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Getting Their Dodge On

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David vs. Goliath dodge ball tournament sparking interest

HANCEVILLE – The inaugural David vs. Goliath Dodge Ball Tournament was held at Wallace State Community College on Saturday. The event featured six teams and was hosted by Friends of Sardis of Sardis Baptist Church. It was Day One of what will be a three-day event.

"This was an idea that God had just given us," said Donny Yarbrough who is the pastor for Sardis Baptist Church.

Along with the six teams, the tournament saw a host of spectators that were there to show their support.

"Everybody's going to have a lot of fun because I got a lot of nieces and nephews and a lot of friends playing. It's all for fun," Friends of Sardis member, Charles Freeman remarked.

Numerous church members who attended took part in the tournament, helping to raise money for the local community.

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Photos by Noah Chandler

3rd Annual Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Show

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HANCEVILLE – It was a beautiful fall day in downtown Hanceville, and perfect weather for the 3rd Annual Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Show. Numerous people were gathered around the streets just north of Hanceville City Hall walking (or happily being pulled by wagon if you were one lucky child) to see the various exhibits.

"This is a fantastic arts and crafts show for the community of Hanceville," said Bob Palace, owner of Awards Palace and a Board Member on the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce. "People have a good time."

In its third year the event has continued to grow increasing from thirty vendors to approximately fifty, all looking to raise money for a charitable cause.

"The profits the business council makes will be distributed to the Hanceville Elementary, Middle, and High Schools along with the profits made from the Ladies of the Lutheran Church



Photos by Noah Chandler

who have a German meal each year. They donate their proceeds and we combine them with ours," said Pam Reid who is with the Hanceville Business Council and is the director of the yearly festival.

Lining the blocked off streets, there were many vendors selling their wares and doing their part for the cause.

"We are trying to offer the people an early start on Christmas shopping and to be able to find those things that unique for the hard to buy person and making it an all-around effort to help our schools," said Palace. "There are many

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Football Wrap-Up – Week Eight

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Not much can be said about week eight but... WOW. It was a week for thrilling come-from-behind-wins, tough losses and teams earning playoff spots. So let's jump right into the action, shall we?

Fairview at Sardis
By: Zeke McBrayer

Sardis – The Aggies started off the action by receiving the ball. After a re-kick the Aggies set up at the 44 yard line. Luke Bailey got the game rolling with two straight QB keeps for a first down. He would then connect with Dexton Gregory for a 13 yard gain. The Lions defense stepped up on the next set of downs and held the Aggies to no gain and would take over on downs. Sardis set up shop at the 32 yard line. A 13 yard run by Toby Pee ignited the home crowd. Fairview's Justin Bryan quickly extinguished it on the next play when he picked off the Lion's QB Will Scott.

It wouldn't take Fairview long to score. A 33 yard run by Bailey set up a 1 yard touchdown Marco Rodriguez. A fake field goal pass from Bailey to Bryan put the Aggies up 8 - 0 less than four minutes into the game.

The next twelve minutes of the game were nonstop action. Sardis started their next drive at the 27 yard line. The drive was capped off by Toby Pee who had four carries and one reception, including the 29 yard touchdown run, for 50 total yards on the drive. Toby Pee also ran the 2 point conversion in to tie the game up. The drive took little over three minutes.

Fairview came right back out and answered. After marching the ball down the field, a personal foul penalty on the Lions placed the Aggies in the red-zone. Fairview would capitalize as Dex-

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In Brief

Alabama's September Unemployment Rate Falls to 8.3%; Cullman Steady at 6.7%

By: Tara Hutchison

Contributor

MONTGOMERY – Governor Robert Bentley announced Friday that Alabama's preliminary September unemployment rate fell to 8.3%, down from the August rate of 8.5%, and below last year's rate of 8.8%, while Cullman County is holding at 6.7%.

September's rate represents 177,848 unemployed persons, down from 183,267 last month and 192,667 in September 2011.

"More Alabamians are working this month, and that is certainly good news for the state," Governor Robert Bentley said. "We still have a long way to go, and I will continue doing everything I can to put Alabamians back to work."

"This drop in the unemployment rate is more consistent with what we've been seeing over the past few months: unemployment claims going down, fewer WARN notices, and record numbers of available jobs," Alabama Department of Labor Director Tom Surtees said.

The number of initial unemployment claims dropped by 19% from last year. There were 18,525 initial claims in September, compared to 22,890 last year.

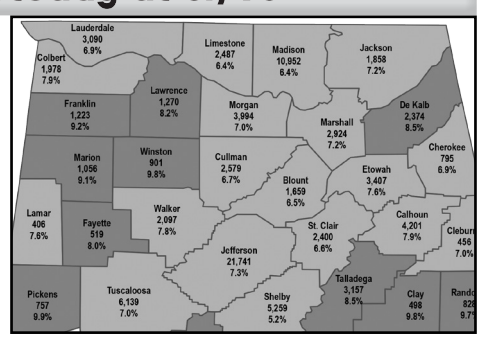
Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) notices are required submissions when businesses employing more than 100 are planning a mass layoff or closing.

Thus far this year, the state's Rapid Response unit has received notification of 3,977 layoffs, compared to 14,184 in 2009, the height of the recession. The reduction in these notices indicates that employers are more confident and willing to keep their workforces.

Alabama's online jobs database, www.joblink.alabama.gov, is continuing to see record breaking numbers of jobs, logging a high of 12,764 new job orders in September. "As far as unemployment compensation goes, nearly every indicator we measure is well below pre-recession levels. Claims data don't directly impact the unemployment rate, but they do allow us to gauge the frequency with which people are losing their jobs," Surtees added.

First payments in September were 5,346, below the 2008 level of 10,065. Benefits payments in September were $20,250,885, also below the 2008 level of $28,532,386.

Additionally, the number of weeks compensated and the number of weeks claimed followed the same trend, with 100,128 weeks compensated in



September compared to 145,546 in 2008, and 121,910 weeks claimed in September compared to 164,045 in 2008.

The counties with the lowest unemployment rates were: Shelby County at 5.2%, Coffee County at 6.2%, and Lee, Limestone, and Madison Counties at 6.4%. The counties with the highest unemployment rates were: Wilcox County at 17.8%, Bullock County at 15.4%, and Dallas County at 15.1%.

Teams Test Robots for Competition

By: Kristen Holmes

WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State Community College in Hanceville will host eight area schools from Cullman and Blount counties on Friday, October 26, to compete in the North Alabama BEST Robotics Competition.

BEST, which stands for Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology, combines skills from these and other areas in a high intensity game where only the best robot wins.

According to Wallace State's BEST coordinator Kelly Jones, the goal of the competition is to help students become competent and confident in abstract thinking, decision-making, problem-solving, self-directed learning, teamwork, project management, and leadership roles.

Students experience the same problems, challenges, and breakthroughs that an engineering team encounters when it takes a product to market. They also gain experience dealing with team dynamics, time constraints, material constraints, and pressure from opponents trying to solve the same problem.

Schools scheduled to participate in the event are Fairview High School, Holly Pond High School, Good Hope High School, Hartselle Junior High School, Cullman High School, Cullman Middle School, J.B. Pennington High School, and Blount County Career Technical Center.

Each participating team was provided a robotics kit on the BEST kick-off day held September 13 and has six weeks to design, develop, and test a robot that can outperform their opponents.

This year's theme is Warp XX, and the objective is to design a robot that can most efficiently climb an elevator into space to transport cargo.

Teams had the opportunity to test their robot on the official playing field on Thursday at the Wallace State Wellness Center.

For game day on October 26, competition will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and will continue through various rounds of pool play and elimination until a winner is determined, which should be around 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Among the awards also given are those for school spirit – bands, cheerleaders, and mascots often accompany the teams; and for marketing – each team is set up like a company and develops business and marketing plans, and sets up a booth at the event.

The top three competition teams from next Friday's event will advance to the South's BEST regional competition at Auburn University later this year.

The BEST robotics competition was started in 1993 by two engineers, Ted Mahler and Steve Marum, who worked for Texas Instruments. The initial competition had 14 schools and 221 students participate.

Today, the event annually attracts 750 schools and 11,000 students. This is Wallace State's fourth year to host the North Alabama's BEST event.

BEST is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization whose mission is to inspire students to pursue careers in engineering, science, technology, and math through participation in a sports-like science and engineering based robotics competition.

For more information about Wallace State and the BEST Robotics Competition, visit www.wallacestate.edu or www.northalabamabest.com.



Teams tested their robots on the official BEST playing surface on Thursday at Wallace State.

Keefe Attends Leadership Conference

By: Joyce Nix

St. Bernard Contributor

CULLMAN – This summer, Anna Caroline Keefe took part in a unique leadership development conference in our nation's capital. During the 9-day program, the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) provided scholars with the opportunity to interact with a variety of personnel who operate within the three branches of government, the news media, and the international community.

"I really enjoyed the whole experience," Keefe said. "We covered so many areas from politics and how teenagers can get involved in the world, and start their own grassroots projects."

"NYLC prepares students to serve our country well, whether that means as elected officials in our nation's capital, as active members within communities around the world, or as intelligent, creative, and responsible members of the work force," said Marguerite Regan, Ph.D., Dean of Academic Affairs for the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC), the organization that sponsors the Conference. "Through a series of simulations, we placed these young leaders in the proverbial driver's seat on a variety of issues facing our country today. Their determination was shown within the Conference and was a good indicator of the types of leaders we will see in the future."



Anna Caroline Keefe meets Congressman Robert Aderholt while attending leadership conference

Highlights of the program included welcoming remarks by a current member of Congress, made from the floor of the House of Representatives, a privilege that is seldom afforded to other groups. Students had opportunities to interact with prominent members of the Washington press corps at the National Press Club, in addition to meeting with senators and representatives or appointed staff members to discuss important issues facing the nation.

Keefe said she was particularly interested in meeting Congressman Aderholt while in DC, but almost missed him. "When I went to his office, he was in a meeting, and I met his intern, Cade Ann Smith, a Cullman girl who came to my rescue."

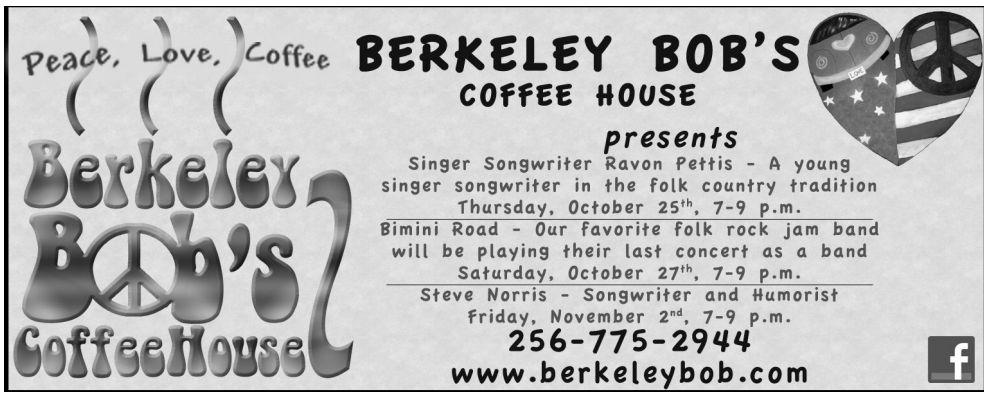
To complement the schedule of special meetings and briefings, students participated in a number of leadership skill-building activities and simulations. In one role-play activity titled, If I Were President, students acted as the president and Cabinet members responding to an international crisis. The Conference culminated with the Model Congress, in which scholars assumed the roles of U.S. Representatives and debated, amended, and voted on a proposed mock legislation.

"It was really interesting to speak with Congressmen. We actually got to sit on the house floor and speak in the microphone which I thought was really cool," Keefe said.

CYLC is a nonpartisan, independent, educational organization. Since 1985, the Council has inspired more than 200,000 young people to achieve their full leadership potential.

Keefe, a junior at St. Bernard Prep is visiting several colleges. Her dream is to major in predentistry and attend the University of Alabama - Birmingham to become an orthodontist.

She is the daughter of Dr. Lisa Weeks Keefe and Patrick Keefe of Cullman.



No(ah)-It-All: : Give Me That Candy!

By: Noah Chandler

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Since we have elections looming ominously in the distance what better subject matter to dedicate this allotted 700-800 word column to each of the next two weeks but none other than the most pressing issue of all. How much candy will I be able to loot from my 7-year-old nephew after Halloween? Hopefully a lot!

Oh, you thought I was actually going to dedicate this precious space dealing with politics? Luckily that is not the case because this isn't the publication to white-wash issues, nor is it a platform for politicians to spread rhetoric or sensational tidbits for a meager increase in voters.

Besides, who really needs the political opinions from some guy when you've got Halloween just a couple weeks away? While I may not celebrate holidays my, family does. This means there will be candy galore filling my sister's house, which also indicates that it is time for another brotherly visit, therefore certain holidays are tolerated more so than others.

While holidays celebrating drinking are not my red SOLO cup of tea, those focusing on food – especially candy or chocolate – are just dandy with this gent. Growing up, Halloween was a holiday my mom did not agree with.

She actually did not allow me to attend the Fall Festival at East Elementary when she saw everyone in costume. In her defense, she was dealing with a host of pressures and the church of choice at the time was what some considered "extremely legalistic."

That's how it was described to me to others in the congregation, mainly because I was too detached to ever notice one way or another but either way it doesn't matter. I'm in no position to judge or persecute, I just know it meant no pagan fun for this guy. Instead it was boring nights sitting inside listening to the neighborhood children venturing from door to door looking for that good haul.

Several years we did nothing at all. We would close all the curtains, turn off all the outdoor lights, shut the front porch door and watch whatever junk was on TV that night. These were very boring, claustrophobic, nights but at least we sat around as a family. As the legalistic views dimmed, my mother began to loosen up and all of sudden we were accepting trick-or-treater's!

Granted, she was handing out Bible tracts with the candy but nonetheless I was able to see other children my age dressed up with all the trappings of a killer costume. Fake blood, brains, ripped shirts, and of course the thin plastic masks were some of the images burned in my head that first time handing out candy and tracts. Over the coming years she became more relaxed with the idea of Trick-or-Treating, then one year she allowed me to go out with my two-year-old cousin.

This was too good to be true, was the thought, but then the dilemma of what to wear arose. Since cartoons were my only real connection to the holiday, besides the few brief encounters with trick-or-treater's, the first thought was to be a ghost. You know, the child with an old bed sheet, but we didn't have any spare bed sheets, so a blind ghost was out of the question.

The next thought was to be a vampire or something scary but the fake blood, fangs, and jet black hair were not sitting well with mom, so back to the think tank. While reflecting on those few children who came to our house those previous years, trying to snag an idea for a costume, my mom was already landing on her perfect idea. I'd be a clown. See, although we didn't celebrate Halloween it didn't mean we couldn't dressup, and unluckily for me the grandmother had sewn one especially for me. God how I loathed that white fluffy purple polka dotted suit and its entire whimsical mystique.

The clown suit was recycled many times from previous church functions but even though there was hatred in my heart, I wore that darn suit proudly after dawning a wig, slathering the paint upon a newly pimpled face and adjusting the red ball nose. Oh yeah, I was ready for some candy!

Well that enthusiasm would be the only such feeling that night as I would soon be denied candy at nearly every home visited across the city. Since it was my first time, I first thought something was wrong with my approach but after the fourth or fifth house of rejections it finally hit that I was too old for Halloween. So the rest of the evening was spent crammed into a dingy car with six small children and three cigarette chain-smoking women.

Needless to say that would be one of just two times I ever went out Trick-or-Treating. Nowadays I just sit around the house, giving out good candy to the few brave souls who'll venture down my river rock walkway. Once the evening is over, I silently eat whatever candy is left before crashing from a sugar high several hours later.

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Space Weather Outlook: October 15 – November 10

Solar activity is expected to be at low levels with a slight chance for moderate activity through 21 October when Region 1589 rotates around the west limb. Generally low levels of activity are2 SWPC PRF 1937 15 October 2012 then expected to persist through 03 November, after which there is a slight chance for moderate activity as old Region 1589 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 from 13 October through 18 October and again from 05-10 November. Recurrent coronal hole high speed streams are responsible for both periods of high flux. Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet levels for the majority of the period. The two exceptions are 15-19 October and 08-10 November when recurrent coronal hole high speed streams are expected to bring active levels with a slight chance for minor storm levels.

SPORTS

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

ton Gregory ran it in from 15 yards out. Jake Chandler kicked the extra point and put Fairview back up 15 - 8. This drive was less than three minutes.

Sardis would return the favor, this time in less than 2 minutes. A big return by Toby Pee put the Lions on Fairview's side of the field to start the drive. A 16 yard reception by Jared Shirley was immediately followed by a 14 yard run by Braun Pee. This put the Lions at the 7 yard line and Toby ran it in for the touchdown. Toby would also take in the 2 point conversion to give Sardis a 16-15 lead with under a minute to go in the 1st quarter.

It didn't take Fairview long to answer. With the first quarter winding down, the Aggies' Justin Bryan returned the ball to their 42 yard line. A pass from Bryan to Ethan Wilder put the Aggies across midfield to end the first quarter. On the first play of the second half, Bailey connected with Gregory for a 38 yard touchdown pass. The lions would block the extra point attempt to give the Aggies a 21-16 lead.

Sardis needed a little over a minute to regain the lead. Toby Pee once again took control with two carries and a reception for 53 yards and a 16 yard touchdown run. The Aggies defense stepped up and held the line on the two point conversion to make the lead 22-21 Sardis.

The lead wasn't held for long. In three plays Fairview scored again. An 18 yard reception by Bryant Powers was followed by a short run by Rodriguez. Bailey would call his own number and run the ball in for a 22 yard touchdown. Bailey also ran the 2 point conversion in to make Fairview's lead 29-22.

Sardis would score right back to move back ahead. This time Toby Pee ran it in for a 46 yard touchdown. A good 2 point conversion put the Lions up 30 - 29. The rest of the half was relatively calm. Both teams moved the ball down the field into the red-zone but ultimately failed to score. The Lions would carry the 30-29 lead into the locker room.

Sardis came out for the second half looking to pull away. The first the plays of the second half were highlighted again by Toby Pee. Three rushing plays later and Toby had moved the ball from the Lions 40 yard line to the Aggies 16. After a chop block penalty on Sardis, the Lions fumbled just three plays later.

Fairview set up at their 2 yard line. After Bailey gaining a few yards, Dexton Gregory would break a 49 yard run up the middle to the Lions' 43. Bailey connected with Powers for the second time of the night and the pair's first touchdown. On the two point conversion Luke Bailey was flagged for an illegal forward pass and the play was no good. The Aggies led 35-30.

The fast pace action from the first half returned as Sardis took over. A 44 yard pass from Scott to Kailon Robeson on the second play of the drive put the Lions back in front, 36-35. Fairview took over on the 37 yard line and drove their way down Bailey and Rodriguez would take the bulk of the drive and Rodriguez would be the one to punch it in. The 7 yard touchdown gave Rodriguez two touchdowns on the night. A failed 2 point conversion put Fairview up 41-36.

Sardis came right back on offense ready to regain the lead. Toby Pee started it off with a 31 yard kick return. Two back to back 12 yard gains by Toby and Braun Pee would get the homecoming crowd roaring. A holding penalty, false start and a good stop by the Aggies defense would bring the Lions to a 3rd and 22. A pass interference call on Fairview on the 4th down play gave Sardis a sigh of relief on the automatic first down. The Aggies' defense wouldn't be deterred as they were able to hold the Lions on 4th down to regain possession.

Just five plays later the Aggies' offense scored again. A 48 yard reception by Bailey Strong put the Aggies up 49-36. This was the first time of the game that a team had scored two consecutive touchdowns.

Sardis' offense put on one last hurrah for the home crowd. Led by Toby and Braun Pee they drove down the field to put 8 more points on the board and give the crowd a little hope. Fairview's Justin Bryan had different plans.

On the ensuing kickoff Bryan caught the ball around his own 20 and returned it all the way to the Lions' 16. Bailey would run in the final score of the game from 2 yards out. Two big pass breakups by the Aggies' Trent Shoemaker gave the ball back to Fairview who ran the clock out to end the game.

Cullman at Athens
By: Clay Speer
ATHENS – The Cullman Bearcats are rolling going into next week's match-up with #1 Muscle Shoals. They picked up their seventh win on the season, fourth in a row, at the expense of the Athens Golden Eagles to the tune of 41-14.

Cullman won the toss and elected to receive, trying to score early. This was not to be as Garrett Crider gained six yards on his initial carry of the night but immediately lost four on his next carry. An incompletion on third down forced a Cullman punt. Fortune smiled on the Bearcats though as Athens muffed the punt and Cullman recovered on the Golden Eagle 27. It took just two plays for Zac Crocker to find Trey Forrest for the 37 yard TD. The PAT was blocked and the score stood at 6-0

Athens first possession from the scrimmage looked promising as Matthews hit Mclin for a 12 yard pick up and a quick 1st down but Athens managed just one more yard on the drive and was forced to punt. The teams traded punts for the rest of the quarter but Cullman was driving as the seconds ticked away in the first.

The second quarter began with Cullman on the Athens 23. On third and 10, Crocker hit Hendrix for 22 yards, just shy of the goal line. Two plays later Johnson punched it in for six. Cocker connected with Forrest for the two-point conversion and Cullman went up 14-0.

Cullman forced a fumble, recovered by Harrison, on the Golden Eagles next trip down the field and looked in position to take a commanding lead. Cullman marched the ball down to he Athens 12 but Chambers stepped in front of a Crocker pass and returned the ball to the 31, where Crocker made the stop. Not to be outdone, Gable of Cullman picked of the very next Athens pass and took it to the house for a pick six. The extra point was no good and Cullman took a 20-0 lead. A punt by Athens on their next possession, followed by an Athens interception then a Cullman interception, gave the ball back to the Bearcats midway through the second quarter.

The Bearcats made the most of their second pick of the game marching the ball down the field both an the ground and through the air, The drive was capped off by a five yard Crider touchdown run to put the 'Cats up 27-0

Athens punted on their next possession but three plays later grabbed their third interception and set up shop at the Cullman 29. Two plays later Athens was in the end zone due to a 24 yard touchdown reception by Campbell, capping the first half scoring. Cullman took a 27-7 lead into the locker room.

The second half was much of the same from the powerhouse Bearcat team. They scored once more in the third on a pass and pitch to Crider, and once more in the fourth on a one yard plunge by Crider. The Golden Eagles scored just once more when Teague took a punt 65 yards to the house. The final score, Cullman 41 Athens 14.

Holly Pond at Pisgah
By: Howard Cole
PISGAH – The Holly Pond Broncos made the long drive to Pisgah to take on the Eagles, looking to get back in the win column but it was not to be as the Broncos fell 27-6.

The Pisgah Eagles got the scoring started in the first when Boyd plunged the ball over the goal line from three yards out and put his team on top 6-0. They scored twice more in the second quarter when Demarco connected with Gant for a 43 yard touchdown strike. Boyd would find the end zone again later in the quarter when he raced down the field for 43 yards and his second TD.

Holly Pond, never one to quit, called on Hoffman to put the ball in the air. That he did to the tune of a 77 yard touchdown pass to Whithead and the score stood at 20-6.

Unfortunately, the Pisgah Eagles put the game away in the fourth quarter when Boyd finished the football version of the hat trick, finding the end zone for the third time, this time from 13 yards out, making the final score 27-6 in favor of Pisgah.

Good Hope at Cordova
By: Michael Bryant
CORDOVA – Cordova received the opening kickoff. Both teams started sloppy as back to back penalties, one on each side, were called at the beginning of the game. Cordova would then get the offensive side going as four runs for 24 yards and two passes for 26 yards would get them to Good Hope's one yard line, but Good Hope would hold and take over on downs. However, three rushes by Jared McClure would only gain a yard and the Raiders would punt.

Then a little craziness happened. Cordova running back Charles Woods would take the handoff, fumble the ball, and after the ball got kicked a few times Jamaal Cooper would recover it at the Good Hope one yard line for a first and goal. Running back Zachary Smith would take it in on the next play and Cordova would take an 8-0 lead after getting the two point conversion.

On their next possession, Good Hope would get held to a three and out, but on fourth down Good Hope punter Zackary Sloan would throw a pass which would be completed for a first down, but a chop block and a sack would kill the momentum and they were forced to punt again.

The second quarter would be dominated by the defenses as neither team could get anything going against the other. Good Hope would start with possession of the ball in the second half. On the second play though the Raiders would fumble and Cordova would take over. Three plays later the Blue Devils would go in for the score, but during the play there was a personal foul call that wiped the score out. However it would only take three more snaps for the Blue Devils to score and go up 16-0 after another two point conversion was successful. Good Hope would go three and out on their next two possessions, and when Cordova got the ball back a run for no gain would be followed by a 50 yard pass from Chase Trotter to Zachary Smith and the Blue Devils would go up 23-0.

Good Hope would once again go three and out to end the third quarter. Cordova would tack on another touchdown to give the final score. Good Hope did show signs of life on their last possession of the game. Keeping the ball on the ground, the Raiders got down to the Cordova two yard line, but the drive would stall and they would turn the ball over on downs.

Cordova would be forced to punt, but Good Hope would fumble the ball, giving it back to Cordova who took a knee to end the game.

Hanceville at Danville
By: Johnny Thornton
HANCEVILLE - Down but not out with 6:05 remaining in the game, the Hanceville Bulldogs erased an 11-point deficit to knock off the Danville Hawks 28-24 Friday night, earning their fifth consecutive victory of the 2012 season.

Danville's Justin Morgan scored from a yard out with 6:05 to go in the fourth that extend the lead for the visitors from Morgan County to 24-13.

Hanceville went to work thanks to the running of tailback Torrey Green. Green set up a 5-yard scoring run by getting loose for a 52-yard gain. He added a two-point conversion and Hanceville was back in business at 24-21 with 5:22 to play in the contest.

Green got some support from his teammates the next time the Bulldogs had possession. Starting at their 23, the Bulldogs marched downfield thanks to QB Caleb Hurst completing four of five in the series. He hit Dante Reese for a 29-yard gain that gave Hanceville a first down at the Danville 26. Following an 11-yard run by Green for another first down, the Bulldogs were knocking on the door.

But a run by Hurst to the one-yard line was called back for a holding penalty as the clock was under a minute to play in the game. Hurst was able to find Reese open in the left corner of the end zone for the game winner with 27 seconds to play. Sheldon Lewis tacked on the conversion and Hanceville was on top 28-24.

Brontae Harris sealed the victory when he intercepted a Morgan pass near midfield and carried the ball back inside the Danville 10. The Bulldogs went into victory formation as they moved to 4-2 in 3A, Region 7 and 5-3 on the season.

Green had a good night running the ball for coach Danny Miller. The junior gained 115 yards on seven carries in the first half to help the Bulldogs to a 13-10 lead at intermission. Green scored on a 42-yard run the first time the Bulldogs touched the ball and scampered 35 yards to the end zone that gave Hanceville a 13-7 lead in the first quarter with 4:35 remaining.

Hanceville's defense shut down Danville in the first half, allowing the Hawks only 90 yards of offense. What kept the Hawks in the game was a 90-yard kickoff return for a score by Dallas Mcabee after Green's first touchdown. A

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32-yard field goal in the second quarter from Brock Garrison narrowed the halftime deficit to 13-10.

On the first series of the third period, Danville marched 74 yards to take the lead. A pass from Morgan to Jason Haynes went through two Hanceville defenders for 69 yards to the Bulldogs' two-yard line. Morgan scored two plays later and the conversion from Garrison gave Danville the lead at 17-13.

It looked like Danville was on the verge of putting the Bulldogs away. A 54-yard drive to the end zone thanks to runs of 19 and 15 yards from David Hannah set up Morgan's second plunge into the end zone from the one.

Hannah ran for 69 yards on 11 carries in the fourth quarter. Hanceville was able to slow him down to nine yards the final three times he carried the ball.

After gaining just four yards rushing in the third period and having 31 yards of offense in the quarter, Hanceville regrouped in the final stanza thanks to good field position following the Danville touchdown and then showed signs of a ball club to overcome adversity by taking it 77 yards in crunch time, getting good passing from Hurst.

Hurst finished with 127 yards through the air on eight completions in 17 attempts with one touchdown and one interception. Reese was his big play receiver with four catches for 84 yards and a TD. Tyler Tankersley had three receptions for 33 yards. Green ended the homecoming game with 188 yards on 15 carries. He accounted for 68 yards on three rushes during the fourth quarter. He scored three times and added an important two-point conversion.

Hanceville netted 338 yards of offense, gaining 144 in the fourth quarter. The Bulldogs ran for 211 to go with Hurst's 127 passing. They had 14 first downs. The Bulldogs allowed the Hawks 248 yards of offense, 129 by the run and 119 in the air. Danville turned it over twice while Hanceville had three turnovers.

In the 3A, Region 7 standings with one week left in the regional schedule, Hamilton is 6-0 after beating Winston County on Friday. Hanceville, Vinemont and Winston County are 4-2. The loss eliminated Danville from the playoff picture with the Hawks 2-4 in the region and 3-5 overall.

Coach Miller and his Bulldogs host Cordova Friday with the Blue Devils coming to Ray Talley Stadium on a 2-game winning streak. A victory by Hanceville will give the Bulldogs second in the region to the Aggies because they own the tiebreaker on Vinemont and Winston County with wins in week four and week seven.

Cold Springs at R.C. Hatch
By: Philip Hillman
UNIONTOWN – The game started positive for Cold Springs early in the first quarter when the Eagles forced then recovered a fumble deep in R.C. Hatch territory. This turnover would lead to the first score of the game with a 5 yard run by Logan Campbell. A completed two point conversion put the Eagles up 8-0 with 9:23 left in the first.

The Bobcats would not go quietly. On their next possession they matriculated the ball down the field and capped off their scoring drive with a 7 yard run by Jallen Kelly. The Bobcats would complete the two point conversion attempt with a rush by Mike Jones to tie up the score at 8-8.

Both defenses held their own for the rest of the quarter. At 7:58 in the second quarter the Bobcats struck again when Desmond Essex passed to Micheal Griffin for a 15 yard touchdown before tacking on another two point conversion putting the Bobcats up 16-8.

The Eagles ran into a tough Bobcat defense and penalties on their next possession. Cold Springs looked to have momentum on their side when a pass hit the referee in the back of the head and popped up into the air and Michael Gilliand was "Johnny-on-the-spot" to intercept the ball for the Eagles.

The Eagles reached the Bobcats 16 yard line before they were stopped by the Bobcat defense. Late in the 4th quarter the Eagles were driving down the field and reached the Bobcat 26 yard line but the ball was intercepted and ran back for an 80 yard touchdown by Jallen Kelley. The Bobcats put the nail in the coffin with a two point conversion to make the score 24-8.

Vinemont at Winfield
By: Ashley Buckelew
WINFIELD – In what seemed like a Wild West shoot-out, the Vinemont Eagles assured themselves a playoff spot when they traveled to Winfield and knocked off the Pirates 45-32. Vinemont has played like a team of destiny this year and Friday night was no exception.

Winfield received the ball to open the game and thanks to some creative running, quickly jumped on Vinemont 7-0. The Eagles took the ball for their first possession but were unable to move it and were forced to punt to the Pirates. Backed up deep in their territory, Winfield goes to work. In just a couple of plays they move into Vinemont territory. Later in the drive QB Edward McCollum would find the end zone from 12 yards out, putting the Pirates on top 14-0 and closing out the second quarter.

Vinemont would find the end zone for the first time in the second quarter. The Eagles score was set up by a big catch made by Blake Melton, allowing for the two yard Vinemont touchdown. The PAT, however, was no good and the score remained 14-6.

Winfield scored again on their very next possession, converting 3rd and 20. Dewey Batemon blocked the PAT and the score stood at 20-6. The duel threat of Ty Jones and Tyler Boland led to a Vinemont touchdown right before he half n=and the score stood at 20-13 Winfield.

The second half belonged to Vinemont and their defense. The Eagles struggled to get anything going on their first possession of the second half and were forced to punt, but two plays later Winfield fumbled the ball and Vinemont caught a break. This time they were able to get the offense going and Boland found the end zone. The PAT was no good so the Eagles still trailed 20-19.

After swapping possessions, Vinemont once again caught a break when Ty Jones scooped up a punt on the bounce and raced down field for the touchdown, giving Vinemont their first lead of the night, 26-20, as the third quarter came to a close.

Vinemont went into the fourth quarter smelling victory and a playoff spot. Here is where Jones and Boland were determined to close out the game. Vinemont added three more TDs in the fourth quarter led by Boland and Jones to Winfield's two, giving them the 45-26 victory and more importantly, a coveted playoff spot.

West Point at Muscle Shoals
By: Josh McBrayer
MUSCLE SHOALS – The Muscle Shoals Trojans are the #1 team in the state in Class 5A and tonight they showed why, defeating the West Point Warriors 53-0. The Warriors fought hard and executed some big plays, but were unable to sustain drives and it cost them in the long run.

The Trojans won the toss and elected to receive, looking to set the tone early but West Point head coach AJ Lamar and his Warriors had other plans as they started the game with and on-side kick which West Point recovered. However, after a four yard run by Take Duckett, the Warriors couldn't gain another yard and turned the ball over to Muscle Shoals on downs. The Trojans quickly scored their first of eight touchdowns on the night, thanks in part to a 38 yard rush by Tyler Jackson and a 22 yard touchdown run by Jamarcus Nance, which had Muscle Shoals up 7-0 early in the first quarter. After a three-and-out by West Point, Muscle Shoals scored again. Aided by a questionable personal foul penalty called on the West Point sideline after Wesley Smith had a big sack, the Trojans were in business at the West Point 43. From there quarterback Ryan Ware hit Roger Jackson for the 43 yard TD strike and the Trojans went on top 14-0 just seven minutes into the game.

On the next West Point possession it looked like the Warriors were going to be able to mount some offense but it came to a grinding halt on fourth down when Warrior quarterback Bryant Farley was clearly hit in the head but no flag was thrown and West Point turned the ball over on downs for a second time. Muscle Shoals fumbled two plays later. The ball went back and forth for the remainder of the quarter. Farley left the game and did not return.

The Trojans, already up 14-0, exploded offensively in the second quarter with four touchdowns. The first came on an eight yard score by Nance that was set by Levi Fell's interception of a Tanner Rusk pass. West Point was forced to punt on their next possession and, following a great punt return, Ware found Javian Ramson for 39 yards and the touchdown. Rusk fell victim to Fell for a second time in the quarter and that set up a 44 TD rush from Nance. He would score again from three yards out in he final minutes of the second quarter, following the third punt off the foot of Wesley Smith. The halftime score stood at 41-0 in favor of the Trojans. The Warriors have no quit in them and played tough until the final whistle. They held Muscle Shoals to just 14 points in the second half (a 21 yard rush and a 29 yard rush) including a scoreless third quarter, but in the end the Trojans came out on top, 53-0.

There it is folks, week eight in a nutshell. I hope you have enjoyed reading about all of Friday night's action as much as we enjoyed bringing it to you.

Week Nine Football Preview

By: Josh McBrayer

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Week eight was chocked full of teams picking up the final victory to earn a spot in the playoffs, memorable wins and tough losses. Week nine is shaping up to be just as good. Here is the slate of games on tap for the next to last game of the season.

Oakman (7-1) at Cold Springs (2-6)
Oakman brings their six game winning streak to the "top of the mountain" Friday night to face the Cold Springs Eagles. Cold Springs has the most wins they have had since 2007 but have a tough test in front of them to get win number three. Oakman is averaging 37.2 points a game while the Eagles give up 28.8 a game.

Muscle Shoals (8-0) at Cullman (7-1)
Strap on your seat belt folks, this one is going to be a shoot-out. The number one team in Alabama in Class 5A brings it's highly touted offense and stifling defense, led be defensive end and Auburn commitment Dee Liner, to Oliver Woodard Stadium to face perennial 5A powerhouse Cullman. Cullman has only one blemish on their record, a last second loss to Hartselle, that most people dismiss because of the very poor officiating. Cullman will get a second chance of sorts when they get the Trojans at home. This is a DO NOT MISS game.

Crossville (1-7) at Fairview (6-2)
Fairview looks to continue their fantastic season against a struggling Crossville squad. Luke Bailey can have a big game and put up some huge numbers against a Crossville team that is allowing an average of 41 points a game.

Winfield (2-6) at Good Hope (2-6)
Good Hope is hungry and looking for their first win since week two. They are aiming to take out their frustrations on the Winfield Pirates who are coming of an impressive showing, albeit a loss, to the Vinemont Eagles.

Winston County (5-3) at Vinemont (6-2)
Speaking of Vinemont, with the win over Winfield last Friday they assured themselves a spot in the playoffs and hope to keep the momentum going by rolling over the visiting Winston County Yellowjackets.

Cordova (2-6) at Hanceville (5-3)
After dropping their first six games of the season, the Cordova Blue Devils have won their last two but the win streak is in jeopardy when they roll in to Hanceville to face the Bulldogs. A team that have found their identity after a shaky start, Hanceville is led by a bulldozing back, Sheldon Lewis and a superb DB named Bronte Harris. This is a big reason why Hanceville has won their last five.

Plainview (7-1) at Holly Pond (1-7)
Holly Pond has had a rough season, facing many top opponents and Friday will be no different when the Plainview Bears come to town. Plainview is looking to carry momentum into the playoffs, but if they think Holly Pond is just going to roll over, they are sadly mistaken. No matter the circumstance, Nate Ayers will have his Broncos ready to play.

East Limestone (3-5) at West Point (2-6)
West Point is hoping to bounce back from a 53-0 loss to the top team in the state, Muscle Shoals, and are chomping at the bit to get to the Indians of East Limestone, This will be an evenly matched game and should be hotly contested.

There you have it, week nine. With only two games left in the regular season, make an effort to get out and see your hometown team.

As always, you can follow all of the action and get up to the minute score updates at cullmansense.com/scoreboard.

Community Matters

Farm Fresh

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Peinhardt Farm Days another Success

CULLMAN – Picture this: You are baking a cake, you need the typical items of butter, flour, sugar, milk and eggs. You hop in your car, drive to a grocery store and pick up what you need. You are in and out in 15 minutes and on your way home to bake your cake. Simple enough, right? Not for our grandparents or their grandparents.

With all of the modern "conveniences" of today, we have lost touch with our "roots". When our grandparents or great-grandparents needed butter, they churned it in a butter churn. When they needed milk, they went to the barn and milked the cows. Eggs came directly from the chicken coup behind the house, not in a carton from the grocery store. Ways that most of us have forgotten or have never seen. Well one family is aiming to change this. The Peinhardt family who, according to volunteer and family friend, Bill Herfurth, converted from a working dairy farm to an educational farm for school children. One day a year the farm opens its gates to the public when they hold Peinhardt Farm Days.

The third Saturday in October is a chance for the general public to see how our elders lived. The farm I chocked full of old buildings including a school house, old cabin, barn and farmhouse. The two museums on the property offer a glimpse back in time with an old-fashioned kitchen serving up some great homemade items.

The museums are also filled from top to bottom with antiques and artifacts from a bygone era. Saw blades, plows, cotton sacks, a goat walker (a goat walking up an incline helped power small appliances) and a Model A Ford pick-up truck, among other odds and ends. Children and adults alike could grind apples to make their own apple juice, just like our great-grandparents did. A working blacksmith shop showed folks how metal was heated up and shaped into all manners of useful household items like nails (that they were working for the public) "It is a great hobby for those who like to work with metal and their hands," said long-time blacksmith Dave Schwellinger.

You could also watch Sorghum syrup being made from scratch. In the large farm field adjacent to the main property were all sorts of vendors including food and merchandise. Everything from Papa Duke's BBQ and funnel cakes to homemade soaps and wooden toys. Various demonstration stations were set up for the public. Children could try their hand at splitting logs, sawing logs with an old-fashioned two man saw and shoot a homemade sling shot. They also had a chance to see how candles were hand-dipped, how bows and arrows were made, how horses are shod and they could make a birdhouse to take home with them,

The field is one of the most popular places at Peinhardt Farms. Here you can walk the field and learn how to pick your own cotton, sweet potatoes and okra, along with taking home a piece of sugar cane that, when split, can be sucked on like a piece of candy. "Picking cotton and vegetables," said Mason Jacobs when asked what his favorite part of the farm was. "And the museum."

"We bring the grand-kids," said Mason's grandmother Phala Jacobs. "This is our second time to come to Farm Days."

The four children of the latest Peinhardt owners, as well as the numerous volunteers that help make Peinhardt Farm Days a success for visitor and orginize field trips for second and third grade students for all of Cullman County and surrounding Counties, are doing a great service to Cullman and to the preservation of history.

Without wonderful places like Peinhardt Farms where you can see how life used to be, you may never know how good we have it. Next time you start thinking life is rough, think of Peinhardt Farms and what our elders had to endure. You just might realize it is not so bad after all.



Senior Class Dedication Mass

By: Joyce Nix

St. Bernard Contributor

CULLMAN – Thirty-six seniors at St. Bernard Prep School in Cullman were honored recently during a Senior Dedication Mass in the Abbey Church. Abbot Cletus Meagher, Chairman of the Board; Fr. Joel Martin, President; Fr. Jacob Amos; and Fr. Bede Marcy, School Chaplain concelebrated the Mass.

Abbot Cletus Meagher, O.S.B., served as the main celebrant and spoke on "the Votive Mass of The Mystery of the Cross."

"As a Benedictine community we are here to seek God and to give witness to this God. You, as students at a Benedictine School, should realize that life is not simply about knowledge and learning and the power that a good education imparts. Life, true life, is about wisdom (about the Cross)—about seeing and seeking the connections between what is learned and the source of all knowledge; it is about seeing a reality, something larger than one's self, something that imparts ultimate meaning and responsibility for ourselves and for others. It's about seeking the truth of things and, for us, that truth finds its expression and meaning ultimately in God. More specifically, we find the true expression of what it means to be truly human in the mystery of Jesus Christ."

The Senior Class was commissioned as leaders in the student body. Noting this "commissioning" takes place in the context of the celebration of a Votive Mass of The Mystery of the Cross, Abbot Cletus reminded students that such context should remind them that as leaders, the Cross should be a sign of what they strive for and a call to reflect the values and love that the Cross represents.

"Being at St. Bernard, being Catholic, or being a Christian, means that you accept responsibility and dedicate yourselves to the principles of belief upon which we are founded," Abbot Cletus continued.

As a sign of dedication, each senior received a Benedictine Cross, and a description of its symbolism. First, it is a cross, a crucifix. The image of the crucified Christ is presented to remind one of the price of true wisdom and love. If one is truly wise, he or she will learn that life is lived to the fullest in dying to oneself and coming alive to the needs of others.

Abbot Cletus continued his explanation, "On the medal embedded in the cross are a number of abbreviations as well as an image of St. Benedict. On one side are the letters C S P B in the four quadrants of a symmetrical cross: it should read Crux Sancti Patris Benedicti (The Cross of our Holy Father Benedict). On the cross itself, on the vertical are the letters C.S.S.M.L. Crux Sacra Sit Mihi Lux (May the holy cross be my light!); and on the horizontal arm the letters N.D.S.M.D. Numquam dracos sit mihi dux (May the dragon/devil never be my guide!). Take these words to heart as you wear this cross or medal over your heart."

Assisted by Mr. John Tekulve, Headmaster of the School, and Fr. Joel Martin, Abbot Cletus presented each senior with a cross and each was encouraged to wear the cross and medal of St. Benedict, "with wholesome pride, as a reminder of the privilege and dignity that are yours because you have been called to share in Christ and receive an education that is centered on Christ."

Addressing the senior class, Abbot Cletus said,



Front Row (l-r): Sadee Spitzer, Siobhan Russell, Elizabeth McAfee, Celeste O'Donnell, Cristi Caples, Abbot Cletus Meagher, OSB; Caitlin Varquez, Audrey Cofield, Abbey Andre, and Molly Misegades. **Second row** (l-r): Savannah Glover, Veronica Arndt, Yoo Jung (Jenny) Lee, Taylor Martin, Jerrica Crawford, Claudia Edge, Bethany Merrill, Aymee Chauvin, and Seamus Russell. **Back row** (l-r): Ethan Arndt, Nathan Denson, Samuel Robles, Hsuan-hau (Howard) Liu, Alex Ginas, Seung Ryun (Sam) Shin, Jadavian Roland, John Schneider, Will Faulk, Sean Moriarty, Sean Macfarlane, Bennett Glasscock, Andrew Woods, Johnathon Presto, Jakob Specht, Min Bo Shim, and Nathan Cline. **Not shown**: Liz Giddens

"Our world needs godly men and women, people whose lives are based on principle, on the discipline of love and a wisdom that is from God. As the senior class of 2012-2013 you have been blessed with many gifts and talents. Your task is to recognize those gifts, accept the responsibility that corresponds to the gift, and, most importantly, to give thanks to God for such gifts. Through your leadership you should be an example and a blessing to those who look up to you. You are blessed. Be a blessing to others."

Abbot Cletus reminded everyone in attendance that in today's gospel we hear Jesus speak to his disciples, telling them of his impending suffering and death—and three days later, of his resurrection. "They are aghast, and Peter, taking Jesus aside, tries to change the subject. Peter is rebuked in harsh terms: "Get out of my sight, you Satan!" Jesus then turns to the crowd and tells them: "If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross and follow in my steps." It took the disciples awhile to realize the meaning of these words. Even those of us who are older must struggle with trying to realize what it is that we are seeing, hearing in Christ. It will be the same for you. Today, I urge you to dedicate yourself to seeking the Love of God . . . of Christ in the Mystery of the Cross. Dedicate your life to the pursuit of goodness and truth and love, to God. After all, that is what we are here to celebrate. As we celebrate this Votive Mass of the Mystery of Christ Cross, let us ask for courage and conviction that we may truly be willing to seek Christ and serve Christ in one another."

Following the homily, the faculty and staff joined the seniors at the altar as a sign of their support. The presence of the faculty and staff indicated concurrence with the decision of Fr. Joel and the administration that the seniors should receive a blessing at this Mass. The blessing recognizes the roles of leadership by the Senior Class to the student body of St. Bernard Preparatory School. The 2013 senior class at St. Bernard Prep accepted their leadership roles.

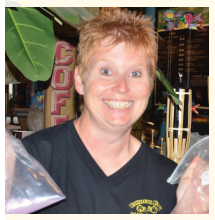
Ms. Lisa Marsh served as organist, and the Choral Music group provided singing for the ceremony. St. Bernard students John Schneider, Ethan Arndt, Nathan Cline, Nathan Denson, Sean Macfarlane, Sean Moriarty, Seamus Russell, John Schneider, Minbo Shim, Sam Shin, and Andy Woods served as Knights of the Altar. At the conclusion of the service, the Senior Class enjoyed a luncheon with their parents in the Brahma Room of the St. Bernard Dining Hall.

Lifestyle

Passion for the Kitchen

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I Remember Fall

As a kid, fall was a fun time of year. We had so many huge trees in our yard and those trees had tons of leaves. I remember having to rake them so many times. I remember trying to hide from my Nanny around the time the leaves started covering the yard because she would start handing out the rakes. There were no blowers then…just rakes. I had blisters on my hands from raking.

I think I must have gotten my pyromaniac ways from her when it comes to getting rid of things because she would burn trash, leaves, etc. We used to rake and rake and rake all of the leaves into a huge pile and run and jump in them. It was a pretty soft landing, as I recall. I don't remember getting hurt. We tried to get the biggest pile possible. This made leaf raking fun. When we were done "goofing around," Nanny would yell for us to make smaller piles and she would come around and burn them up. Our yard had little burnt spots all over it, but that's how she got rid of the leaves.

I remember she always wore some kind of belt or rope tied around her waist and she would keep matches, Kleenex, spare change -just things she would find out in the yard- down the front of her blouse or dress. She would reach down in there and pull out pretty much anything you needed.

Anyway, she kept her matches in there and would set the leaves on fire. I loved playing with fire. We would carry it from one pile to the next, being careful not to set everything else on fire too. It was like we were doing something really big by messing with the fire.

Nanny was different. She could do pretty much anything. She had a way to fix just about anything. She was a bit harsh, but she had several strokes and everyone said that was what affected her mind. Now that I think about it, we were probably not the easiest kids in the neighborhood to deal with either.

Even though she had several strokes, she learned how to write with her left hand and insisted on working in the yard despite the fact that her right leg and arm was paralyzed. She had a stubborn streak in her, believed she could do anything, and taught us about work ethic. At the time we had no clue we were learning about hard work, but she drilled it into us. She and Aunt Ceil were sisters. They were like two peas in a pod. In their younger years they ran a paint store together. They were always taking trips or visiting relatives that we never saw, but they taught me it was important to keep in touch with them.

I'll always remember the smell of the burning leaves and how much fun it was to run and jump in them….before they were on fire, of course. I won't say that we didn't get a running go and jump over the burning ones because we did…. when Nanny wasn't looking of course.

You didn't hear much about allergies and all the perils of being outside different times of the year. I guess as the generations keep coming, they do less and less of the things we grew up doing. Everyone is inside on their computers, playing video games, watching TV, or has their phone glued to their hand. I'm guilty of all those things too, but none of them compare to the fun of playing in the yard way back then. I guess you could say we lost as much as we have gained, but I will always have those memories of the years past.

Baked Chicken

This is really easy to make. I told Maddie over the phone how to do it and it turned out great.

Ingredients:

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- A couple of sleeves of either Ritz crackers or saltines
- ½ cup melted butter, more or less
- Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions:

1. Wash and pat dry the chicken breasts.
2. Melt the butter and dip the chicken breasts in it, coating both sides.
3. Crush the crackers in a bowl large enough to dip the chicken in. Add salt and pepper.
4. After dipping the chicken in the butter, dip it in the crackers, pushing it all around to coat well.
5. Place them in a baking pan that has been sprayed with non-stick cooking spray.
6. Bake for 30-40 minutes or until juices run clear.

That's all there is to it. Serve with baked potato, rice, or the side of your choice.





Caramel Corn

This stuff is so good you can't stop eating it. I thought this was the perfect time of the year to make it because it's fall and I think of Halloween and carnivals, etc. It's a little messy, but so worth it.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3/4 tsp baking soda
- 2-3 cups popped popcorn

Instructions:

1. In a medium saucepan, melt together butter, sugar, syrup, and salt on high for 2 1/2 to 3 minutes until bubbling. (This stuff is very hot and will burn…I know.)
2. Remove from heat and mix in baking soda. Put the popcorn on a baking sheet and immediately pour hot mixture all over the popcorn. Bake for 5 minutes on 350 degrees. Take out of the oven and stir well with a spoon to evenly coat.
3. *You might want to make two batches because you will eat the first one.

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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
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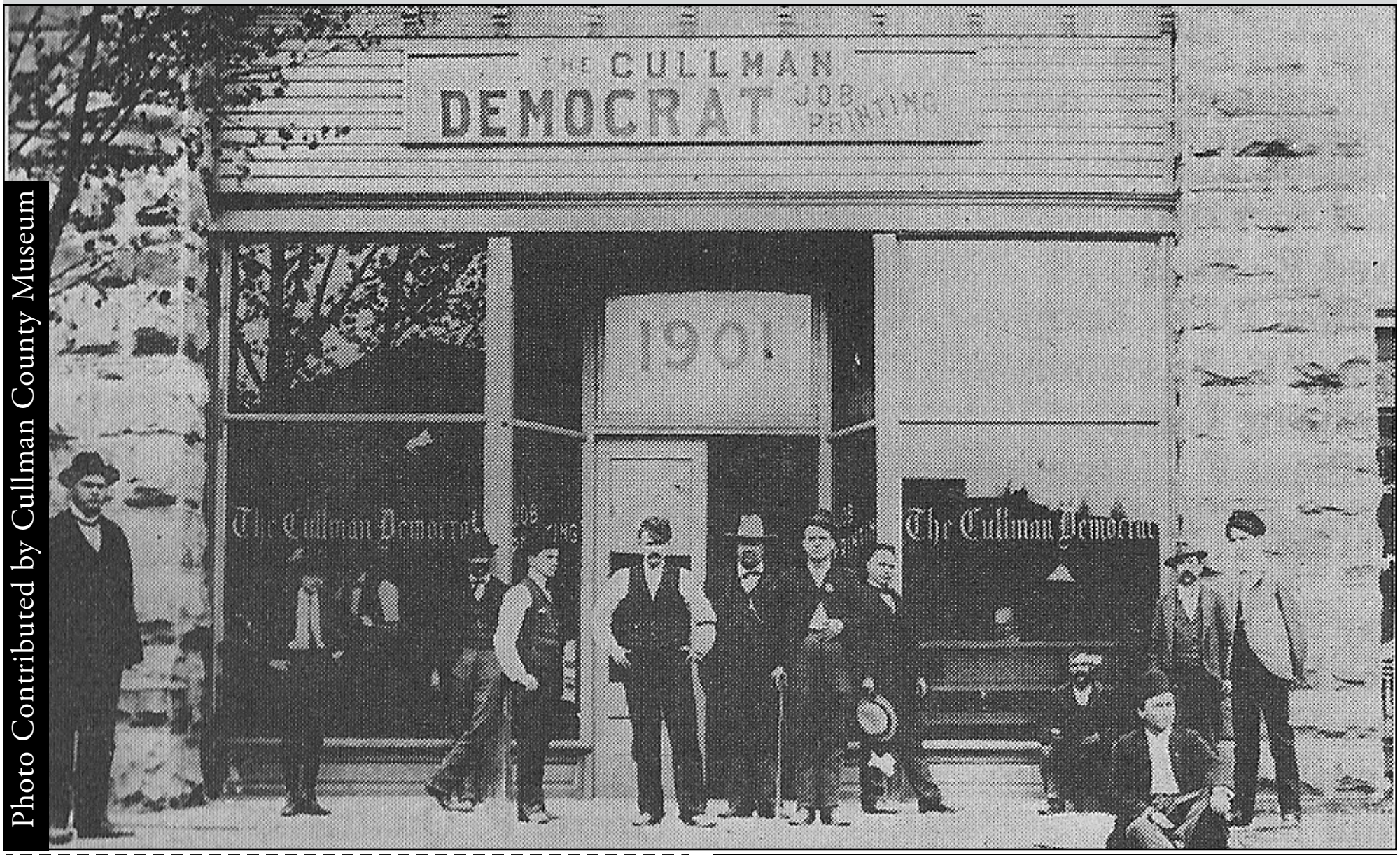


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This Week in History Oct. 22-28

October 22nd

- 1797 – First sky diver, Andre-Jacques Trim, jumps from above Paris
- 1938 – Chester Carlson demonstrates first Xerox copying machine
- 1962 – John F. Kennedy imposes naval blockade on Cuba, beginning missile crisis
- 1992 – Atlanta, becomes first U.S. team to win a World Series game out of U.S.

October 23rd

- 1760 – First Jewish prayer books printed in U.S.
- 1915 – 25,000 women march in New York City, demanding right to vote
- 1964 – Japanese beat Russian for 1st Olympic Gold in woman's volleyball
- 2010 – If trends in diet and exercise continue, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention project estimate 1 in 3 adult Americans will have diabetes by 2050

October 24th

- 1901 – Anna Taylor becomes first woman to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel
- 1929 – "Black Thursday," start of stock market crash, Dow Jones down 12.8%
- 1973 – Yom Kippur War ends, Israel 65 miles from Cairo, 26 miles from Damascus
- 2011 – The Northern Lights become visible over much of North America due to a coronal mass ejection

October 25th

- 1881 – Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday and Clanton engage in "Shootout at OK Corral"
- 1906 – U.S. inventor Lee de Forest patents "Audion," a 3-diode amplification valve which proved a pioneering development in radio and broadcasting
- 1990 – Evander Holyfield KOs Buster Douglas in 3 for heavyweight boxing title
- 2011 – The last nine-megaton B-53 warheads, in service since 1962, are disassembled near Amarillo, Texas

October 26th

- 1774 – Minute Men organized in colonies
- 1949 – President Truman increases minimum wage from 40 cents to 75 cents
- 1973 – President Nixon released first White House tapes on Watergate scandal
- 2011 – An emergency meeting to discuss the European sovereign debt crisis is held by leaders of the European Union

October 27th

- 1916 – Variety published first reference to "Jazz"
- 1954 – President Eisenhower offers aid to South Vietnam President Ngo Dinh Diem
- 1973 – Alabama sets offensive record with 828 yards, beating Virginia Tech 77-6
- 1992 – Tipper Gore, wife of future Vice President Al Gore, admits to covering clock on her VCR with black tape so she wouldn't have to watch it blink

October 28th

- 1886 – Statue of Liberty dedicated by President Grover Cleveland
- 1948 – Flag of Israel is adopted
- 1976 – New York Yankees' Billy Martin named AL Manager of Year
- 2010 – In a dispute over the use of rare earth metals, China cancels a meeting with Japan and South Korea



Local Events Calendar

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Tuesday, October 23rd

Wallace State Culinary Academy Offers Buffet Lunch to Public
The students of the Culinary Department at Wallace State invite the public to attend their buffet lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. until 12:30 pm. The menu for both Tuesday, October 16, and Thursday, October 18 is tomato Florentine soup, hot meatball sandwich, real potato salad, angel hair slaw, and chocolate chip cookies and drinks, all for only $6.50. Cash and checks only or Lion's Loot. Come enjoy the cooking of these soon to be 'Master chefs'!

'Judgment House - Love or Lost'
Fairview First Baptist Church will sponsor its 'Judgment House - Love or Lost' for three nights (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Friday night hours of operation will be from 10 p.m. until midnight. This event is free and everyone is invited to come take part in this awesome adventure. If you have 20 or more in your group please call the Church office to make plans 256-796-4611.

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 24th

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.

'Halloween Hayride'
Cullman Rescue Squad is sponsoring their annual 'Halloween Hayride' and carnival fun for the little youngsters at their headquarters on Sportsmans Lake Road. For the next 8 days they will have a hayride, inside games for the kids, spooky storytelling and all kinds of fun. The hours on school nights are from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m., but on the weekends the event closes at midnight. This is just the right place to bring your favorite 'spooks' for the season. Adults pay $5.00 per person, and children who are 5 and under get in free. Please call the Rescue Squad if you need further information at 256-531-6098. Come on out and have some Halloween fun for all ages!

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Thursday, October 25th

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.

Harmony School Harvest Carnival & Silent Auction
We will have a huge silent auction with items including museum tickets, restaurant gift certificates, movie tickets, tools, hunting supplies and much, much more. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, and more. We will have a 68 foot Inflatable Obstacle Course with a 16 foot slide, a Haunted Hay Ride, Cake Walk, Toy Walk, Football throw, lots more games and tons of prizes. We hope to see you here at Harmony School!

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 26th

'Fourth Friday' Lunch
The 'Fourth Friday' Lunch for Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce members and visitors it upon us again. The Chamber's Health Services Committee will host this event in the 3rd floor banquet room of the All Steak. The program will feature the presentation of Health Care Professional of the Year Awards. Guest speaker will be Kevin Header, Program Manager for Huntsville Hospital's Wellness Center. Sponsored by Cullman Regional Medical Center, the lunch is $10.00 for members and $20.00 for 'future' members. Everyone is welcome and attendees are asked to pre-register for the meeting and lunch by calling the Chamber at 256-734-0454 or www.cullmanchamber.org or email at info@cullmanchamber.org. Come meet your fellow business folks and enjoy networking with folks whom you need to know!

Pilot Club of Cullman Rummage Sale
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, October 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. For more information or if you have items to donate, please call Susan Copeland, Fundraising Chair at 256 709 8789. Or you can e-mail her at scopeland1125@gmail.com.

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 27th

Sacred Heart School Open House and Mass
The recently formed 'Alumni Association' of Sacred Heart School is responsible for an Open House of the facilities followed by evening Mass on October 27.

H.O.P.E. Volunteer Work Day
Volunteers are needed to help prepare the site of the H.O.P.E. (Horses Offering People Encouragement) therapeutic riding program which is located on Convent Road near the Animal Pound and just past Sacred Heart Convent. Anyone who can volunteer a few hours for this worthy cause may call Kerri Roberts at 256-636-2904 to let her know. Come out and help prepare this beautiful site for the use of some beautiful folks!

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!

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Looking Ahead

Holly Pond Centennial 5K Race
The Town of Holly Pond continues it yearlong centennial celebration by holding a 5K Run on November 3 at 8 a.m. The event will be held at Lions Club Park, Holly Pond, Alabama. Registration fee is $15 which includes an event t-shirt. Registration forms may be found at townofhollypond.com/files/5K_Registration_Form.pdf. For more information check out The Town of Holly Pond at townofhollypond.com/days.html. Ramona Calhoun is coordinator of this event and can be contacted by e-mail at rcalhoun@ccboe.org.

'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.

Cullman Christian School Holiday Dinner and Auction
Cullman Christian School Holiday Dinner and Auction will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, at Stone Bridge Farms 157 County Road 717 Cullman, Alabama 35055. Tickets are $20 for individuals and $35 for couples. All proceeds go to Cullman Christian School. For more information and to purchase tickets call Cullman Christian School at 256-734-0734 or contact lsmith@cullmanchristian.org

Bethsadia Baptist Church Harvest Carnival
Bethsadia Baptist Church is having a Harvest Carnival on Wednesday October 31 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Attractions include a Crazy Maze, Moon Jump, Apple Bobbin', Face Painting, Hayrides, and more. Bethsadia Baptist Church is located at 1365 County Road 421 in the Grandview Community. All are welcome.

Community Matters

Looking Ahead

By: Noah Chandler

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CULLMAN – On Tuesday, the National Recreation & Park Association's 2012 Gold Medal Award was handed out to a small town in Colorado during a ceremony in Anaheim, California. Although the City of Cullman's Park & Recreation Department did not attain the gold medal on the facilitie's third consecutive year for nomination, the department and its staff are proud to have been nominated.

Shortly after the awards ceremony, CCPR Marketing Director Waid Harbison spoke with CullmanSense about the nomination, what it means for the department, and what residents can expect in the coming months and years.

Noah Chandler: This was the third year in a row CCPR had been nominated for the Gold Medal Award. Although not claiming the award this time around, what does it say about CCPR and the city of Cullman to be nominated consecutively?

Waid Harbison: I think it speaks volumes that Cullman has consecutively been nominated by the National Recreation & Parks Association as one of the best four departments in the nation for the past three years. That is rare for a department to even be nominated twice, let alone three years in a row. I think it speaks that the City of Cullman clearly has one of the best parks and recreation systems in the nation, and especially for a department our size we are one of the very best out there. No Alabama city has ever won the award, so to be nominated three times is a very spectacular feat. I think being nominated three times in a row shows that our programs, activities, and facilities are all top notch, and that Cullman is blessed with great leaders who put such effort into the department from the Mayor and Council to John Hunt, as well as all of our staff.

NC: This year CCPR went against three cities from Colorado, which is considered to be one of the nation's healthier states. What does this say about CCPR as far as facilities are concerned?

WH: The three cities we went up against this year hands down were top notch departments, and all of them would have no doubt been contenders for the award. Colorado, of course, has some differences from Alabama, and so a lot of Colorado municipalities have won the award before due to the great level of opportunity for recreation that is available there. Cullman has top notch facilities like Heritage Park and the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center that have won national awards time and time again, so the City of Cullman has different strengths from some of the other departments. However, I think we offer something for everyone through the department from disc golf to mountain biking, senior activities to special needs activities, and fitness opportunities to special events. Our facilities include outdoor themes, like Hurricane Creek Park, recreational activities, such as those held at the senior center, fitness opportunities at CWAC, and of course athletic opportunities at Heritage Park and Chester Freeman Park.

NC: With the success of Rock the South, Midnight Run, and the Frosty 5K & Polar Bear Plunge, CCPR is now expanding its reach into other areas of the Cullman, i.e. Christmas in Cullman and Celebrate Cullman. Why is it important to continue "spreading" out?

WH: Cullman is a community that is continually driving forward, and the citizens demand that high level of community that the city promotes. This past year we have hosted a national archery tournament championship, a music festival with over 13,000 in attendance, as well as acquired new facilities at the Burrows property and Duck River – the goal of our department is always to keep growing and fit the needs of the community as they grow. Our citizens demand recreation as a necessity that adds to their quality of life, and it is our goal to make the most of that and be the very best department we can possibly be.

NC: What can residents expect over the coming year from CCPR?

WH: There a lot of things we are looking forward to over the next year with the up and coming music festival with Sara Evans as well as hosting the national archery tournament again to name some big events we will be hosting.

We will also be continuing our work at the Burrows property and be releasing plans for what development will go on there as well as at Duck River. As always, we are continuing in everything we have done in the past, and the department is adding new programs, classes, and activities monthly at all of our facilities including the Gymnastic & Cheer Academy, the Wellness & Aquatic Center, the Senior Center, Hurricane Creek Park, the Civic Center, the Golf Course, and every other facility and park.

Sacred Heart to Host Open House

By: Barbara Ragsdale

Contributor

CULLMAN – 'The Little School with the big Heart' invites you to its Open House on Saturday, October 27. Almost everyone has a connection with Sacred Heart School in downtown Cullman. Whether the connection is through attending classes, taking part in spaghetti suppers and turkey bazaars, craft shows, scouting events, German festivals, or tent sales, folks in Cullman County are invited to 'Come back to the Heart' for an Open House from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The recently formed Alumni and Friends of Sacred Heart School Association has worked tirelessly to coordinate this special Open House, which is part of the ongoing Centennial Celebration that commemorates the laying of the cornerstone for the present Church building in downtown Cullman. Members of the committee include Ernest Hauk, principal of the school, Nancy Basch Harrison, Jan Tekulve Alldredge, Julia Hasenbein Bagley, Matt Richard, president of the new organization, Curt Thomas, Sonny Drain, and Fr. Patrick Egan, Pastor.

The two chairwomen, Sondra Waters Nassetta and Helen Huffstutler Schaffer, have searched, organized, and plumbed all areas for background history of the school. Through much research and assistance from Martha Ann Warnke, former Sacred Heart School teacher, they have amassed a great variety of pictures dating back to the earliest days of the 1900s. There will be a swivel board on display with First Communion photos as well as photos of Confirmation and Graduation classes dating back to 1923. Several local Cullmanites attended Sacred Heart School in the 1930s when the city schools were shut down during the Depression. Sacred Heart always has been open to the Cullman community as an additional education source for students aside from the public school system. The present day students, according to 5th grader Emma Tafazoli, asks folks to "Come back and visit Sacred Heart and tell us about your time here. You'll enjoy yourself but when you leave you'll already be missing your old home!"

The school was opened in 1877 when three Sisters of Notre Dame came to help educate Catholic children in the new growing community founded by Col. John G. Cullmann. In 1902 five Benedictine Sisters arrived from San Antonio, Florida and thus began the Benedictines of Sacred Heart Monastery's century long association with Sacred Heart School. The school currently holds classes from 3K through 6th grade. Student Ava Cox promises that if you "Come visit Sacred Heart, the doors will be open, ready to greet you." This Open House at the school "where faith and knowledge meet" (an earlier slogan) gives attendees a chance to visit each classroom where two student ambassadors and their teachers will greet them warmly. Students' work will be highlighted throughout the building, as will their awards received in various competitions including sports and hand writing programs. In addition, students will be wearing the 'new' uniforms which make their debut at the start of January.

The cafeteria, long remembered by many for the nutritious meals (and cinnamon rolls prepared by longtime cooks Theresa Ragland and Charlotte Osborne!), as well as spaghetti suppers and Christmas bazaars, will be the site of a reception with food and drinks. "Come join us, meet old friends, and talk and enjoy yourselves" invites Claire Sanders of the 5th grade. The 5th and 6th grade students, in addition to parishioners, took part in a contest to come up with 'catchy phrases' for the Open House. Everyone entered the competition and their main goals were to ask YOU to come back to visit, tell them about your time here, and "revisit good memories and old times," as Andie Zatarain-Orona entreats. To student Lily Weissand, "Sacred Heart School is more than an education," while Ivy Edge touts "Sacred Heart School for a better tomorrow!" The students in the 5th and 6th grades did such a great job coming up with these 'catchy' phrases that the committee judges could not pick out just one winner as had been planned, so they rewarded both classes with a pizza party and homemade cupcakes on Friday just prior to the school's German Festival and Tent Sale activities. "Come back for your finest memories" invites Carson Holmes and enjoy touring the Cullman school which is "Rich in education and full of Jesus," as noted by 6th grader Phoebe Coccia. Take time for visiting and refreshments and then join everyone for the 5:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Madison Murphy entices visitors with "Come back to Sacred Heart School because our memories are yours too!"

Approved as an historical site by Gov. George C. Wallace in 1978, the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and School complex is a prime example of a history that 'embraces the past, lives in the present, and looks to the future, trusting in the HEART of Jesus.'

"Like the loving Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sacred Heart School is ever the same and ever new," says Fr. Patrick Egan, OSB, Pastor. He, along with school members, alumni, and the Sacred Heart church family warmly invite EVERYONE to 'Come back to the Heart' on Saturday, October 27th!! Student Sam Patel closes with his comment "Don't let the clock chime. Come and visit the good old times!!" Please heed his advice. The school and it's memories are waiting for YOU!



Ballroom Dancing
This is a beginning level Ballroom Dance class for those who want to develop and/or improve their social dance skills. The instructor will provide instructions for steps, patterns, and proper techniques, including ballroom dance etiquette. Three to five dances will be taught depending on class make-up and progress.
Tuesdays November 5 - December 10
Fee: $30

Advanced Ballroom Dancing
Built upon the basic course, this class is for students who know the basics and want to expand their knowledge. This course will add one or two new steps each lesson plus polishing patterns they already know and techniques.
Tuesdays November 5 - December 10
Fee: $30

Both classes will be in the Choreography Room in Burrows.
Time: 6:00-7:00 and 7:00-8:00. Order TBA based on student preference.

Aerial Silk Dancing; Knots 1
This is a beginning level acrobatic fitness class for students looking for a combination of yoga, dance, and acrobatics. The class aims to promote self-confidence and physical fitness through an alternative artistic activity.
Thursdays January 17 - February 7
6:00-8:00 Choreography Room in Burrow
Fee: $30

If interested in Ballroom or Silks classes, please call Jessica Brackeen at 615-260-7811 or Melinda Edwards, Dean of Institutional Advancement, at 256-352-8172.

To register for Ballroom Classes, please visit the Wallace State website at www.Wallacestate.edu or call:
Wallace Cashier: 256.352.8141
Wallace Operator: 256.352.2000
Mary Hall (Credit Card): 256.352.8243

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PUZZLES, COMICS, AND JOKES

THIS WEEK'S WORD SEARCH TOPIC IS: ROBOTICS

BY: DUSTIN ISOM

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

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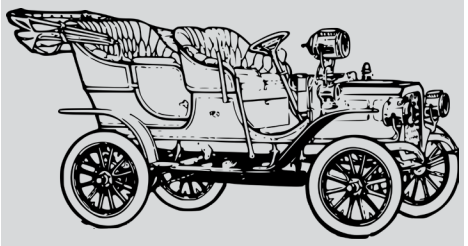
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Dodge (Continued from Front)

"We're raising money for the schools, churches, fire departments, and the police departments," said Jeremy Burnett who was playing on team "Barn Burners" sponsored by The Barn in Hanceville. "I was glad so many people could be involved."

"There's a bunch of good athletes here," said Chase Laney, a member of the church. There are a lot of people here and if they get the word out we can have a bigger turnout."

The turnout they hope for is for round two of the tournament that will start at 9 a.m. next Saturday, October 27th.

"Hopefully everybody will go back and tell all their friends how much fun they had and we'll have a good turnout next week. We knew we'd have this many, but we haven't had that many first timers show up this morning, so we'll try to recruit for next week," said Freeman.

"The original plan was to have everyone do pledges when they come in and pay their registration, and that hasn't worked, so we'll take some of the other parts and be able to donate to different schools. That's mainly what we are shooting for."

If you were not involved in Round One, do not worry, as you can sign-up to take part next Saturday. The David vs. Goliath Tournament is a great way to show your support for the community. Friends of Sardis would love for you to come by and sign up. This week Team Pepsi and the Barn Burners earned spots in the final round to be held October 31st and there are three spots left.

Below are the results from Day One:

- **Team Pepsi**: 5-0
- **Barn Burners**: 3-2
- **BCM Ballers**: 2-3
- **Team Temple**: 2-3
- **Destroyers**: 2-3
- **Terminators**: 2-3





Mud Creek (Continued from Front)

more shoppers here and they are spending money which is good for us."

While the previous two years saw mostly jewelry exhibits, the variety expanded for 2012. Besides the usual jewelry and painting vendors there was a paintball shooting target gallery provided by Mt. Doom. Here, children of all ages could show off their shooting and aiming abilities.

There were also vendors offering up some good eats. Many delicious delicacies ranging from baked breads, sweet cakes, and warm pies were served, and if that wasn't enough, you could stop by Hanceville Drugs to order a cold milkshake.

Wallace State Instructor Adrian Scott was also on hand conducting a children's art show. The best works were rewarded with ribbons for their excellent achievements.

Providing ambience, and some great entertainment, was a variety of music, played by both local bands and church choir groups. Around them, audiences gathered to take a break from their time shopping.

To top it all off, the Arts and Crafts Show featured a surprise guest. A former winner of Alabama's Best Clown Award was present and painted on the smiling faces of children.

The general consensus from the people was that they liked what they saw from the turnout and are looking forward to many Arts and Crafts shows to come.

"It looks pretty good," said Mark Waldrop who was displaying his paintings for the very first time at the Arts and Crafts show. "I'll probably come back next year."

Here a Gourd, there a Gourd, everywhere a Gourd

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CULLMAN- October is a month where you see gourds everywhere. In grocery stores, farms, and even at convenience stores. Saturday and Sunday were no different as the Cullman Civic Center was overrun with gourds and gourd enthusiasts.

People from all over, vendors and enthusiasts alike, flocked to the Cullman Civic Center to view the unique creations on display and for sale.

Long-necked, knotted-necked, painted, and carved gourds were just some of the skillfully sculpted creations that filled the Civic Center.

These creations were so detailed and skillfully worked that they resembled a commercial production that you might find at a large chain store.

Outside, in the parking lot, vendors were set up selling gourds that most of us have seen. Squatty and short-necked, resembling a large, fat squash.

These type of gourds are just grown. Meaning that they were planted and not "worked" as they say in the trade. Some were painted with designs or animals and sold for a minimal price.

Inside the Civic Center was a gourd lover's paradise. Here were vendors who spend hour upon hours tending to and "working" their gourd garden, and even more hours painting and carving intricate designs on their hard shells.

Snowmen, Santa Clause, penguins, Jack-O-Lanterns, and giraffes were just some of the painted creations for sale.

For those not wanting painted gourds, there were arge, bowl-like gourds that were so intricately carved and skillfully crafted, you would never suspect that they were carved from an ancient garden vegetable.

There was a demonstration table set up to show laymen (like myself) the art of gourd carving and decoration.

For those looking to get into the craft, there were vendors with all sorts of tools for sale including chisels, drills, and drill bits; everything you would need to get started.

Also available was a free "Kid's Corner" where the little ones could paint and decorate their very own baby gourd to take home and for $5 could buy a gourd birdhouse that they could decorate and take home as well.

This is one of the biggest gourd shows in the region that brings out everyone from the curious to the enthusiast.

The gourd show is a unique experience that allows you to take in an oft-forgotten art form that many do not get to see.

