fifth straight after a season-opening loss and insured a winning record in the Lions' inaugural eight-game season playing six-man football.

As the homecoming game began, the Lions took the opening kickoff and ran it into the end zone in three plays. Jaxson Murks hit Logan Knopp for a 47-yard touchdown pass and the conversion run by Knopp made it 7-0 with 9:07 to play in the first.

That lead lasted less than 2:00. The Eagles relied on a 35-yard pass from Mason Byrd to Jarrell Fraizer and the conversion evened the score at 7-7. Cullman Christian forced a punt and took over at its 29. In eight snaps, the Lions were back on top at 13-7 when Knopp scored from two yards out with 1:42 to go. The Eagles stopped the Lions on the extra point play.

Dustin Smith tested his ability in specialty teams for the visitors. He fielded the kick from his 35 and raced down the sidelines 65 yards for the score. The Lions moved in the lead at 14-13 when Fraizer threw a conversion pass to Byrd. Trailing for the first time in the game, the Lions forced a fumble at the Victory 10 and recovered. Brett Perry took the ball in for the touchdown on a run on the next play. The Lions had regained the advantage at 20-14.

Knopp intercepted a Byrd pass and gave the Lions the football at the Cullman Christian 42. After a penalty backed them up, Murks went back to the air and hit Blake Dingler for a 55-yard score. The Lions led 26-14 at the half thanks to 285 yards of offense in the first half with 152 by the ground and 133 passing with 10 first downs.

Fraizer stunned the Lions by taking the second half kickoff 65 yards for a score and the Eagles were creating pressure, trailing 26-21. Cullman Christian followed with a 53-yard drive after the kickoff score. Knopp got loose on a 30-yard run and Rakestraw finished with a 28-yard dash to paydirt. The conversion failed and the Lions were up 33-21.

After returning a partially blocked punt to the Victory 35, the Lions extended the advantage before time ran out in the third quarter. Thanks to a 50-yard run from Knopp on fourth and extreme long distance, Murks threw a one-yard pass to Knopp for his second TD reception of the game. The Lions were leading 39-21 as time ran out in the third.

A 61-yard drive for the Lions carried into the final stanza and ended in the Victory Baptist end zone. Murks hit Knopp for 18 yards and the score, giving the Lions a 46-21 cushion with 8:07 remaining. Perry took a kickoff back to the Victory end zone with 7:33 remaining in the game that gave the Lions a 52-27 lead.

Victory answered with two touchdowns in the final 6:24, closing the deficit to 52-41,but could score no more giving the Lions the victory.

West Point vs Lawrence County
by: Phillip Hillman
MOULTON – West Point rolled into Moulton to take on Lawrence County Friday night, to take on the Red Devils for homecoming. It was not the homecoming the Red Devils were looking for as West Point blew the game open early, on the way to a 43-0 drumming of Lawrence County.

The scoring got started on the second series of the game when West Point' Kristian Chappell ran it in from 3 yards out to put the Warriors up 7-0. West Point's defense held tough and forced a punt from Lawrence County but gave the ball right back on a fumble. The Red Devils returned the "favor" on the next series when Ryder Jones of West Point recovered a Red Devils fumble, setting up great field position. On the very next play, Tristan Dubberly took the hand-off and ran it in for a 24 yard touchdown to put the Warriors up 14-0 and to finish the first quarter.

Early on in the second, Chappell ran it in from one yard out for his second touchdown and taking the score to 21-0. Two possessions later, Lawrence County fumbled the ball and Trent Campbell recovered for West Point. Jordan McKenzie would turn the fumble into points, running it in for 40 yards out. After the two point conversion, West Point took a 29-0 lead into the locker room.

Late in the third quarter, West Point struck again when Tate Duckett took the hand-off and ran it 46 yards for another West Point touchdown with 4:53 left in the 3rd to put them up 36-0. Lawrence County moved the ball down to the West Point 36 yard line and on the fourth down tried to trick the Warriors by running a fake punt/pass that was incomplete. Early in the fourth Bryant Farley threw to McKenzie for an 80 yard touchdown to put the Red Devils away 43-0. West Point put up 398 yards while holding the Red Devils to a mind-blowing 32 yards.

Cullman vs Russellville
by: Josh McBrayer
RUSSELLVILLE – Friday night was a history making night for the Cullman Bearcats. Not only did they defeat Russellville for the first time in over 30 years, but Cullman head coach Mark Britton notched his 100th win at the helm of the Bearcats, 21-20 over he Russellville Golden Tigers in overtime.

Both the Cullman Bearcat and the Russellville Golden Tigers play hard-hitting, hard-nosed football and Friday night was no exception. The two teams swapped possession of the pig skin in the first quarter thanks to some great defense from both sides. It was defense that helped set up the first score.

Cullman had the ball 4th and 1 at the Russellville 23 and opted to go for the first down. Zac Crocker turned and put the gut of Garrett Crider, but the Golden Tiger defense came up with a huge stop and forced Cullman to turn the ball over on downs. The defensive stop fired up the Russellville offense and they marched the ball 77 yards down the field. The drive was capped off by a tough 30 yard run by CJ Posey, who stiff armed his way to pay dirt and the Golden Tigers took a 7-0 lead with 49.9 seconds left to play in the first quarter.

The second quarter started with another huge defensive play by Russellville as Crocker tried to find the corner for the first down but was met with a vicious hit that jarred the ball loose. The Golden Eagles recovered and set up shop at the Cullman 33. A 30-yard strike on 3rd and 2, set Russellville up 1st and goal at the Bearcat five. After a questionable unsporting call on Cullman, Mosley punched it in and the Golden Tigers took a 14-0 lead on the visiting Bearcats with 9:24 left in the half. Cullman had the ball at their 27 after the kickoff but, despite running 11 plays, they were forced to punt the ball back to Russellville. After a 15 yard rush by Tyler Boyd on 1st down, the Golden Tigers stalled and were forced to punt the ball back to Cullman.

The Russellville punt went off the side of the punter's foot and the Bearcats had the ball in Russellville territory at the 48. It looked as if the Cullman drive would stall again but a quarterback sneak by Crocker on 4th an 1 gave the Bearcats new life. Crocker then found the target for a nine yard pick up but a late shot on Crocker resulted in a roughing the passer call and moved the ball to the Russellville 13. Two plays later Crocker found Trey Forrest for the 10 yard touchdown making the score 14-7 with 1:49 left in the half. Cullman forced another punt with 25 seconds left but could not score again and they went into the locker room trailing by seven.

The Bearcats came out of the halftime break "roaring" forcing a Russellville punt only five plays into the second half, but a great Golden Tiger punt backed Cullman up to their own 38. Cullman put together a nice drive mixing rushing with passing, moving the ball to the Golden Tiger 16, but came away with no points after a missed field goal. The Cullman defense once again came up big, bending but not breaking, and getting the ball back late in the third quarter. The offense responded to the play of their counterparts, scoring the game-tying touchdown when Crocker found Houston Turner with 9:47 left in the fourth, knotting the game at 14.

The Bearcats once again forced a Russellville punt on a three and out but Cullman returned the ball back to the Golden Tiger with less than five minutes left in the game. Russellville looked poised to take the lead and possibly the game as they methodically marched the ball down the field and deep into Cullman territory. The Golden Tigers were able to get the ball all the way down to the Cullman 4, but a spot foul pushed the ball back to the Bearcat 25. The Cullman defense held strong once more and Russellville was forced to attempt a 34 yard field goal with 3.1 seconds left to play. Cullman utilized all of their time-outs in an attempt to "ice" the Golden Tiger kicker. The strategy paid off as the kicker pushed the ball wide right and sent the game into overtime.

Cullman won the toss and elected to take the ball first in an attempt to set the tone for the first overtime period. After losing a yard on the first play, Crocker found Jones for 10 yard and one play later Garrett Crider punched it in. Cullman added the extra point and went up 21-14.

Russellville wasted no time scoring a touchdown on their first overtime possession when Boyd took the ball down to the Cullman two, then one play later scored from two yards out. Here is where things got interesting. Russellville lined up for the extra point but Cullman called time out. When play resumed, the Golden Tigers came out in a set that looked as if they were going to go for two and try and end the game. The ball was snapped but mishandled and Cullman was called for off-sides. Russellville then called a time out. As they returned to the field they were in the same package.....with the same result. The hand off was again fumbled and Cullman pounced on the loose ball. This time there was no flag and the Cullman Bearcats sealed win 100 for their longtime head coach, Mark Britton.

JB Pennington vs Holly Pond
by: Howard Cole
HOLLY POND – The Broncos welcomed the JB Pennington Tigers Friday night their Homecoming game, with the stands packed, as Holly Pond took the field with pride and determination. The Broncos received the opening kickoff but their drive soon stalled and they were forced to punt to Pennington. The Tigers were also unable to mount a drive and punted the ball right back to the Broncos, who set up shop at the 50.

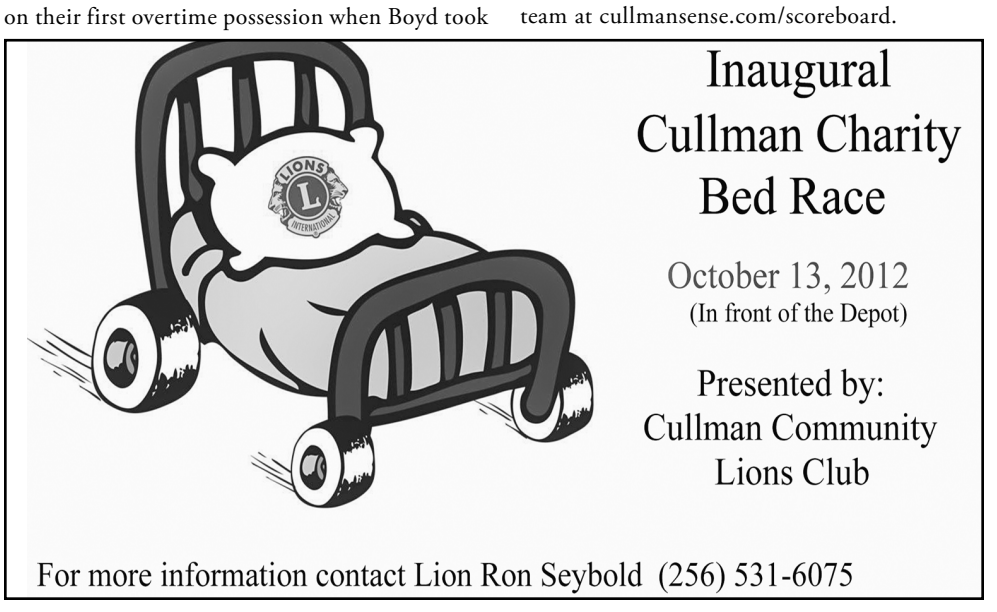
Jones, Higginbotham, Surrett, and Bodine pushed the ball down the field setting up Jones to score the first touchdown, giving the Broncos a 7 -0 lead with 2:30 left in the first quarter. This was all of the offense either team mustered in the first half and the score was 7-0 in favor of the Broncos going into the half.

Pennington got their first sustained drive going in the third, resulting in point. Butts ran the ball in for a touchdown after breaking five near tackles, putting the tigers on the board with six points but could not convert the PAT and still trailed 7-6. After a Bronco fumble, Pennington would score again, this time through the air. They converted the 2 points and had their first lead of the night, 14-7.

Not to be outdone, the Broncos forced two fumbles in the second half. They were able to tie the score up and force overtime when the Pennington kicker missed a 14 yard field goal. A 10 yard loss on the first play in overtime from the Tigers looked like a good sign for the Broncos, but on the next play Pennington punched it in and went up 21-14 in the overtime period.

Holly Pond was able to get the ball to the Pennington 5, but could not cross the goal line and fell 21-14.

There you have it. Week six had something for everyone. What will week seven hold? As always, check out the full stories on your favorite team at cullmansense.com/scoreboard.



Community Matters

The Celebration Has Just Begun

By: Jessica Norrell
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CULLMAN – Bratwurst, bingo, beer, Lederhosen, Dirndls, and enough yellow, black, and red streamers to make the flashiest party planner take a second look were all some of the sights and sounds experienced during the first days of the 2012 Cullman Oktoberfest.

The celebration kicked off Saturday morning, October 6, with several activities around the Festhalle Market Platz, Sacred Heart School, and Depot Park.

Traditional German food was served for lunch and included Bratwurst, Sausage rolls, German potatoes, and German chocolate was even an option along with a few other choices.

Near the food tent on the grounds of Sacred Heart School were multiple games and activities for children to enjoy. Many of the games offered prizes, which served as quite the incentive for everyone to participate.

Across the street from the Festhalle, a car show boasting a number of cars from classic to the downright odd drew a number of spectators as well as participants.

If a slower pace is what you're looking for then one of the horse drawn carriage rides being offered will probably be your choice.

The carriages were pulled by large Shire horses around the block giving riders a look at the festivities while relaxing.

The main event was the tapping of the beer keg at the Festhalle, the second Oktoberfest in Cullman with alcohol and the first being tapped at the Festhalle.

On Sunday residents and spectators alike once again joined together under the Festhalle for the opening ceremony.

After a few rounds of The Chicken Dance with Col. Johann Cullmann, the 2012 Burgermeister Mrs. Nancy Moore was officially introduced and bestowed the Oktoberfest medal that has been passed down for years from last year's recipient Michael Sullins.

"It's just a great honor to be selected as Burgermeister and I can promise that I am going to do my best representing our community," said Moore following the announcement.

The Oktoberfest Queen was selected between the nine representatives of Cullman county and city schools. Cullman High School representative Patton Short was selected after she bit into the cupcake containing a small dollop of chocolate pudding.

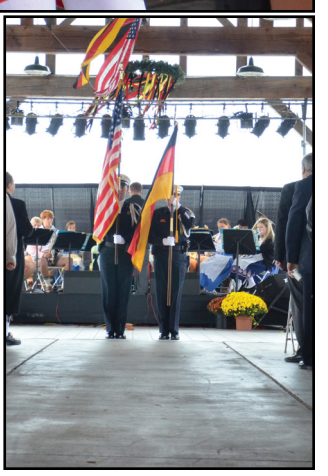
After crowning the 2012 Miss Oktoberfest, it was time for the tapping of the root beer keg, a tradition in Cullman for many years.

The 2012 Oktoberfest is officially in full swing and will host several events over the following week.































Lifestyle

Passion for the Kitchen

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What Oktoberfest Means To Me



Oktoberfest Ralph and Maddie

Every year Rumors Deli celebrates Oktoberfest and has celebrated it every year since it has started. It started out very small, nothing much…just a little German celebration, German music, and some costumes, etc.

Year after year, it grew and so did the chaos and the fun. We participated by making a German sausage dog and German potato salad. Let's not forget the German chocolate cake!

As people found out about it, we got busier and busier. People were hungry for German food.

I'm not in the least all about the purple cabbage and gristly meat and vinegar. I thought most people I knew felt the same about it as I did, so we decided to come up with something a lot of people liked and keep it in line with our sandwiches. I was not gifted with the cooking skills of the German women either.

We created Rumors German sausage dog with seasoned peppers, onions, and sauerkraut. Don't forget the brown spicy mustard! It was big and it was delicious! It is a keeper!

Then, I tweaked an old family recipe for German potato salad. My quantities grew from 10 pounds of it to about 500 pounds. WHAT WAS I THINKING??? But it's good! It's a labor of love.

At the deli, Oktoberfest took us by surprise. The crowd hit like a ton of bricks and we weren't prepared. That's all it took.

We improved our organizing skills and stepped it up a few notches to be ready for the crowd. We work like a well-oiled machine. We have the best employees!

My head pounds at the thought of the weeklong German tunes we play every day of Oktoberfest. I guess I pretend not to like it, yet I find myself driving to Wal-Mart humming "Roll out the barrel." It's stuck in my head!

I smell of kraut, corned beef, and onions. My feet ache as well as my back and all of us at the deli are exhausted by the end of every day. I make promises of never doing this again…daily.

We all love each other like family, but the stress gets to us and we snap now and then, but we apologize and head out for another day.

We even totally lose it sometimes and go out in the dining area only to do some sort of a German polka, but mostly the Chicken Dance! We know it by heart.

We dance with the customers, their kids, each other…its fun! No, it's not fun!

Well, maybe it is. Its exhausting, rewarding and something about it pulls us all together again like one big happy family after a tragedy.

Ralph loves it more than any of us and tried his best to celebrate weeks ahead. We have to tone him down a few notches.

All in all, Oktoberfest in Cullman gets better and better and we are so happy to be right smack dab in the middle.

I'll take the corned beef, the onions and kraut, the hours of labor and preparation, and the blood, sweat, and tears. I'll even take the German music…just for a week. It means a lot to me, but don't tell Ralph that. I will never live it down.

The Reuben Sandwich

There are many ways to make a Reuben sandwich. I don't think there is a "right" way. This is my favorite way to make it.

This makes 4 sandwiches.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound lean corned beef sliced very thin
- 8 slices Swiss cheese
- 8 slices rye bread
- Kraut
- 1 small chopped purple onion
- 1000 Island dressing
- Butter

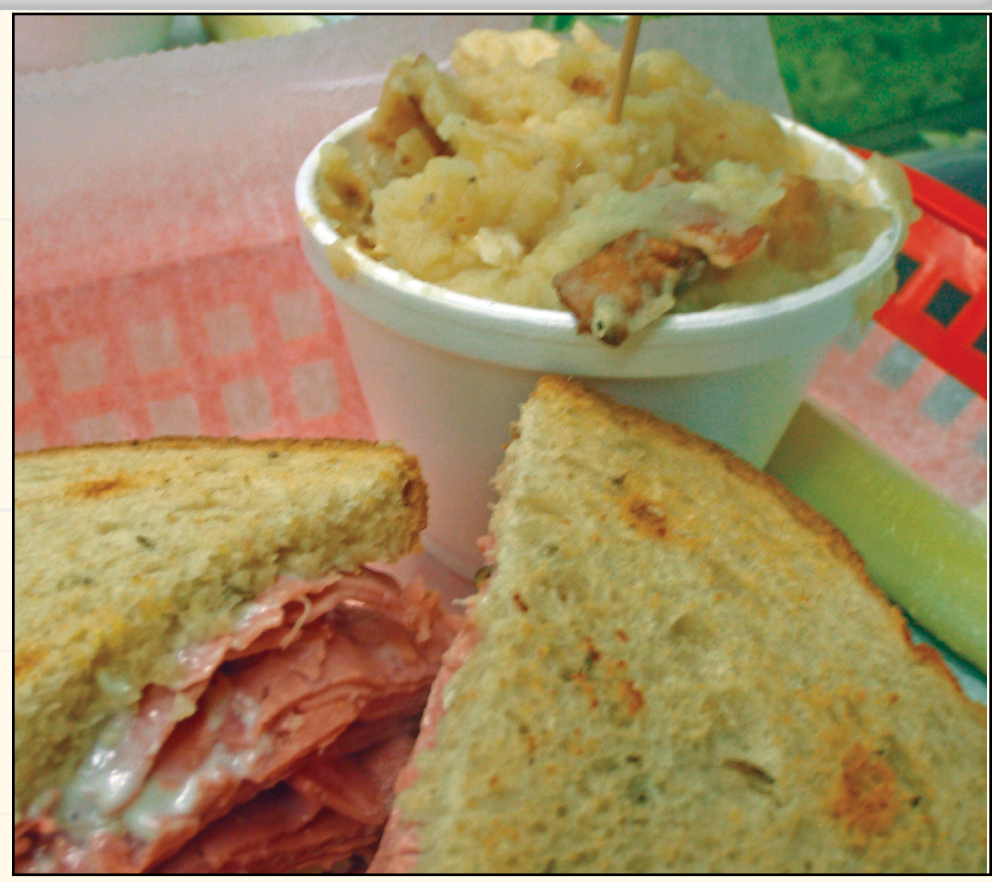
Instructions:

1. Butter one side of each piece of rye bread.
2. Heat a skillet on medium high heat.
3. Place the rye bread, butter side down in the skillet.
4. Next, in this order, put Swiss cheese, then the onions, 4 oz. of corned beef, kraut to cover the meat, about 2 Tablespoons of the 1000 Island dressing, and finally more Swiss cheese.
5. Top it with a slice of rye bread, butter side up.
6. Press it together, weigh it down, or grill it on a Panini grill.
7. Grill it about 2 minutes, then carefully turn it over to grill the other side.
8. Grill that side for 2 minutes and remove from the skillet.
9. Cut it in half and enjoy!

No…this is not the Rumors Deli version.

German Potato Salad

There are a lot of recipes for this. I have a couple of them myself, but here's a good one to start with.



Ingredients:

- 5 lb. red potatoes cut into ½ inch slices
- 1 medium purple onion, sliced
- 1 lb. bacon cut into 1" pieces
- 1 cup apple cider vinegar
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 Tablespoon powdered mustard

Instructions:

1. Boil the potatoes until a fork will go into them easily, drain and set aside.
2. While the potatoes are boiling, cook the bacon in a skillet until done.
3. Drain, but reserve the bacon grease.
4. Put the bacon grease and sliced onions in a skillet and cook until the onions are clear.
5. Add in the mustard, brown sugar, and apple cider vinegar and then boil until it starts getting thicker.
6. Take this off the heat and pour it over the potatoes.
7. Add in the bacon and stir. Salt and pepper to taste.
8. Serve warm to hot. Delicious!

*No, this is not the secret recipe for Rumors Deli.

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GAME DATE	HOME–AWAY	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OVR	FINAL	STORY
09/07/2012 - 7:00pm	Good Hope	7	13	28	34		34	View Story
	Hanceville	7	21	27	27		27	
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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Reflections of History

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Burgermeisters - Ernest Hauk 2006, Nancy Moore 2012, Michael Sullins 2011



This Week in History Oct. 8-14

October 8th

- 1918 – 7 U.S. soldiers are surrounded by Germans in France, Sergeant Alvin York is given command then single-handedly kills 25, captures 132 Germans
- 1980 – Bob Marley collapses on stage, brought to Sloan-Kettering Hospital
- 2007 – Marion Jones gives up 5 Olympic medals after admitting to using performance-enhancing drugs

October 9th

- 1936 – Hoover Dam begins transmitting electricity to Los Angeles
- 1960 – Cowboy quarterback Eddie LeBaron throws shortest touchdown pass; 2 inches
- 1990 – Saddam Hussein threatens to hit Israel with a new missile
- 2010 – Wild celebrations occur as a drill reaches an underground chamber with 33-trapped Chilean miners inside

October 10th

- 1959 – Lee Harvey Oswald signs guestbook in hotel Helsinki
- 1980 – Yankees lose 4-2 and are swept by Royals in AL Championship series
- 1991 – U.S. cuts all foreign aid to Haiti
- 2006 – Google buys YouTube.com for $1.6 billion

October 11th

- 1871 – Great Chicago Fire is finally extinguished after 3 days, 300 killed
- 1945 – Chinese civil war begins, Chiang Kai-Shek vs Mao Tse-Tung
- 1992 – First three-way presidential debate between George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and Ross Perot
- 1997 – Dennis Rodman returns from second longest NBA suspension, a total of 11 games

October 12th

- 1892 – Pledge of Allegiance first recited in public schools
- 1968 – 19th Olympic games open at Mexico City, Mexico
- 1988 – Israel and China sign trade deal, plan diplomatic relations
- 2000 – USS Cole bombed in the port of Aden, Yemen, killing 17 sailors

October 13th

- 1792 – Washington lays cornerstone of Executive Mansion, now known as the White House
- 1978 – James Earl Ray, assassin of Martin Luther King weds Anna Sandhu
- 1985 – During NLCS, Cards rookie Vince Coleman is injured stretching before game as his left leg is caught in Busch Stadium's automated tarpaulin
- 2010 – In China, 23 elder members of the Communist Party of China call for ending the country's restrictions on free speech

October 14th

- 1922 – First automated telephones-Pennsylvania exchange in New York City
- 1960 – Peace Corps first suggested by John F. Kennedy
- 1987 – In Midland, Texas 1 -year-old Jessica McClure falls 22 feet down a well



Local Events Calendar

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Monday, October 8th

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild Show
The Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild will host a quilt show in the upstairs meeting rooms of the Cullman County Museum. This event is free to the public and is co-sponsored by the Museum. Come view the beautiful quilts all week, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. during Museum hours, and on Sunday, October 13 (1 until 5 p.m. only on this day). For more information please call Joy Flynn at 256-734-0471.

2nd Annual Lions Golf Classic and Ball Drop
The 2nd Annual Lions Golf Classic and Ball Drop sponsored by Wallace State Athletic Department will take place at TP Country Club. Registration for this event begins at 10 a.m. followed by lunch at 11 a.m. Registration fee is $400.00 for a 4 man scramble team, or $100.00 for an individual. At 11 a.m. we will see the ball drop and balls are available to be bought for $10.00 each. This event is supported by the Brett Wetterich PGA Fund and the local Wallace State Community College Alumni Association. Additional information is available by calling 256-352-7808. There also is a website with registration forms at www.wallacestate.edu/athletics. Come support this event and enjoy a great fall day of golfing with your friends!

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!

Tuesday, October 9th

CRMC's Oktoberfest Dinner
Come celebrate Cullman Regional Medical Center's Oktoberfest as they serve up their annual German Dinner tonight from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in POB ll. Cost is $20.00 per person and everyone is invited to attend, but reservations are required. Please call 256-737-2600 to sign up for this wonderful gathering of your friends and neighbors as everyone meets at CRMC tonight for their annual Oktoberfest celebration!

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.

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, October 10th

Sacred Heart Altar Society, Cullman, Prepares German Dinner For Community
The women of Sacred Heart Altar Society, Cullman, will prepare and serve a German Dinner on Wednesday, October 10, in the Family Life Center of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. Serving will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will include a traditional German plate: bratwurst from Frankenmuth, Michigan, German potato salad, country style kraut, apple sauce, green beans, dessert, and drinks. Plates will be $10.00 for adults and $5.00 for children.

Visitors are invited to eat in the Family Life Center or make use of the separate take-out line to bring their dinner's home. All proceeds from this event go to maintain the Altar and Sanctuary of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, which is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone during the 2012-13 year.

This dinner is part of the unique celebration of both Sacred Heart and Cullman's distinct German heritage. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the festivities that go along with these yearly, highly anticipated events.

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, October 11th

Senior Day at Oktoberfest
It's time again for Senior Day at Oktoberfest at the Festhalle Market Platz. Entertainment begins at 10 a.m. with music by Terry Cavanaugh and the Alpine Express. Free sack lunches served from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., with bingo on the agenda starting at 12:30 p.m. Mark your calendars for this date now! Arrive early to reserve your seats. Lawn chairs are a good idea, as well! Make plans to join your friends and fellow Cullmanites for a great morning and afternoon of fun and fellowship!

'Women's Health Issues'
Be sure to sign up and attend the WomenFirst/SeniorChoice seminar at Cullman Regional Medical Center from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The topic presented by Dr. Glori Short of Cullman Obstetrics & Gynecology, PC, will deal with new techniques and insight into the latest technology involving women's health issues. All women are in need of this information so please reserve you spot by calling the hospital at 256-737-2600 or register online at www.crmchospital.com. Cost for this program is $5.00 for WomenFirst/SeniorChoice members, $8.00 for others. Don't miss this informative seminar if at all possible

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, October 12th

Cullman County Retiree & Senior Health Fair
Mark your calendars for the annual Cullman County Retiree and Senior Health Fair at the Cullman Civic Center. The new 2013 Senior Resource Guide will be available today. This event features educational booths, exhibits, speakers and giveaways, including the Senior magazine. Note Flu Shots will be available during today's event from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. If you do not get to the Health Fair, books may be obtained after today at the Commission on Aging Office, free of charge. For more info about the Health Fair please call 256-734-1241.

German Fest Cookout at Christ Lutheran Church
Come to the German Fest Cookout which is being put on by members of Christ Lutheran Church tonight from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on the old church grounds where new building is underway! Free brats and dogs until they are gone! Donations are accepted gratefully for the cookout meal. Come spend time with us and enjoy a great German meal and fellowship with all your friends.

Friday Night Dance at the VFW
Cullman's VFW Post 2214 invites everyone to come to their weekly Friday night dances at the VFW Hall from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. The cost is $5.00 per person and music by the Golden Oldies and Country with the Midnight Highway Band will be filling the air. Funds raised go toward the building rental. Get your dancing shoes on and come out for a great evening of fun and entertainment tonight!

Saturday, October 13th

Flu Shot Clinic Saturday in Col. Cullmann Museum Parking Lot
Cullman County Health Department will be having a flu shot clinic in conjunction with the German Festival. It will take place in the parking lot of the Colonel Cullman Museum from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. No charge if on Medicaid or Medicare (bring card), otherwise the cost will be $5.00.

21st Annual Mud Creek Marching Band Festival Today
22 high school bands from throughout Alabama will gather at Ray Talley Stadium on the campus Hanceville High School beginning at 11 a.m. for the 21st Annual Mud Creek Marching Band Festival. Admission is $5.00 per person, with 6 years old and under getting in free. Parking is $4.00. For further information please contact Bryan Kreps at 256-352-6111 or Rhonda Davis, 256-962-2208. Everyone is invited to attend this musical event and cheer for your favorite band members.

Burgermeister's Ball
Come help celebrate the conclusion of another successful Oktoberfest week in Cullman at the Burgermeistrer Meister's Ball at McGukin Civic Center from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. Cost is $10.00 for adults and children under 15 is $5.00. Music will be provided by Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express. Beer will be available for the evening. Put on your dancing shoes and come have fun at the Burgermeister's Ball! And if you don't want to dance, just sit and enjoy the music and fellowship of the evening. Call 256-739-1258 for additional information.

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!

Monday, October 15th

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
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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@CullmanChamber.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

Richter (Continued From Front)

my brother, aunts, (and) some of my uncles (all) play instruments and we sang together growing up. It was just kind of engrained in me."

Tiffany Richter would go on to get her undergraduate degree in Music Education at Northeastern State University. After teaching at public schools for a couple of years, she would get her Master's Degree in Music Choral Conducting at Southwest Texas (now Texas State University, San Marcos), where she would go on to teach at Texas State.

Soon after, she got married, and she and her husband moved to Hanceville in 2006. Upon her arrival she heard about the local community college.

"I brought in a resume and said I was looking for work, and then Doctor (Vicki) Hawsey called me and said there was a position in music and recruiting."

Richter took a position teaching after seeing "the potential and the kids" that were involved in the program. "I think anytime I could have an opportunity to expand people's musical horizons I want to take that. It seemed like a good fit," she said. As it turns out, it would end up "being a great fit."

She taught private voice for a year before eventually being put into music full time. The program was smaller then she said.

"(Mike) Sparks was taking both choral groups because someone had left a couple of years before me so he was just trying to handle it while he was teaching humanities."

She originally came in to assist Mr. Sparks because of her background in show groups and vocal jazz and took on one of the ensembles.

After her success, Mr. Sparks found it only fitting to pass the position over to her full time. Richter believes she has changed the program for the better.

"I think I've made it grow a little bit. We're changing the face of it. I think your groups look like the director. It now looks like Miss Richter."

What is "Miss Richter"? "There's a lot of intensity (and) a lot of passion. There's a low tolerance for laziness and for people who refuse to be musical. I find I am transferring those opinions and attitudes onto my kids. Those are good. Maybe not the intolerance part", she joked momentarily before finishing.

"I just want everyone to be the best musician he or she can be. I want everyone to have that experience so I try to create that culture in my room. It's working and they're making good music. They're really being influenced by other music and getting their horizons expanded. So that's really good."

Under the direction of Tiffany Richter, the music program has put on numerous shows in which she tries to incorporate a theme every year. Some recent past shows included a "60s and 70s" theme, as well as a "vocal jazz and swing" theme.

Richter gives credit to the performers in her program for helping her to get excited each and every year.

"It's hard to leave a show after you've lived with it for a year, but then I saw the kids perform 'Old Time Rock & Roll' and it was so much fun. Now I'm just all into it. This year's show is going to be phenomenal.

It's those "phenomenal" shows that have elevated the status of the music program. "People are starting to hear about our program and want to be a part of it, and are choosing Wallace State over other community colleges, and other universities (as) they're coming here first." But a lady who wants excellence isn't happy with letting the program become stagnant, no matter how great it is.

"I think we can double in size easily. We have about one hundred kids in our program now (and) I'd like to see two hundred. I would like to personally oversee the growth in my choral department. We have (already) gone from two ensembles to three and we have three different choral opportunities for people (concert choir, the Wallace State Singers, and the vocal jazz ensemble). We're always recruiting from area schools, but what I'd like to see is a transference of influence to Wallace State. I would really like to see that we are the premiere community college in this state (and) even draw from the southern area, and the eastern area, because of the musical things that we're doing. Between the choral groups that we have and the musical theater that we're offering I don't see why that can't happen."

The Wallace State music program has numerous dates on their show calendar, and all are free and open to the public. You can next see the Singers perform October 13th at Oktoberfest.

Christmas for Our Soldiers

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Local VFW Post combining forces with schoolchildren to show support for troops currently stationed in Afghanistan

CULLMAN – It may be October but many in the Cullman area have begun planning for a special Christmas gift for a large group of soldiers currently stationed overseas.

"[The] Charlie Company of the 167th Infantry Regiment of the Alabama Army National Guard from the Cullman Armory, right here on Highway 69 in Cullman, is in Afghanistan. They have been there since June or July and will be there for one year," said Ken Brown, retired Air Force Colonel, member of the VFW and Sons of American Revolution.

With over 100 troops to serve, Brown said the VFW needs the help of the youngest among us; school children. The post is asking students to make Christmas cards, personalizing them with photos, drawings, or just an inspirational comment. "There are 140 troops and we are trying to get children from the Cullman County School System, Cullman City School System, St. Bernard, St. Paul's, Cullman Christian, and Sunday School classes to each write a Christmas card to one of these soldiers," he said. "The children can place a photo, scotch tape it inside, or they can write a note of encouragement to the troops. VFW members will be onsite this Saturday at the Cullman Oktoberfest Celebration taking place at the Festhalle Market Platz taking dontaions. The group will have a booth at Oktoberfest at the Community Arts & Crafts Fair.

If thousands of heartfelt cards weren't enough the VFW Post has begun taking donations for a Christmas Package to send to each of the 140 soldiers stationed in Afghanistan. The packages, which contain a bevy of items, are a way to help remind the soldiers that someone back home cares about them. "We are also sending a care package so to speak, a typical standard flat rate postal box full of goodies to each one of the 140 troops," he said. "It is a great way to give troops some encouragement while they are stationed far from home."

If you would like to purchase a completed box of items the cost is $35, which includes postage, custom papers and all contents send a check to the Cullman VFW Post 2214, located at 112 Veterans Drive, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Alabama Not Currently Identified in Multi-State Meningitis Outbreak

By: Mary G. McIntyre, MD, MPH
Contributor

MONTGOMERY – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration are working closely with state health departments in an ongoing investigation of a multi-state meningitis outbreak. The Alabama Department of Public Health is in contact with the CDC and has been informed that Alabama is not one of the 23 states currently identified as part of this investigation. Dr. Mary McIntyre, acting state epidemiologist for ADPH, stated, "We have been in close contact with the CDC and have been advised that facilities and providers in Alabama do not appear to have received any of the recalled product. A list of 23 states has been provided by the CDC and a voluntary recall has been initiated by the company in collaboration with the FDA and CDC." The investigation indicates that contaminated product from the New England Compounding Center in Framingham, Massachusetts, was not distributed to health care facilities in Alabama.

However, Alabama borders three states (Tennessee, Georgia and Florida), which received medication shipped by the Massachusetts pharmacy. Therefore, Alabama residents who received treatment out of state consisting of injections with methylprednisolone acetate (a steroid) should contact the facilities and their physicians to determine whether they received injections with one of the recalled products. Symptoms include fever, headache (new symptoms or worsening), onset of stiff neck or sensitivity to light, or symptoms suggestive of a stroke such as slurred speech, difficulty walking, or increased dizziness or falls. Patients should also seek care if they have worsening pain, redness, or swelling at their injection site. This type of meningitis is not transmitted from person to person. At this time, the CDC is only aware of infections occurring in patients who have received epidural steroid injections with product from the recalled lots.

The ADPH Epidemiology Division will continue to closely monitor this outbreak and will provide updates if any information is received that indicates that there is an Alabama connection.

Cullman County Football Week Seven Preview

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Following a dizzying nine game slate in week six, we get back to some good, old fashioned county match-ups in week seven. Here is the full rundown of week seven's games.

Lawrence County (2-4) at Cullman (5-1)
Cullman continues to build momentum after suffering their only loss of the season to regional rival Hartselle, winning their two games including a thrilling overtime victory at Rusellville.

Lawrence County, however, is going the other way dropping four of their last five including a 43 -0 thrashing at the hands of the West Point Warriors.

You can bet they are looking for redemption Friday night.

Hartselle (4-2) at West Point (2-4)
Hartselle rolls into West Point Friday night with a chip on their shoulder. After starting the season 4-0 including a controversial win over Cullman, they have lost their last two games to 6A Decatur and 5A Muscle Shoals.

West Point is coming off of a 43-0 thumping of Lawrence County but may be running into the proverbial buzzsaw when they face a ticked-off Tiger squad.

Hanceville (3-3) at Winston County (5-1)
Hanceville has been on a roll of late, winning their last three ball games after losing their first three. They ride this "win wave" into a showdown with an equally hot Winston County.

The Yellow Jackets lost their first game to 1A Lynn but have since won their last five. One teams streak will come to an end, just don't ask me to predict which one.

Vinemont (4-2) at Good Hope (2-4)
Vinemont's rushing attack, headed by Cullman County touchdown leader Ty Jones, makes its way to the campus of Good Hope for a county showdown with the Raiders.

Ty Jones rushed for three touchdowns and the Eagles put up 49 points on the loss to Hamilton last week. Good Hope is looking for redemption after a three point loss to Danville. This is shaping up to be a great game.

Holly Pond (1-5) at Geraldine (4-2)
Holly Pond put up a valiant effort in their homecoming game Friday night, but fell a touchdown short in overtime. The road does not get any easier for the Broncos as they travel to Geraldine to face the Bulldogs who are coming from a 35-0 win over Sylvania.

Oneonta (5-0) at Fairview (5-1)
Fairview is having a great season, led by their start quarterback Luke Bailey but hey have their work cut out as 4A powerhouse Oneonta comes to town. The Redskins have cored a staggering 262 points this year (over 43 PPG) while allowing just 60 (10 PPG). If anyone can derail the Redskins, the Aggies are up to the task.

Lamar County (4-2) at Cold Springs (2-4)
The Eagles are coming off their second win of the season but there is no rest for the weary because the Lamar County Bulldogs are coming to town to try and notch their fifth victory of the 2012 campaign.

There is is ladies and gentlemen, week seven in all of it's glory. As always CullmanSense will be on the sidelines and in the press box to bring you all of your local high school coverage.

PUZZLES, COMICS, AND JOKES

THIS WEEK'S WORD SEARCH TOPIC IS: CAR PARTS

BY: DUSTIN ISOM

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

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GETTING CORNY

Send your jokes to:
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2. What do termites eat for breakfast?





1. It wasn't compatible with the Caste System.
2. Oakmeal

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Community Matters

Going Bald for a Cause (Continued from Front)

money for childhood cancer research through CureSearch.

Cook said coping with her son's, David, illness was difficult but knowing others are "out there without support" was hard for her to ignore.

Being that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month many events and fundraisers have been taking place throughout the entire country, but locally one group has been pushing all year.

In previous issues of CullmanSense, readers have been introduced to Maddy Gamble and David Bailey. The two children are Hanceville residents and each has waged a battle against cancer.

David, now 9, was diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma at age of 8. He is currently in remission and travels to Children's Hospital of Birmingham every six weeks for follow-ups.

Maddy, who's now 10, was diagnosed with Epitheliod Sarcoma at the age of 7. She too is currently in remission and travels to St. Jude's every three months.

"It was exciting to see we originally had four women including myself to shave, but by the end of the night I believe that number rose to 6 women total that shaved," she continued.

"I honestly don't know how many people, total, shaved because we had so many step up at the end of the event offering to shave if others donated to the cause. Originally a total of 36 were going to shave, but we had way more."

As a first year fundraiser, Battle the Beast team raised over $10,000 to help fight, and hopefully one day eradicated childhood cancer.

Of course money wasn't the only the thing the fundraiser help to facilitie Friday night.

"Our total grand count for our walk team was $11,435.00, but we still have 30 days for donations to count towards this walk, so we're still in hopes that may change a little," she said.

"I would like to add that Mary Hale, owner of All About You Hair Salon, who informed me that we took in eight ponytails which allowed us to make one wig. We made one wig for someone!"

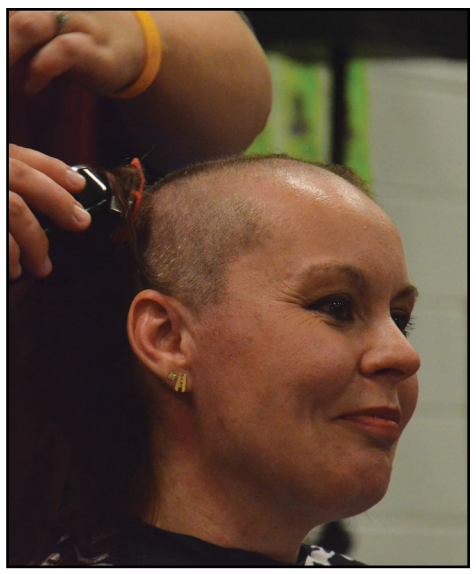
Although this year's fundraising efforts may be coming to a close, Cook said she and the rest of the Battle the Beast team are gearing up for a fast paced year.

Of course none of this would be possible without the support of all the communities within Cullman County and surrounding areas.

"We already have nine different events planned for next year, so look out," she said.

"Thank you is just not enough, but on behalf of Team Battle the Beast, I'm truly appreciative to everyone that took part not only in the Brave Shave, but in all of our other events as well."

The Brave Shavers were: Karen Cook, Kenneth Nail, Noah Chandler, Johnny Cook, Brandon Brown, Kenny Taylor, Brad Jones, Travis Phillips, David Bailey, Greg Johnson, Terry Cook, Mrs. Bobbie Hargrove, Phillip Hargrove, Mrs. Robin Hancock, Mike Hancock, Bobby Baker, Eddie Posey, Bobby Elrod, Shane Harper, Robert Nelson, Adam Boeckeler, Mr. Dana Kitts, Winn Williams, Kenneth Johnson, Dewey Dunkin, Brad Vandiver, Cody Hurt, John Shofner, Ellen Ledbetter, John Welch, Kenny Dees, Larry Schwaiger, Ms. B. J. Henderson, John Tolbert, Dwayne Wooten, David Waddell, Rick Halverson and Stanley Harper.



YouthQuake – It's Awesome!

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That was the consensus among the many in attendance at YouthQuake 2012. The annual event that showcases some of the best acts in the Christian music genre was held this past Saturday at the Cullman County Fairgrounds just outside Sportsman's Lake and each year it attracts residents from not just the county, but from all over the state.

"We brought a bunch of kids and everybody (had) a great time," said Modesty Bush who came up from Gardendale to attend.

This year's show was headlined by Grammy Award winning band Switchfoot, and featured a lineup that included Family Force 5, WILLET, Disciple, and DA T.R.U.T.H. and was sponsored by various local businesses including NAPA Autocare, College Tire, AJ's Ice, and Zaxbys.

There were numerous events to take part in around the fairgrounds. Some of the attractions, including a mechanical bull, an inflatable slide, and a net climb, kept the younger children busy as the teens and the parents jammed out to the acts on stage.

Local eateries such as Zaxbys, Domino's, and Jim and Nick's Barbecue had tents set up offering delicious meals.

"(The event's) got great music, (but) really just the people," said Lacey Skinner on what YouthQuake has that makes a business like Zaxbys want to be a part of the festivities.

The event was a tremendous success that looks to continue into the future thanks to the community and the surrounding area that helps bring the concert to the city.

"We love coming up here to Cullman every year. It's just awesome. It's a good clean place to come and we don't have to worry about our kids,, said Darrel Shaver who is a youth minister at Bagley Church of God in Dora, Alabama.



The Silent Witness

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In 1990, an ad hoc group of women artists and writers, upset about the growing number of women in Minnesota being murdered by their partners or acquaintances, joined together with several other women's organizations to form Arts Action Against Domestic Violence.

They felt an urgency to do something that would speak out against the escalating domestic violence in their state, something that would commemorate the lives of the 26 women whose lives had been lost in 1990 as a result of domestic violence. After much brainstorming, they decided to create 26 free-standing, life-sized red wooden figures, each one bearing the name of a woman who once lived, worked, had neighbors, friends, family, and children--whose life ended violently at the hands of a husband, ex-husband, partner, or acquaintance.

A twenty-seventh figure was added to represent those uncounted women whose murders went unsolved or were erroneously ruled accidental. The organizers called the figures the Silent Witnesses (the original 27 witnesses).

Today, we are pleased to report that domestic homicide rates are dropping significantly. Our message is one of hope, help, and healing for the victims and perpetrators of domestic violence. We hope you will join Victim Services of Cullman, Inc. and the many domestic violence advocates and supporters across our community, in this effort to end the silence about domestic violence and bring peace to every household, every family, and every person, in every state. Take a stand against Domestic Violence!

We have placed a small grouping of silent witnesses in many locations around the city. Please take time to read the statistic and the names of the people killed by their intimate partners. Harbor Haus, Victim Services of Cullman's domestic violence shelter housed over 100 adults last year and 85 children.

The crisis line (256-734-6100) staff answered 546 calls in 2011 and this number doesn't include law enforcement or social services referrals. Victim Service outreach programs assisted 245 clients with counseling and 124 with court advocacy. Having these services available to the community helps women get free of abuse and lowers the number of fatalities as a result of the violence.

To learn more about domestic violence and Victim Services of Cullman, call 256-775-2600. To make donations that allow us to continue assisting victims of family violence, our address is P.O. Box 416, Cullman, Alabama 35055

Victim Services will also hold a Candle light vigil at Living Faith Baptist Church on Highway 69 South (near Good Hope), on October 12, 2012. Please join us at 6:00 for this service and stay for a reception afterwards.

