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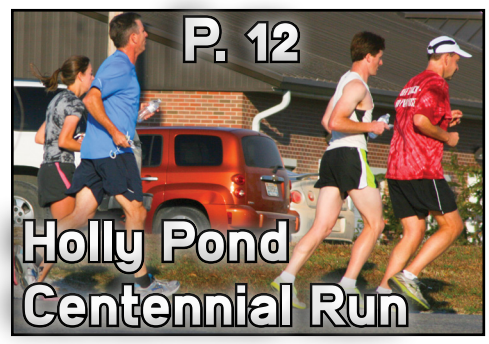
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Time Capsule Discovered

By: Noah Chandler
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CULLMAN – Ever thought about finding buried treasure? What about dreaming of discovering some lost ancient artifact? If not, at least imagine how you'd feel discovering a missing piece of local history. Dalton McCluskey knows how it feels as he recently etched his name in the history books as he became the man who discoveed the time capsule at the Cullman County Courthouse.

McCluskey, a maintenance technician at the courthouse, made the discovery shortly after 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17.

County Clerk Charlotte Slatton said most of the departments had thought the time capsule would not be found. She was shocked to know it was hiding in plain sight for over 40 years.

"The 1965 dedication plaque was being taking down for cleaning and relocation," said Slatton. "[The] time capsule was located behind it."

Mementos from the cornerstone of the Old Courthouse from 1912 were included in the capsule. Those items consisted of Indian head pennies and various other coins.

Also included in the capsule were several newspapers, a name placard, a moose pin, knife, and political button from the 1960s.

The items are not currently on display but Slatton said they are looking for an appropriate display case.

Slatton asked that everyone wait until the

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'Stars and Stripes' Car Show

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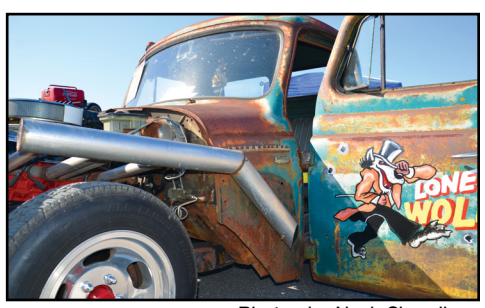
WEST POINT – This past weekend West Point High School held their West Point Band Boosters 'Stars and Stripes' Car Show.

"It's to raise money for the band boosters which support the West Point Band," said Dale Presto who is the Vice President of the West Point Band Boosters. "This is our sixth annual car show and it's open to anybody that wants to show any car, any truck, any motorcycle, or a tractor."

Numerous vehicles lined the parking lot ranging from the classics to the cars you have to see to believe.

John Kelly, who was at the event for the first time, was there to show off his 1974 Plymouth with a 440 Engine.

"A friend of mine was coming up here and I followed him up," said Kelly



Photos by Noah Chandler

Bill McDaniel, who was at the event to showcase his 1948 Mercury and was also attending for his first time.

"(My car has) got a Nova sub frame. It's got a 350 Chevrolet with a turbo 350. It's just a street rod," he said. "I got a daughter that's a band member and I'm here supporting the band."

The event which used to be held on High-

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Football Wrap-Up – Week Ten

By: Josh McBrayer
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Ladies and Gentlemen, you are reading history. CullmanSense has become the only paper in the history of Cullman County to cover EVERY team, EVERY game, both home and away. We have brought you in-depth coverage of both the teams and their coaches and we enjoyed every moment of it. We will continue to bring you the best local sports coverage possible and that is our promise to our readers. So here it is the final wrap-up of the 2012 Cullman County High School football regular season.

Hanceville (7-3) at West Morgan (1-9)
By: Micheal Bryant (Thursday)

TRINITY – Hanceville would receive the ball to start the game and would immediately show why they are one of the top teams in their division. On the first play from scrimmage running back Torrey Green would dart down the field for a gain of 23 yards to the two yard line. Quarterback Caleb Hurst would sneak it in two plays later to give the Bulldogs a 7-0 lead early.

West Morgan would get the ball next, but would not have it long. Defensive lineman Charles Tatro, who was unblock able throughout the game, would disrupt the center exchange and quarterback R.J. Young would fumble the ball.

Hanceville would recover at the eleven yard line of the Rebels and on the second play of the drive running back Sheldon Lewis would take it in. Hanceville would miss the extra point, but go up 13-0.

On West Morgan's next possession the Hanceville defense would knock them back eight yards and take over once more. Caleb Hurst and Sheldon Lewis would each get carries rushing for 22 yards between them, and then a pass from

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In Brief

Gerry Burney and Agnes Johnston Burney Memorial Scholarships Established through WSCC Future Foundation

By: Kristen Holmes
WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE - Wallace State Community College in Hanceville has established new scholarships for students majoring in criminal justice and nursing through a contribution from Mr. C.J. Burney and the estate of Agnes Johnston Burney to the college's Future Foundation.

The Gerry Burney and Agnes Johnston Burney Memorial Scholarships are named in memory of Mr. Burney's wife, Agnes, and their son, Gerry.

Gerry Burney was murdered in his driveway in 1998. Agnes Burney, an FBI employee under J. Edgar Hoover during World War II, received adoring care from several nurses during her long battle with diabetes before she passed away in 2005.

Joining Mr. Burney for the scholarship donation were Lt. Joey Cone, the deputy sheriff who was first on the scene at his son's shooting and probably the last person to talk to him before he died, and Brett Holmes, an investigator in the District Attorney's office who has become acquainted with the case more recently.

Mr. Burney thanked Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Hawsey for her leadership and said, "This is the best two-year college in the state. Students leave here prepared for productive futures and great service. I wanted to help people like Joey and Brett, who are my friends, and others like them who made a difference to our family."

The $6,000 scholarship contribution made possible by Mr. Burney and the estate of Agnes Johnston Burney will be added to the college's Perfect Match Endowment Fund, which will provide an additional $6,000 in matching funds. The Future Foundation plans to endow the scholarships at the $25,000 level.

"Thank you for choosing Wallace State to advance the memory of your son and your wife and to make possible the education of others," said Wallace State President Vicki Hawsey to Mr. Burney at the acceptance of his donation.

"Contributing to someone's education is analogous to creating a ripple in a pond that extends to infinity. It is a gift that can change not the only scholarship recipient's life, but also has the very real potential to impact his or her family for generations to come," she said.

Mr. Burney, a World War II veteran who served at the Battle of Iwo Jima, will be among those featured in Wallace State's Veterans Day digital photo exhibition online at www.wallacestate.edu/veterans beginning on Nov. 5, and also shown on the digital message board at the front of campus.

For more information about the Gerry Burney and Agnes Johnston Burney Memorial Scholarships and other scholarship opportunities available through the Wallace State Future Foundation, visit wsccfuturefoundation.org.

Parents Weekend held at St. Bernard

By: Joyce Nix
St. Bernard Contributor

CULLMAN – St. Bernard Prep School held Parents Weekend the weekend of October 26th and 28th. This annual event gives the parents of currently enrolled students the opportunity to talk with faculty and staff and discuss the academic progress being made by their sons and daughters.

"It was a great weekend in every way," said John Tekulve, the Headmaster. "When we have an event like this, it is easy to see why our students are successful. It all goes back to supportive parents who want their children to do their best."

William Calvert, the Principal of the Middle School, echoed Tekulve's sentiments. "I was very pleased with the parent/teacher conferences. We had a team approach which allowed for better feedback for both teachers and parents."

After the parent/teacher conferences, a highlight of the weekend was the Saturday night dinner and the student-sponsored talent show which concluded the Parents Weekend activities. Mr. Rodney Fike, the school's drama and music teacher, organized the show assisted by teachers, Miriam Stella and Mistie Howse, who served as emcees.

The entertainment included piano solos, a cappella and duet singing, choral singing, and dances. Following an international theme, a variety of musical and theatrical productions were presented from around the globe.

"The talent show was outstanding," said Tekulve. "I was amazed how wonderfully the students performed."

"The musical piece that was the show stopper was presented by our international students," Tekulve continued. "They brought the house down with their gangnam-style dance performance that would have made Korea's pop star, Psy, proud."

St. Bernard is a co-ed boarding and day school for grades 7-12 in Cullman, Alabama. For more information on the school visit www.stbernardprep.com.

Upcoming Wallace State Continuing Education Classes

By: Kristen Holmes
WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE – The Continuing Education Department at Wallace State Community College announces the following upcoming courses:

Facebook for Seniors

Senior adults are increasingly joining social media to stay in contact with friends and family. Facebook for Seniors will provide the information participants need to get started with the most popular social media platform. The fee is $25 for this class, which will be held Tuesday, November 6, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Couponing

The class on couponing will help participants extend their purchasing power, saving money, and getting more for less. The class will be held Tuesday, November 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. After this course, participants should be able to save 50 percent off their grocery bill immediately and up to 80 percent in the future. Registration is $20.

Computer Skills Excel Class

The Microsoft Office Excel class, which will be held Tuesday, November 6, from 6 to 8 p.m., will teach participants to create a spread sheet, sort information, and link information from one sheet to another. The class fee is $50.

Computer Skills Microsoft Office Class

The Microsoft Office Word class will teach participants to create letters, newsletters, flyers, calendars, basic spreadsheets, and more on Tuesday, November 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. This class will cover the basics of MS Word, MS Excel and MS Publisher. Registration is $50.

Digital Photography for Seniors

This digital photography class is designed for the beginner, who wants to learn how to download digital photos onto a computer and other cool things digital cameras can do. The class will be held on Tuesdays, November 6 and 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. Registration is $25.

CDL Training

Commercial drivers are in high demand. This four-week program, with open enrollment, provides the training needed for the commercial driver's license and a career on the road.

Defensive Driving

The next Defensive Driving School will be held at Wallace State on November 29, at 5 p.m., in the basement of the Library. The fee for the class is $35.43, which includes the book.

Introduction to Genealogy

During this introduction to genealogy, participants will learn to find ancestors and trace family histories using historical information in the library and online, in databases, the census, journals, message boards, libraries, courthouses, military, and other archives. Registration is $35. The class will be held on Fridays, December 7 and 14, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the WSCC Library.

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Sanitation/Recycling Holiday Schedule

By: Leanne West
Contributor

CULLMAN – The City of Cullman Sanitation Department has made some adjustments to November's residential sanitation/recycling schedule due to the upcoming holidays.

There will be no residential service on Monday, November 12, 2012, as the department will be closed in observance of Veterans Day. Residential service will resume Tuesday, November 13, with garbage/recycling pick-up for both the Monday (November 12) & Tuesday (November 13) routes.

There will be no residential service on Thursday, November 22, 2012, as the department will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Residential garbage/recycling for that day will be picked up on Friday, November 23rd.

All questions regarding sanitation/recycling services should be directed to the City of Cullman Sanitation Department at 256-737-7560. You can also find out more about city sanitation service at www.cullmancity.org/sanitation.htm.

Upcoming Look Good, Feel Better Support Program

By: Lindsey Dossey
CRMC Contributor

CULLMAN — The Look Good, Feel Better Support Program is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and Cullman Regional Medical Center and provides wigs, make-up, and styling tips for female oncology patients currently going through treatment. The program will host its next session on Monday, November 12 at the Cullman Oncology Center (1750 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058) from 10 a.m. until noon.

For more information on this program, talk to your doctor or you may call Cullman Oncology (256) 255-2500 or call the American Cancer Society Coordinator, Hillary Parmer at (205) 930-8870 or via e-mail: hillary.parmer@cancer.org. For a complete list of upcoming support groups and events at Cullman Regional Medical Center visit the online Calendar of Events at www.crmchospital.com.

Chamber Holds Ribbon Cutting for MB Interiors

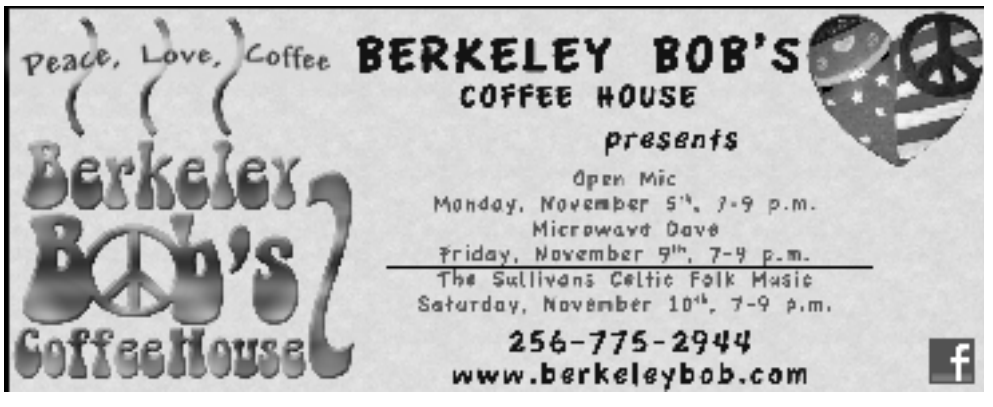
By: Erika Mead
Chamber of Commerce Contributor

CULLMAN – The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting for MB Interiors on October 27th. MB Interiors has beautiful items for home decorating, just in time for the holiday season.

For more information, call them at 256-338-3343 or visit them at 18325 AL Hwy 31 N. Cullman, AL 35058.



Front Row: Mandy Guthrie- Wilhite, owner; Mayor Melba Patton, Town of South Vinemont; Barbara Guthrie, co-owner
Back Row: Mrs. J. D. Marcum; Robert Schweighart, Town of South Vinemont City Council; J.D. Marcum, Town of South Vinemont City Council; Mona Ivey, Joann Oakley.



No(ah)-It-All: : What a Stellar Little Crew

By: Noah Chandler
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Another great football season has come and gone in Cullman County. Since four of the eight county teams are heading into the first round of the playoffs, I figured now would be the time to shine a light on the stellar little crew who brought you coverage of every team during the regular season.

The feat of covering 8 teams – home and away – is such a daunting task that no other news outlet in the area has attempted it using their own staff.

Well that all changed when CS Sports Editor Josh McBrayer and I sat down to discuss this seemingly impossible task and how we could cover over 4,000 miles in one season.

At first we threw around ideas of how to cover the games. Should we just let students text in scores or should we hire enough correspondents to send to every game? The meeting ended by electing to cover all 72 regular season games with a new CS Sports Crew, so that meant the search was on.

The first person I reached out to was Johnny "The Flash" Thornton. As a lifelong sports fan, award winning journalist, and Hall of Fame caliber reporter, Johnny was ready to saddle up with us for his second season covering football for CS. Once receiving a great nod of confidence from Johnny I contacted several others who worked with us during the 2011 season.

While the men I asked weren't able to commit to all the games, Tony Sisk did step in when we had a couple of the crew call in sick. Of course, Howard Cole returned for his second year as a photographer and first as a reporter.

Howard let me just say you did a heck of a job learning everything on the fly. Be proud of the work you did and know Holly Pond had all their games covered largely because of your efforts.

Up next were new comers Clay Sheer, Zeke McBrayer, Philip Hillman, Micheal Bryant, Ashley Buckelew, and Grant Smith. The only of the newcomers to have experience was Grant Smith.

Smith came on around week three and helped us stay on target to reach the 72 game marker. As for Clay, Zeke, Philip, Micheal, and Ashley, well they were all new to news scene.

Knowing how little experience each of the newcomers had just makes the accomplishment that much more satisfying because they did not give up two weeks into the season. Some sports correspondents I've known in recent years would've turned down a game 30 miles away without even thinking twice.

However, these individuals took on the challenge of driving – in some cases 240 miles roundtrip – long distances to assure each team received fair, equal coverage.

As far as photography goes, we had CS Lead Photographer Jessica Norrell on the scene for most of the games played inside of the county. As new mom she can't be too far away from home but her dedication to the profession and her love of photography really made the games come to life for those of us not able to make it out. Norrell all I have to say is "Let wolf child free as the denim gem takes over."

Now having someone at each game was great but CS Editor Dustin Isom knew we could do more. Last season he established The Scoreboard, an up-to-the-minute scoring update that was neatly packaged to resemble a scoreboard. Each time a team would score Dustin would receive the information before quickly adding it to The Scoreboard.

In our first season we did well but nowhere near the level of updates this season. My preference is to have all of my scores neatly aligned in one location instead of having my phone nearly explode from too many Tweets, so when Dustin displayed this season's version I was thrilled.

Go check it out. Plus, it'll be up throughout the playoffs doing what it does best; tracking and displaying accurate scores within a minute of the football crossing the goal line.

72 games! Yeah, it sounds crazy even today but somehow a group of 13 sports correspondents, photographers, and scorekeepers did it. Tis rare that I display any emotion but when the final stories came in this past weekend, a feeling of joy shot through my mind and before I knew it a happy dance was born.

So to Josh, Johnny, Micheal, Tony, Zeke, Clay, Philip, Ashley, Jessica, Dustin, Grant, and Howard, congratulations on your amazing accomplishment and just remember next year we're adding more teams.

Which ones? I guess you'll have to wait to see next season but I can assure you CS will again have the best coverage of Friday night football than any other outlet in the area. That's something you can bank on.



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SPORTS

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

Hurst to Dante Reese from 10 yards out would score again. This time Hanceville would fail on a two point conversion, but would hold a 19-0 advantage after one quarter.

Their first possession of the 2nd quarter would be the only one of the first half Hanceville would fail to move the ball, but once again the Bulldog defense would dominate and force the Rebels to fumble the ball.

Hanceville would put the ball in the hands of big Sheldon Lewis who would run for 14 yards and then power his way for 52 yards to score another touchdown and Hanceville would take a 26-0 lead.

West Morgan would turn the ball over on downs and while Hanceville got down to the Rebel 26 yard line, a 4th down Hail Mary attempt would be intercepted by West Morgan cornerback Shelton Stewart.

At the end of the half Hanceville not only had a 26-0 lead, but the defense pitched a shutout holding the Rebels to 26 yards of total offense.

West Morgan would get the ball to start the second half and the defense of Hanceville would continue their dominance by forcing a fumble on the first play and putting their offense back on the field. It would only take four plays for the Bulldogs to put seven more on the board.

West Morgan would gain nothing on their next possession and Hanceville would run the punt back to their own 48 yard line. After a holding call wiped out a first down, Hanceville would not let it get to them as a screen pass to wide receiver Tyler Tankersley would get 22 yards and then four straight runs by Torrey Green would get 28 more and another touchdown.

Hanceville would once again hold West Morgan on a 3rd down, but a facemask penalty would keep the drive alive. The Rebels would complete a pass to J.T. Kirby to get down to the Hanceville one, but somehow Hanceville's defense knocked them back 7 yards and forced a turnover on downs.

Hanceville would march down the field killing six minutes off the clock, but confusion would result in a fumble which the Rebels would recover. West Morgan would once more turn the ball over on downs and Hanceville would run out the final 32 seconds to end the game.

Cold Springs (3-7) at Carbon Hill (0-10)
By: Zeke McBrayer

CARBON HILL – The Cold Spring Eagles received the ball to start the game and set up on their own 11 yard line. The Carbon Hill Bulldogs' defense stepped up on the first drive to force a three and out, forcing the Eagles to punt.

The Bulldogs looked to get the ball rolling early, but the Eagles' defense had other plans. After two no gain plays the Bulldogs quarterback Daniel Woodard looked to gain the first down through the air.

The Eagles' Caleb Ellison decided that he wanted the ball more than the receiver as he took the interception back to the Bulldogs' 31 yard line. Just six plays later Ellison's name would be called again as he pushed his way in from the 1 yard line for the first score of the night. A failed 2 point conversion put Cold Springs up 6-0 with five minutes left in the first quarter.

Carbon Hill's troubles wouldn't stop here though. After a big run by the Bulldog's Ryan Simerly, the ball would pop out and be recovered by Cold Springs at midfield. A late hit penalty by Carbon Hill would push the Eagles up to the 33 yard line and just four plays later Logan Campbell would run it in for a 23 yard touchdown run. Campbell also ran the 2 point conversion in to make the lead 14-0.

The Bulldogs next drive was even more troublesome. After gaining a first down, the Bulldogs would be backed up 10 yards for a holding penalty.

Two more penalties, an unsportsmanlike conduct on the sideline, and a false start, would mean the Bulldogs went from 1st and 10 at midfield to 2nd and 30 at their own 22 yard line. The offense could not get anything going after this and was forced to punt.

The start of the second quarter saw the Eagles take over at the 46 yard line. After a short run by Campbell, Vince Stewart would be the one to take the ball in. This time it was a 50 yard run. A failed extra point kick made the lead an almost insurmountable 20-0 early in the second quarter.

The Bulldogs' came out ready to bite back. After a huge kickoff return by Jacob Mitchell, a personal foul on the Eagles set Carbon Hill up at the Eagles 23 yard line.

The Bulldogs took full advantage of the short field as Ryan Simerly ran the ball in from 12 yards out to shorten Cold Springs' lead. A successful extra point kick made the Eagles' lead 20-7.

After the Eagles couldn't get a score the Bulldogs came back onto the field. After a few plays the Bulldogs found themselves in another 2nd and long situation. Forced to try for the big play, Woodard was picked off for the second time of the game, this time by Stewart.

Stewart wasn't content with just an interception as he took the ball all the way for another Eagles' touchdown. A successful kick made the lead 27-7 with under four minutes to go in the half.

The Bulldogs proved that those four minutes wouldn't go to waste. After starting the drive with a 24 yard run by Ryan Simerly, the Bulldogs would find the end-zone for the second time of the game on a 2 yard run by Mitchell. A good kick shortened the Eagles big lead to a manageable 27-14 going into halftime.

The third quarter was very quiet as both team ended up not scoring. This was due to big defensive plays by both sides, including the Eagles' third interception of the game, this time by Zac Ellison. The Bulldogs would end the quarter with the ball on the 36 yard line.

Two plays into the fourth quarter Ryan Simerly would find the end-zone for the second time, and a 2 point conversion would shorten the Eagles' lead to 27-22, the closest of the game.

Cold Spring's would rely on their tree back system to drive back down the field. Led by Stewart and Campbell it took the Eagles just 7 plays to get the ball in the end-zone.

Campbell got the call three plays in a row, the third being the 10 yard touchdown run. A failed extra point put the Eagles up 33-22 with around 8 minutes left.

The next play of the game is one that is never anticipated in a football game. After a short reception, the Bulldogs' Stevie Simerly went down hard. After the play was over Simerly didn't get up like usual.

With both sides kneeling and the stadium quiet enough to hear a pin drop the athletic trainers rushed onto the field. After about ten minutes, Simerly would be carted off the field and carried away in an ambulance.

Not much was known as to the severity of the injury but, as with all injuries, I hope Simerly has a full and speedy recovery.

When play resumed, Cold Springs would make a big defensive stand to hold the Bulldogs. After Carbon Hill converted a 4th and 7 into a first down, the Eagles would have two big sacks by Jeremy Mcspadden and Austin Richard.

The Eagles would score one more time before the game ended, this time on a 26 yard touchdown run by Logan Campbell. A successful kick made the final score 40-22 Cold Springs.

Cullman (8-2) at Center Point (4-6)
By: Josh McBrayer

CENTER POINT - Cullman received the ball to start the game and wasted no time getting on the board first. Starting at their own 35, the Bearcats steadily moved the ball down the field mixing rushes with passes, which has so often been the case this season.

Small chunks of yardage quickly put the Bearcats in the red zone where they have thrived all year. This trip was no different. From the 20, Keary Thomas rushed for 10, Garrett Crider added four and Zac Crocker hit Houston Turner for the six yard touchdown strike.

Cullman opted to pooch the kickoff but could not catch the Eagles off guard and Center Point took over at their 48. The Eagles moved the ball into Cullman territory but then found themselves going backwards, due to a false start and a six yard loss.

Staring at a 4th and 21, the Eagles were forced to punt. It was short and Cullman took over on their 37. Despite the short punt, the Center Point defense held strong and forced a Cullman three and out and a punt.

The Eagles started at the 25 and started to drive the ball, all the way into Bearcat territory, thanks in part to a 36 yard pass from Keilan Knight to Oliver Jones. They drove the ball all the way down to the Cullman 31 but was behind in down and distance, facing a 4th and 12.

The Eagles opted to go for it and Jones took off trying to pick up the first down with his legs but a huge open field tackle by Lucas McMinn forced a turnover on downs.

Cullman was unable to do anything with the ball and were forced to punt the ball back to the Eagles. After a big 17 yard pass play and a six yard rush, the Bearcats forced a big fumble and Hunter Riley for the Cats pounced on it.

This led to the second Cullman score on the night when, from the eight yard line, Crocker found Mason Jones for the touchdown, putting the Bearcats up 14-0. The teams traded possessions for the rest of the quarter, with Crocker taking a knee for the Cats and ending the first half.

A bone jarring sack by Joseph Gable on third down set the tone for the entire second half. The sack forced a punt and Cullman, four plays later, would score on a 21 yard rush from Garrett Crider. Cullman struck again following an Eagle fumble when Crocker hit Trey Forrest for a seven yard touchdown making the score 28-0 Cullman.

This was the last action for the first string as head coach Mark Britton had the luxury of getting some of the younger players some game experience. Center Point got on the board for the first and only time with 8:21 left in the game.

Brandon Arrington tool a handoff and raced 61 yards down the far sideline for the score. The 2 point attempt was no good and the score stood at 28-6. Despite the late touchdown. Cullman showed the grit and determination of a team who is looking to go all the way and bring home the state title.

They hope to carry the momentum from this game through next week and all the way to the championship.

Good Hope (3-7) at West End (1-9)
By: Clay Speer

WALNUT GROVE – The Raiders took the short hour drive out to West End Friday night, for an exciting game of true Alabama football. They brought with them, an extremely charismatic band and matched the home crowd cheering on their raiders to a 21-12 victory over the West End Patriots.

The game started off with a bang after a 45 yard touchdown run by West End on only their second drive. After a missed PAT, West End led 6-0. Thanks to good defense on both sides and great special teams by the Raiders, including punter Zachary Sloan, it kept the Patriots inside their own 20 for most of the first half. Half way through the second quarter, the Raiders get on the board on the first play of their fourth drive with a 50 yard touchdown run by Jared McClure.

With the extra point good, the score was 7-6 Good Hope. West End gets the ball back, and unfortunately matches the Raiders, by marching down field and scoring on a four yard touchdown run to end the half.

The second half turned into a completely different ball game. Good Hopes defense completely changed. It seemed as if the only way West End could move the ball down field was to attempt a pass.

Midway through the third quarter, West End is moving the ball down field fairly well. After a big 20 yard pass, West End's receiver fumbles the ball and Good Hope recovers on their own 45 yard line. It is third and five on West End's 48 yard line, when Kainan Smith completes a 48 yard touchdown pass to Christopher Raper. After a missed extra point the score is now 13-12, and stayed that way till about six minutes left in the fourth quarter.

West End had the ball at the Raider's 39 yard line when Troy Barrett broke through the line and sacked West Ends quarter back. This caused him to fumble and Good Hope recovers it on West Ends 45. It's third and long with less than two minutes to play and Good Hope's running back Jared McClure runs the ball and breaks several tackles for a 35 yard touchdown.

To put the game out of reach, the Raider's go for two and succeed with a pass caught by #32 Jared McClure. West End cannot convert their next time out and Good Hope wins 21-12.

Holly Pond (2-8) at Appalachian (2-6)
By: Micheal Bryant

ONEONTA – Holly Pond would receive the ball and immediately get the ground game going. Handing it off to running back Deven Bodine for four straight carries, he would net a total of 12 yards.

Then in an unpredictable move Holly Pond would go to the air as quarterback Austin Hoffman would connect on a pass to wide receiver Carter Hays for a huge gain of 43 yards. The Broncos would go back to the ground game and get down to the Appalachian 10 yard line, but the drive would stall out and Holly Pond would turn the ball over on downs.

Appalachian would take over, but the stronger Holly Pond defense would hold them to a three and out. The Broncos would start out at the Appalachian 31 yard line and would go back to the air on the third play completing a pass to wide receiver Austin Higginbotham for 24 yards. Two plays later running back Dustin Pierce would take it in. Holly Pond would miss the extra point, but go up 6-0.

The Rebels would then show some signs of life. Starting at the Holly Pond 40, Appalachian would mimic the Broncos usual routine and keep it on the ground. Running behind quarterback Brandon Reese and running back Oziel Maldonado, the Rebels would punch it in from 9 yards out and take a 7-0 lead.

Holly Pond would be unable to do anything on their next possession, but the Bronco defense would hold. Appalachian would line up to pint, but Holly Pond would crash through the line and block it.

Defensive Lineman Daniel Mize would grab it out of mid-air and run it in. Holly Pond would go for and get the two point conversion to take a 14-0 lead.

However, the Broncos would not be content with a small lead as they would try for an onside

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kick and successfully recover at the Appalachian 44. Holly Pond would go back to their bread and butter of ground and pound.

Giving it to running back Dustin Pierce Holly Pond would gain 24 yards. A 16 yard pass to Higginbotham and a run by Bodine would get another score on the board as Holly Pond would go up 20-0.

Holly Pond would again hold Appalachian to a three and out, and then run the clock out to end the half.

Appalachian would start with the ball on their own 15 yard line to start the second half, but a facemask penalty on Holly Pond would move them to the 34.

The Rebels would take advantage of the mistake and take five and a half minutes off the clock on their way to their second touchdown to cut the lead to 20-14.

After a block in the back, Holly Pond would start at their 5. They would not be able to get out of the shadow of their own end zone and would be forced to punt.

Appalachian looked as if they would take advantage, but they would have a ten yard penalty called which would erase a first down. The Holly Pond defense would once again force their way through the Rebel offensive line to knock them back and force a punt.

Holly Pond would have a decent drive, but going for it on 4th down, Dauriel Hardwood's pass would be intercepted and the Rebels would set up on the Holly Pond 40 yard line. Once again the Broncos defense would stampede to knock Appalachian back 13 yards and take over on their 20.

That's when ground and pound would come alive as Dylan Surrett would take the first play 70 yards and on their next play Christopher Whitehead would clean it up and score to put his team up 26-14. Once again when Holly Pond's defense was on the filed they did something good as Dylan Surrett would intercept Brandon Reese. Holly Pond would start their drive at the Rebel 49. It would only take two plays for the Broncos to breakout on a 48 yard run and score once more to get the final score of 33-14.

Appalachian would be content with the loss as they would run three straight times and punt to the Broncos who would run the clock out.

It was not all good news for Holly Pond, however, as Devin Bodine would suffer an injury in the second quarter and not return. According to the coach in the booth the injury was a fractured tibia. Our thoughts and prayers will be with him as he works his way back to being healthy for next season.

Vinemont (8-2) at Randolph
By: Ashley Buckelew

WEDOWEE – Vinemont seems to be running downhill with a full head of steam going into next week's first round match-up against Lauderdale County. The latest team to be in the path of the runaway train was Randolph County but Vinemont found a way to pull off a 33-24 road win.

Randolph County got the scoring started with an 11 yard rushing touchdown that put them on top early in the contest. The following possession saw Vinemont fumble the ball and Randolph took advantage, running it in from 20 yards out. Vinemont quickly found themselves down by 14 and it looked like it was going to be a rough night for the Eagles.

Vinemont finally found the end zone halfway through the second quarter on a 4 yard touchdown run by Ty Jones but the PAT was no good and Vinemont trailed 14-6 with 4:59 left in the first half.

Randolph quickly answered on a 59 yard dagger of a rush that seemed to be the knock-out blow to the visiting Eagles right before the half but Vinemont still had life and Jones, with a nose for the endzone, scored again with 35 seconds left before half. Vinemont converted the 2 point conversion and, after the rough start, only trailed 21-14 at the half.

Randolph opened the second half with a field goal to make the score 24-14. These were he last points they would score. Vinemont came out like "gang-busters" and scored 19 un-answered points in the second half. Tyler Johnson busted a 40 yard TD run for the first score of the Eagles second half. Star running back Ty Jones finished the scoring for Vinemont with a six yard and a nine yard score. He finished the night with four touchdowns.

Vinemont hits the road next Friday, heading to Lauderdale County for the first round of the state playoffs.

West Point (3-7) at Fairview (7-3)
By: Johnny Thorton

FAIRVIEW – For the second consecutive year, the West Point Warriors conclude the season with a victory against the playoff bound Fairview Aggies.

West Point withstood a series of challenges by the Aggies in the fourth quarter to hang on for a 31-26 triumph. It was the Warriors' third win of the season, ending a three-game losing streak.

Since 2002, the Warriors have knocked off the Aggies five times.

West Point is 9-4 in Cullman County games since 2007 with Fairview 14-4. Three of the four losses the Aggies have experienced in this span have come to ball clubs under the guidance of A.J. Lamar. Lamar defeated Fairview when he was at Vinemont in 2007 and has been able to produce season-ending victories against the Aggies in the past two years. Lamar just wrapped up his fourth season coaching the West Point program.

Defense was the name of the game for the Warriors even with both teams scoring a lot of points. West Point forced a turnovers in which the Warriors recovered at its 10-yard line three minutes into the game.

The Warriors then went on to drive 90 yards and take a 7-0 lead on a three-yard run by Kristan Chappel and the extra point from Tyler Smith. The series took four minutes and nine plays for the visitors to gain momentum.

West Point extended the lead to 14-0 in the early moments of the second quarter on a TD run by quarterback Bryant Farley. Farley would suffer an injury later in the period and was unable to play in the second half, being replaced by freshman Tanner Rusk.

Following the 14-0 lead for West Point, Fairview answered on a 90-yard kickoff return by Justin Bryan and the extra point from Jake Chandler cut the deficit to 14-7 with 9:00 to go until halftime.

Another good drive by the Warriors produced points. They marched down to the Fairview 24 where Smith booted a 31-yard field goal and West Point was ahead 17-7. Back came Fairview. A 75-yard drive was the best for George Redding's Aggies on the night. It ended when QB Luke Bailey was into the end zone from 10 yards out. The conversion from Chandler pulled the home squad within a field goal at the break at 17-14.

Lamar felt a critical stage of the game was at the start of the third quarter. Getting the ball at the 35, the Warriors moved 65 yards to up the lead to 24-14. Freshman Kobe Smith took it in from the two and Smith booted the conversion.

"We ran the ball well in that drive," Lamar said. We did a fantastic job. I'm very proud of our kids."

Keeping the game close, the Aggies traveled 66 yards as the series ended on a 19-yard TD pass from Bailey to Bryant Powers. The extra point was wide left and Fairview trailed 24-20. That's how the score stood going into the fourth quarter.

A Fairview fumble early in the final period enabled West Point to take the ball 41 yards and move the advantage to 31-20. Duckett scored on a 2-yard run. He had a 31-yard run to get the Warriors near the Fairview end zone.

A 35-yard pass by Bailey to Dexter Gregory on the next Fairview series set the Aggies up to answer the West Point score. The drive came to a close on Bailey scoring from five yards out. They were unable to knock down a two-point conversion and trailed 31-26 with 9:00 remaining.

But the final two drives of the night for Fairview ended in miscues. Bailey threw an interception that West Point took over on its side of the 50. Following a punt, the Aggies marched from their 13 to near the 50 when a fumble took place after a pass completion. West Point was able to get possession and run out the clock to slow down the Aggies' momentum they had after consecutive wins in 4A, Region 6 in weeks eight and nine against Sardis (55-44) and Crossville (46-7).

This was the Warriors' second victory away from West Point Stadium this season in five games. The Aggies have suffered defeat at home in three of six regular season assignments.

Now the Aggies must regroup with the Munford Lions visiting the Fairview campus in the first round of the playoffs. The Aggies and Lions have never met each other. Munford is the 3rd seed from Region 5 with the Aggies having the second best record in Region 6 at 5-2, trailing No. 1 Oneonta who was 7-0 in regional play.

There you have it the tenth and final week of the 2012 regular season for Cullman County high school football. Stay tuned in the weeks to come as CullmanSense will bring you comprehensive coverage of the state football playoffs and the tip-off of the 2012-13 high school basketball season.

Tip-Off Time!

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The leaves are starting to turn, there is a definite bite to the air, and the high school football regular season is over. That can only mean one thing: BASKETBALL! That's right, basketball. It seems just last week CullmanSense was at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center in Birmingham bringing you all of the local action from the 2011-12 AHSAA State Playoffs, but here we are again with each team on a level playing field and looking for the state title. Although players like Ty Jones and Duncan Hopper from Vinemont will be on the gridiron instead of the hardwood Friday night when Vinemont opens up on the road against Decatur Heritage, other teams like Good Hope and Cold Springs will be at full strength.

The first game is set to tip-off Tuesday night when the Cold Springs Eagles led by UAH commit and prep stand-out Chayse Elliot travel to Good Hope to take on the Raiders who look to get the season off on a good foot.

West Point opens their season Friday night at home against the fore-mentioned Cold Springs Eagles. The Vinemont Eagles also open play Friday night but they are going to be without Jones and Hopper who will be at Lauderdale County for the first round of the state football playoffs.

Holly Pond led by point guard and three point specialist Colby Adams open up their season on Tuesday, the 13th with the Cullman Bearcats fresh off their Sweet 16 appearance a year ago. They go in without star player Jordan Vass and, depending on Friday nights football game, Troy Forrest who is also a standout player on the football field as well as the basketball court.

The final two county teams open up on Friday the 16th. The Hanceville Bulldogs open at "home" against the Falkville Blue Devils. This game, as well as every other Bulldog home game will be played at the gymnasium on the campus of Wallace State Community College, due to the damage suffered to the top of the gym at Hanceville during the tornado that ravaged Cullman two years ago. The last team to open their season is the Fairview Aggies who will host the Good Hope Raiders.

There you have it. The opening games for each team in Cullman County. Stay tuned to CullmanSense as we continue to provide THE BEST local sports coverage anywhere.

Four Teams, One Goal

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Well folks, it is that time. That's right; it's time for the state playoffs to begin. With teams all over the state looking for the trophy to put on their schools mantle, four Cullman teams are in the hunt in Cullman, Fairview, Hanceville, and Vinemont. Here is the breakdown of the first round match-ups.

Arab Knights at Cullman Bearcats

Cullman secured home field advantage on a night when they didn't even play. Region rivals Hartselle lost in double-overtime Thursday to give the Bearcats home field advantage. That means that Oliver Woodard Stadium will be rocking Friday, when the Knights from Arab come knocking.

Vinemont Eagles at Lauderdale County Tigers

The Vinemont Eagles will continue their dream season Friday night when they travel to Rogersville to take on the Lauderdale County Tigers. This is the first time Vinemont has been to the post season since 2009. You can bet that head coach Alan Scott will have his two-headed attack of Ty Jones and Tyler Boland ready to "run" to a victory.

Munford Lions at Fairview Aggies

Fairview makes their way to the post season for the fifth time on a row under head coach George Redding. He will have his Aggies ready to tame the Munford Lions, behind the quarterback play of Luke Baliey and the rushing of Marco Rodriguez. They look to make their first trip past the second round under the tutelage of Redding.

Deshler Tigers at Hanceville Bulldogs

Last but not least on the first round card is the Hanceville Bulldogs who, after losing the first three games of the season, has run the table and finished the regular season 7-3, earning the right to not only play in the first round but host the game as well. Head coach Danny Miller will no doubt be relying on his bruising back Sheldon "Debo" Lewis and defensive stand-out Bronte Harris, to erase the first round loss just a year ago.

There you have it. The docket is set for the first round of the Alabama state playoffs. CullmanSense will be there, how about you?

Community Matters

Restored, Renewed and Ready to Fight

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Johnson's Crossing Fire Department holds open house

CULLMAN - We all remember the horrific events of April 2011 when a series of tornados tore through our community and ravaged our county. While we have stood strong and fought through the hard times that fight still goes on. On Saturday, one more battle was won as the newly renovated Johnson's Crossing Fire Department and EMS held their open house.

"We started building after the April 27th tornado," said Candy Reeves, who is the Assistant Chief of Johnson's Crossing Fire Department. "We weren't planning a new station or anything, but all of a sudden we went from planning nothing at all to having a plan and having a design. Then we started the rebuilding process. We had planned to open it up for the community to come and see what they are providing for us to house our equipment in."

The open house hosted numerous speakers such as Reeves, and had a few guests. One of which was Senator Paul Bussman.

"It's a good day with the disaster they had to start with and having this new facility upgraded to some of the best equipment that there is, is going to be very helpful for the community," said Senator Bussman.

The Senator thinks the new location of the Fire Department will be a great help to the community.

"It will reduce their insurance premiums and is going to be a good thing for them. That's the good thing that anytime you have qualified fire protection it helps every citizen in this neighborhood," said the Senator. "I think it gets them a little closer to the maximum number of people. They have access to all of the areas and can get to them pretty quickly from right here, so I think it will be good for everybody."

Another speaker who attended the event was District 12 State Representative; Mac Buttram who represents the district that Johnson's Crossing is in.

"As you may know on April 27th, 2011 the station here was destroyed so they were not only needing to get out to help people, but they were needing help themselves," said Representative Buttram. "They went for a few months trying to get things done, and there were some problems and feet dragging from different sources, so I just got involved and helped them get some help, talked to the right people and help get the funding lined up from the state and get the reimbursements they were supposed to get from the state and they took it and ran with it and built this beautiful fire department."

Buttram said he is pleased with what he has seen so far.

"They have really done a great job of taking the reins and it's one thing I have loved watching in the aftermath of the tornado even a year and a half later folks who just say 'we're going to get what we're supposed to get from the state, but we're going to get this ourselves' and they have come together and really put all this together and done a great job," he said. "(I'm here) to hopefully get this community to recognize the hard work these volunteer fire fighters do every day and how they train for it, and prepare for it. It costs them out of their pocket and time to do what they need to do, and to get the appreciation from the community and let them see this facility and what an improvement it is over what they had before and how they have the opportunity to grow with the training facility they have, the meeting facility they have, and there are just so many good things about this building that they are doing. I'm really proud of this community and this volunteer fire department."

During the event the Johnson's Crossing Fire Department were rewarded a plaque by Allison Rice who is the President of the Cullman County Cattle Women. Here in CullmanSense you can read that in its entirety.

The Alabama Cattle Women's Association began celebrating BEEF for Father's Day in 1955 as a way to treat dad special with a juicy steak. A big part of the statewide BEEF for Father's Day celebration that has spanned 5 decades is each year a special Father has been named the Cattle women's Father of the year. Over the years, the Cattle Women have given tribute to Cattlemen, Coaches, and Educators all hat exemplified - honesty, leadership, honor, and above all self-sacrifice. This year rather than honoring a single father we are naming the men and women of the Johnson's Crossing Volunteer Fire Department along with the firefighters from the other fire stations destroyed by tornado's in April 2011 as the 2012 Alabama Cattle Women's Fathers of the Year.

In April 2011, 11 fire stations and equipment were destroyed by the tornado's that struck our state. The firefighters from these two municipal and eleven volunteer stations showed the characteristics we honor each year by answering the call of their neighbors while many themselves had personal lost that they ignored on that stormy night and the days that followed. A large number of the Alabama cattle producing families were served by firefighters from this and the many other volunteer fire departments. The Cattle Women giving this award represent the 1,000 plus Cattle Women of Alabama and they along with the thousands of members of the Alabama Cattlemen Association want to say Thank you for your courage and hard work with many handicaps and hardships as you help our Alabama life back together.

Also, the Cullman County Cattle women wish to donate a monetary amount to your department. This is to go toward a specific piece of equipment, or simply to buy beef products to provide a cookout for your department.

This certificate is for your firefighters and there has been a silver try engraved with the same recognition that will hand in the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa for all current and future firefighters to see. It is with great emotion that we give the firefighters of Johnson's Crossing this Father of the Year Certificate for 2012.



Photos by Noah Chandler

S.T.A.R.S. Fall Festival 5k, Chili Cook-off, and Craft Fair

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CULLMAN – For years Relay for Life has hosted events to raise awareness for cancer and that was the case Saturday when they held the first annual S.T.A.R.S. Fall Festival 5k, Chili Cook-off, and Craft Fair.

"We're raising money for awareness for cancer. November is always a nice month, we just finished up the cancer awareness month in October and this was a good time for us to pay tribute and honor those who have passed and to raise money for those who don't even know yet that they may be diagnosed yet."

"We have a craft fair that people can enjoy and the money will be donated to the cancer society. We have jumpy things and activities for the young ones as well as a fun run for boys and girls so they can enjoy the experience and get ready for the future", said Kim Noree who is on the race committee.

The event attracted a handful of runners as close to forty people signed up, and about thirty participated in the race.

"It was really successful and we had good comments from our runners," said Noree.

One of those runners was Landon Adams who came in first in his age range. Landon says the race was a challenging one.

"I wasn't used to all the hills from the 5ks I've ran and it was actually one of the more challenging that I have done. It feels really good," said Adams.

Landon heard about the race through his mother who is an insurance agent for State Farm in Cullman and he wanted to support her by running in the event.

"Hopefully next year we'll have a bigger turnout, but it feels good as I've never really won one before," said Adams.

"I plan coming back next year and I always (plan on winning)."

Tanya Wilson who also works for State Farm heard about the event and got involved thanks to friends and clients.

"Basically it's an event to try to raise money for breast cancer and this is an important event because we do support that cause," she said.

With the success of this year's run, there are still some things that the planners think they can do to improve it.

"We need a little more planning time and that was really it. The time of year has been good, perhaps we would put more distance between this and Oktoberfest, but it's a beautiful time of year and great running weather. We just hope people will be more aware and we can market it more so it grows year after year," said Noree.

"I think we'll just advertise more so hopefully more people will come," said Amber Heaton who is head of the race committee.

The recipients who were awarded certificates follow.

Bib	Time	Gender	Group	Name
27	25:52	F	40-44	Kelley Lambert
17	26:16	F	40-44	Shannon Barnett
15	26:57	F	40-44	Beth Pitmon
32	28:24	F	45-49	Tammy Hopper
2	28:37	F	25-29	Amber Bailey
18	29:21	F	30-34	April Shadden
29	29:40	F	20-24	Lauren Irwin
25	30:29	F	25-29	Rachel McPhillips
21	30:30	F	30-34	April Huff
5	30:31	F	50-54	Teresa Fincher
20	31:36	F	30-34	Mandy Wilhite
4	32:53	F	15-19	Danielle Dunn
10	33:35	F	45-49	Joy Laney
22	40:24	F	25-29	Terri Cordes
8	40:43	F	40-44	Kristi Landers
16	42:17	F	25-29	Tammy Ramey
30	19:29	M	30-34	Nathan Graves
24	23:13	M	30-34	Bobby Higdon
28	24:11	M	20-24	Mark Irwin
1	26:32	M	20-24	Landon Adams
11	26:58	M	25-29	Robbie Laney
14	27:17	M	45-49	Keith Norrie
6	30:27	M	55-59	Frank Fincher
26	30:28	M	55-59	Donnie Finchum
19	30:32	M	40-44	Alan Smith
23	30:59	M	0-14	Spencer Reynolds

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Community Matters

Passion for the Kitchen

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A Story About Ralph



Many of you know Ralph and the problem he has with pronouncing words. I don't say this in a way to disrespect him. Ralph is a good sport and he knows that he thinks faster than he can talk, therefore the words that come out of his mouth can be pretty funny.

At the deli we even have a wall full of words that Ralph has made up, unintentionally. The latest "word event" was on Halloween. Ralph was in the shower washing off the Halloween make up from the day. He didn't know I had come home from the deli yet.

Maddie, Wesley, and I were all sitting in the den watching TV when I heard him yell "Wesley, come quick!" He had the tone of something being wrong. We all looked at each other and Wesley hesitantly took off to the bathroom, knowing he was in the shower…BUCK NAKED. I mean, who wants to see your father-in-law like that? BUT he sounded like he was in trouble, so he went. If Ralph had known I was at home, he would have yelled for me, but to choose between your daughter and your son-in-law, I think he made the right choice. Don't want to scar someone for life.

I decided to go see what was going on when I heard Ralph yell…"there's blood everywhere." Ok. You might think it's a typical Halloween joke. No. There was Ralph, standing in the doorway of our bathroom, blood across the bedroom floor, blood across the bathroom floor, blood on the wall, blood in the shower, it looked like a stabbing. You name it, blood was there and so was Ralph…buck-naked. I don't know where the term buck-naked comes from, but it fit the situation.

Ralph was holding his finger on his leg like the little boy stuck his finger in the dam. He was clearly in a panic when he yelled, "my very close vein ruptured!" Both Wesley and I started laughing. I don't mean to say we laughed at what could have been a very dangerous situation, but just what he said was the cause of it all. He meant VARICOSE vein, but again…his brain was thinking faster than he could talk. We knew what he meant, but to hear the panic in his voice and to hear the words said like he said them just made us unable to contain ourselves.

I told Wesley I had the situation under control and he wouldn't have to deal with his naked father-in-law and all the blood. Wesley was a good sport and got some gauze to wrap around Ralph's spurting "very close vein" to stop the bleeding. I got Ralph some clothes and cleaned up the blood. Did you know that peroxide cleans up blood entirely?

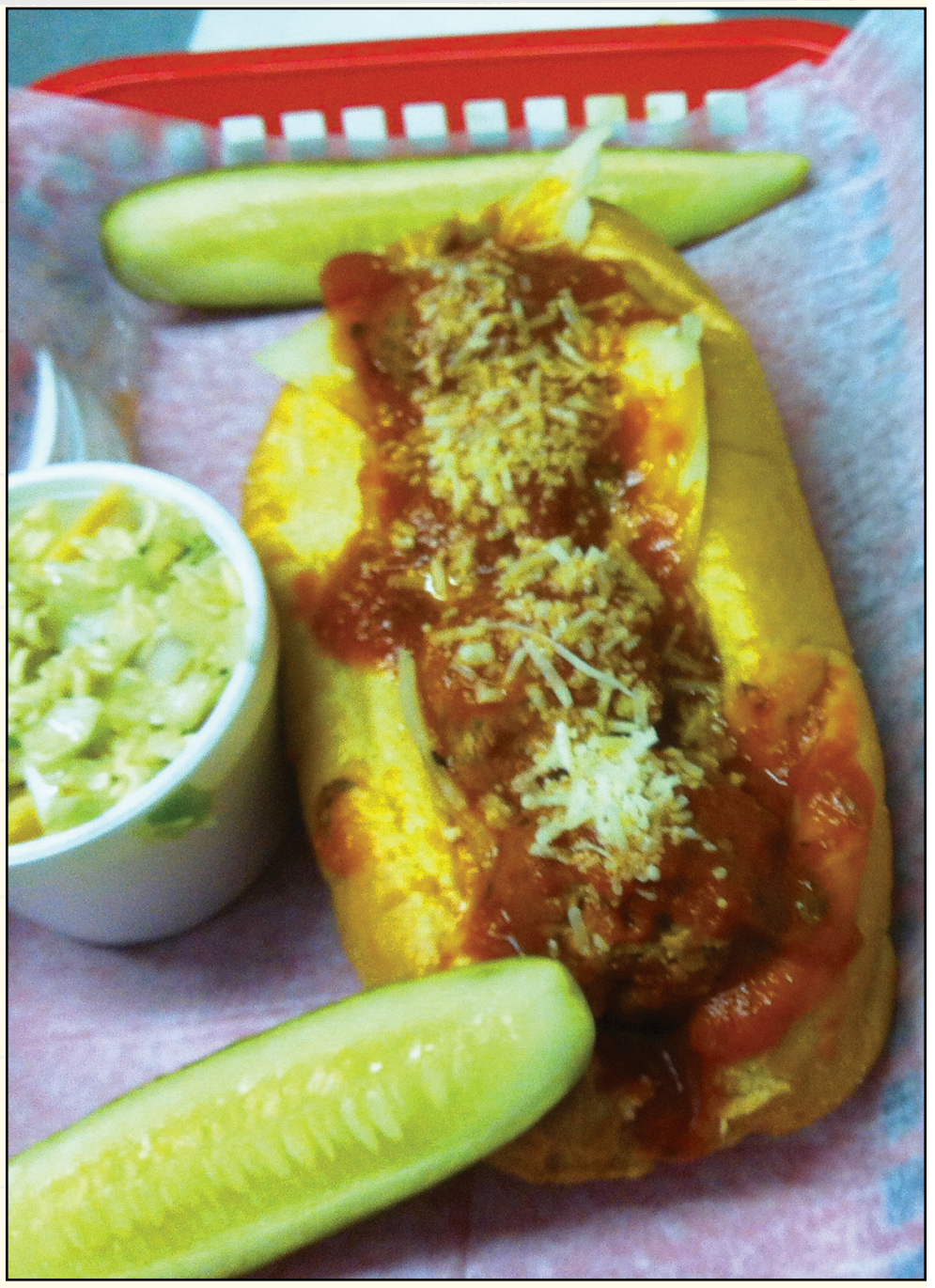
Lets just hope that nothing more serious happens around here. But then again….they say that laughter is the best medicine.

Meatball Subs

This is delicious and messy. It's great for a game day food, party, or just to pig out!

Ingredients:

- 6 sub rolls
- 1 pack any brand meatballs in your frozen food section
- Mozzarella cheese slices
- Parmesan cheese, shredded
- Prego Traditional sauce, medium – large size jar.



Instructions:

1. Count out 4 meatballs for each sandwich you want to make. Put the meatballs in a medium saucepan along with the Prego sauce and heat on medium until the meatballs are good and hot. Stir occasionally.
2. Split the sub rolls down the top and microwave to make them soft enough to spread open. The meatballs will fit inside.
3. Put 3 mozzarella slices in the split of the sub roll, then put 4 meatballs and the sauce on top of the cheese.
4. Top with shredded Parmesan cheese.

Easy and delicious!

Micheal at the Movies – Wreck-it Ralph

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In what is a rarity these days, Disney has released an animated movie without the help of Pixar. Normally these films, such as Home on the Range, are not as well received by critics and fans; however Disney finally got it close to right this weekend with the release of "Wreck-it Ralph."



"Wreck-it Ralph" tells the story of a video game bad guy who lives in the video game "Fix-it Felix Jr." As long as children at the local arcade are popping in quarters Ralph's job is to destroy a building with the helpless tenants inside while Fix-it Felix Jr. works to put it back together with his magic hammer. However, once the arcade closes, the characters inside the game, as well as other machines live their lives.

Basically the video game is their 9-5 job. It makes you feel sorry for the machines that are inside 24-hour arcades. Being a video game bad guy, Ralph doesn't get the accolades that the hero gets, even when the game is not being played. He sits in his junkyard covered by bricks when he notices the other characters celebrating the game's 30th anniversary.

Ralph tries to attend, but is told he cannot, because he destroys everything. Ralph vows to become a hero and come back with a medal to prove it.

This sets up the premise of the movie which involves Ralph "game jumping" to other games which include a "Gears of War"/"Halo" style shooter and a candy land themed "Mario Kart" type racer.

While these games are originals, "Ralph" has a lot of cameos from popular games. Readers who may have seen the trailers may have recognized a bevy of characters such as Bowser or one of the "Pac-Man" ghosts. If you are video game savvy these are only a few of the many hidden Easter eggs throughout the movie, and some you may not notice upon first viewing.

The problem with "Wreck-it Ralph" comes in the story. While the premise is unique, the plot gets a little slow in the middle and adults will probably find the third act resolution a tad predictable, but then again this film isn't meant for adults.

I have also seen a few reviewers compare this film to the "Toy Story" franchise and to me that is unfair to those films. While "Wreck-it Ralph" will probably spawn a sequel or two, it doesn't have that specialness that "Toy Story" and other Pixar films do.

What works for the film is the voice cast. It doesn't have big stars such as Tom Hanks or Kevin Spacey, but the actors do an amazing job. John C. Reilly (Step Brothers, Talladega Nights) plays the titular character with charm.

It's not easy making a guy, who destroys buildings, likable but he does, and the supporting cast, most notable Sarah Silverman (School of Rock, The Muppets) is all excellent in their roles.

Wreck-it Ralph

Rated PG for some rude humor and mild action/violence

Starring: John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman, Jane Lynch, and Jack McBrayer

Premise Rating: **9**
Execution Rating: **7**
Directing Rating: **9**
Voice Acting Rating: **9**
Entertainment Rating: **10**
Overall: **44/50**

If you are looking for a film that you can take the whole family to "Wreck-it Ralph" is a great choice, but in my opinion skip the 3D. While it adds depth to the film, there are not many in your face scenes.

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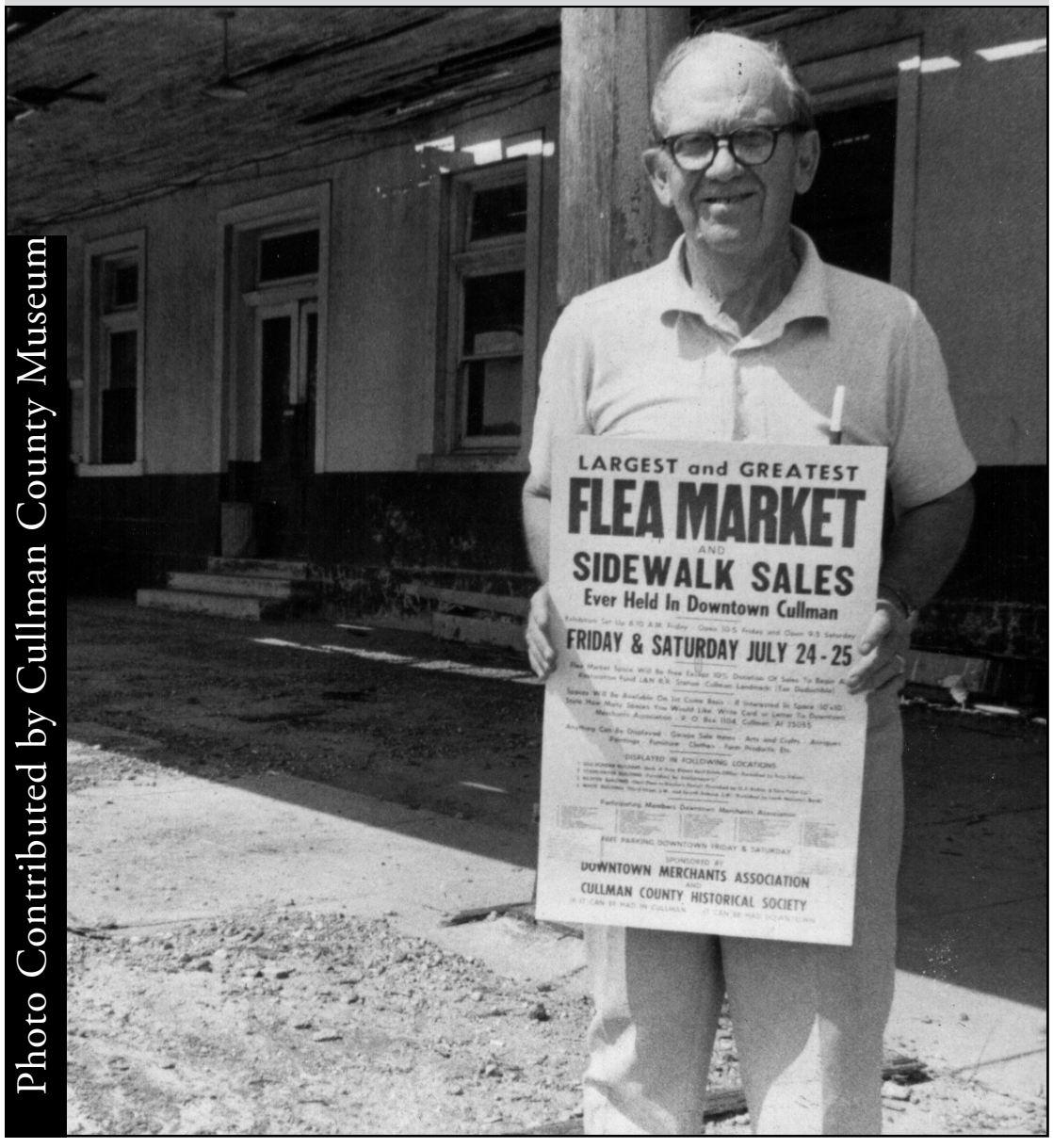


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This Week in History Nov. 5 - Nov. 11

November 5th
- 1912 – Woodrow Wilson (D) defeats Theodore Roosevelt (Prog) and President Taft (R)
- 1946 – John F. Kennedy elected to House of Representatives
- 1981 – Former Dolphin, Mercury Morris, is sentenced to 20 years for drug trafficking, conspiracy, and possession of cocaine
- 1992 – Bobby Fisher beats Boris Spassky to with Chess title in Belgrade

November 6th
- 1917 – New York State allows women to vote
- 1941 – Japanese fleet readies assault on Pearl Harbor
- 1981 – Fernando Valenzuela is first rookie to win a Cy Young Award
- 1995 – Israel buries Yitzhak Rabin, assassinated by a fellow Jew who opposed peace with Palestinians

November 7th
- 1874 – First cartoon depicting elephant as Republican Party symbol, by T Nast
- 1918 – United Press erroneously reports WW I armistice had been signed
- 1973 – U.S. and Egypt announce restoration of full diplomatic links
- 2000 – Al Gore wins the popular vote but loses the electoral vote to George W. Bush

November 8th
- 1889 – Montana admitted as 41st state
- 1939 – Failed assassination attempt on Hitler in Burgerbraukeller, Munich
- 1961 – Whitey Ford is voted Cy Young Award winner over Warren Spahn
- 2011 – A new census measure claims that a record number of Americans, 49.1 million, are living below the poverty line

November 9th
- 1913 – Storm "Freshwater Fury" sinks 8 ore-carriers on Great Lakes
- 1953 – Supreme Court rules Major League baseball exempt from anti-trust laws
- 1980 – Iraqi President Saddam Hussein declares holy war against Iran
- 2011 – In London, a rise in university tuition fees leads thousands of students to march in protest

November 10th
- 1908 – First Gideon Bible put in a hotel room
- 1951 – First long distance telephone call without operator assistance
- 1982 – IMF lends Mexico $3.8 billion due to threatened bankruptcy
- 2011 – In Quebec, 200,000 Canadian college and university students vote to boycott classes to protest tuition fee increases

November 11th
- 1790 – Chrysanthemums are introduced into England from China
- 1942 – Jews in Free Zone of France ordered to wear yellow Star of David
- 1966 – Methodist Church and Evangelical United Brethren Church unite as United Methodist Church
- 1996 – Braves John Smoltz wins NL Cy Young Award

Dear Valued Members:

In an effort to improve your facility, Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center will be **closing Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2012 and will re-open on Monday, November 26, 2012.**
We are aware of the inconvenience; however, we know the cleanliness, improvements, and updates will make you even more proud to be a CWAC member.
We appreciate your understanding throughout this process.

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Local Events Calendar

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Tuesday, November 6th

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

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.

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, November 7th

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

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

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Thursday, November 8th

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

Overeaters Anonymous Meeting
Overeaters Anonymous meets each Thursday evening at 4:45 p.m. in the Carriage House at Grace Episcopal Church. Everyone is invited to attend these sessions. Further information can be obtained by calling 256-747-6218 or 256-352-1143. There also is a group, which meets on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the same place. Meetings are open to everyone interested.

Friday, November 9th

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 10th

Cullman Pilot Club Priester Pecan Sale
Cullman Pilot Club members will be selling Priester pecans this year during the Christmas in Cullman event. They will be set up in the Warehouse District from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow, Sunday, November 11.

Selections to choose from include pecan halves, pieces, chocolate covered, honey glazed halves, and cinnamon-sugar halves.

All proceeds will benefit the various programs of the Pilot Club, including their main focus of brain-related disorders. Additional information can be obtained about this event by contacting Peggy Day, 256-734-6049.

'Fan Fest Fish Fry'
Calling all Auburn and Alabama Fans! Come to our 'Fan Fest Fish Fry' starting at 6 p.m. at the Festhalle Farmers Market to see who has the most fans and enjoy a great meal at the same time!!

Wear your team's colors and show your spirit. Tickets are $10.00 in Advance and are available at Johnny's BBQ on Hwy 278; or Peoples Bank at Main Branch at 811 2nd Avenue in Cullman, or tickets may be purchased for $12.00 the night of the event. $5.00 covers children 8 years and under.

Menu consists of catfish, hush puppies and all the trimmings! All proceeds will benefit Unsheltered International.

27th Annual Christmas in Cullman
Come join in with your friends and local community as we celebrate our 27th Annual Christmas in Cullman this weekend. Today, Saturday, hours will be 10 am to 9 pm.

Tomorrow, Sunday, hours will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Events will be going on all around Cullman, both in the down section area as well as the two shopping centers and various other merchants who will be celebrating with us.

Events proposed to be part of the celebration include an ice skating rink, kids' activities, train rides at Depot Park, horse-drawn carriage rides, a 'Ho Ho Ho' car show, Moe's Barbeque, a cow train by 3-D Farms, the beer gardens will be open, game day trailers set up, a snow maze and the Brooks Place Tree Fundraiser.

The Christmas Tree in Depot Park will be light at 6:30 p.m so bring everyone down for some good ol' fashioned Christmas fun!

Christmas Tree Lighting Tonight - Cullman Shopping Center
The 27th Annual Christmas in Cullman weekend will start this evening with the 5:30 p.m. 'Lighting of the Christmas Tree' at Cullman Shopping Center. Stores are taking part in special sales and activities.

Events going on at Cullman Shopping Center include entertainment, bands, quartets, dancers, Chunkin'Chicken for Charity/Ham Roll (for children from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.), Brandin'Iron Steakhouse, Alabama National Guard, Santa Claus, merchant discounts and game day trailers!

For additional information please contact Jackie Moore at 256-255-0723 or e-mail jmoore@cullmanchamber.org. Everyone is invited to come join in the holiday fun and start the season off right!

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

Pilot Club Raffle for Charity: Alabama-Auburn Game Tickets
Raffle tickets are, 1 for $5 or 5 for $20 for 2 tickets to the game on November 24, at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa with seats in the South Upper, Section SS-11, Row 20, Seats 21 & 22. Winner will be announced on Monday, November 12.

Tickets will be sold by Pilot members and during Christmas in Cullman on 1st Avenue East, Saturday, November 10, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Stiefelmeyer Building, and Sunday, November 11, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., Warehouse District.

For ticket information call Ann Fox, 256-962-0910. Proceeds will benefit the local Pilot Club projects and activities focused on brain related disorders.

Pilot Club Pecan Sale for Charity
Pilot members through November and December are selling Alabama Priester Pecans. This year's crop and fresh selections available include, pecan halves, pecan pieces, chocolate covered pecan halves, honey glazed pecan halves, and cinnamon-sugar pecan halves. $12 for 1 pound bag.

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Community Matters

Meet WSCC's Adrian Scott

By: Micheal Bryant
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HANCEVILLE – Adrian Scott, a member of the Art Department Faculty and Program Director for Visual Communication at Wallace State Community College, was born in Mobile, Alabama in 1970. At a very early age he realized he had a talent for art.

"I remember distinctly (in kindergarten) these templates that had simple shapes like an airplane or a house for the kids to use and trace around to start a drawing, and I remember back then I could just look at it and draw it, and all through grade school and high school I've been called upon by my instructors to do art projects. In high school we had bed sheet battle contests and I was really proud I designed and won. I've always had an artistic ability."

Adrian went to high school at Vigor and LeFlore Magnet School where he took art and graphic design classes. It was also in high school he would start running track.

"I was real athletic. I wasn't always the fastest kid, but I could jump, not to dunk a basketball, but I could jump distances. Growing up we loved climbing and hiking, but track was awesome, I was primarily a jumper, and it brought me a long way."

In 1988 Adrian would get a track scholarship to Wallace State where he ran for two years. In 1990 he placed 8th at the Junior College Nationals in long jump. After Wallace he would get another track scholarship to Murray State in Kentucky. Juggling his two loves wasn't easy.

"I did (come to a crossroads). My dream as a kid was just to get an art studio degree as a painter or a sculptor, but I had to make a decision on what kind of degree I was going to get as a student athlete. Being a student athlete requires a lot of time, and I really couldn't put the time in the studio. That's why I chose art education, because you didn't have to put as many hours in the studio with it. I'm really glad I chose it because of art history which became my area of emphasis and it made all of the difference in being able to study artist from all time periods. Of course (track conflicted), but it's my responsibility as a student athlete to devote time to track. It was a conflict, and not just with my art, and personal pursuits, but also with other academics. That's a mistake some people make about student athletes. It takes a lot of effort to stay ground in so many different aspects of what you're trying to do with your education. It was a challenge, because some students have to work too, and when I was here at Wallace I worked in the art department as a student aid and had to juggle my work schedule too. It worked out."

Adrian received his B.S. in Art Education. After graduation he decided he didn't want to teach at the K-12 level, and instead worked numerous jobs including the Fisher-Price plant in Kentucky and, after moving to Alabama, Serta Mattress.

"It was great for me. It really gave me a sense of what it's really like beyond just teaching and that helps me to know the options for my students who pursue degrees and some things they may have to do before they get their art profession going," he said.

Adrian was invited in 1994 to teach part-time at Wallace State, where he would work while obtaining his Master's in Art Education. He has been in Cullman ever since where he lives with his wife and two children. A self-proclaimed shy person, Adrian says the job made him comfortable. "It was home to me."

Adrian would take a five year hiatus from Wallace where he worked locally in graphic design. He eventually returned in 1998 and now is the face of the program.

"I don't really look at it as being over the department. I'm paid to be a resource, a person who knows stuff about a particular discipline. To me it doesn't go beyond that. I just strive to answer the questions I need to or complete the various projects I have around campus. I work to be able to direct that to a student or if it's something I am going to handle myself," he said.

Adrian does not keep his talents for art strictly at Wallace as he participates in the community through various events.

"I'm usually approached and it's tough for me to say no, but I look at is as an artistic challenge. I just want to showcase the ways you can apply arts. It's just part of what I feel is me giving back and also a part of my job's outreach. It's a part of our job to apply these disciplines in this community. I still get to spend a lot of time with my wife and kids, and it just makes me a better artist," he said.

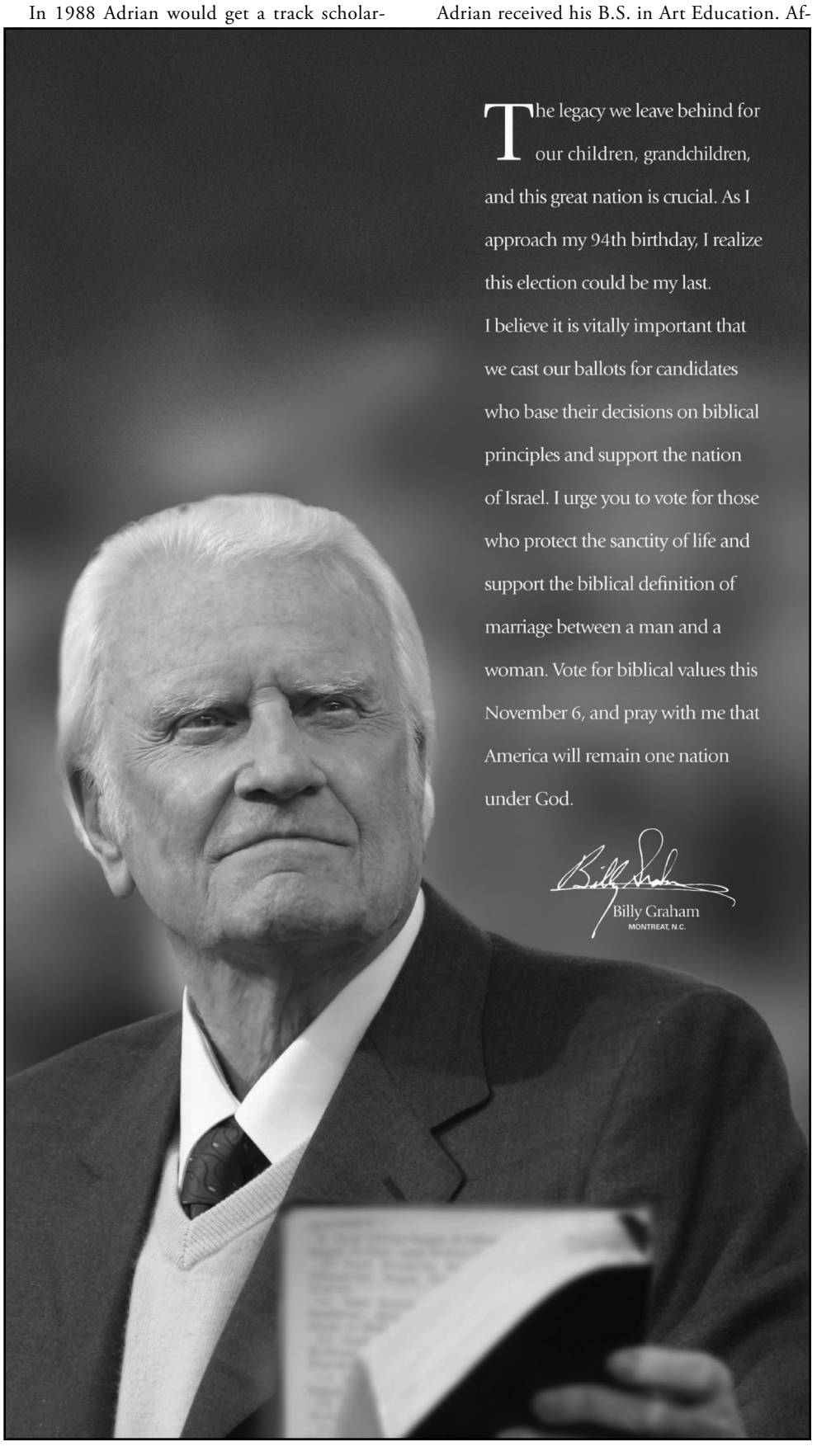
A couple of years ago, the Wallace Start art department expanded and now resides in the new Burrows' Center. Adrian credits the growth to Dr. Vicki Hawsey.

"Dr. Hawsey is a lover of arts, and also she understands the economic impact and the utility of the arts in the community and particularly the visual communications came about because of that understanding. In this day and age we live in the arts and visual imagery is easily ubiquitous and a part of our lives. Visual language and literacy are common place and that's going to continue to happen. Graphic design is going to have more relevance in our lives," he said.

Through his time at Wallace Adrian has seen a positive movement and growth in his department, despite some high schools cutting back on the arts and possibly hiding talents that don't have a chance to be exposed.

"Classes are generally full and I think it would be great if we could expand more, but on the flipside it would be great if there was more are in elementary and high school, and students could conceive the possibilities of careers, (but) we get great, talented students."





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: ELECTIONS

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.

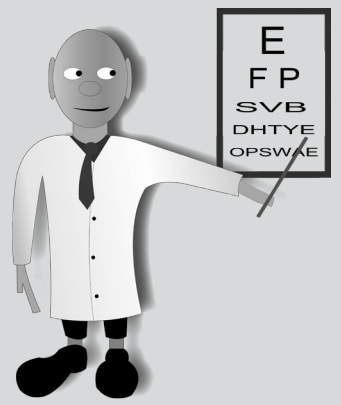
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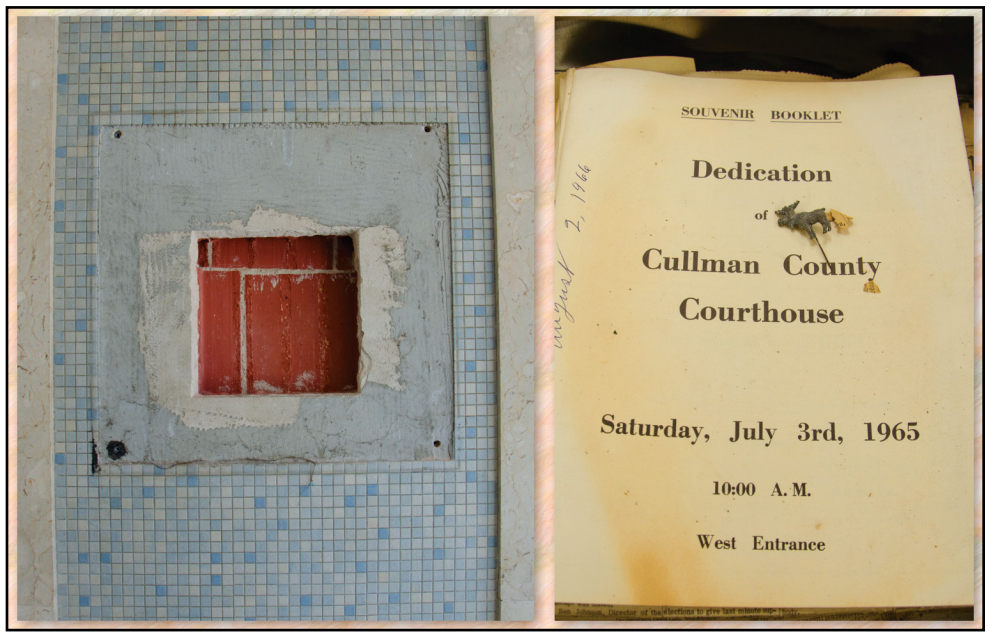
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Community Matters

Time Capsule (Continued from Front)

items are on display before coming to the courthouse looking for them. They are currently being held in a safe area and will not be made public before the rededication of the courthouse. "We had to postpone the dedication scheduled for the 8th since the courthouse is not finished," she said. "A new dedication date is to be determined."

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Car Show (Continued from Front)

way 278 at the Baldwin Community Field was moved to West Point High School because of its growth.

"It's grown and it's grown every year, especially since we've moved it to the school and it's got a paved parking lot. We just hold it all day," said Presto.

Peggy Byrum, who was there with her husband Gerald, said attending the event is an easy decision.

"We've come before," she said. "We live here at West Point with our granddaughter. We just like old cars and pretty cars."

The car show was such a success that Dale Presto couldn't even count how many cars were being shown.

"Right now, I don't know," he said "People just drive up and its open invitation."



Centennial Celebration Run

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HOLLY POND – It was a beautiful morning for Holly Pond to hold its Centennial Celebration Run on Saturday, November 3, 2012.

The town and its residents proudly continue to celebrate their 100th year with this centennial 5k. The course lapped throughout the town, starting at Brooklyn Road and eventually ending at the high school track.

Awards were given to the top male and female runners in their division as well as the overall top male and female of the entire race.

After the race, a hot and delicious pancake breakfast was waiting for the participants at the Lions Club Park, the perfect reward after a nice run.



Pancake and Craft Bazaar Fundraiser

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DODGE CITY – On Saturday, the Life House Church in Dodge City held a craft bazaar and all you can eat pancake breakfast to raise proceeds in order to help the ongoing Haiti mission.

"We're doing mission trips with our church next spring. We are hoping to have this every year. We have a wide variety of vendors here," said Christa Hannington who was one of the organizers for the event.

"We wanted to figure out a way to be successful in raising money for Christmas so we thought we should get a lot of people around this time so they can do their Christmas shopping and we decided we wanted to feed people as well. The turnout looks to be good so far," said Hannington.

Pastor Jenny Young, who is the Pastor over Outreach Missions as well as about "twenty other things," said the church has a long way to go in reaching their goal.

"We have to have a trailer of food first so we have to have five thousand dollars before we can pay for people to go over and distribute it. So we're trying to raise money. We've never done one of these so it's very new to us. I've worked at other churches and we've done pancakes so I thought pancakes are easy and I thought crafting is pretty cool so we sort of combined the two and that's sort of how we came up with it," she said.

"We've got two trips planned. One is for orphans and we'll bring to them shoes and clothes and spend some time loving on them. We also have a team going to build. We are going with Convoy to Help and they've been working since the earthquake."

The event brought out numerous vendors who were looking to help with the relief effort in any way possible selling items from tattoos and bracelets to offering web hosting.

"Well first of all I just wanted to get my name out there to represent the company Thirty-One Gifts," said Marsha Hawthorne on why she chose to participate. "When I found out it was a way for the church to raise money in Haiti that was a big plus for me also and being that Thirty-One is a Christian company, I think I should support Christian things."

However this won't be the only event the church will have to help their cause.

"Mission convention will probably have a rummage sale later on this year and do a dunk the pastor and take pledges. I really like the idea of that one. I was talking to someone from the church and they said they raised five thousand dollars doing one and I thought 'for dunking your pastor'? We will probably meet in the next two weeks and decide," said Pastor Young.

And this upcoming New Year's Eve the church will be having their first ball drop.

"It's going to be the largest ball drop the community has ever seen. We're going to hang a large LED ball in our church parking lot the first of December and we're dropping it New Year's Eve," said Hannington.

"The past two years our pastor has had on his brain to do a New Year's Ball Drop and we checked and saw that there is not much going on around here then. We're going to have food vendors and live music and have a good time," said Pastor Young.

Blockbuster Video Game Review Returns!

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For those of you that have read my Confessions of a Nerd columns, you already know (outside of sports) my favorite way to unwind is to delve deep into a video game.

Well, as I was thinking about the next topic for my column, a thought occurred; what if, instead of writing about video games I have played, I shared my experience of playing a new game for the first time?

That is when it hit me. I am always so wrapped up in sports that it slipped my mind that we used to have a video game review each week when we (CullmanSense) first started print over a year ago. I believe it is about time we get back to the reviews, don't you? Just to wet your appetite a bit, here are just SOME of the games (in no particular order) that I plan on playing and reviewing in upcoming columns, thanks to the great people at Blockbuster who will be providing us with games to review for you, our readers.

WWE '13: Hands down THE best fighting/wrestling game on the market. This game has a hugely expanded roster, including boxing legend "Iron" Mike Tyson from his DX days, and updated controls to provide a more "realistic" gaming experience. Being a huge wrestling fan, this is one I look forward to 'laying the Smackdown' to.

Borderlands 2: I am sad to say I never fired up the first Borderlands game for the simple fact that it came out right around the time of Fallout 3 (another post-apocalyptic game) and I really don't get into the cell-shaded games like Borderlands. With that being said, Borderlands 2 is supposed to be a shoe-in for Game-of-the-Year and I am not going to miss a chance to lay waste to some post-apocalyptic baddies.

Batman: Arkham City: This is not as new of a release as others on this list but it still deserves a good, hard play-through. I mean, come on, who has not dreamed of being a billionaire philanthropist by day and the World's Greatest Detective by night?

Uncharted 3: **Drake's Deception**: The third installment of the great Uncharted franchise, which takes all of the good elements of the classic Tomb Raider games and combines them with stunning graphics and dizzying game play, is one I have wanted to sink my teeth into again.

Assassin's Creed 3: Last but not least on the list of games I will be reviewing in the upcoming weeks is Assassin's Creed 3. It is the much anticipated follow up to Assassin's Creed Revelations and explores the memories of a new ancestor of main protagonist Desmond Miles. This game is set in the time frame of the Revolutionary War and, being a student of history, I can't WAIT to see what this game has in store.

This is just a small sampling of games that I will be reviewing over the next several weeks. Stay tuned to CullmanSense and CullmanSense.com for more.

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