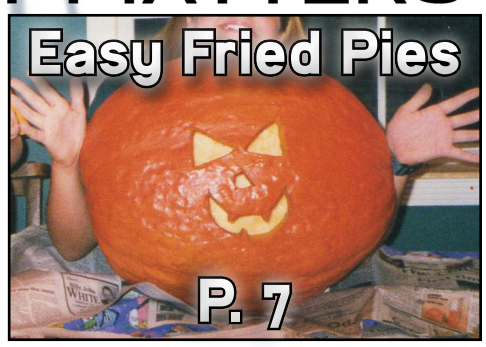
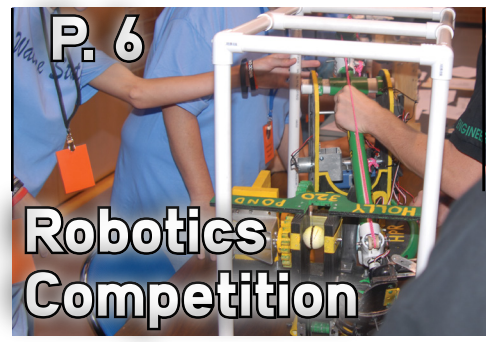
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# "We Have a Strong Family Unit"

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**Daughters surprised as father returns from year-long deployment**



Photo by Noah Chandler

GOOD HOPE – Senior Night for Good Hope High School Raiderette Elizabeth Randau and her sister, 7th grader Lilly, will be one the two girls will soon not forget. The girls' dad, Sgt. Major John Randau made a surprise appearance while Elizabeth was standing center field with her mother, Cindy Wren, bringing tears to many eyes in the crowd.

"It feels great. It's awesome. I'm so excited," said Elizabeth moments after seeing her dad. "Mom kept saying she didn't know if he'd be back home for Lilly's birthday party, so I didn't have a clue. Just so glad he's home!"

Sgt. Major Randu has been deployed to Afghanistan with the 115th ESB Alabama Army National Guard, stationed out of Florence, Alabama for the last year, leaving behind his four children, Elizabeth, 17, Lilly, 13, Reagan, 8, and Alex, 18, in the care of his family and friends.

"John is married to Debbie Randau, but name is Cindy Wren and I am the mother of Elizabeth and Lilly," said Wren. "Their dad [Ser-

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## Monster 5K was a Hauntingly Good Time

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CULLMAN – Ghouls, goblins, witches, ballerinas and just about any other Halloween creature you can name were in attendance for the 3rd Annual Monster 5k.

"This is a fun race. Cullman Regional Medical Center hosts the event, but it's a fun run in Halloween costumes. It's entertaining to watch the kids run in their costumes. I'm glad we have one in Cullman," said Cullman City Parks & Recreation Marketing Director Waid Harbison. "It's fun to offer this for Cullman to do and there is a pretty big crowd here and the numbers are better than what they had last year. I'm pretty happy with that. It's an event that I'm glad to be a part of."

The event was started last year by the Wellness Committee as an initiative to get a healthy workforce at the hospital and be a catalyst for creating a healthier community.

"It benefits both of the CRMC Wellness Initiatives and the Cullman City Park and Recreation Foundation. We are raising funds so we can finish the walking trail around campus, so not only our hospital employees have a place to



Photo by Noah Chandler

walk during working hours, but the community will be more than welcome to come out and use it as well," said Lindsay Dossey who is the Public Relations Coordinator at Cullman Regional Medical Center and is also a member of the Cullman Regional Medical Center Wellness team. "Last year we did it on campus at Cullman Regional Medical Center, but we decided to partner with the City Park and Recreation because of the partnership we have with the Fitness and Wellness Aquatic Center and give some of the money back to their park and rec foundation."

The idea for the race came when the Wellness Committee was looking for something that has

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## Football Wrap-Up – Week Nine

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Playoff spots were earned, reputations solidified and scoreboard bulbs were popping. So let's jump right into week nine's action.

**Crossville at Fairview**
**By: Josh McBrayer**

FAIRVIEW – The Crossville Lions won the toss and elected to receive but the Aggies quickly made them regret that decision as a sack by Jake Roberts, followed by a false start, put the Lions in a 4th and 20 situation and forced a punt.

Unfortunately for Crossville, the ball was punted off the side of the kicker's foot and only traveled 19 yards, giving the Aggies fantastic field position at the Lions 32.

It took the Aggies just two plays to take advantage of the Crossville short punt when quarterback Luke Bailey tucked the ball and ran 28 yards down to the Lion four.

Here Trent Shoemaker finished the the drive with a four yard plunge that put the Aggies up 7-0, after converting the PAT, less than three minutes into the contest.

The Lions, aided by a pass interference call, were able to move the ball on their next drive but the Aggies defense stiffened up once Crossville moved the ball into Fairview territory, forcing the ball over on downs after a 4th and 8 defensive stand at their 38.

This drive was all about the arm of Bailey and the legs of senior running back Marco Rodriguez. Bailey was a perfect two for two on the drive for 23 yards and added another eight yards on the ground.

Rodriguez had three carries on the drive including one for 29 yards and a four yard run up the middle to pay dirt. With the PAT good, the Aggies extended their lead to 14.

Crossville mounted their most promising first half drive on their next possession, running an astounding 17 plays that finished out the first

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# In Brief

## Follow these tips to stay safe from injury during the haunting season

**By: Jim McVay, Dr.P.A.**
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MONTGOMERY – Autumn activities such as Halloween and Harvest Day offer opportunities for young people to dress up in costumes and enjoy trick-or-treating.

To prevent injuries often associated with these festivities, the Alabama Department of Public Health reminds parents about seasonal safety tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

**Costumes**: When purchasing costumes, masks, beards, and wigs, look for the label "flame resistant." Although this label does not mean these items won't catch fire, it does indicate the items will resist burning and should extinguish quickly once removed from the ignition source.

- Avoid costumes made with flimsy materials and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts to minimize the risk of contact with candles or other sources of ignition.
- Purchase or make costumes that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists.
- Decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Use bags or sacks that are light colored or decorated with reflective tape for greater visibility during dusk and darkness. Reflective tape is usually available in hardware, bicycle, and sporting goods stores.
- Always carry flashlights to see and be seen more easily.
- Make costumes short enough to prevent children from tripping and falling.
- Wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes. High heels are not a good idea for safe walking.
- Tie hats and scarves securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.
- Apply a natural mask of cosmetics rather than have a child wear a loose-fitting mask that might restrict breathing or obscure vision. If a mask is used, however, make sure it fits securely and has eyeholes large enough to allow full vision.
- Buy or make costume accessories only from soft and flexible material.

**Decorative Contact Lenses**: NEVER buy contact lenses from a street vendor, beauty supply store, novelty store, or flea market.

- Remember that anyone selling contact lenses must obtain your prescription and verify it with your doctor.
- Ensure decorative contacts are fitted and handled properly to avoid the added risk of infection. Decorative contact lenses can cause infections that lead to blindness.

**Treats**: Warn children not to eat any treats before an adult has carefully examined them for evidence of tampering.

**Pedestrian Safety**: Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child. All children should WALK, not run from house to house and use the sidewalk if available, rather than walk in the street. Children should be cautioned against running out from between parked cars, or across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture, or clotheslines present dangers.

**Choosing Safe Houses**: Children should go only to homes where parents know the residents and have outside lights on as a sign of welcome.

- Don't allow children to enter homes or apartments unless they are accompanied by an adult.
- Remove anything that could be an obstacle for trick-or-treaters from lawns, steps, and porches.
- Keep candlelit jack-o'-lanterns away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame.
- Keep indoor jack-o'-lanterns away from curtains, decorations, and other furnishings that could be ignited.

## WSCC Presented Marketing and PR Awards

**By: Russell Moore**
**WSCC Contributor**



HANCEVILLE – Wallace State Community College in Hanceville was recognized by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) at the organization's district conference in South Carolina this week.

The college earned Medallion awards for its web site, viewbook, electronic newsletter, catalog, and performing arts brochure, as well as for its "A Wallace State of Mind" radio advertisement, with vocals performed by WSCC Choir Director Tiffany Richter.

Kristen Holmes, director of communications and marketing, was named 2012 District 2 Communicator of the Year award winner at the event.

During Holmes' tenure at Wallace State, the college has won more than 120 marketing-related awards on the state and national levels. She won the Alabama Community College System's Communicator of the Year award earlier this year. This is her second NCMPR District COTY award.

Members of the Wallace State Communications and Marketing Department include Jesse Cobb, Russell Moore, Donny Wilson, and Cindy Maddox. Moore also represented the department at the event.

NCMPR represents marketing and public relations professionals at community, technical, and junior colleges. As one of the fastest-growing affiliates of the American Association of Community Colleges, NCMPR today has more than 1,550 members from more than 600 colleges across the United States, Canada and the Caribbean. There are seven NCMPR district councils. District 2 is made up of colleges from 11 Southeastern states, Bermuda, and the Bahamas.




## State gets funds for Money Follows the Person project

**Contributed By: Medicaid**
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Elderly and disabled Alabamians will soon have more help to live independently in their homes and communities instead of in institutional long-term care facilities, thanks to new grant funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Alabama was one of three states notified by CMS on October 2 that their request for a Money Follows the Person Rebalancing (MFP) Grant Demonstration project had been approved. Montana and South Dakota also received MFP grants, joining 43 other states and the District of Columbia with MFP initiatives.

The Money Follows the Person program is designed to help states "rebalance" their long-term care systems by increasing the use of home and community-based services and decreasing the use of institutional care.

Instead of institutional care, states will use MFP funds to expand services and supports in the community to make it possible for more individuals to live in the community, according to Ginger Wettingfeld, deputy director of Medicaid's Long Term Care Division and manager for the grant project.

"There is significant interest in increasing the number of options offered to Medicaid recipients who would like to live in the community and be more independent," Wettingfeld said. "This initiative not only will provide Alabama with the means to continue in a direction that offers greater choice to our recipients, it also will help us maximize Medicaid's limited funds."

For example, she explained that the average cost of Home and Community-Based Services for this group of individuals will be approximately $34,800 during the first year. However, expenditures for MFP enrollees have been found to decrease significantly in ensuing years.

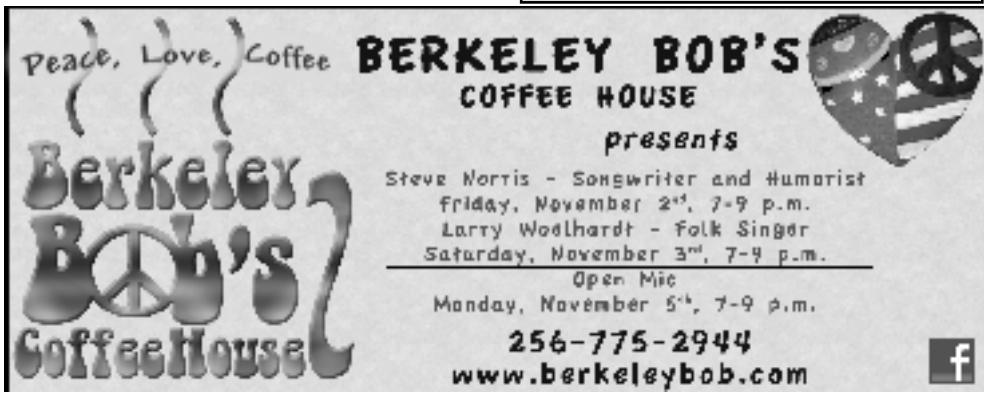
"Even when acute care costs are factored in, the total savings over nursing facility cost of care for 625 transitioned individuals is projected to be over $11 million," Wettingfeld said. Alabama will receive $3.4 million in the first year and up to $28 million over the four year project in the form of an enhanced matching rate to support the successful transition of 625 individuals from an institutional setting to community living, according to Wettingfeld.

The project will not require new costs to the state, but rather a shifting of some current expenditures from institutional based programs to community based programs.The majority of the expenditures will go to provide Home and Community-Based Services for Medicaid-eligible individuals who are elderly or have disabilities and who choose to transition from nursing facilities or a state-operated psychiatric hospital (only applies to recipients under 21 or over 65 for this type of facility). Most are expected to transition to one of Medicaid's seven HCBS waiver programs or to a PACE program.

Grant funds will cover the upfront costs associated with transitioning each individual as well as administrative costs of operating the program and will be paid during the first year of each person's transition. In addition to supporting nursing home residents who wish to transition to the community, the Alabama Department of Mental Health is planning to work with the Agency to develop and operate a second Alabama Community Transition (ACT) waiver. This waiver would enable Medicaid recipients who have a developmental disability or a mental illness-related diagnosis to have the opportunity to move to the community as well.

For more information, visit http://medicaid.alabama.gov



## No(ah)-It-All: : Thinking Out Loud; A Trip for Sure

### By: Noah Chandler

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After sitting in front of a monitor watching a small black blinking line contrasting the all-white background for several hours, listening to music and searching the recesses of my frail brain, I can safely say that nothing has been discovered that would remotely interest anyone. Yes, indeed I am yet again at a loss when it comes to formulating an editorial.

This has not always been the case. Back in the day – as if it was that far back – when I first started out it was not difficult finding topics to write on.

Whether it was a raunchy bumper sticker rant, or a polite way of telling cellphone addicts to remove the new version of the idiot box from their skulls while driving, the topics were always readily available.

I don't know if it is because over time the fire which burned deep inside has been slowly extinguished, due to the responsibilities which come with the job title, or if it is due to increasing in age. Either way I just know that my mind is too crowded to properly give you all funny, delightful, sometimes thought provoking or risky editorials on a consistent basis.

What does this mean? It's time for some changes! Well, if you've noticed on this page our weather section has been removed to make way for more editorial space. This allotted space will be filled by musings from the CS crew, as well as a new section just for you. Yes, indeed we are opening the page up to people who want to be heard.

The new section, aptly titled The Soapbox, is a place where you all can vent your frustrations, tell a funny story, or just spread some good news about your community. Of course there are some basic rules for those wanting to step up to The Soapbox.

- No profanity. Sad to have to say that but indeed it must be said.
- Be constructive. If you're going to critique then you best come prepared with a solution, otherwise "shhh."
- Your real name will be printed with the story. I mean why hide behind an anonymous name if you have any integrity, right?
- The Soapbox submissions must be less than 750 words.
- Slandering, hate speech, or lopsided political rhetoric need not submit.

My goal is to be able to fill up a page a week with stories, opinion pieces, and the occasional rant written by you all.

Since this is a community paper why not let the residents voice their concerns in their own words, so we're giving it a try.

If you have a submission just send it to soapbox@cullmansense.com and who knows, you may be reading your story next week.

## Movies with Michael: Ghoulish Top 5 Halloween Films

### By: Michael Bryant

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It's that time of year again. It's the time for candy, costumes, and scares, and what better way to get a good scare on Halloween than by watching a good horror movie.

Each year around this time Hollywood puts out numerous movies to tingle your spine and that is true this year with movies such as "Sinister," "Paranormal Activity 4," and "Silent Hill: Revolution."

While these movies will engage a whole new audience, there are some scary movies that are synonymous with horror and this week I am bringing you my top five scariest movies to watch on a Halloween night.

**5. A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984)**

The film that put Wes Craven on the map, this film took the horror movie concept and turned it on its head. Introducing a wise cracking killer who haunted you in your dreams, the movie made audiences afraid to sleep at night.

Most Spine Tingling Moment: When a group of three dead girls deliver the spooky nursery rhyme. "One, two, Freddy's coming for you…"

**4. Halloween (1978)**

While Craven's masterpiece may have took horror in a new direction, "Halloween" was the movie every other in the horror genre would imitate. Introducing us to Michael Myers, the evil incarnate cold-blooded killer who showed no remorse, the movie still scares to this day.

Most Spine Tingling Moment: When a little Michael Myers, wearing a clown mask, brutally murders his sister.

**3. The Orphan (2009)**

For years Hollywood has used orphans as the focus of their films from just about every Disney film to comedies such as Problem Child, but in 2009 they decided to deliver us an orphan story that may make some parents investigate really deeply before adopting a child.

Most Spine Tingling Moment: When the orphan's identity is revealed. I won't spoil it here.

**2. Child's Play (1988)**

In the late eighties every boy wanted a My Buddy doll and Hollywood decided to cash in on that and make a movie about a similar doll who is secretly possessed by a psychotic killer. While it isn't fact that the movie caused the My Buddy doll sales to decline, it doesn't seem out of the realm of impossibility.

Most Spine Tingling Moment: When a child pulls the Chucky string the eerie doll utters "Hi, I'm Chucky. Wanna play?"

**1. Poltergeist (1982)**

It is considered the most cursed movie of all time. With stories of numerous on-set horrors, and a series of bad luck events following the actors after filming wrapped, some have questioned if there was not an actual poltergeist on set. "Poltergeist" offers everything from psychological thrills to downright terror.

Most Spine Tingling Moment: When Carol Anne (Heather O'Rourke) creepily turns to her parents and utters the phrase "They're here."

Well there it is; my list for the top five horror movies. Do you agree? Disagree? You can let me know by sending an e-mail to mbryant@cullmansense.com and I even encourage you to give me your top five.

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

quarter and went deep into the second and all the way down to the Fairview 10.

Here, on 3rd and 7, it looked like Crossville scored their first points on the night when Lions QB Ty Cole hit Austin Peppers in the back of the end zone but Peppers could not keep his feet in bounds.

Crossville turned the ball over on downs on the very next play when Cole was ganged sacked on fourth down. Four plays and 73 yards later, Fairview was on the board again.

Bailey dropped back to pass but was pressured by Crossville when he dumped it off to his "safety valve" receiver, Shoemaker, who did the rest by racing 63 yards for the touchdown.

The PAT failed but Fairview had built their lead to 20-0, but they were not done. The Aggies scored twice more before the half on a a Bailey TD pass of 10 yards to Bryant Powers and a 67 yard TD pass to Jake Chandler right before the half. Fairview scored on every possession of the first half and took a 32-0 lead into halftime.

The second half started much like the first, with a Fairview score. Following a great 42 yard kickoff return by Kaleb Hudson, Fairview set up shop on the Crossville side of the field at the 28. From here it was all Adrian Calderon. He carried the ball all six times on the drive, including the six yard TD rush that put Fairview up 39-0.

Crossville went three and out on their next possession and, for the first time on the night, Fairview was also forced to punt. Crossville ran six plays but were unable to get the ball past midfield and turned the ball over on downs following a sack on 4th and 2. Fairview took over on their own 48 and were in the end zone four plays later thanks to a 20 yard TD strike from back-up QB Hayden Maples to Cody Ashley giving Fairview a commanding 46-0 lead.

Crossville had their most impressive drive of the game and their first scoring drive, going 14 plays before Cole hit Peppers in the end zone again, this time in bounds for the Lions first touchdown on the night, making the score 46-7 with 7:47 left to play. Each team would trade possessions for the remainder of the game, making the final score 46-7 in favor of the Fairview Aggies.

**Winfield at Good Hope**
**By: Michael Bryant**

GOOD HOPE – Winning the toss, Good Hope would put the Pirates' ground and pound offense on the field first. Winfield would wear down the Raiders on the first drive as quarterback Edward McCollum opened with two runs and a completed pass for a total of 15 yards to get the ball to midfield. The Pirates' would then run seven straight times with McCollum taking it in from one yard out to give Winfield a 7-0 lead.

After the initial Pirates score, both teams had trouble getting any offense going. Good Hope's defense took the brunt of the assault and spent several grueling minutes on the field. Seeing the tired Raiders' defense on the field , Winfield would attack. Sending three short jabs of four yard runs, they would hit a haymaker as on the next play running back Xavier Chaney would dart down the field 37 yards and another score to go up 14-0.

Good Hope would show life after the kicker off as Kainen Smith would complete two passes to running back Jerrod McClure for 32 yards, but Winfield's defense would hold the Raiders to another punt.

With the ball back, the Pirates looked as if they would score again after a 42 yard run from running back Austin Barrett to put them into Good Hope territory, but on the next play, Raiders' cornerback Luke Parker would intercept a pass to put his team in great field position and kill Winfield's drive. Good Hope, though, was only able to run one play before time ran out of the first half.

Good Hope would get the ball to start the second half, but Winfield's defense picked up where they left off, holding strong and getting a three and out. Good Hope would punt, but catch a break as the Pirates would fumble, and Kendall Duke would recover for the Raiders at the Winfield thirty-seven yard line.

After losing fifteen yards due to a penalty and a sack, Smith would complete a 30 yard pass to Chris Raper, but the Winfield would hold and Good Hope would turn it over on downs. It only took one play for Winfield to notch another touchdown as McCollum would rush for 82 yards to give his team a 20-0 lead.

Two plays later, Good Hope would give it right back as cornerback William Boyd would intercept a Good Hope pass, but as they did all night, the Raider defense stood firm, getting the ball back three plays later.

Once again, a Good Hope drive would start great as McClure would run twice for thirteen yards and a first down, but the offense would only gain three more yards and have to punt, putting their tired defense back on the field. McCollum would be the only Winfield player to touch the ball, running it seven straight times, and putting it into the end zone for another score.

After another Good Hope three and out, Winfield would block the punt and run it in for a score, but a block in the back penalty would wipe the touchdown out and give them the ball at Good Hope's 25 yard line. Winfield wouldn't need long to get their last score of the game. The Raiders would get the ball back one last time, and would finally get on the board running behind McClure, but Winfield would run out the rest of the clock on their next possession to end the game, final score 33-6 in favor of the Pirates.

**Cordova at Hanceville**
**By: Grant Smith**

HANCEVILLE – The Hanceville Bulldogs jumped out to a 19-0 lead early in the second quarter then held off a furious rally by the Cordova Blue Devils to claim an important victory in Class 3A Region 7.

Hanceville used the running of Torrey Green and Sheldon Lewis early in the game while getting support from Brontae Harris.

The Bulldogs got on the board after Dante Reese recovered a Blue Devils fumble.

Torrey Green put the Bulldogs on the board with a three run. Kody Smith added the point after and with 8:24 left in the opening quarter, Hanceville led 7-0.

Later in the first quarter, Green added his second touchdown with a four yard run. The point after failed and with 1:11 left in the quarter, the Bulldogs led 13-0.

Senior Sheldon Lewis electrified the Bulldog faithful by racing 38 yards to pay dirt. Earlier in the game Lewis had a 66 yard that set up Green's first touchdown. Smith's point after failed and Hanceville led 19-0 with7:42 left in the first half.

Cordova tweaked their offense on their next possession and picked up the tempo that led to a Chase Trotter touchdown run. The two point conversion cut the Hanceville lead 198.

Hanceville's final score of the half came on a 54 yard burst by Brontae Harris. Smith added the point after and with 3:01 left in the half, the Bulldogs led 26-8. That's how the half would end.

Green added his third touchdown of the night on an electrifying 49 yard run. The two point conversion failed and Hanceville led 32-8.

Green's final touchdown of the night came early in the final quarter on a 16 yard run. Smith added the point after and the Bulldogs led 39-8.

Zachary Smith would put the Blue Devils back on the board with a short run. The two point conversion failed and left the score 39-15.

Andrew Minor put the final points on the board for Cordova with a four yard run. Jamaal Cooper added the two point conversion to make the final margin 39-22.

The Bulldogs then ran out the clock to move to 6-3 overall and finish second in Region 7 at 5-2.

**Muscle Shoals at Cullman**
**By Johnny Thornton**

CULLMAN – Cullman lost out on the opportunity to win the 5A, Region 8 championship Friday night, falling to No. 1 Muscle Shoals 35-20 at Oliver Woodard Stadium.

But the Bearcats are still in a position to finish second in the region. Thanks to Russellville upsetting Hartselle 6-3, the Bearcats, Tigers and Golden Tigers end regional play at 5-2. It will come down to next Friday when the regular season ends with all three on the road in non-regional assignments.

Cullman visits Center Point, Hartselle heads to Austin and Russellville plays at Fayette County. Cullman needs to win against the Eagles and hope for a Hartselle loss to an 8-1 Austin team. That would give them the tiebreaker against Russellville since they defeated the Golden Tigers 21-20 in overtime on Oct. 5.

Muscle Shoals led 14-0 less than 6:00 into the first quarter. Two long runs from tailback Tyler Jackson gave the No. 1 team in the state the momentum they needed.

With Auburn commitment Dee Liner anchoring the defensive line of scrimmage, the Bearcats managed 41 yards of offense in the first quarter and two first downs.

Cullman never got the ball past the 50 and Muscle Shoals started three series from near midfield and two other possessions began inside Cullman territory.

Cullman's defense stood strong in the second quarter by keeping Muscle Shoals off the scoreboard. The Trojans ran a series of plays inside the Cullman, but missed three field goal attempts. One didn't count because Cullman was called for roughing the kicker that gave the Trojans a first down inside the Cullman 15.

The Bearcats had only 60 yards of offense by halftime and were down 14-0. Muscle Shoals opened the second half with an 80-yard drive that ended on the only pass completion through the third period, a 20-yard toss from Ryan Ware to Jaylan Ramson. The Trojans were up 21-0.
That's how the score stood going into the final stanza.

A drive that began at the Cullman 48-yard line following a 10-yard Muscle Shoals punt moved into the fourth quarter. Zac Crocker hit Houston Turner for a seven-yard score and Chris Grey booted the conversion to close the deficit to 21-7.

After that, Muscle Shoals tacked on two touchdowns, a 5-yard run by Jamarcus Nance and a 62-yard run down the left sidelines by Jackson for his third score of the evening, The Trojans led 35-7 with 7:52 remaining in the game.

Cullman followed with a good drive that ended inside the Muscle Shoals 10 on a fumble. The Bearcats got the ball back, starting from the Trojans' 30 and would enter the end zone on Crocker's second TD pass to Turner. Grey followed with the point after and Cullman was down 35-14 with under 3:00 to play.

The Bearcat defense then rose to the challenge with Reid Harrison taking a fumble 25 yards to the end zone that made it 35-20. The extra point was no good with 2:16 showing on the clock.

Muscle Shoals was able to take the remaining time off the clock and complete the regional schedule perfect in seven decisions. The victory by the Trojans snapped a 5-game winning streak for the Bearcats at Woodard Stadium.

**Oakman at Cold Springs**
**By: Zeke McBrayer**

COLD SPRINGS - The Eagles kicked the ball to the Wildcats to start the game. Oakman had a short return and would start the night on their own 26 yard line. The offense came out showing that they could strike fast. On the very first play of the game the Wildcats quarterback Jase Trotter connected with Quinton Harris for a 76 yard touchdown. After a missed kick the visiting Wildcats were up 6-0 just 18 seconds into the game.

The Eagles offense came out ready to answer the big touchdown play by the Wildcats. Led by Logan Campbell and Caleb Ellison, the Eagles marched the ball down to the red zone. After a few short runs, Ellison made a big 4th down run Put the eagles on the 4 yard line. Two plays later Vince Stewart would take it in for an apparent touchdown. At the end of the play however the ball would pop out and Oakman would pick it up. The refs ruled the play a touchback and the Wildcats offense took over on the 20 yard line.

The rest of the half was dominated by the defenses of both teams. Both teams would have good long drives but were ultimately stopped. After an exciting first play the half would end with the Wildcats up 6-0 on the home team.

The Eagles would come out looking to capitalize on their first drive of the second half. After being stopped twice on run plays the Eagles decided to switch it up and try a pass. This would prove to be the start of a chain of touchdowns for the Wildcats.

After intercepting the ball and returning it to the 30, a chop block penalty would back the Wildcats to around midfield. While the Eagles defense stood strong and held Oakman to an apparent 3 and out, a fake punt pass play saw Purvis Coger catch the ball and take it in for a 50 yard touchdown. A 2 point conversion run by Harris put Oakman up 14-0.

This wouldn't be the end of Cols Spring's troubles as the kickoff would be muffed and then recovered by oakman at the Eagles' 37 yard line. Five plays later Chris Austin ran the ball in from the 20 to extend the Wildcats lead. Quinton Harris would take the 2 point conversion in to make the lead 22-0.

After trading possessions, the Eagles looked to march the ball down again. After a short punt by the Wildcats, Cold Springs started the drive on Oakman's 23 yard line. The Eagles again relied on the run game as they drove down. After getting inside the 10 yard line, Cold Springs looked to Vince Stewart to run it in. After getting to the 4 yard line the ball would pop out, however the referee would blow the play dead. This would cause confusion by everyone on the field and the Eagles would be forced to replay the down. The Wildcats would hold them this time and get the ball back.

Oakman would score one more time before the game was over. The drive started at midfield and ended with a pass from Trotter to Harris for a 6 yard touchdown. The extra point kick made the final score 29-0.

**Winston County at Vinemont**
**By: Ashley Buckelew**

VINEMONT – The Eagles are flying high heading into the playoffs, with no signs of slowing down. Their next test came in the form of the Winston County Yellow Jackets. It is usually the Eagles that get the scoring started but this week it was the Yellow Jackets who struck first, scoring with just over two minutes gone in the game. Not to be outdone, Vinemont took just two plays to answer the bell when Ty Jones blasted down the field for a 61 yard answer. The PAT, however, was no good and Vinemont still trailed 7-6.

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Winston County started their next possession looking to add to their lead but Vinemont had other ideas. Vinemont laid a vicious hit on the Winston County ball carrier, forcing a fumble that Vinemont quickly pounced on. From there, it took just three plays for Jones to find the end zone from 15 yards out to put Vinemont on top 13-7, a lead they would never lose.

Vinemont's defense held strong on the next Yellow Jacket possession, stopping them on 3rd down and forcing a short punt. From here Ty Jones did what he does best, find the end zone, for his third TD on the night and he put his team on top 20-7, with 5:37 still left to play in the first quarter.

Both offenses sputtered a little in the second quarter, that is until the Jackets converted a 4th and 8 into a touchdown and made the score 20-13 before the half.

It was Vinemont that struck first in the second half. Following a Winston County punt, Jones crossed the end zone for the fourth time in the game when he punched it in from two yards out, giving Vinemont a 26-13 lead.

Winston County quickly answered on their next possession, making the score 26-20 but it was the last time they would cross the goal line. Vinemont, however, would score three more times to make the final total 47-20 in favor of the Eagles.

**East Limestone at West point**
**By: Clay Speer**

WEST POINT – Before we talk about Friday night's game, I want to congratulate the senior football players on West Point's football team for all their hard work and dedication. Brandon Addison, Cameron Brock, Juan Carrillo, Kristian Chappel, Seth Dees, Aaron Griggs, Lane Jones, Aden Mergan, Paul Quattlebaum, Wesley Smith, Luke Glover, Tyler Smith, Take Duckett, Wesley Waters, Kaleb Marsh, and Taylor Wisner. Also congratulations to all the senior band members and cheerleaders.

West Point and East Limestone faced off tonight in an exciting game of football on a cold October night. Unfortunately for the Warriors they came up short in the 41-6 loss against the Indians.

East Limestone struck first, battling back deep from within their own territory, after an incredible punt from West Point's Wesley Smith to put them on their nine yard line. East Limestone marched the ball downfield and scored on a five yard rush from Tristian Matthews.

East Limestone's defense was tough but West Point wasn't giving up after two more Limestone touchdowns, West Point finally got on the board in the 2nd quarter after an amazing 50 yard pass from QB Tanner Rusk to his one of his go-to receivers, Jordan Mckenzie to make the score 20- 6 going in to half time.

Just when it seemed that the Warriors would have a little momentum on their side and a chance to fight back form a rocky start, they just could not find traction in the second half to sustain a scoring drive and put pressure on East Limestone. The Indians, however, did not seem to face the same problem as they punched it in at the end of the third quarter and twice more in the fourth, making the final score 41-6 in favor of the East Limestone Indians.

**Plainview at Holly Pond**
**By: Howard Cole**

HOLLY POND- After trading opening possessions, Plainview got on the board first when a rush by Anderson resulted in a Bears touch down, making the score 7-0. The score was set up by a Bronco fumble. The next possession for the Broncos ended in the same way with a fumble. Plainview scoped up the football and ran it in for their second score.

Holly Pond was forced to punt the ball on their next possession and the Bears were looking to score again, which they did when RB Spears punched it in from three yards out and Holly Pond quickly found themselves in an early 21-0 hole. The Bears scored once more before the half when Willingham caught a 55 yard TD pass making the score 28-0.

Plainview continued their scoring ways halfway into the second half when the Bears' Anderson snagged a pass out of the air and raced 55 yards for the TD, making the score 35-0. They would punch it in one more time to make the final score 42-0 in favor of Plainview.

There you have it, comprehensive coverage of all Cullman County teams. No one covers Cullman County like CullmanSense where "Community Matters."

# Week Ten Football Preview

**By: Josh McBrayer**
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Well folks, it's that time of year again; the time of year where I hate writing this preview. Not because I dislike my job (anyone who knows me, knows I LOVE what I do) but because this is the week 10 preview, the last preview of the regular season.

We have had a high school football season full of ups and downs, great games, and major disappointments.

We have several teams in the playoffs looking for that elusive state title and the others are just looking to end the season on a high note so they have something to build on for the 2013 campaign. So without further sappy sentiment on my part, here is what is on tap for the final week of the regular season.

**Cold Springs (2-7) at Carbon Hill (0-9)**

Cold Springs has already had something to celebrate, notching their first win in three and a half years, but it has not been all smiles for the Eagles. They look to close out their season the way they started it, with a win. To do this, they travel to Carbon Hill to take on the win-less Bulldogs.

**Cullman (7-2) at Center Point (4-5)**

Cullman has just two blemishes on their record this year: a very controversial loss when they traveled to Hartselle and a 35-20 loss to the #1 team in the state, the Muscle Shoals Trojans.

They are looking to rebound from their most recent loss to Muscle Shoals when they travel to Center Point to take on the Eagles. This will be an important game for Cullman as they look to gain some momentum heading into the first round of the state playoffs.

**West Point (2-7) at Fairview (7-2)**

The West Point Warriors have had a rough schedule this year, one of the roughest in the county. They have had to play three of the top ten teams in Class 5A, with two of those three games being on the road.

They finish their season on the road as well against a very good Fairview Aggies team that is coming off of a 46-7 thumping of the Crossville Lions. The Aggies look to keep rolling all the way to a state championship.

**Good Hope (2-7) at West End (1-8)**

After a promising 2-0 start for the Good Hope Raiders, they have unfortunately dropped their last seven in a row, a streak they hope to end when they travel to West End to take on the Patriots who had the sweet taste of victory for the first time this season, against the Gaston Bulldogs Friday night.

**Hanceville (6-3) at West Morgan (1-8)**

After a rocky start, the Hanceville Bulldogs have rattled off six very impressive wins and are poised to make another run at the 3A state title that eluded them last year.

**Holly Pond (1-8) at Appalachian (2-5)**

Holly Pond will be entering their tenth and final game on the 2012 campaign and are hoping to go out with a bang when they travel to Oneonta to take on the Appalachian Eagles. The Eagles have only strapped on the pads seven times this year due to two open dates on their schedule.

With them being off last week, they have had extra time to prepare for the Broncos. It will be interesting to see how the game unfolds as these two teams have never met in a football game before this year.

**Vinemont (7-2) at Randolph School**

Last but certainly not least is the Vinemont Eagles traveling to Randolph to close out their regular season.

The Eagles have been mowing down teams on the way to claiming a playoff spot, their first since 2009.

They have done this by power football. The downhill running style of Ty Jones and the explosive speed of Tyler Boland have helped notch seven victories for the Eagles and they will no doubt continue to use what brought them to the "dance."

There it is ladies and gentlemen, the last preview for the regular season.

Whether your team has a playoff spot, playing for a spot, or just trying to end the season on a high note, please come out and support the players. It means more to them than you will ever know.

# Area Athlete Spotlight: Ben Moore

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CULLMAN – For years, Alabama has been known as a football state, putting a countless number of players in the NFL and winning back-to-back-to-back football National championships. As good as our fair state is at football, there are a select number of players looking to bring another sport into the Alabama's limelight. That sport is baseball.

The latest player to make an immediate impact is from right here in Cullman. He is none other than former Cullman Bearcat stand-out, Ben Moore.

He was named a Freshman All-American by Louisville Slugger during his first year at the University of Alabama along with being placed in the SEC All-Freshman team.

He recently was named the Most Valuable Player of the Northwoods League, which is a great honor.

Although Moore is busy with classes and preparing for the upcoming season, he took time out of his busy schedule to answer these questions for CullmanSense.

**Josh McBrayer**: What was it like playing for a top tier high school program like the Cullman Bearcats?

**Ben Moore**: Well, Bryan Bowen and Brent Patterson did a great job of building the program into what it is. Playing baseball in Cullman wasn't just something you did during baseball season it was a year around thing. I would not have wanted to play for any other program. I really feel like I am where I am because of the program at Cullman.

**JM**: Do you feel that moving to a prestigious college program like Alabama helped you?

**BM**: Cullman isn't just your run-of-the-mill baseball program. It really takes a commitment to play there. I feel like everything I went through at Cullman has prepared me for what I'm facing here at Alabama.

**JM**: Were there any nerves your first game, in front of thousands of people, as a freshman?

**BM**: I didn't get to start our first game, but I got to pinch hit in a big situation late in the game and needless to say I was extremely nervous. But I felt confident in my abilities and after playing at Cullman and having been in some big situations before, it wasn't anything too nerve racking.

**JM**: Tell our readers a little bit about your experience in the Northwoods League and about winning the MVP.

**BM**: Playing in the Northwoods will be something I will never forget. It was one of the greatest summers of my life. The Northwoods is known for its long 70 game season.

It was definitely a grind playing in that many games, but I feel like playing that many games and seeing the competition I did will really help me out later down the road. Winning the MVP of the Northwoods league was a huge honor. It's something I will be proud of for a long time.

**JM**: Is there anything you would like to say to any up-and-coming baseball player that wants to follow in your footsteps?

**BM**: If baseball is something you love and are passionate about and you want to play at the next level, it's not going to be easy. It takes a lot of work, blood, sweat, and tears.

You have to really make a commitment to yourself that you're going to do what it takes to prepare yourself. But at the same time just enjoy playing the game. Because that's what it is, a game.

Alabama head coach Mitch Gaspard is very high on Ben Moore and is looking for him to lead the Alabama Crimson Tide this year both on and off the field. In this sports editors opinion, Ben Moore will be joining another Cullman Bearcat alumni, Josh Rutledge, in the major leagues sooner rather than later.

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# Community Matters

## Domo Arigato Mr. Roboto

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**Students, teachers & parents enjoy North Alabama BEST robotics competition**

HANCEVILLE – On Friday Wallace State hosted the North Alabama BEST, which is a robotics competition designed for high schools and middle schools in the areas of design, engineering, technology, and math, as well as marketing and development.

"Auburn University serves as the state BEST hub and sponsors South BEST which is a state competition. All of the winners from the stage competitions will meet down in Auburn and go against each other," said Kelly Jones who is the North Alabama Hub Director.

"Auburn University came to Wallace about five years ago and presented the idea of Wallace becoming a hub. Wallace gathered the funds for a year as well as a staff. It's a year round event for us as far as Wallace goes. Every year we have been able to secure grant money so no one has to pay for a kit. We provide the kit and what they need to build the robot. We also pay their fees to getting into the finals."

Each team in the competition gets six weeks prior to game day learning what the game will be and seeing the field for the first time.

The teams then go back to their school and design a corporation and each member gets a job title.

The team then has to build a robot, design a marketing strategy, and design a booth which is judged at the competition.

The team then has to design a robot and get it into working condition as well as work out kinks when a problem arises with the robot.

The teams are also judged on spirit and sportsmanship which is based on the people they bring to cheer at the event, and they also receive points for encouraging other teams.

"It's not a cutthroat kind of thing," says Jones. "They get points for helping each other on and off the field as team."

This year's event featured a space theme field in which contestants had to maneuver their robots around lifting bottles, raising flags, and moving whiffle balls up to a nest.

The teams in the competition included Holly Pond High School, Fairview High School, Good Hope High School, Cullman Middle School, Cullman High School, and Hartselle Junior High School.

J.B. Pennington High School was also scheduled to be in the event, but the night before someone broke in and sabotaged their robot.

Holly Pond allowed them the use of a spare robot to go through the demo stages. Kelly Jones said this is the first ever occurrence, but hope it doesn't deter the school.

"Hopefully they will be here next year," she commented.

When the event was over, the two schools moving on to Auburn were Cullman Middle School and Holly Pond High School.

Wilma Whateley, who has been involved with the event for seven years, was proud of Holly Pond, the team she coaches.

" It took long hours to put together a robot, working with video and solid works, and marketing our robot. It was more than I could have ever hoped for. Our robot ran wonderfully and I am as pleased as I can be with its performance," she said.

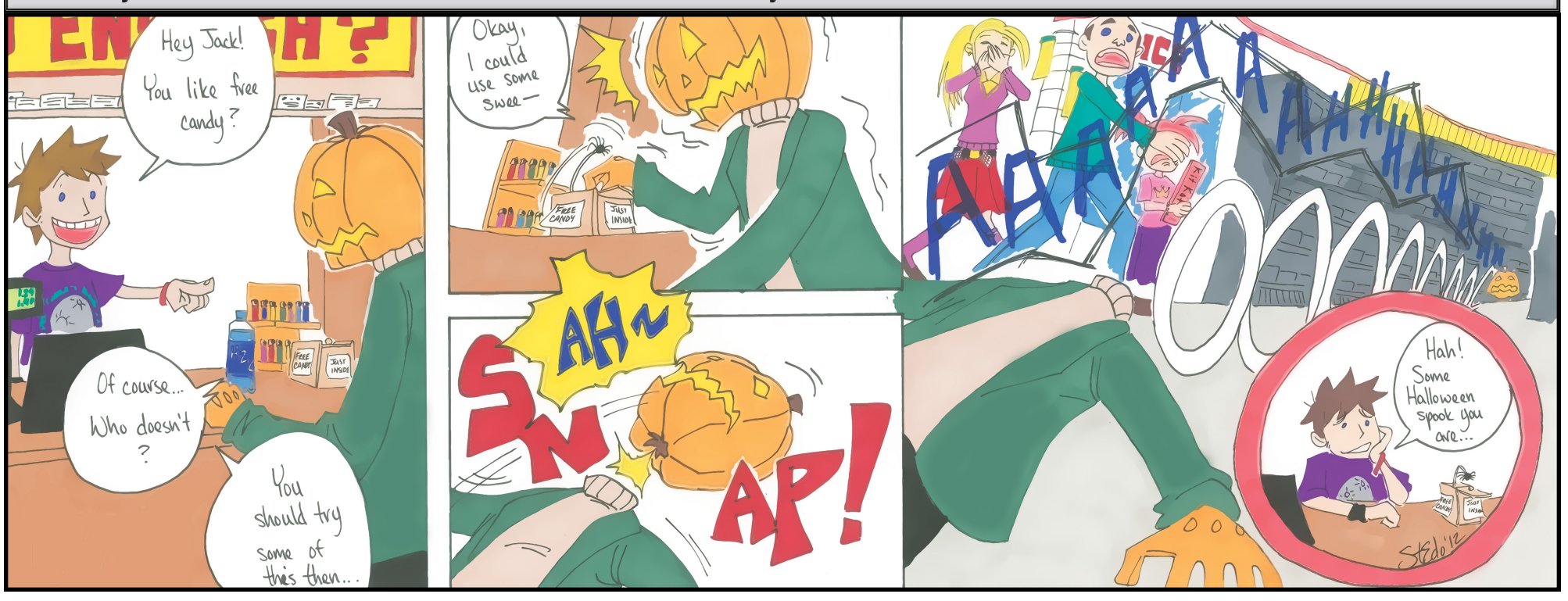
**Winners**

- **Blood, Sweat, and Duct Tape**: J.B. Pennington
- **Rookie Team of the Year**: Cullman Middle School
- **Best Pep Band**: Cullman High School
- **Best Mascot**: Fairview High School
- **Best T-Shirt**: Holly Pond High School
- **Team of Distinction**: Holly Pond High School
- **Top Gun**: Cullman Middle School
- **Most Robust**: Holly Pond High School
- **2012 Founders Award**: Holly Pond High School
- **Spirit and Sportsmanship**: Holly Pond High School
- **Project Engineering Notebook**: Holly Pond High School
- **Team Exhibit and Interview**: Holly Pond High School
- **Market Presentation**: Holly Pond High School
- **Third Place Best Game**: Good Hope High School
- **Second Place Best Game**: Fairview High School
- **First Place Best Game**: Cullman Middle School
- **Third Place Best Award**: Hartselle Junior High School
- **Second Place Best Award**: Fairview High School
- **First Place Best Award**: Holly Pond High School




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# Lifestyle

## Passion for the Kitchen

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### Cow Patties or No Bake Cookies

This is kind of a funny story…to us, not sure if Ethan would think so, but he was too young to know any better.

About this time of year, most every year we go to Welti where Ralph's family lives. We usually celebrate October birthdays, carve pumpkins, and have a hayride, etc. One year, many years ago when Ethan was about 2 or 3 we went out there for some fall fun.

We cooked hotdogs over a fire, made smores, just typical outdoorsy stuff you do this time of year. Ralph's sister Susan had planned some fun games for us. One game was called the "Cow Patty Toss.". They lived on a farm and to my understanding, after awhile there are some actual cow patties you can pick up because they are dried out. I went along with it, not to be a fuddy duddy.

There was a pile of cow patties at one end and a big wash tub at the other end. The object was to toss a cow patty into the wash tub and the one to get the most in the tub wins the grand prize of a gold plated cow patty. This was not real gold, of course, but spray-painted and the object of anyone's eye that day.

We all took turns, laughing and making jokes, etc. Some of the cow patties were more "ripe" than others and the result was not pleasant and a little smelly, but it was a lot of fun.

Ethan was about 2 or 3 years old and looked so cute in his little overalls and farm coat. He was just watching the whole thing. I guess he had seen Ralph make his famous no bake cookies, also called cow patty cookies. We weren't paying much attention to Ethan with all the commotion going on in the cow patty tossing contest.

I turned around just in time to hear Ethan say "cookie"……and take a big bite out of one of the cow patties. Well of course I ran to him, knocking it out of his little hands and cleaning off his mouth as he was spitting it out. The crowd roared! Poor Ethan thought that was a big delicious cookie and was going to be the first one to eat them since we all were just throwing them across the yard.

We kid him about it even now, but all in fun. I don't recall him eating any more of Ralph's no bake cookies though.

Those were the days. This is a great time to enjoy this time of year and get outside to have fun with your family. You might want to try this "no bake cookie" tossing contest.

### No Bake Cookies

Ralph makes these all the time at the deli, but this isn't exactly his recipe. Can't give it away, now can I? These are very close and hard to resist.

**Ingredients**:

- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup quick oats
- 6 Tbsp powdered sugar
- 1/2 tsp vanilla

**Instructions**:

1. Combine chocolate, butter, and peanut butter in slow cooker. Cover and cook on HIGH for 1 hour.
2. Stir and add oats, powdered sugar, and vanilla.
3. Drop by spoonfuls onto waxed paper. Let cool and serve.

Makes 10-15 servings.



### Easy Fried Pies

I don't know why I'm so into sweet stuff lately, but here's a quick "sugar fix" you will love.

**Ingredients**:

- 12 oz. tube refrigerated biscuits
- Flour for rolling out biscuits
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 20 oz. can fruit pie filling, any flavor
- Cinnamon and sugar to taste

**Instructions**:

1. Remove biscuits from the package, let stand at room temperature for 20 minutes
2. On a lightly floured surface, roll out each biscuit until about 4-5 inches in diameter
3. Add 2 tablespoons of pie filling to the middle of the biscuit
4. Fold over and seal with a fork
5. Heat oil in pan
6. Carefully add 2-3 pies at a time, depending on the size of your pan
7. Cook for about 1 minute on each side or until golden brown
8. Remove and place on paper towel to drain
9. Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar mixture

*These pies fry quickly, so you may want to have them all done and ready when you start cooking.

## The Cemetery as a Community Resource

By: Pete Nassetta
Contributor

Cullman, Alabama was established by Colonel John G. Cullmann in 1873. He and a small company of like-minded German settlers arrived in North Alabama to begin a new life.

Today Cullman is a proud city of approximately 14,000 citizens who fiercely protect the right to honor God, family and country. We were severely tested in April of 2011 when a series of deadly tornadoes ripped most of Alabama and tore a path directly through our beautiful city, destroying hundreds of homes, businesses, churches, and public buildings. The storms also voided the landscape of many of our more than 90-year-old oak trees.

This was an especially cruel blow to a city that is a frequent recipient of the American tree city designation. Our community pride and respect for neighbor has allowed the people of Cullman to emerge from this tragedy stronger and more resilient to face the future with renewed hope.

Our cemetery, Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery, has always played a key role in preserving the memories of those who have gone before us to their eternal rest by hosting community gatherings on the grounds and making all feel welcome. This especially holds true this year as we anticipate several events that will showcase our church and cemetery.

**Centennial Celebration**

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Cullman, will host a year-long centennial celebration of the laying of the cornerstone of the present church building. This event started on July 14, 2012 and will conclude on the actual 100th anniversary of the initial event on July 14, 2013. Festivities began with an opening Mass which celebrated the Benedictine heritage of both the Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery and the priests and monks of St. Bernard Monastery, Cullman, highlighting their commitment to both Sacred Heart Church and School over the past 130 decades.

Each month thereafter, a major event will be hosted by a group or organization of the parish. The list of planned activities runs the gamut from a street dance to an ice cream social to a scout jamboree. Other functions will include a school alumni sponsored Open House event, scripture luncheon and a school gala.

The cemetery committee will be responsible for the month of November, 2012, to coincide with the annual All Souls decoration day on the 4th. We are excited about the agenda planned for the day.

In addition to the traditional prayers and hymns for the service, we will encourage all in attendance to spend most of the day at the cemetery and enjoy 'dinner on the grounds' (that's a southern expression for picnic). The cemetery committee will furnish the meal with all the trimmings. Another unique feature this year will be the addition of pictures of those buried at each tombstone. Families will be asked to provide 5 x 7 pictures of their deceased family members, the church will laminate them and they then will be placed at each gravesite. What wonderful memories these pictures will evoke of loved ones and friends from the past!

I would be remiss if I did not mention that all of the centennial events will be open to the public, not restricted only to parishioners. Invitations will be extended to public officials and other churches, hoping it will be a truly city-wide observance of our centennial celebration.

**Living History Cemetery Walk**

In October of this year our cemetery again will be hosting the annual cemetery tour. The Cullman County Historical Society alternates this event every two years between the Cullman City Public Cemetery and Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Tickets are purchased for the event to assist in funding the work of the society. Buses are provided to shuttle the visitors from the Festhalle Market Platz downtown. The tour is conducted after dark with luminaries lighting the way through the cemetery.

As you proceed through the entrance gate, you are transported back to the late 1800's and early 1900's to meet individuals who had great influence in the development of Cullman. The visitors proceed from grave to grave in 8 of 10 areas of the cemetery.

At each stop they are greeted by an actor (often a descendent of the deceased) dressed in period garb telling his or her story as if they were still with us. Some stories are sad, some humorous, but all are historical. This two night event is part of Cullman's annual weeklong Oktoberfest celebration and it is extremely popular and highly informative.

**Cremation Garden and Stations of the Cross**

Our cemetery is located in a residential area several miles from the church. The city's founder, Colonel Cullmann, appropriated land for use as a Catholic cemetery, as well as a parcel some 12 blocks to the west for the Cullman City Public Cemetery. Obviously, the neighborhood grew up around the cemetery and it is a popular place for walking and riding bikes.

We always have tried to be a good neighbor and keep the cemetery looking well maintained. What we have not been able to do was move forward with an aggressive beautification program.

With the support and direction of our Pastor, Fr. Patrick Egan, OSB, and a very dedicated volunteer committee, we have embarked on a journey to plan and build a cremation garden and Stations of the Cross pathway. We were fortunate to be able to purchase an additional five acres adjacent to the cemetery and have commissioned the services of Dave Bishop and Scott Odom of McCleskey Mausoleums to work with us.

They already have completed a land management plan for the new acreage and are putting the finishing touches on the cremation garden and Stations pathway. We also will be looking to them for guidance in designing a new look for the entryway to the cemetery.

In keeping with our commitment to the neighborhood and the responsibility of maintaining a place of dignity and beauty, we look forward to completion of these projects so that our community will continue to celebrate with us, for it is in the glory and honor of God that we do these things.

***Pete Nassetta is chairman of the Sacred Heart Cemetery committee and may be reached at 256-739-5035 or email pcnpw1@yahoo.com.***

# Reflections of History

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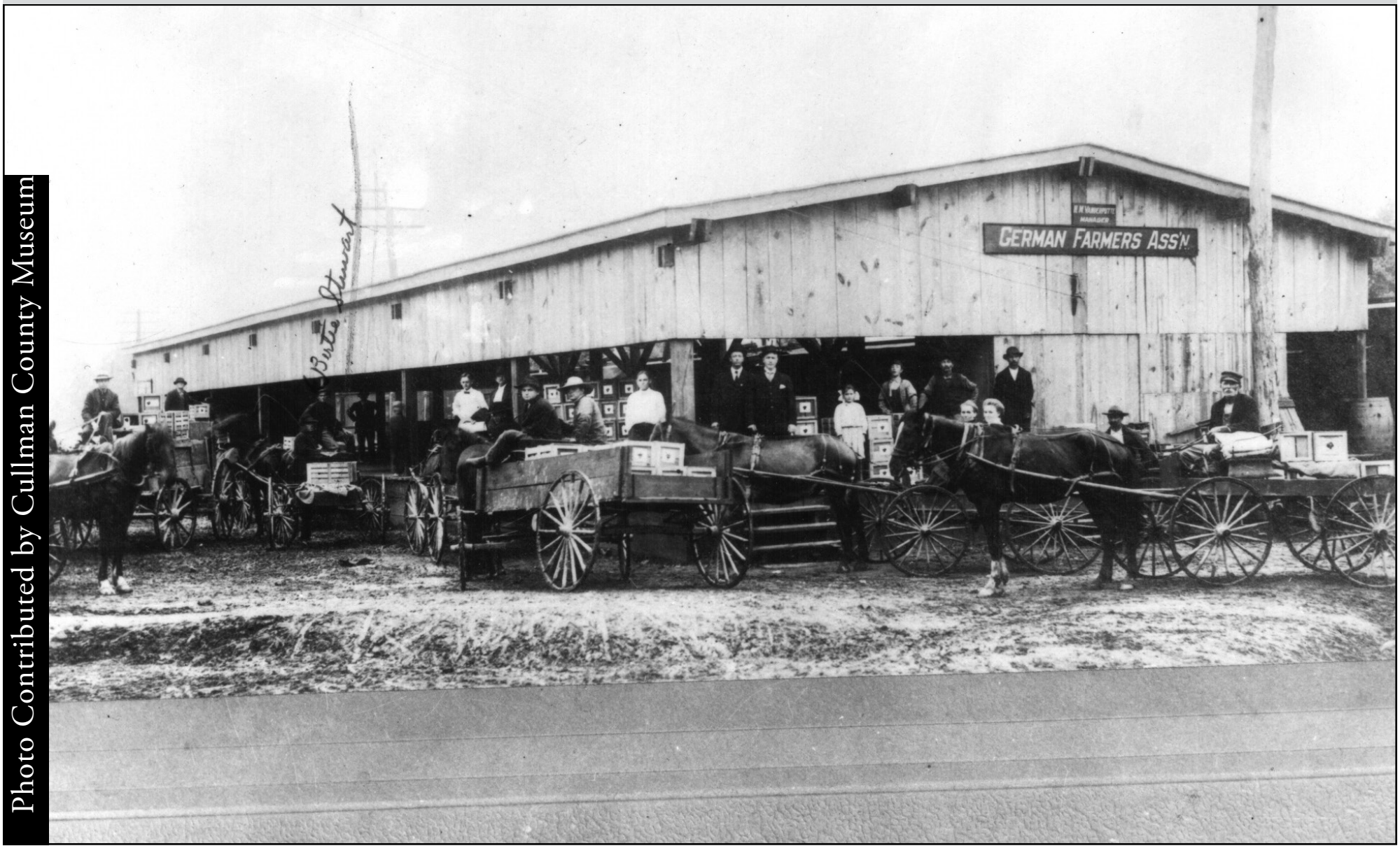



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## This Week in History Oct. 29 - Nov. 4

**October 29th**
- 1929 – Black Tuesday, Stock Market crashes triggers Great Depression
- 1942 – Nazi's murder 16,000 Jewish in Pinsk, Soviet Union
- 1987 – Thomas Hearns wins unprecedented 4th different weight boxing title

**October 30th**
- 1873 – P. T. Barnum's circus, "Greatest Show on Earth," debuts in New York City
- 1938 – Orson Welles panics a nation with broadcast of "War of the Worlds"
- 2010 – The U.S. launches a search for the people behind an attempt to mail bombs to synagogues and places of worship in Chicago, Illinois

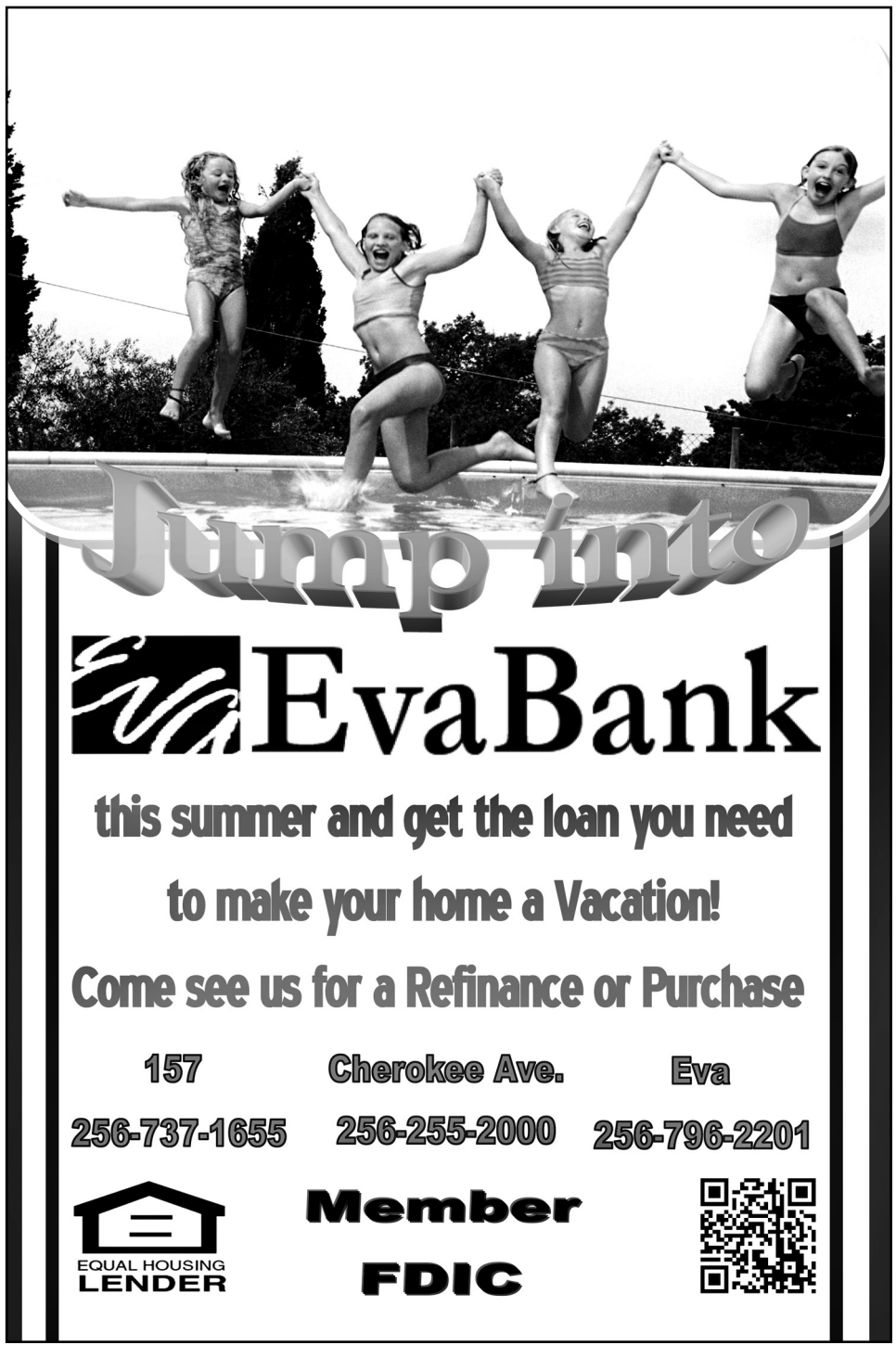
**October 31st**
- 834 – First All Hallows Eve (Halloween) observed to honor the saints
- 1963 – Leaking propane gas explodes, kills 64 at "Holiday on Ice" in Indiana
- 1988 – First Monday Night NFL game in Indianapolis, Colts beat Denver 55-23

**November 1st**
- 1870 – U.S. Weather Bureau begins operations in 24 locations
- 1932 – Wernher von Braun named head of German liquid-fuel rocket program
- 2011 – Four states and 1.5 million people in the Eastern U.S. still have no power after a 2011 Halloween nor'easter hit the area with unusually early snowfall

**November 2nd**
- 1879 – In a 6-day footrace a Mr. Weston loses to a horse, 900 to 885 km
- 1947 – Howard Hughes' "Spruce Goose" flies for first and last time
- 1983 – President Reagan signs a bill establishing Martin L. King day
- 2000 – International Space Station becomes permanently staffed

**November 3rd**
- 1679 – Great panic occurs in Europe over close approach of a comet
- 1883 – U.S. Supreme Court decides Native Americans can't be Americans
- 1987 – Oakland 1st baseman Mark McGwire wins AL Rookie of Year
- 2010 – A sophisticated tunnel used by drug smugglers between Tijuana, Mexico and Otay Mesa, California, is discovered by U.S. Border Patrol

**November 4th**
- 1845 – First nationally observed uniform election day in U.S.
- 1939 – U.S. allows "cash and carry" arms sales during WW II
- 1979 – 500 Iranian "students" seize U.S. embassy, take 90 hostages; seize lasts 444 days
- 2008 – Barack Obama is elected the 44th President of the United States



# Local Events Calendar

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## Tuesday, October 30th

**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 31st

**Free Community Meal at Living Waters Ministries**
A free community meal is offered each Wednesday night at Living Water Ministries beginning at 5 p.m. Living Water is located in the East Park Plaza on the left side of Highway 278 just past the entrance to St. Bernard Monastery. Everyone is welcome to attend these Wednesday night gatherings. Further information can be obtained by calling James Moore, 256-338-9145. Donations also are gratefully accepted.

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## Halloween & Fall Festival Listings

**Haunted Hayride**
Haunted Hayride events to include storytelling, an inside carnival for the little ones, and more at the Cullman County Rescue Squad's Haunted Hayride. Cost is $5 for adults and five years and younger are free. All proceeds will be used for the Rescue Squad's needs. The Hayride is open from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. from now until Halloween. Cullman County Rescue Squad is located at 1520 Sportsman Lake Road, Cullman. For more information contact the Cullman Rescue Squad at 256-531-6098.

**Bethsadia Baptist Church Harvest Carnival**
Bethsadia Baptist Church will be hosting a Harvest Carnival from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., complete with a Crazy maze, moon jump, apple bobbin', face painting, hayrides, and more. Admission is free. Bethsadia Baptist Church is located at 1365 County Road 421, Cullman. For more information contact Deb Laslie at 256-736-2622.

**Cullman First Baptist Church Trick or Treat Caravan**
Join the Cullman First Baptist Church Trick-or-Treat Caravan. We will meet at the church in the parking garage at 5:30 for hot chocolate and snacks. Then we will hop aboard a hayride to transport us to neighborhoods for a night of trick-or-treating. We will share some singing, candy, and fun before returning back to the church around 8:00 p.m. PARENTS MUST BE PRESENT. There are no other children's activities on Wednesday, October 31st. There will be no bus pick-up on the 31st as well. First Baptist Church is located at 501 2nd Ave. SW, Cullman.

**Fall Festival at Daystar Church**
Join us for a free Fall Festival at Daystar Church from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., where we'll have inflatables, carnival rides, games, music, and more. Admission is free and concessions will be available, with proceeds to benefit the children's ministry. Daystar Church is located at 200 Daystar Drive, Cullman.

**Fall Festival at Desperation Church**
Desperation Church presents a Fall Festival, to be held at the Cullman County Fairgrounds from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Halloween night. Carnival Rides, inflatables, face paint, games, and more will be available during this fun Fall Festival. Food will be available for purchase. For more information visit our website at www.desperationchurch.tv.

**Fall Festival at New Hope No. 2 Baptist Church**
New Hope No. 2 Baptist Church will be hosting a Fall Festival from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Costumes are permitted, but no scary costumes will be allowed. Enjoy games, prizes, candy, and samples from the men's chili cook-off. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. New Hope No. 2 Baptist Church is located at 2290 County Road 1682, Holly Pond.

**Halloweentown at Northbrook Baptist Church**
Northbrook Baptist Church is having all sorts of things for you and your family: free food, hay rides down the Lost Trail, inflatables, games, prizes, and, of course, CANDY!! We hope to see you here on October 31st rom 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Northbrook Baptist Church is located at 3691 AL Highway 157, Cullman. If you have any questions, feel free to call 256-734-6401 or e-mail questions@northbrookbc.com.

**Halloween Concert at First Baptist Church**
A Halloween alternative concert is to be held October 31st from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., with many activities for kids of all ages including, candy, hot dogs, cake walk, slide, face painting, hayride, and moon bounce. Fairview First Baptist Church is located at, 1022 Welcome Road, Cullman. For more information contact the church office at 256-796-4611.

**Trick or Treat at Westminster Assisted Living**
The residents of Westminster Assisted Living will be passing out candy to all little Halloween visitors between the hours of 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Westminster Assisted Living is located at 1020 Olive St. SW, Cullman. For more information contact us at 256-255-0361.

**Trick or Treat with Traditions Bank**
On October 31**st** Traditions Banks in Hayden, Priceville, and Cullman will be open until 7 p.m. for trick-or-treaters. The Arley branch will open from 4-6 p.m. to hand out candy. The Holly Pond and Dodge City locations will be having Halloween activities during bank hours. We look forward to seeing everyone's costumes! Come by and see us!

**Truck-n-Treat at Temple Baptist Church**
Come join us for Truck-n-Treat at Temple Baptist Church from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Temple Baptist Church is located at 30 County Road 1184, Cullman. For more information call 256-737-0112.

**Trunk-o-Treats at Faith Baptist Church**
Faith Baptist Church will be hosting a free Trunk-o-Treats event from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Face painting, hotdogs, soft drinks, and candy will also be available. For more information contact the church office at 256-734-7307. Faith Baptist church is located at 25 County Road 1302, Cullman.

**Trunk-o-Treats at Flint Creek Baptist Church**
Flint Creek Baptist Church will host a Trunk-o-Treats event from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Flint Creek Baptist Church is located at 3048 County Road 1354, Vinemont.

## Thursday, November 1st

**Elks Lodge Buffet Lunch**
Come join the Cullman Elks Lodge members as they fire up the ovens and open their doors to the public for their weekly lunch buffet at the Lodge Home. The cost is $8.00 per person, which includes two meats and veggies, plus tea. Everyone is invited to enjoy the fellowship and delicious meals each Thursday from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

**Overeaters Anonymous Meeting**
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## Friday, November 2nd

**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, November 3rd

**S.T.A.R.S. Relay for Life Fall Fundraiser**
Please join us for our S.T.A.R.S. Relay for Life Fall Festival 5k, Chili Cook off & Craft Fair, beginning at 8 a.m. and lasting until 3 p.m. We will start the day with a 5k, chili cook-off, an all-day craft fair, a kiddie area with games and bouncy houses, and local talent! For entry forms for the 5k, Chili Cook Off or Craft Fair please contact the STARS Relay Team at 256-339-3875 or 3heatons@gmail.com

**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. The 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 online at townofhollypond.com/days.html. Ramona Calhoun is coordinator of this event and can be contacted by e-mail at rcalhoun@ccboe.org.

**'Harvest Time' is Theme for Farm Kids Club Program**
November's theme for the Farm Kids Club program is 'Harvest Time' and the session will begin at 9 a.m. These fun classes take place at the North Alabama Agriplex Board and are sponsored for kids age kindergarten and up with an adult in tow! Cost is $5.00 per person. To register for this event please call 256-297-1044 or email the North Alabama Agriplex at Cullmanag@gmail.com. Bring your kids and get into the upcoming holiday season!

**Stars & Stripes' Car Show**
A 'Stars & Stripes' car show will be sponsored by West Point Band Boosters club from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. This event will take place in the high school parking lot. It is open to all wheeled vehicles, so bring your own 'special' vehicle and try to win one of their trophies. Awards will be presented at 3 p.m. and will include trophies. Door prizes will be given out during the event, and a 50/50 drawing will also take place. All entrants will receive a goody bag, dash plaque, and t-shirt. Any funds raised will go towards the band's needs during the year. Please visit www.westpointband.org.

**Natural Childbirth Classes**
This class is for those who are considering having natural childbirth. Your education, desires and personal support network greatly influence a positive outcome.

In this class you will learn: details about stages and phases of labor, relaxation techniques & comfort measures, how your birth partner can help you during labor, physiological positions and movements for labor, about medical interventions, the role of hormones during labor & birth, and much more. There are two class locations in the city; please call (256) 962-0975 for directions and registration. Visit http://www.birthing-beautiful.com for more.

**VFW Saturday Night Dance**
The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2214 invites everyone to their weekly Saturday night dances which begin at 7 p.m. and last until 10 p.m. The Boogie Night Band provides music on Saturday nights. Entrance fee is $5.00 for each individual. Come on out and bring your dancing shoes and enjoy an evening of great music, fun and fellowship!

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## Looking Ahead

**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

# Community Matters

## Meet WSCC's Mark Neal

By: Michael Bryant
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HANCEVILLE - Mark Neal is the current Music Technology Coordinator at Wallace State Community College, where he teaches not only all recording classes, but also guitar, bass, and percussion, as well as anything that has to do with a degree in Commercial Music.

Mark was born and raised in the Cullman County area and attended Holly Pond High School. He says his whole life he has been involved in music. When he was sixteen he began teaching private lessons while also starting a band.

"(The members) were all in high school together and Ricky Burks, who is our Director of Music (at Wallace State), introduced me to his cousin and he turned out to be a phenomenal singer and musician, and around here, any musician you can find that's got any quality to them, you want to hang onto them. We played a lot of music together."

Upon graduation in 1982, Mark would come to Wallace State where his passion for music and teaching began to really develop. He would go on to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas where he did jazz studies before coming back to Alabama where he graduated in 1989 with a Bachelor Degree in Music Education. Mark would teach for two years at Geraldine High School, before teaching at his alma mater. It was here he would hear about an opening at Wallace.

"Mister Bean, who is now retired, was the music chair, and always a mentor of mine and the minute I moved to Holly Pond he called me up and said there was a part time position available for me to start teaching at that time. He brought me down and I started teaching part time."

He would balance his two jobs for about a year, teaching at Holly Pond during the day, and at Wallace at night, and says he basically didn't sleep. His first position was directing the college's Wallace State band, which he has been doing for twenty years.

"I've always supported the bands. I like being a support player. Go Lions!"

In 1999, he would become full time, a transition he admits was an easy one and over the years, Mark's role at Wallace has expanded to include other things as the technology in the areas of recording, songwriting, and Intro to Commercial Music has changed.

Mark says the goal at Wallace is to grow the program while also trying different things.

"We're not afraid to experiment with bands and groups. Being a community college in Alabama and still maintaining a full-fledged music department that has all of the things we have is a blessing, but it's very rare, if you compare our program to any other at any other community college. Some of them may have a strong theater program. Some may have a strong choir program, but there are not many doing everything that we do. Most schools now run what they call community bands where they take what students they have and practice in the evening, and use outside musicians in their community to supplement their group. We are one of the few that run an entirely student based program from our concert band, to our jazz band, to our Singers, to our theater program."

Part of that growth he mentions involved the building of the Burrows' Center which now houses art programs ranging from music to theater to graphic design. Mark describes the move as a long process.

"It's like moving into a new house. Nothing is where it's supposed to be for a long time. It was a long process of making this home, and it still doesn't feel like home even after two years, because it's still not natural, but with the new building the idea of growth came with that. We're only looking forward to building bigger and better things in the future."

As the program moves into that future, Mark says his role has changed as the technology around him has changed.

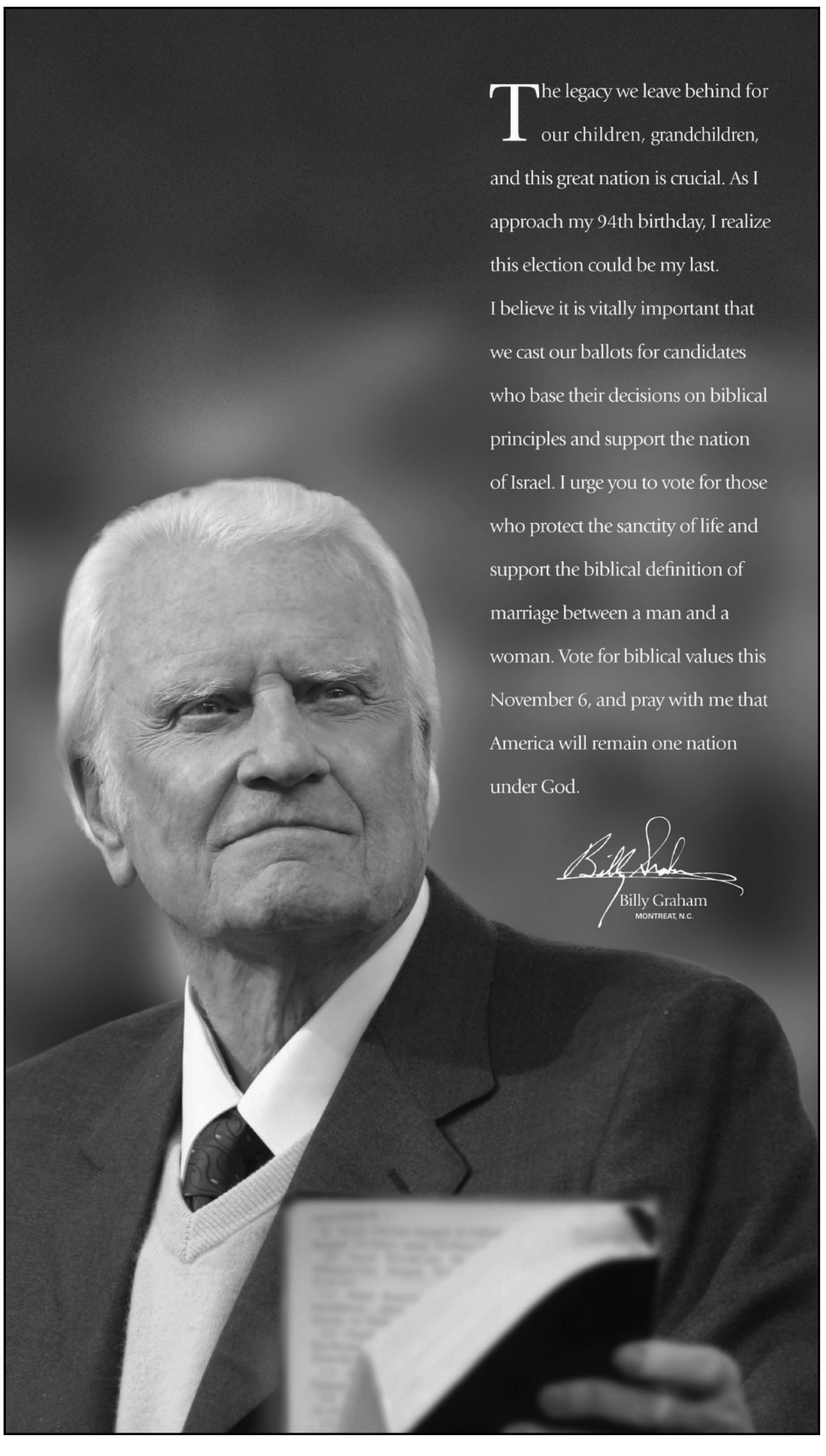
"I was more of a support person for several things, but now I have a concentration on students who are interested in going into commercial music, and now with this building we're able to offer that, because I have a recording studio and we have things for them to help them accomplish those goals as opposed to hoping they gathered them. The department hasn't changed so much, it's just the kids are always changing. I'm just trying not to get too old too fast so I don't lose touch with the students. That's the hardest change for me is the generation gap that I have communicating with these guys. When I first started I wasn't that much older, but now it's like 'why are you talking like that.' It's not that the students are better or worse, it's just, in the last twenty years they're different. Being able to adjust to that instead of them adjusting to me, that's the hard part. With the new facility it has enabled us to go farther, because we can grow and expand, and the next five years that's our goal to grow and expand."

But it is not just leading bands and teaching music that you can see Mark doing at Wallace State this fall as in a couple of weeks you can see him performing as the Pharaoh in the school's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." While Mark says Lauren Cantrell-Salerno has promised his role won't be difficult he's not really worried.

"I am an old hack from way back. When I was in college at Wallace, we had a strong community theater program and we did Hello Dolly, Fiddler on the Roof, and West Side Story, and that's how I got started, and I acted in two of those and was in the music in one. Since I've been teaching at Wallace I have either conducted or been a part of several music productions including Schoolhouse Rock, Nunsense, and Grease. Now this will be my first acting gig since college, but Miss Cantrell came to me and said I would be perfect for the role of Pharaoh and I said to myself 'self, I think I would be a good Pharaoh,' but it's going to be fun. I have a couple of songs and I like that. You kind of come in and do some rock and roll and leave. I'm excited. I can't wait to see how they've put it together."

However, Mark Neal isn't giving anything away about his upcoming part.

"Let's let that be a surprise for the readers."




Register for Ballroom & Aerial Silk Dancing Classes

**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

or Mail to:
Admissions, Mary Hall
P.O. box 2000
Hanceville, AL 35077-2000

# PUZZLES, COMICS, AND JOKES

## THIS WEEK'S WORD SEARCH TOPIC IS: HALLOWEEN

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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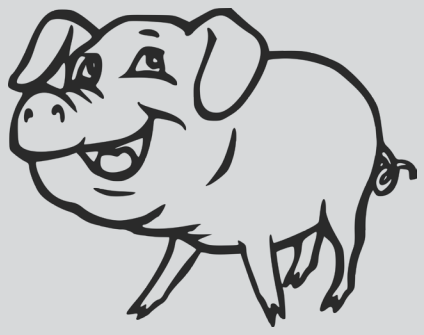
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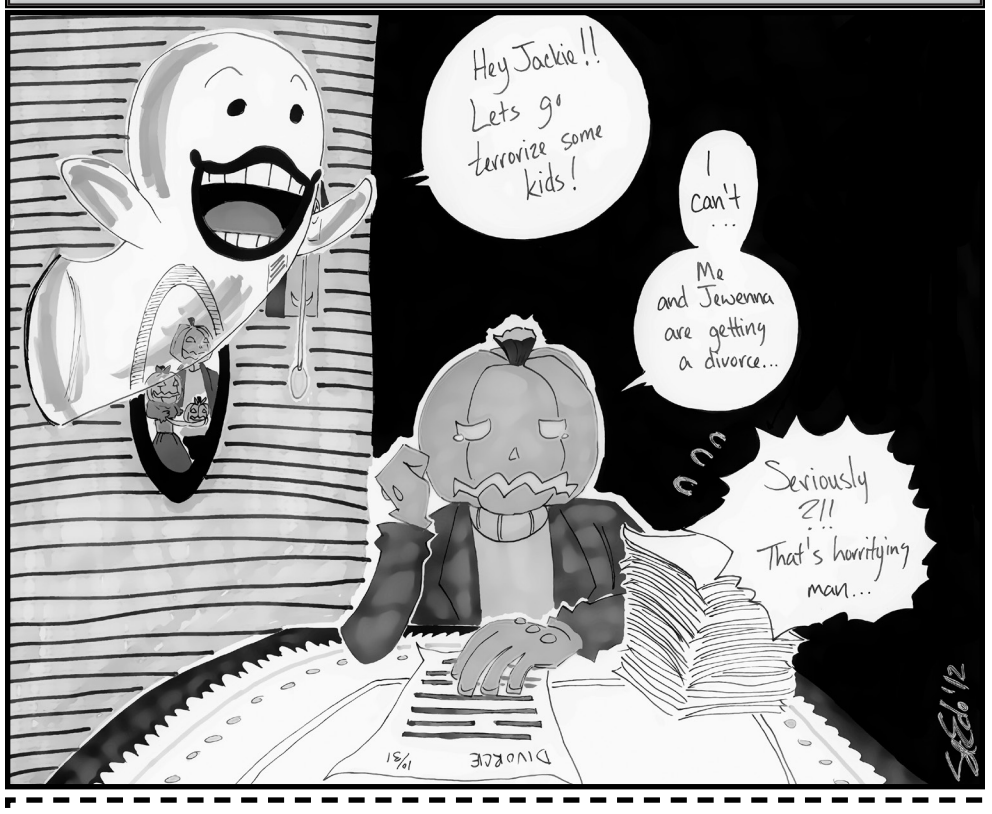
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# Community Matters

## Reunited (Continued from Front)

geant Major John Randau] has been deployed to Afghanistan with the 115th ESB Alabama Army National Guard for the last year, which is his second deployment to Afghanistan."

Sgt. Major Randau has served in the United States Army for 16 years and reenlisted for an additional 6 years during this most recent deployment to Afghanistan. Beforehand Sgt. Major Randau served 5 years in U.S. Navy and is currently enlisted full-time in the Army National Guard.

"Elizabeth is a senior and is a Raiderette on Dance line at Good Hope High School where she and other seniors will be recognized on the football field before their last home game," said Wren. "Lilly is in 7th grade and is a middle school cheerleader. The girls have a half-sister named Reagan, who is in 3rd grade, who is also a cheerleader and a step-brother named Alex who is 18 and is a freshman in college."

With such a large family, Wren said the duties split between the Wren household and the Randau's has been instrumental in holding the family together while the Sgt. Major is serving overseas. Wren said the family is "lucky" to have each other and added that the support system is crucial whenever a family member is enlisted in the armed forces, a fact known well by both families.

"We are lucky as a family because we have been there for each other. My husband (Rocky) and I and his (Sgt. Major Randau) wife Debbie have made it a point to keep the kids involved with school activities and church. We have a strong family unit," she said. "He has very supportive sisters and brothers who have either served in the military themselves or have been spouses to those in the military. His father was in the army and served in WWII, Korean, and Vietnam wars."

Wren said over the past year she has dealt with difficult times due to the Sgt. Major's deployment as she watched her two daughters eagerly await news briefings at night. She said the media can be a double-edge sword when it comes to dealing with military families.

"They are 'daddy's girls' and have missed him terribly, especially the first 6 months, they shed a lot of tears. It did get somewhat better over the second half of his deployment because it's downhill after that," she said. "It's been stressful; the media can be a good thing and at times can be bad. If they heard of another soldier who died in action or heard about attacks in Kandahar, Afghanistan (where he was stationed) they would be anxious until they heard their dad's voice again."

Fellow Good Hope resident and soldier Jamie Lyn Skalberg was killed while serving in Afghanistan this June. Wren said the tragic loss of the young soldier was impactful on everyone in the area, including her daughters who attend school with Skalberg's sister, Spring.

"When he [Skalberg] was killed in Afghanistan in June it just made you realize how precious life is and what hero's these men and women truly are," she said. "Jamie was stationed in Ft. Bliss and that is where John flew into on Tuesday, October 23rd to begin demobilization."

A lot can happen in a year. Wren said the time away has been difficult on both families but she said moments such as Senior Night or Homecoming were events where the girls looked for their father but knew he would not be in attendance. She said watching those moments were the hardest on her and the children.

"I think the hardest part about deployment are times like Senior night, where your child is recognized for their accomplishments and their dad isn't able to be a part of that. He sees the pictures and can hear how the event went but it's not the same as being there," she said. "He missed Elizabeth's homecoming this year where she was nominated as a Senior representative and he was not here to walk her out on the field, her step-father Rocky had to step in and do that. And Lilly was 7th grade homecoming representative and he was not here to walk her out either, again my husband Rocky stepped in and did that for him."

Those days are over for the moment as Sgt. Major Randau will be able to spend some quality time with his children.

"I'm terribly excited to be home. Glad to be back with my kids," said Sgt. Major Randau.

Despite the hardships, sacrifice of time, and sometimes the sacrifice of life, Wren said she is proud of Sgt. Major Randau, along with all the men and women who've served, currently serving or preparing to serve their country.

"I am grateful for all service men and women and the sacrifices they take and their families take so that we can remain a free and solvent nation," she said.

***A video of this event will be available on CullmanSense.com later this week.***

## Monster 5k (Continued from Front)

not been done before.

"We thought 'how could we get people to come out and not only race, but also make it fun', so we came up with the Monster Dash and thought 'we'll encourage costumes, because it's this time of year,' and this way, since Halloween tends to be more about candy and junk food, we thought we would create a healthy version of a Halloween celebration by dressing up and letting people go run," she said.

Numerous adults and children of all ages gathered in the early morning hours decked out in costume to take part on the day that just so happened to be the first nippy day of fall.

"No I did not (expect it to be cold). I am the register director for the Frosty 5K and normally I come ready to go in layers of clothes and gloves, but today I was not expecting that. It was a very, very cold day. It's very windy out there, but I hope they just stay warm, because I think it was a surprise to everybody this morning before we woke up. It's pretty cold out there, but I think it will make it a fun race", said Harbison.

The weather did not have a negative effect on the runners, some of whom were dressed in costumes that were inspired by Toy Story, sports teams, and super heroes as they were all smiles, including Kelly Burnham and her daughter Carly who were dressed as mother and daughter Indians.

"We were just looking through magazines and decided to be momma Indian and daughter Indian," said Kelly, who decided to bring her daughter to the event because they have a good time.

"You get to dress up and the kids get to dress up and do a fun run. It's not serious; everybody just wants to finish the race. We have whole families that are Toy Story or the Incredibles. It's to promote health for everyone and to have fun."

While she enjoyed the run, Little Carly had another reason for liking the race. "If the kids finish the race they get candy and a water bottle," she said with a smile.

When the event came to an end it was Trent Dean, who coaches cross country at Cullman High School, who crossed the finish line first. He said he takes part in the event in order to practice for upcoming meets and also because he has a competition going with Doctor Fillinger.

"We've raced three times in the past month. He beat me at Cold Springs', I got him at St. Bernard's, and I just barely got him here today," said Dean.

"We were trying to work together so we knew what pace we wanted to set. We knew we were going to be together and then see who had enough strength to finish. It was just fun competition."

The second annual event may be over, but you can expect to see better things next year said Lindsay Dossey.

"We may change it again and change the venue again next year. It's kind of a work in progress because we just want to see what works. Whatever can get the most people out," she said.




## Let the Fun Begin

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**WSCC set for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"**

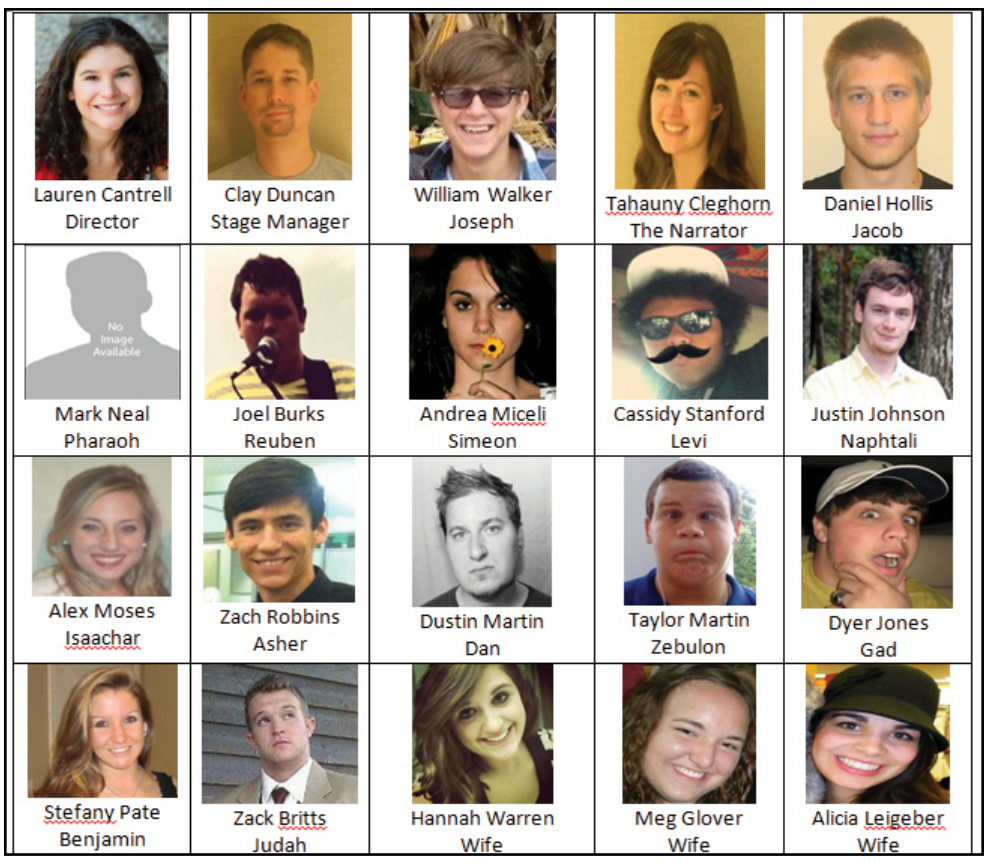
HANCEVILLE – Andrew Lloyd Webber's internationally acclaimed musical comedy "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will be performed at Wallace State Community College beginning on November 1 and running through November 4.

The Wallace State Theatre production, directed by Lauren Cantrell-Salerno, presents the Biblical story of Joseph and his famous "coat of many colors" with fun music ranging from country to calypso, and a special guest appearance by the King of Rock and Roll.

Directed by Lauren Cantrell-Salerno and Stage Managed by Clay Duncan, the production stars William Walker as Jacob's (Daniel Hollis) favorite son in the bible story we all know and love and is narrated by Tahauny Cleghorn who sings for you the tale of a boy who gets sold into slavery by his brothers because of their jealousy of his multi-colored coat and their fear that his "entertaining dreams" may come true.

Over the last few weeks, we at CullmanSense have been introducing you to the cast of "Joseph," a group that makes up some of the best singers, dancers, and humorists that Wallace State has to offer, on our website and they invite you to come and be a part of their "Amazing" production.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students and children. Showtimes are 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.




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