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Ms. Senior Cullman County

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HANCEVILLE – Six wonderful ladies representing several municipalities from across Cullman County came together Saturday to compete in the 2013 Ms. Senior Cullman Pageant, held on the campus of Wallace State Community College.

The fun and festivities kicked off with the parade of flags, which was presented by VFW Post 2214, and was followed by the musical stylings of Wayne Abbott. Once the introductions were made it was time for the pageantry.

Each of the six contestants performed a variety of talents from singing to sign language, to even a bit of storytelling and jokes. Once the judges had a good look at each of the woman, the tabulations were made and Dianne White was named Ms. Senior Cullman 2013.

"It's just a great feeling. Doing this for my family and watching everyone's face while I was performing was great," said White.

"I just want to thank all the judges, all the people who came out to support all of us, not just me, and the other contestants. You really do grow to be like a family when doing this pageant."

This was not White's first crack at the top prize, as she has competed in four pageants.

"I just enjoy coming out and making people smile," she said. "It's an honor to be named Ms. Senior Cullman and I promise that I will do my

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Holly Pond and Cold Springs Girls are Top Seeds in Upcoming County Tournament

By: Johnny Thornton
CullmanSense Sports Reporter

Holly Pond will enter the 2013 Cullman County Basketball Tournament as the top seed with defending champion West Point in the same position it was a year ago, the No. 5 seed.

The pairings for the tournament were drawn Wednesday afternoon at the Cullman County Board of Education Office.

Each team in the varsity, varsity girls, junior varsity, and freshmen divisions supplied their regular season county records to Cullman County Athletic Association President Ronnie Barnes.

The pairings were set for each division with the tournament to be played at Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum Jan. 19-26.

West Point will be the host school for this year's event.

The tournament will be played at Drake Coliseum for the 21st consecutive year. It came to the Wallace State campus in 1993 and has found its home ever since.

Here are the pairings for the 2013 Cullman County Basketball Tournament for each division:

Varsity boys:

Current overall record listed first then county record.

- Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m. - # 6 Vinemont (7-11, 1-6) vs. # 7 Good Hope (2-17, 0-10)
- Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m. - # 3 Fairview (12-6, 5-2) vs. Vinemont/Good Hope winner

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Cold Springs girls, Holly Pond girls, boys, hold fast in the latest ASWA rankings

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The latest Alabama Sportswriters Association rankings are out and feature some familiar names. The Cold Springs Lady Eagles, Holly Pond Lady Broncos, and Holly Pond Broncos all hold a spot in the top ten.

Cold Springs Lady Eagles (13-5) #6 Class 2A

The Cold Springs Lady Eagles stay anchored at #6 in the latest Class 2A ASWA rankings. The Lady Eagles, despite a slow start, have come on as late. They have won two straight and six of their last eight. Their great play has earned them the #1 seed in the upcoming Cullman County Tournament and a first round bye.

Holly Pond Lady Broncos (17-4) #7 Class 3A

The Holly Pond Lady Broncos may have lost a game AND a key player, but not their focus as they stay in the top ten of the ASWA rankings. The loss of Lexi Malone has affected the Lady Broncos but she still contributes each and every game, cheering from the bench. This inspires her teammates to play, not only for themselves, but for their teammate that is unable to be on the floor. The Holly Pond Lady Broncos are the #2 seed for the County Tournament and earned a first round bye.

Holly Pond Broncos (16-4) #10 Class 3A

The Holly Pond Broncos sit at #10 in the ASWA rankings and #1 seed in the Cullman County Tournament. They are riding a four game win streak thanks to hot shooting and stingy defense. Gunter Morris and Colby Adams patrol the perimeter while a whole host of Broncos control the paint.

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In Brief

Governor Bentley Begins Chairmanship of Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission

By: Jennifer Ardis
Contributor

MONTGOMERY – With a focus on responsible energy development, Governor Robert Bentley has accepted the chairmanship of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission. Governor Bentley is the first Alabama governor to serve as chairman of the IOGCC.

The IOGCC is a multi-state agency that advocates for environmentally-sound methods of increasing the supply of American energy. The goal of the IOGCC is to keep oil and gas regulation within the states while advocating responsible energy policies.

"A strong energy supply is crucial for job creation, for economic stability, and for making oil and natural gas more affordable," Governor Bentley said. "We must reduce our dependence on foreign oil while making wise use of our domestic energy resources. As chairman of the IOGCC, I will work closely with other states on policies that help us achieve that goal."

Governor Bentley recognizes the growing potential for alternative sources of energy. The majority of America's energy needs, however, are still met by more traditional sources. Governor Bentley believes America can make responsible use of domestic energy while ensuring that proper procedures and regulations protect environmental and quality-of-life concerns.

"We all see the future promise of alternative sources of energy, such as wind, solar, and biofuels; however, those sources are currently unable to meet all of our energy needs," Governor Bentley said.

"That's why oil and natural gas will continue to serve an essential role for the foreseeable future, and that's why we must continue to develop our North American oil and natural gas resources."

Throughout his term as chairman, Governor Bentley plans to focus on various additional priorities. His chairman's initiative includes more extensive training for oil and gas inspector certification. His initiative also includes better communications among member states, such as bringing regulatory and technical staff together to share ideas and best practices.

Governor Bentley's term as chairman officially started during the recent IOGCC Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. IOGCC members will visit Alabama in May during the IOGCC 2013 Midyear Issues Summit in Point Clear.

"Alabama is blessed with abundant and diverse energy supplies, including oil and natural gas, which are important to our country's security," IOGCC Executive Director Carl Michael Smith said.

"IOGCC looks forward to Governor Bentley's leadership for our 38 member states during 2013."

"By working with other states, we can conserve and develop oil and gas resources through safe and environmentally-sound operations," Governor Bentley said.

"I will work closely with the governors and representatives of all IOGCC states to help achieve the commission's goals for the coming year."

Alabamians advised to be immunized for influenza and follow infection control practices

By: Tom Miller, M.D.
Contributor

MONTGOMERY – Higher than normal levels of influenza activity are currently being reported in both Alabama and the U.S. Reports of influenza-like illness have been above Alabama's baseline for significant activity for seven consecutive weeks. More specimens have already been submitted this season than in the 2011-2012 season, which was considered mild.

Seasonal influenza is not a reportable disease, so the Alabama Department of Public Health cannot provide absolute numbers of influenza cases in Alabama. Two surveillance networks, ILINet and SpeciNet, are used to obtain information on influenza activity, and participation in both is completely voluntary.

Rosemary Blackmon, executive vice president of the Alabama Hospital Association, said, "We have heard numerous stories of hospitals with high volumes of flu patients, both those treated in the emergency department and those who are being admitted. At this point, although many hospitals are full, they are able to effectively care for the patients they have and, to our knowledge, are not asking for additional resources. They are taking extra precautions by requesting visitors avoid coming to the hospital if they think they might be sick."

Flu is a very contagious respiratory illness, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention emphasizes that the best way to prevent it is to get vaccinated each year. CDC has also stated the vaccine is a good match to the circulating viruses. At this time, there are no vaccine shortages in the state and all county health departments have vaccine available.

Although influenza vaccination is recommended for all individuals 6 months and older, it is especially important to consider for the following people who are at higher risk of influenza related complications:

- All children between 6 months and 5 years of age, but especially those between 6 months and 2 years of age
- Adults 50 years of age and older, especially those 65 years and older
- Adults and children with chronic disorders
- Pregnant women
- Children aged 6 months through 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities
- Persons who are immunosuppressed
- Health care workers
- Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children less than age 5 and adults 50 years of age and older
- People who are morbidly obese (those with a body mass index, or BMI, of 40 or greater)

The public is also reminded of the importance of following basic infection control measures to help prevent the spread of the flu. These include covering the mouth and nose with a tissue or cloth when coughing and sneezing, washing hands frequently, and staying at home when sick.

Dr. Donald Williamson, state health officer, said. "The CDC warns that even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. It's not too late to get a flu shot to protect against this serious disease. People become protected about two weeks after receiving the vaccine."

A person with the flu may have some or all of these symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headache, muscle aches, and often extreme fatigue. At present, there is no widespread shortage of antiviral medications (sold commercially as Tamiflu and Relenza) which may slow the spread of influenza. Should routine supplies and procurement options be exhausted, a cache of surge supplies and equipment is available.

Contact your private health care provider, pharmacy, or your local county health department to receive an influenza vaccination. For more information contact the Immunization Division of the

Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5023 or toll free at 800-469-4599.

Welcome to Walgreens

By: Erika Mead
Chamber of Commerce Contributor

CULLMAN – The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting for Walgreens on January 7th. Walgreens would like to welcome everyone to their newest Walgreens store that is a Wellness Experience Store. They offer the customers a different experience in their store with their Photo department and Cosmetics Department as well as offering the new service of Web Pickup where you can order your shopping list online and then just drop by the store to pick-up your items.

Walgreens also offer many vaccinations such as Flu shots, Shingles shots, and others as well as their Staff Pharmacists can also check your blood pressure while you wait for your prescriptions. For more information contact them at 256-736-9901 or visit them at 444 2nd Ave NW, Cullman, AL 35055.

Upcoming Bosom Buddies Support Group Meeting Announced

By: Lindsey Dossey
CRMC Contributor

CULLMAN — Bosom Buddies Support Group offers support to individuals affected by Breast Cancer.

The group will hold its next meeting on Monday, January 21 at 6 p.m. in Cullman Regional Medical Center's Ave Maria Room in the Community Education Center located in Professional Office Building 2, located at 1912 AL Highway 157, POB 2, Cullman, AL 35058.

Guest speakers for this month are Scott Lockridge of the Scott Lockridge Foundation, a survivor of head/neck cancer and Rhonda Neal, RN of the Cullman Regional Medical Center Nurse Navigation Program.

For more information contact group coordinator Mary Dyer at (256) 734-8729.

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.

Let the "Sho"gun Begin

By: Erika Mead
Chamber of Commerce Contributor

CULLMAN – The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting for SHOGUN Japanese Sushi & Steak House on November 27th. Discover a whole new dining experience at Shogun Restaurant.

Let their master chefs dazzle you with their samurai-like swordsmanship as they skillfully slice, dice, juggle, and entertain, while preparing delicious entrees on a sizzling Teppanyaki grill.

More information, visit them at 1702 2nd Ave SW, Cullman, AL 35055 or call them at 256-735-2288.

JSU Announces President's, Deans' Lists for Fall 2012

By: Angie Finley
Contributor

JACKSONVILLE — Jacksonville State University congratulates the following students who were added to the President's and Deans' Lists for Fall 2012. To be named to the President's List, a student must earn a perfect 4.0 grade point average, or all A's. Students earning all A's and B's are named to the Deans' List.

Those students named to the list from Cullman County are:

- Baileyton – Blake Ray
- Cullman – Charna Brown, Sarah Buxton, Meredith Davis-Loyd, Kassie Draper, and Savanna Knop
- Holly Pond – Ashley Fortner

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Picture Book Tells the Story of a Girl's Quest for Tasty Treats

Author Anquisha Janea Crutcher's new work portrays a journey to find delicious homemade cornbread, and the bond between a young girl and her grandmother

EADS, Tenn. — Childhood is a time for naivety and simple joys, and in *To Grandma's House I Go* (published by AuthorHouse) readers will be treated to a young girl's quest for down home cooking.

Author Anquisha Janea Crutcher recreates the wonders of childhood, and the unique relationship between a child and her grandmother, in her new picture book.

The story begins with the advent of young Tanner Gant's favorite occasion, namely Cornbread Day, when her dear grandmother bakes a batch of her delicious corn bread.

She always visits granny on Cornbread Day, and today is no different. She rushes as fast as she can to be the first on the bus, because she can't wait to have some of the tasty snacks.

On this wonderful day, however, her quest for tasty cornbread is about to run into some snags. Tanner ends up getting sidetracked, and readers will see how she deals with her problems in order to visit her grandmother.

With vivid illustrations, author Anquisha Janea Crutcher tells a touching story of a young girl's love for her grandmother, and the deliciousness of cornbread.

In *To Grandma's House I Go*, readers will read about how Tanner uses her quick wits to overcome the obstacles in her way and try to get to grandma's house while the corn bread is still warm.

About the Author

Anquisha Janea Crutcher wrote *To Grandma's House I Go* by using one of her many wonderful gifts, in which she takes life's fascinating moments and experiences and shares it with the world. Born in Eads, Anquisha never forgot where she came from and always looks forward to where she is going in life.

No(ah)-It All: The Gutter Life

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Ah, is there anything more refreshing than hearing someone stutter out "oh no" right before you hear the sound of flesh meeting pavement, carpet, wood, or basically any other surface planted firmly beneath our feet?

Well, I've always been a fan of people falling, tripping, stumbling, or sliding down. It is just one of those joys that seems to have been with me since an early in childhood and thankfully I still derive some sort of chuckle whenever someone meets the ground.

Recently I was at the receiving end of the "oh no" statement, an incident which left me hobbling for a few days, and even though the entire right side of my body smacked the ground, I still found time to chuckle. Let's face it. It's funny.

Over the years I've fallen only a handful of times – I guess God found it necessary to provide me with catlike reflexes – but whenever this old body decides to tip over, the end result is generally worse than those individuals who fall on a weekly basis.

Yes, I do know people who fall down regularly. So before we get into what drove me into the gutter let's take a moment to reflect on those fallen comrades who've kept me laughing over the years.

First up is a man – we'll call him Weather Man – who gets so excited when people speak to him that the excitement which feels his body forces him to fall flat on his face. But here's the catch.

Weather doesn't fall down while walking; instead he finds a way to fall both forwards and backwards while standing still. Yes, you read that correctly. Weather Man falls down while standing still.

The first time it happened I was a bit shocked but just moments after resetting himself, the delightful chap found himself falling backwards. I still can't fully comprehend how someone can just tip over, but the enjoyment from his episodes will keep me laughing for decades to come.

Next up is a young man whom worked at Blockbuster during my second stint in the video store. This gent was only 19 at the time but his constant stumbling, tripping, and the occasional catastrophic fall made him a treat to be around.

One day we're – myself and two other employees – breaking down a new shipment of videos when we see Joe Blow (obviously not his real name) walking through the parking lot. As he was about to turn the corner we noticed that he had frozen in place.

His left leg was elevated to the level of someone taking a power walk while the right leg stayed planted firmly. After just a few seconds we watched as Joe Blow just tipped over, falling face first into the pavement. At first, those of us watching were stunned, but what happened next wiped away that amazement and replaced it with complete laughter.

Joe Blow looked around to see if anyone had seem him crash into the pavement. Once the coast was scanned we watched as he spit something into his hand.

Moments later he got up, brushed the gravel off his newly pressed shirt, and cautiously headed into the store.

Once he entered the store one of the nicer employees asked if he was alright, inquiring about what he spit into his palm after hitting the ground. Without hesitation or embarrassment, Joe Blow opened his hand revealing a piece of bubble gum. Yes, gum!

We all looked at one another then back at him when he released some of the best sentences of my lifetime. "Well, I guess I can't chew gum and walk at the same time. I've tried. I've even been practicing on the treadmill but there aren't any handrails out there."

These wonderful statements have been seared into my brain, something I'm extremely grateful for, so thank you Joe Blow wherever you may be.

But back to the incident which occurred to this curmudgeon on Friday which left me using crutches and a cane. As with any great online order comes the shipping date, which is carried out by either a FedEx, USPS, or UPS driver. Well, luckily for me the FedEx man could not read the extremely simple instructions of "Leave the package without signing" that was clearly printed on his delivery sheet.

Instead this delightful illiterate chap stuck on a sticker on my door then headed off on his merry way. As he pulled off, I pulled up. I immediately noticed that the package was not left in its perfect little area, so like any irrational person in a hurry for his product, I struck up the hill and ran back to the car.

Once at the top, I leapt into the air screaming "I'm going to catch you, you stupid…" and that's when it happened. The ole right foot decided it would catch the edge of the curb, forcing a twist to the inside and outside, taking the knee and ankle with it.

As I was falling the only thoughts in my mind were "Oh, I think it's broke," and "Oh, this is going to hurt." But before this old man's body could hit the ground, my face found a temporary home on the backdoor's lower panel, which created the new thought processes of "Did I just break my glasses?" and "This isn't good."

After what seemed to be minutes, my crumpled self was lying face down in the gutter. A nice little stream of gas/oil runoff mixed with dirt, grit, and grim kept me company as the pain began surging through the body.

The first thought was to throw up, but I've done that enough in life, so instead I chose to curse wildly. It was like *A Christmas Story* but slightly worse.

The best part of this falling down experience was watching the cars drive past, slowing down to look at the moron rolling around in the gutter. Out of five cars, only one person came back around to see if I was alright. Of course this came in a form of him giving me a thumbs up as I'm crawling in the car.

So what's the moral of the story? Laugh when people fall but only do so if you are able to laugh at yourself while you're rolling around in gutter funk.

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SPORTS

CullmanSense's Weekly Basketball Wrap-Up

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The Cullman County Tournament pairings have been drawn and the sites of the Area Tournaments are taking shape with each and every game. Your #1 source for Cullman County sports, CullmanSense, has been following the action very closely to give you, our reader, the results as they come in.

Good Hope vs. Holly Pond
By: Josh McBrayer
Good Hope Raiders 33 vs. Holly Pond Broncos 74

Three-point shooting and transition baskets, both hallmarks of the Holly Pond Broncos offense, were the difference in their comfortable win over the Raiders from Good Hope.

Tipping at 2 p.m. instead of the normal 7 p.m. seemed to affect the shooting of both teams. The Broncos seemed to gain the edge in the cold first quarter outscoring the Raiders 7-2 seven minutes deep in the first. However, Good Hope is no stranger to playing from behind. They quickly made up ground finishing the quarter on a high note, scoring seven to just four by Holly Pond to cut into the Broncos lead.

Holly Pond took the game over in the second, tripling up on the Good Hope Raiders, 28-9 including 14 unanswered to end the half. Holly Pond headed to the intermission up 39-18.

The Broncos opened the third like they closed the second, pouring it in from three point land and going on 14-4 run. This ballooned the Broncos lead to 30, before Andrew Cofer of Good Hope showed that he could score from deep as well, hitting a pair of treys. The effort of Cofer was not enough to stem the Bronco scoring however and Holly Pond finished the quarter up 61-30, activating the "hot-clock" for the fourth quarter.

The Broncos finished the game outscoring the Raiders 11-3 in the last frame, winning 74-33. Holly Pond will head into the County Tournament pairings Wednesday January 9th as the #1 seed.

Gunter Morris led Holly Pond with 16 in the victory. Colby Adams was close behind with 15 and Ben Wilson added 12.

Leading all scorers was Andrew Cofer, the lone Raider in double figures, with 17.

Good Hope Lady Raiders 43 vs. Holly Pond Lady Broncos 54

With injured star forward Lexi Malone looking on from the bench, the Lady Broncos of Holly Pond took care of business, dropping the Lady Raiders and securing a spot as the #2 seed in the County Tournament.

Holly Pond got off to a great start with Taylor Terry and Natasha Holcomb combining for 14 of the 20 Lady Broncos first quarter points, while Meg Gambril took over in the second scoring seven of her 19 in the second frame. Holly Pond also caused Good Hope fits on the defensive side of the court, putting in place a full court press that held the Lady Raiders to just six first quarter points and 18 for the half.

Good Hope was determined to prove they were not going to go down without a fight. They really got things going in the third, led by Kayla Tillman who hit a trio of trifectas, scoring nine of her game high 20 in the third quarter. Her performance helped get Good Hope within striking distance heading to the fourth.

Unfortunately for Good Hope, the Lady Broncos scored the first five points of the final stanza while holding the Lady Raiders scoreless for the first four and a half minutes of the fourth. The hole proved to great for Good Hope to climb out of and Holly Pond would claim the county victory, 54-43.

Holly pond was led by Meg Gambril with her 19 points. Natasha Holcome added 12 and Taylor Terry threw in 10.

Good Hope was led by Kalya Tillman with 20. Kaitlyn Bishop and Savannah Findley each scored seven.

Holly Pond vs. Brindlee Mountain
By: Josh McBrayer
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After giving up the first basket of the game, the surging Holly Pond Lady Broncos went on a 11-3 run to take the lead. A lead Holly Pond would hold for the rest of the game, not allowing the visiting Lady Lions from Brindlee Mountain to get closer than eight.

Holly Pond had a stellar first quarter. The ladies in green and white jumped out to a 16 point by running the floor, working the ball inside and good perimeter shooting including a buzzer beating three from just across half court by Meg Gambril.

As well as the Lady Broncos shot in the first, they went scoreless from the field for the first five minutes of the second with their only points coming from the charity stripe. Fortunately for Holly Pond the Lady Lions did not fare much better, scoring just two from the floor. The Lady Broncos managed to find their shot on the last three minutes of the quarter, going on a 12-1 run and carrying a 25 point lead to halftime.

The Lady Broncos came out of the locker room lackadaisical much to the displeasure of head coach Scott Adams. Four turnovers in less than two minutes prompted a Holly Pond time-out to get his girls back on track. It worked as Holly Pond went on to score 18 points in the quarter, going up 29.

Natasha Holcombe drove to the basket and drew a foul in the opening seconds of the fourth. She hit one of her free throws putting Holly Pond up 30, the necessary margin to start the running clock. The Lady Broncos won the game 61-36. It is their second win in as many days.

With 14 points, Holly Pond standout Meg Gambril led all scorers. Kaitlyn Stephens was also in double figures with 12. Taylor Terry added to her 1,000+ point total with nine. Natasha Holcombe scored nine as well. Taylor Rowell seven, Rachel Findley five, Lexi Lynn three and Kristen Sparks two.

The lone Lady Lion in double figures was Courtney Yarbrough with 12. Sara Femster six, Natalie Marian six, Haley Flack four, Chloe Hollaway four, Ariel Smale two, and Tori Sanders two finished the scoring.

Holly Pond Broncos 83 vs. Brindlee Mountain Lions 53

After a virtually even first quarter, Gunter Morris took over the second quarter for the Broncos. His 15 second quarter points led Holly Pond to a huge 38 point outburst in the quarter, resulting in a 26 point lead at intermission.

Holly Pond continued to dominate the game in the second half, building on their halftime lead. Just like their female counterparts, they hit a 30 point lead heading to the fourth to start the running clock. They went on to win. The Holly Pond Broncos have won their last two games by a combined 71 point margin and enter the County Tournament pairings the #1 seed.

On a night where he was honored for scoring his 1,000th point during a Christmas tournament in Albertville, Gunter Morris scored a game-high 24 points. Colby Adams was not far behind with 17 and the big man inside, Austin Smith, had 14. Getting nine from Blake Black, seven from Jacob Cahoon, six from Vince Clingman, four free throws from Ben Wilson, and two from Carter Hays finished the Broncos scoring.

Tyler Daniel led the Brindlee Mountain Lions with 18 and was followed by Chase Looney with 12. Dylan Sanderson scored nine, Zach Looney and Steven Clark four, Brendon London and Tristian Palmisand two, and Bryan Conales finished with one.

St. Bernard vs. Addison
By: Johnny Thornton
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Addison got a 10-2 first period lead on the Lady Saints as Lana Crutcher and Callie Brewer combined for eight points in the opening frame.

St. Bernard tightened the margin, closing to 15-11 at the half. But a 13-6 run by the Lady Bulldogs in the third period extended the advantage to 28-17.

The Lady Saints made a run in the final period but ran out of time in closing the deficit to nine.

Crutcher delivered 12 to the winner's total with Brewer scoring nine and Stora Gilliland six.

For the Lady Saints, Michayla Brown tossed in 10, Aymee Chauvin had seven, Katherine Gamble four, and Zoie Wilson, Zana Wilson, and Alli Messick two each.

St Bernard Saints 44 vs. Addison Bulldogs 42

John Gurtowski followed up a missed field goal by Jadavian Roland with eight seconds remaining, slamming the ball through the net to give the St. Bernard Saints a thrilling 44-42 victory over the Addison Bulldogs Thursday in a 1A, Area 14 game at the Fazi-Richard Athletic Center.

It looked like some history could be in the making for the Saints. Roland and Sean Moriarty did all of the team's scoring before Gurtowski's game winning shot. His play enabled the Saints to turn back a determined effort by Addison who trailed by 10 with 3:00 remaining in the game.

The game ended with Addison coach Jeff Sudduth not happy of not getting a time out by the officials with his team having to put up a wild shot when the buzzer sounded. Sudduth wanted the name of the officials in which he got because they signed his team's scorebook before game time.

Getting back to St. Bernard, Roland and Moriarty looked to be like a high school version of Kobe Bryant and Pau Gasol. Roland was knocking down shots from the perimeter while Moriarty was hitting field goals around the basket.

Roland landed three baskets from 3-point land in the opening quarter that sent the Saints to a 19-13 lead. He had 11 by the end of the period while Moriarity tossed in eight.

At the half, Wade Knight's Saints clinged to a 25-21 lead with Roland having 17 by intermission and Moriarty scoring eight.

Addison stayed in the game thanks to 11 first half points from Caleb Estill and five by Ronnie Willettte.

With one quarter to go, St. Bernard was ahead 38-30. The Saints began the fourth with field goals from Roland and Moriarty and stretched the advantage to 42-32, the largest of the night.

But the Saints went cold for crunch time of the final period in which the Bulldogs answered with a rally. Levi Tyree tossed in a trey and tied the game with less than a minute remaining on a field goal.



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The Saints lost Moriarty who fouled out with less than a minute. Roland came up with a steal in the closing seconds taking the ball the length of the floor for a possibility of scoring the game winner.

But his shot went off the back of the rim. Gurtowski trailed and perfectly slammed the ball through for the field goal that turned out to be the difference in this contest.

Roland finished with 24 points on 10 field goals, three treys, and a free throw. The free throw was the only time the Saints scored from the stripe the entire night in just two attempts.

Moriarty scored 18 on nine field goals. He was solid with four in the first period and four during the third quarter.

Hanceville vs. Fairview
By: Josh McBrayer
Hanceville Lady Bulldogs 23 vs. Fairview Lady Aggies 49

Threes and D was the name of the game when Fairview made the trek to Wallace State Community College to take on the Lady Bulldogs from Hanceville.

Although they were missing two starters, Anna Cox with an ACL tear and Makena Butts with a broken nose, they did not miss a beat.

The Lady Aggies opened the game with back-to-back-to-back three-pointers for nine of their 12 points in the quarter. On the defensive end they held Hanceville scoreless in the first and allowed just two points, both free throws, in the entire first half, coasting to a victory.

The first Hanceville field goal came two minutes into the third quarter, invigorating the offense. The Lady Bulldogs went on to outscore Fairview in the quarter, 11-9 but still trailed 37-13 heading to the fourth.

Hanceville continued to challenge Fairview, but could not come back from the first half shooting performance, dropping to 0-14 with the 49-23 loss.

Every Lady Aggie that played scored. Kennedy Tremble led the way with 15. Ally Raper and Skye Hunter each had six, Julia Creel and Alli Harris scored five each, Sara Harper four, Hunter Cox and Marlana Johnson three, and Kylee Bannister two.

Hanceville was led in the scoring column by Taylor Hollingsworth with nine. Latasha Warren added four and Taylor Chambers three. Haley Wilson, Mariah Twitty, and Brittani Armstrong all had two. Kristine Denham rounded out the scoring with one.

Hanceville Bulldogs 49 vs. Fairview Aggies 52

Luke Bailey scored 10 of the Aggies' 26 first quarter points in Thursday night's match-up with the Bulldogs, resulting in a comfortable 26-10 lead after one.

The Bulldogs started playing their style of offense, run and gun, in the second. They went on a 7-0 run to start things, prompting a, Aggie time-out. Brontae Harris and the Bulldogs continued to pour in the points, shaving 12 points off the Aggie lead. Hanceville went to the locker room down just four.

Continuing where they left off, Hanceville scored six quick points to take their first lead of the night, 33-31. After a brief tie, Hanceville re-established the lead as well as added to it with the shooting of Brontae Harris and Dont'e Reese, going up by as many as nine. It was then Fairview's turn to put pressure on their opponent. The Aggies finished the quarter on a 5-0 run, all by Elijah Garrison, to trail by just four heading to the final stanza.

Fairview continued their run, again thanks to Garrison, who buried a deep three to make the score 44-43. After trading baskets, Fairview took the lead back on a basket by Garrison and made it two points with a free throw by Blake Parker. The Aggie looked to put the game out of reach when Andy Hendrix hit a bucket and the free throw that followed to make the score 51-46. Hanceville proved that they were not going down without a fight. Harris tickled the net for the fourth time from three point land, bringing the Bulldogs to within three points with 60 seconds left to play. A missed free throw by the Aggies gave Hanceville an opportunity at the tie, down three with 11.4 left but a pair of missed threes gave Fairview the narrow 52-49 victory.

Elijah Garrison scored 18 in the Aggies victory. Luke Bailey followed with 15. Blake Parker nine, Andy Hendrix seven, Peter Kessler two and Ethan Wider one finished Fairview's scoring.

Leading all scorers with 26 was Brontae Harris of Hanceville. Chris Smith was next with 11. Dont'e Reese seven, Matt Burns three and Keith Twitty two rounded it out for the Bulldogs.

Cullman vs. West Point
By: Johnny Thornton
Cullman Lady Bearcats 41 vs. West Point Lady Warriors 44

Free throw shooting in the fourth quarter gave West Point a victory to prevent Cullman from possibly winning the Area 15 regular season crown.

Neither shot well from the line in the first half with Cullman on top at the break 22-17. West Point was only two for nine with Cullman hitting one of six attempts.

In the third period, the Lady Warriors went seven of 10 thanks to Rachel Persall making three of four. But they still trailed as Cullman was on top at 32-29 with the final period getting under way.

Madison Rusk produced 10 of her 19 points in the final period, going four of four at the line when the game was up for grabs.

Persall scored nine, Jamie Beasley hit eight, and Kari Williams and Alex Baggett tossed in four.

West Point was 18 of 31 from the line, hitting 16 of 22 in the second half for 72 percent after the difficult first half. They were nine of 12 in the final quarter.

Baylee Johnson led Cullman with 16, but managed to go only three of nine from the line. Morgan Smith was held to eight points thanks to defensive pressure the entire night by Beasley. Hayden Short scored nine, Blair Nall had six and Oakleigh White two.

Cullman Bearcats 44 vs. West Point Warriors 38

Cullman solved an offensive problem Friday night during a critical 44-38 victory against West Point to keep the Bearcats in the opportunity of winning the Class 5A, Area 15 regular season title.

In its previous game, a 63-57 win at Hartselle on Tuesday, the Bearcats didn't score a field goal in the entire fourth quarter. This time they turned it around, especially forward Troy Forrest who scored three critical field goals in the final 4:00 as Cullman erased a 36-30 deficit going into the final period of play.

The win was the ninth straight for the Bearcats who moved to 3-2 in the 5A, Area 15 standings. Bobby Meyer's ball club closes out the area schedule next Friday with a game at East Limestone. The Indians currently lead the area with a 4-1 record. A Cullman victory would create a tie and a coin toss would be needed to determine the No. 1 seed for the upcoming area tournament.

Cullman got a scare when point guard Lawson Schaffer turned his left ankle at the 3:26 mark of the first period scrambling for a loose ball. Schaffer missed the rest of the first half, getting his ankle iced and then taped and was able to return to the floor for the second half.

The game was tied at 11-11 after the opening period. It was back and forth in the second with West Point going into the locker room leading 21-20 thanks to a jumper by Kris Keller with a second remaining on the first half clock.

Houston Turner stood out for Cullman in the third period with three field goals after struggling on the offensive end in the opening half. Schaffer was back and nailed a three-pointer to go with a free throw to put the Bearcats in front.

However, West Point point guard Josh Looney rescued his team. He nailed a field goal to put the Warriors up 33-30 then landed a shot from the left side of half court for a three as time ran out for West Point to enjoy its largest lead of this hotly contested area game.

The Cullman offense stayed patient as Forrest scored his first of three field goals with a little over 6:00 to play in the game. His second basket tied the score at 36-36 then Schaffer made a spinning move to the goal, hitting a layup and Cullman was on top at 38-36.

Cullman held West Point without a field goal in the fourth quarter. The Warriors finally scored when Wesley Smith hit a free throw with 2:07 to play to cut it to 38-37.

Forrest showed his left-handed ability when he hit a short range jumper with 55 seconds to go to give Cullman a 40-37 lead. He added two free throws along with two from Schaffer in the final 24 seconds to enable the Bearcats to get a victory against Randy Jones' Warriors.

West Point had defeated Cullman 55-52 in the title game of the Holly Pond Thanksgiving Tournament and posted a 55-50 win at Jim Boyd Gymnasium in mid-December.

Schaffer wound up with 10 points scoring six in the final period with his injured ankle. His status for Saturday's game in the Bama Shootout against Briarwood Christian at the BJCC Arena is questionable.

Forrest also delivered 10 to the total with Cullman now 14-6. Turner added eight, Auston Neal had six, Lane Donaldson three, and Seth Swalve, Keaton Dean, and Lucas McNeal two each.

West Point fell to 1-4 in the area and 14-7 overall. Leading the Warriors were Ryder Jones with 10, Looney seven, Tristan Dubberly seven, Keller and Wesley Smith four and Jordan McKenzie and Nick Nuss three.

Cold Springs vs. Oakman
By: Josh McBrayer
Cold Springs Lady Eagles 67 vs. Oakman Lady Wildcats 21

The Lady Eagles from Cold Springs showed the shooting skill that has them 4-0 in area play and the #1 seed in the Cullman County Tournament. Cold Springs outscored Oakman 23-0 in the first quarter.

Caitlyn Hall made here presence felt inside for the Lady Eagles, scoring her game high 17, all coming in the first half, helping Cold Springs to a 31 point lead at intermission.

Head coach Tammy West started her JV girls in the second half and they picked up where the varsity girls left off, doubling up the Lady Wildcats 14-7 in the third. Up by 41, the clock ran without stopping in the fourth. Cold Springs improves to 14-5 but more importantly a 5-0 record in the area, insuring they will host the tournament for their area.

Leading the way for Cold Springs was Caitlyn Hall with 17 followed by Chloe Harbinson with 12.

Khaley Smith had 10 and Lindsey Harbinson eight for Oakman.

Cold Springs Eagles 57 vs. Oakman Wildcats 40

After a well-played, close first quarter the game quickly took a turn for the worst. Tristian Chambers of Cold Springs and Quinton Harris of Oakman went to the floor for a jump ball. The whistle blew but both players were still scuffling on the floor. Both players were hit with a technical foul but Harris received his second "T", and was quickly ejected, for stomping Chambers as he was getting up. Both fan bases were yelling across the court at each other while the men in stripes were sorting things out. Chambers went to the line for the free throws and hit all four free throws, putting the Eagles up 14. Both teams swapped baskets for the remainder of the quarter. Cold Springs went to the locker room up 11.

Oakman played hard, trying to get to within striking distance of Cold Springs but every time they made head-way, the Eagles would come right back. With the score 48-37, Oakman's coach was hit with the third technical called in the game for yelling after he had been given an official warning in the third. Chambers hit both free throws and put the Eagles up 13. This put the game on ice as Oakman was unable to get closer than 12. Cold Springs went on to a win and pulled even with Oakman in the area.

Tristian Chambers led the Eagles with 19 and was followed by Chayse Elliott who had 16. Layne Rice also had 12.

Ashton Gay was the only Widcat in double digits. He scored 11.

Hanceville vs. Danville
By: Grant Smith
Hanceville Lady Bulldogs 33 vs. Danville Lady Hawks 52

The Danville Lady Hawks used balance scoring and a strong defensive to shoot past the Hanceville Lady Bulldogs 52-33.

Hanceville stayed close early but were bitten by the turnover bug in the second quarter as the Lady Hawks built a 13-point halftime lead, 31-18.

Danville got five points from Erin Cleghorn in the opening quarter while Sydni Shelton and Lindsey Hutto added four a piece.

Hanceville got five points from Mariah Twitty and four from Katie Tankersley in the opening frame as Danville led 19-11.

The Lady Hawks got seven points from Kellee Stiles in the second quarter to take a 31-18 at the break.

Tara Tuck, Jesse Oliver, and Shelton led Danville during the third quarter with a combined score for all 13 of the Lady Hawks points.

Freshmen Taylor Hollingsworth led Hanceville in the final stanza with nine of her 15 points.

Shelton led Danville with 11 points followed by Hutto with nine, Tara Tuck eight and Cleghorn with six.

Hollingsworth led all scorers with 15 points while Tankersley added eight.

Hanceville Bulldogs 52 vs. Danville Hawks 55

The Danville Hawks edged closer to claiming the regular season Class 3A Area 12 title with a come from behind 55-52 victory over the Hanceville Bulldogs at Tom Drake Coliseum on the campus of Wallace State Community College.

After trailing by three at halftime, Hanceville outscored Danville 15-2 in the third quarter to take a ten point, 43-33 lead into the final quarter.

However, the play of Hawk point guard Justin Morgan along with poor shooting and turnovers did the Bulldogs in.

Morgan nailed a pair of free throws with a little over seven seconds remaining, then stole the ball from Dont'e Reese to give Danville the victory.

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Community Matters

Nothing Frosty about This Year's 5K

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CULLMAN – More than 200 participants came out to the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center for the 4th Annual Cullman Savings Bank Frosty 5K Run.

"This is my first time. My dad (Dave) did it last year and it looked like something I would enjoy, so I signed up," said 12-year-old Matthew McGowin. "I've ran the mileage before but this is my first event. I would like to run cross country one day and this is a good way to see if I'll be interested in it."

Even with temperatures in the low to mid 60s, a threat of rain and the regular season for indoor cross country events for high school aged participants were the cause of a slightly lower number compared to recent years, according to CPR Marketing Director Waid Harbison.

"Well we're looking at 225 registered for the race. We are a little bit down from last year and there are several factors which led to that," said Harbison.

"We have the indoor cross country that we're competing with because a lot of those aged runners were not here today. Plus, I'm sure the weather was a factor today."

The results for this year's Cullman Savings Bank Frosty 5K:

Female

Overall
1. Angel Sullivent - 21:55
2. Alyeana Mami - 22:01
3. Jaden Edge - 23:12

Masters
1. Belva Durham - 23:52
2. Regina Hood - 25:04
3. Jeania Norton - 25:10

0-12
1. Maggie Graham - 23:16
2. Abi Burrow - 24:59
3. Michaela Thirn - 25:38

13-19
1. Jordan Adams - 23:14
2. Morgan Matz - 26:59
3. Broke Sillivant - 28:02

20-29
1. Jessica Montgomery - 26:25
2. Amanda Ponder - 27:39
3. Amber Bailey - 27:49

30-39
1. Heather Hays - 28:17
2. Angela Smith - 28:43
3. Debra Shelton

40-49
1. Beth Pitmon - 26:36
2. Justina Tyus - 27:00
3. Pam Shaw - 29:31

50-59
1. Judy Westerhause - 26:09
2. Carla Kirkland - 28:01
3. Kathy Elliot - 28:18

Male

Overall
1. Mike Allen - 17:49
2. Dustin Dutton
3. Eddie Murrow

Masters
1. Jeff Clark - 19:22
2. Mark Wilson - 20:59
3. Dennis Davis - 21:35

0-12
1. Tucker Adkinson - 23:11
2. Austin McClellan - 25:47
3. Jacob Baker

13-19
1. Will Faulk
2. Jared Stanley - 21:51
3. Logan Murphee - 22:49

20-29
1. John Nevels - 19:13
2. David Deason - 25:35
3. Keith Varden - 25:35

30-39
1. Nathan Graves - 19:49
2. Dan Brunetti - 21:15
3. Justin Burgess - 23:02

40-49
1. Todd Adkinson - 22:05
2. Ben Logston - 22:25
3. Jeff Hill - 22:40

50-59
1. Matt Richard - 25:27
2. Bill Jones - 27:57
3. Donald Finchum - 30:52

60 & up
1. Stan Walker - 25:26
2. Allan Elliot - 35:50
3. Tommy Stine - 39:18



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Taking the Plunge

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CULLMAN – For the fourth consecutive year, residents from across Cullman County and surrounding areas made their January trek to the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center for the center's annual Polar Bear Plunge, sponsored by Cullman Savings Bank.

Hanceville resident Clint Lauderdale came out for his second year of taking the dip at the Polar Bear Plunge.

"What brings me to the Polar Bear Plunge? Well to be honest it's about the one year membership for me and it's also a bit of fun. The first time it was like needles sticking into you for a split second then it is over with. Hopefully I'll get this year's membership."

Waid Harbison, Cullman City Parks & Recreation Marketing Director, said the event saw an uptick in early registrations.

He said it was great to see so many people eager to take the plunge at their shot at a one year membership to CWAC.

"We had the largest number of preregisters with 30 and we will probably end up with around 50 contestants by the time it is take the plunge," said Harbison.

"I'm sure the warmer weather has played into the decision making process for a lot people because jumping in today will feel more like a May afternoon opposed to a Saturday in January."

This year's winner of the Polar Bear Plunge winner was Jonathan Hedden.

For more on this year's Polar Bear Plunge, along with photos from the event, visit cullmansense.com, your leader in community focused news.



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It's Time to Relay

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CULLMAN – With over 20 teams already registered to participate in this year's relay, a variety of team members, cancer survivors, and volunteers joined together recently at First Baptist Church to kick off the 2013 Relay for Life fundraising effort.

Longtime RFL team member and cancer survivor Elaine Blackwood told of her recent struggle against breast cancer. The inspirational story brought tears to many eyes in the room, including her own, but the ending was worth the wait.

"I want to share my story and it's about you. My story is about you, my Relay family. I've realized what a difference you've made in my life and the life of others. I recently celebrated a new birthday, December 23rd; celebrated one-year of being cancer free," said Blackwood.

"I was diagnosed last fall after undergoing a routine mammogram, which I've done for years. It just had been a regular normal screening and then they found some bad cells."

The bad cells were later determined to be the earliest signs of breast cancer. The news of cancer was not great to hear but the quickness in detection gave Blackwood optimism that she would in fact be a survivor.

"When they removed them they said it was breast cancer in the earliest form it could have been caught. Dr. Markel said if it had to be a stage it would have been stage zero," she said.

This great news was quickly dashed when the doctor informed Blackwood that she would have to seek one of two invasive options.

"He said you have to decide. You can have a mastectomy or you can radiation treatments and be on medication for five years," she said. "I asked if there were any other choices but he told me there were no other options. He said I just had to decide what to do. It is overwhelming the decisions you have to make."

Even though she would be facing extensive time with radiation treatments, Blackwood kept her upbeat outlook on life. One thing she would not allow around her while undergoing treatment; negativity.

"I had a very positive outlook on life and was determined to be a survivor. I did not want any negativity around because positivity is what I needed," she said.

As fate would have it Blackwood's first appointment following her diagnosis was with a radiation oncologist. After first speaking with the doctor, she was informed that radiation treatments would be much more extensive than first thought.

Blackwood would have to undergo 35 sessions of radiation, five days per week for seven weeks.

After hearing the layout for treatment the doctor then informed Blackwood of a relatively new procedure.

"The radiologist suggested a treatment I had never heard of called Mammosite Therapy, something she had been doing for the past eight years," she said. "Out of the 100 patients who've undergone this treatment only three had a recurrence. Those were pretty good odds."

The process in which Blackwood underwent was described as, "they (doctors) implant a tube with a balloon on the end of it – for a lack of a better way of explaining it – inside where the lump was removed.

The radiation goes through the tube and it radiates from the inside where the bad cells were. It doesn't go through the skin, targeting the specific area."

To everyone's surprise the treatments which originally were going to take place over seven weeks were minimized to only 10 total treatments.

"The best part is that the extent of radiation treatments was five days, with two sessions each day; one in the morning and one at night. At the end of those five days I was officially declared a survivor," she said.

"This is where research has brought us. Ten years ago there was no such thing. This is why we relay."

Tim Kelly, 2013 Cullman Relay for Life Co-Chair, was dressed in sumo garb, entertaining the crowd while informing them of the needs for this year's effort.

"This is the kick off for the year. We began raising money in September but tonight is a way to refocus and ask the question of why we relay," said Kelly.

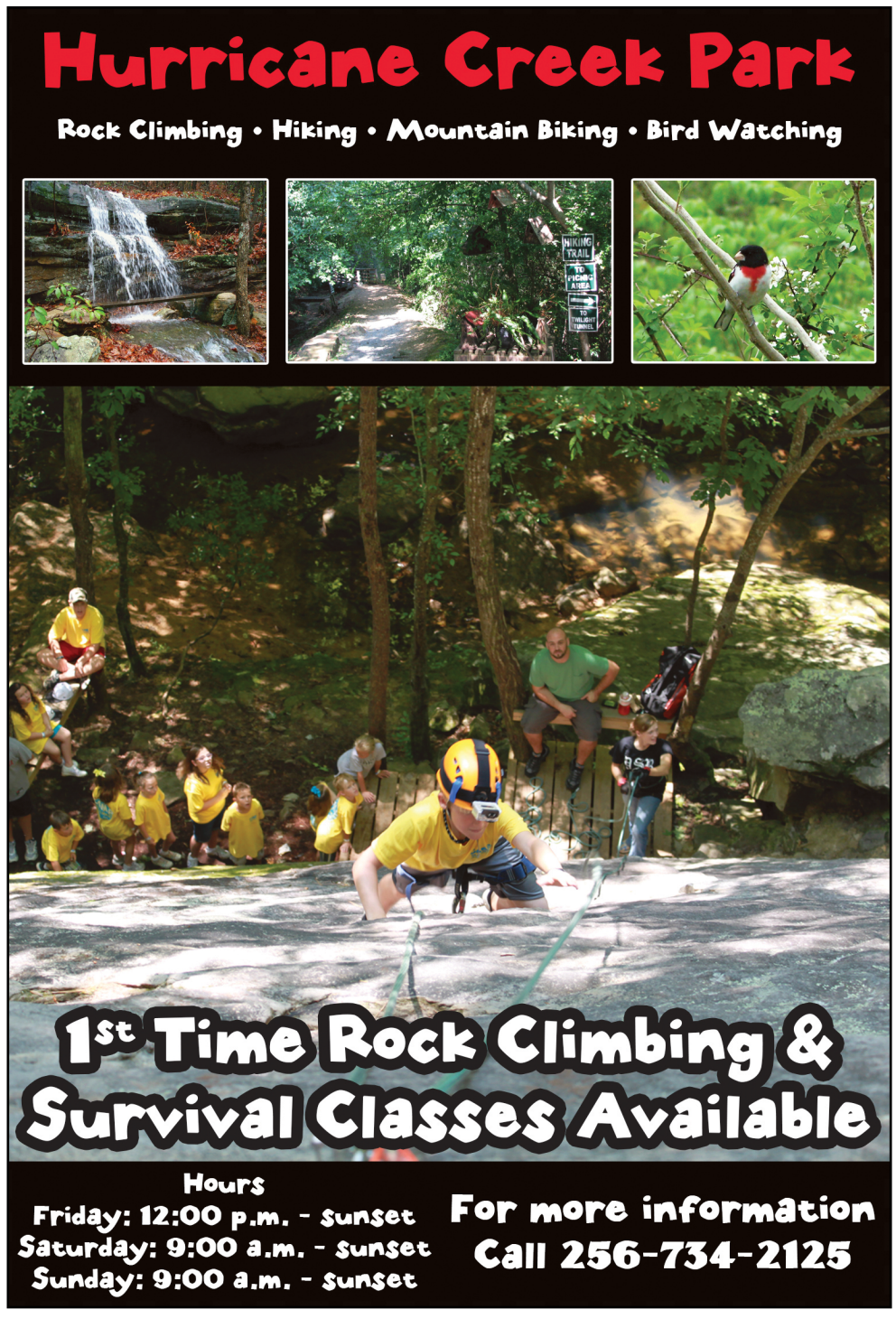
"We are working for those currently battling, we're fighting for those survivors, and we're fighting for those who will hopefully one day not have to know the struggles of cancer."

Last year's goal of $250,000 was bested. The combined total from the multiple teams across the county came out to $256,000, which according to Kelly was, "a banner year. It was all because of the people of Cullman County."

This year's Relay for Life will take place at the Cullman County Fairgrounds beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 3rd. The event will run throughout the entire night, ending at 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 4th.

For more on the 2013 Relay for Life, stay with CullmanSense, the local leader in community news.

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Community Matters

This Week in History Jan. 14 - Jan. 20

January 14th
- 1699 – Massachusetts holds day of fasting for wrongly persecuting "witches"
- 1943 – Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill confer in Casablanca concerning WWII
- 1981 – FCC frees stations to air as many commercials an hour as they wish
- 2012 – Two survivors are found trapped inside the capsized cruise ship Costa Concordia, which ran aground off the coast of Tuscany January 13

January 15th
- 1870 – Donkey first used as symbol of Democratic Party, in Harper's Weekly
- 1919 – 2 million gallons of molasses flood Boston MA, drowning 21
- 1974 – "Happy Days" begins an 11 year run on ABC
- 2012 – Facing fuel shortages after a fall storm, preparations are made for the US Coast Guard icebreaker USCGC Healy to accompany Russian tanker Renda to deliver fuel

January 16th
- 1581 – English parliament passes laws against Catholicism
- 1938 – Benny Goodman refuses to play Carnegie Hall when black members of his band were barred from performing
- 1970 – Curt Flood files a civil lawsuit challenging baseball's reserve clause
- 2012 – The English Wikipedia protests anti-piracy legislation proposed by the U.S. Congress by shutting down its website

January 17th
- 1861 – Flush toilet patented by Mr. Thomas Crapper
- 1917 – U.S. pays Denmark $25 million for Virgin Islands
- 1969 – Debut album of Led Zeppelin released in U.S.
- 2011 – In Vietnam, 1,400 members of the ruling Communist Party of Vietnam gather to vote for new leaders

January 18th
- 1644 – Perplexed Pilgrims in Boston reported America's first UFO sighting
- 1943 – Uprising in Warsaw ghetto
- 1962 – U.S. begins spraying foliage in Vietnam to reveal Viet Cong guerrillas
- 1991 – U.S. acknowledges CIA and U.S. Army paid Noriega $320,000 over his career

January 19th
- 1861 – Georgia becomes fifth state to secede
- 1915 – Neon Tube sign patented by George Claude
- 1987 – Guy Hunt becomes Alabama's first Republican governor since 1874
- 2012 – The famous film and camera company Kodak, files for bankruptcy protection

January 20th
- 1778 – First American military court martial trial begins in Cambridge, Mass.
- 1939 – Hitler proclaims to German parliament to exterminate all European Jews
- 1977 – George H. Bush, ends term as 11th director of CIA
- 2012 – Nearly 2,000 Malawi women protest against attacks on women wearing trousers by unemployed youths and street vendors

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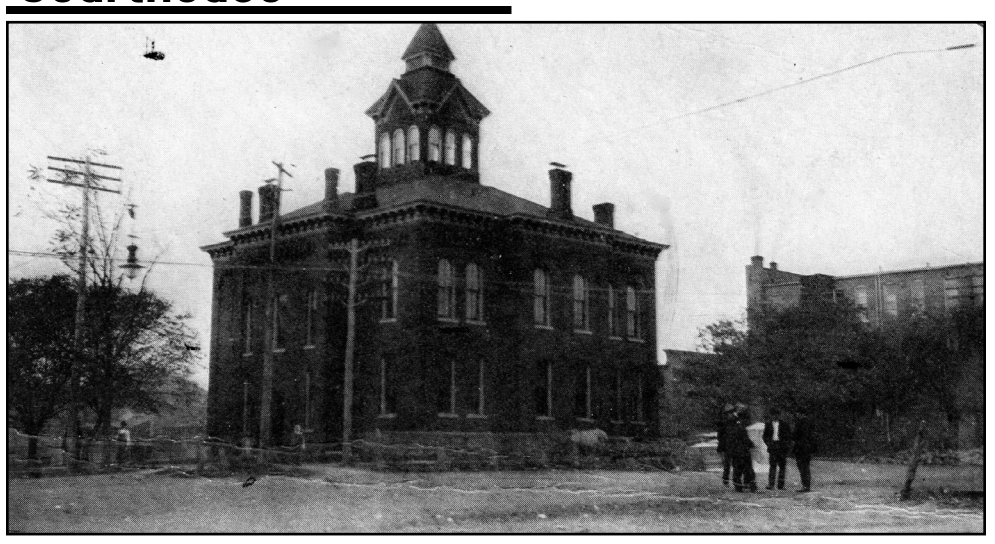


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CullmanSense's Weekly Basketball Wrap-Up (Continued from p. 5)

Hanceville jumped out to a 19-12 first quarter lead thanks in part to three treys from Reese while Keith Twitty added one of his own.

The Hawks rallied in the second quarter behind Morgan's six points as Danville led 31-28 at the half.

The Bulldogs final shot at victory was taken away by Morgan.

Morgan led all scorers with 20 points while Patrick Doherty added nine on three treys in the final quarter.

Brontae Harris led Hanceville with 17 points while Reese added 13.

Fairview vs. Dora
By: Johnny Thornton
Fairview Lady Aggies 50 vs. Dora Lady Bulldogs 33

Two victories in their last three games gave the Lady Aggies a reason to smile.

After jumping out to a 9-2 first period advantage, the Lady Aggies had a close game when it went to the half. Dora closed to 17-15 thanks to a 13-8 run in the second.

Marlana Johnson sparked the third period scoring for Cheryl Mangum's Lady Aggies with eight points, hitting three field goals as Fairview built the margin to 32-25.

Then in the final period, the Lady Aggies had an 18-point quarter and put the game out of reach. Johnson finished the game hitting a three-pointer as time ran out for Fairview to get into the win column for the fourth time on the year and second in a three-day span.

Sarah Harper netted 16 for the winners, scoring three long range field goals. Johnson was next with 12, then Alley Raper six, Kyle Banister five, Julia Creel, and Kennedy Trimble four.

Fairview was solid in three-point shooting with seven in the game, three coming during the strong effort in the fourth period.

Yashea Chapel led Dora with 11.

Fairview Aggies 68 vs. Dora Bulldogs 48

A good week of basketball concluded for the Fairview Aggies Saturday afternoon in shooting past the Dora Bulldogs 68-48 at Joe Shults Gymnasium.

The Aggies won their third consecutive game in as many days, taking care of a busy week that had them at West Point, Wallace State-Hanceville and Locust Fork before Saturday's makeup game with the visitor from Walker County.

Only a 52-49 loss to West Point Tuesday prevented a perfect week for Greg Boatright's squad. His team goes into the week before the Cullman County Tournament with a 15-6 record and plenty of momentum.

The Aggies will not return to action until Thursday with a rescheduled game at Holly Pond followed by a regular season home game in Class 4A, Area 13 with St. Clair County on Friday.

Fatigue was not shown by the Aggies in which they started off the Dora game in fine fashion. With Elijah Garrison having a hot hand, the Aggies led the Bulldogs 16-9 following the first quarter. Garrison delivered eight in the period, scoring twice from three-point range.

The scoring attack was well displayed during the second with five getting the opportunity to place their names into the scorebook. Four shots from downtown sparked a 26-15 run in which the Aggies extended their lead to 42-24 at halftime.

A quick start in the third period saw Fairview run the margin to 51-26. But Dora was not going to go away without making the game a challenge. Early in the fourth, the Bulldogs had trimmed the margin to 52-38 by stepping up the pressure and knocking down several shots from close range.

Fairview was able to regroup and keep the lead between 14 and 20 points the rest of the way. Blake Parker connected on six straight free throws to finish off a good fourth period with eight points and earn 13 on the afternoon.

With less than 2:00 to go, Boatright had cleared the bench with the Aggies up by as many as 22, putting an end to Dora's determined comeback try. The good start by Garrison allowed the sharp shooter to finish with 19 points in leading the Aggies to their 15th victory. Parker was next with 13, Luke Bailey 12, Andy Hendrix 11, Peter Kessler six, and Ethan Widner five.

Deangelo Pendelton was the only Dora player to reach double digits as he scored 10.

Other scores from around the county:
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- West Point Warriors 52 vs Fairview Aggies 49
- Hartselle Lady Tigers 42 vs. Cullman Lady Bearcats 36
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- Susan Moore Lady Bulldogs 54 vs. St Bernard Lady Saints 29
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Monday, January 14th

Cullman Kiwanis Club
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Bosom Buddies Support Group Meeting
Bosom Buddies Support Group offers support to individuals affected by Breast Cancer. The group will hold its next meeting on Monday, December 17 at 6 p.m. in Cullman Regional Medical Center's Ave Maria Room in the Community Education Center located in Professional Office Building 2 (1912 AL Highway 157, POB 2, Cullman, AL 35058).

Tuesday, January 15th

Genealogy meeting
There is a free Genealogy meeting each Tuesday in the library basement at Wallace State College. This workshop runs from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. and is to help new researchers and for informal study. Please call Von for additional information at 256-739-2843.

'One Funny Guy'
Cullman Community Concert Association presents Robert Post on stage. Billed as 'One Funny Guy', Post will take his audience along the laughter trail as he entertains during this 3rd program of 5 sponsored by the Association. Mark your calendars now so you will be sure to make an evening of it for this special show. If you do not have your yearly ticket, tickets will be available at the door. Come get your laughs for the day - you know, laughter is good for the soul.

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.

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.

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'Divorce Care for Kids'
A 'Divorce Care for Kids' program to help youths from 6 to 12 years of age is available to help youths whose family is going through, or has gone through, divorce. This FREE program takes place each Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the Church. All workbooks and materials are included and presented to each attendee in class. Additional info is available by calling the Church at 256-737-0800 or check out Daystar Children's Ministry website at www.kidspowercompany.org.

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Thursday, January 17th

Overeaters Anonymous Meeting
Members of Cullman's Overeaters Anonymous will gather at 4:45 p.m. and they invite others interested to come check out their group. They meet weekly, both on Thursday evenings at 4:45 p.m. and/or on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. These meetings are conducted at the Carriage House of Grace Episcopal Church. Folks are invited to attend either one of the group meetings, depending on your free time.

New Vision Support Group
There is a New Vision Support Group which will meet at 10 a.m. and everyone interested in this subject is welcome to attend. The program is at Hilltop Community Center. Additional information is available by calling Linda Estes, 256-739-4653.

Iris and Daylily Society meeting
Spring is just around the corner and members of the Cullman Iris and Daylily Society are meeting at the Angler Seafood Restaurant beginning at 5:30 p.m. Interested folks are invited to attend and learn more about this organization. Attendees enjoy dinner prior to their business session.

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Hanceville High School Blood Drive
The Student Government Association will sponsor a Blood Drive at Hanceville High School from 8 a.m. until 1 .pm. Come give the 'gift of life'!

Cullman County Republican Women's meeting
Anyone interested is invited to attend the Cullman County Republican Women's meeting starting at 11:30 a.m. Guest speakers for this event are the candidates who are running for State Representative District 11. This lunch/business meeting will be held at Grumpy's Restaurant. For additional information please contact Brenda Horn, 256-709-5898.

Cullmans Carolina Beach Shaggers 'Dance and Lesson'
Come out for a lesson and learn to dance Beach Shag. A basic lesson and also an intermediate step will be taught, and then we will have social dancing. Shag is a member of the Swing Dance Family made popular in the 1940s and 50s on the beaches of the East Coast. We dance in the basement of the Cullman Museum.

Two-day Crusade with Rev. Stanley Owensby
Rev. Stanley Owensby will present a Crusade gathering at Faith Christian Fellowship Church starting at 7 p.m., followed by the second evening of the Crusade, Saturday, January 19, again starting at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this special Crusade gathering. Start your New Year off right and take advantage of this special Crusade led by Rev. Owensby.

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, January 19th

Fairview Lions Club 'Chili & Soup Supper'
Prepare to have your supper already made for you as you can purchase chili or soup with all the trimmings from the Fairview Lions Club members as they heat up the kitchen fixing pots of chili, vegetable, and chicken noodle soup. For $6.00 you get a dinner of one of the three hot prepared meals along with bread, crackers and a drink. Desserts will be available for $1.00 to top your meal off. This event, which raises money for the projects funded by the Fairview Lion's Club, will take place at Fairview Town Hall from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Bring your appetites and come help a good cause while feeding your hungry family as well.

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Baxter Black, the 'CowboY Humorist', will appear at the Cullman County Cattlemen's & Cattlewomen's Annual Meeting at Cullman Civic Center. Registration for this event starts at 5 p.m. with a great steak dinner served shortly after the doors open. The only price for admission and dinner and speaker is the Cattlemen dues of $30.00 or Cattlewomen's dues of $12.00. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Steve Lake at 256-747-4052 or through email at cullmancattlemen@gmail.com.

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

Sunday, January 20th

'Alabama Teen Challenge'
The 'Alabama Teen Challenge', a Christ-centered addiction recovery program, will be held at Simcoe Community Methodist Church with featured speaker Isaac Thomas. This event starts at 11 a.m. at the Church. Please call for additional information 256-590-6018. You, your friends, and all interested are invited to attend.

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The Fitness Chronicles of Norrell – Week 4

By: Jessica Norrell
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This past week my goal was to add workouts to my routine five days a week (at least 30 minutes of cardio) and it has gone really well. It isn't always easy for me to make myself get up to go workout when I could be lounging, but it has unquestionably been worth it.

It is difficult at first, but once working out becomes part of your routine it is actually quite enjoyable and is something to be proud of yourself for doing. Even if you only have time to squeeze in a short workout, it is still progress.

Nutrition-wise, my goal for this week will be to get organized! Sounds a bit insignificant but when I started trying to incorporate the proper variety of foods into my diet and use all the recipes I gathered, I became a bit overwhelmed… and wasted money and food because I didn't use everything I bought. Not good.

So before you go grocery shopping, plan your meals/snacks out for the week….at least the staples. This includes vegetables, fruits, proteins, and other foods you like so you can be flexible with your meal planning and can buy the correct amount without buying items in bulk and never using them.

This should reduce the stress of having to figure out what to eat last minute and is a good way for you to make sure you get all the foods you need for meals and snacks.

Also, keep the food you buy in plain sight, not in the very back of the fridge behind everything where you will forget about it. That way you are more likely to use it.

I am going to be using tips from an article written by Elizabeth Larkin, *Healthy Meal Planning Tips From a Kitchen Pro*. For a more detailed look at organizing your meal planning go to: personalorganizing.about.com/MealPlan/a/Healthy-Meal-Plan.htm.

That article was helpful for me and a great starting point. Of course, customize the routine to your own specific needs.

One other important detail to remember when shopping is to be sure to read the labels. Unfortunately just because something has "healthy" in the name or description, doesn't mean it is. Pay attention to fat, sugars, and serving size.

I know that may seem petty to even mention but I have absolutely been one of those people who will enjoy an entire container of something only to realize it was three servings as opposed to one. Ouch.

There are plenty of online resources with more detailed information on what to look for when reading labels. Next week I will again report my progress and hopefully that will be good news!

Thanks again to the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center for the use of the facilities. It is making working out a real treat!

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- **Missoula Children's Theater:** Auditions for the *Wizard of Oz* will be held Monday, January 21 for ages K-12 grade. The show will be performed at 2:00pm and 6:00pm & the public is encouraged to attend on Saturday, January 26. Actors will practice daily after school.
- **Miracle League Basketball Registration** Open January 1-January 30 at the Cullman Civic Center. Games will be played in February and March at Ingle Park. Price is $30 which include jersey. For more information call 256-739-9931.
- **Youth Baseball & Softball Registration** January 15-February 15 at the Cullman Civic Center. Cost is $75 and includes hat & jersey. Ages 4-16, boys & girls. For more information, call 256-739-9931.
- **Flag Football Registration**: January 15-February 15, $450 per team. Ages 15 & up may play. Register at Heritage park or call 256-739-9931 for details.
- **Archery Classes Beginning:** Spring archery classes will begin January 14 at the Cullman Civic Center. Classes will also meet at the Cullman Archery Park with instructor Anthony Parker. For more details, call 256-734-9157.
- **Yoga Classes**: Stay fit and relax with yoga held at the Civic Center every Tuesday night at 6:00pm with Fabian Holland. Six classes for $40 or $30 for seniors.
- **Start Your New Year Right!** Memberships to the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center are available starting at just $35 a month. Call 256-775-7946 for details.

Vote!

Do you consider your diet to be healthy?

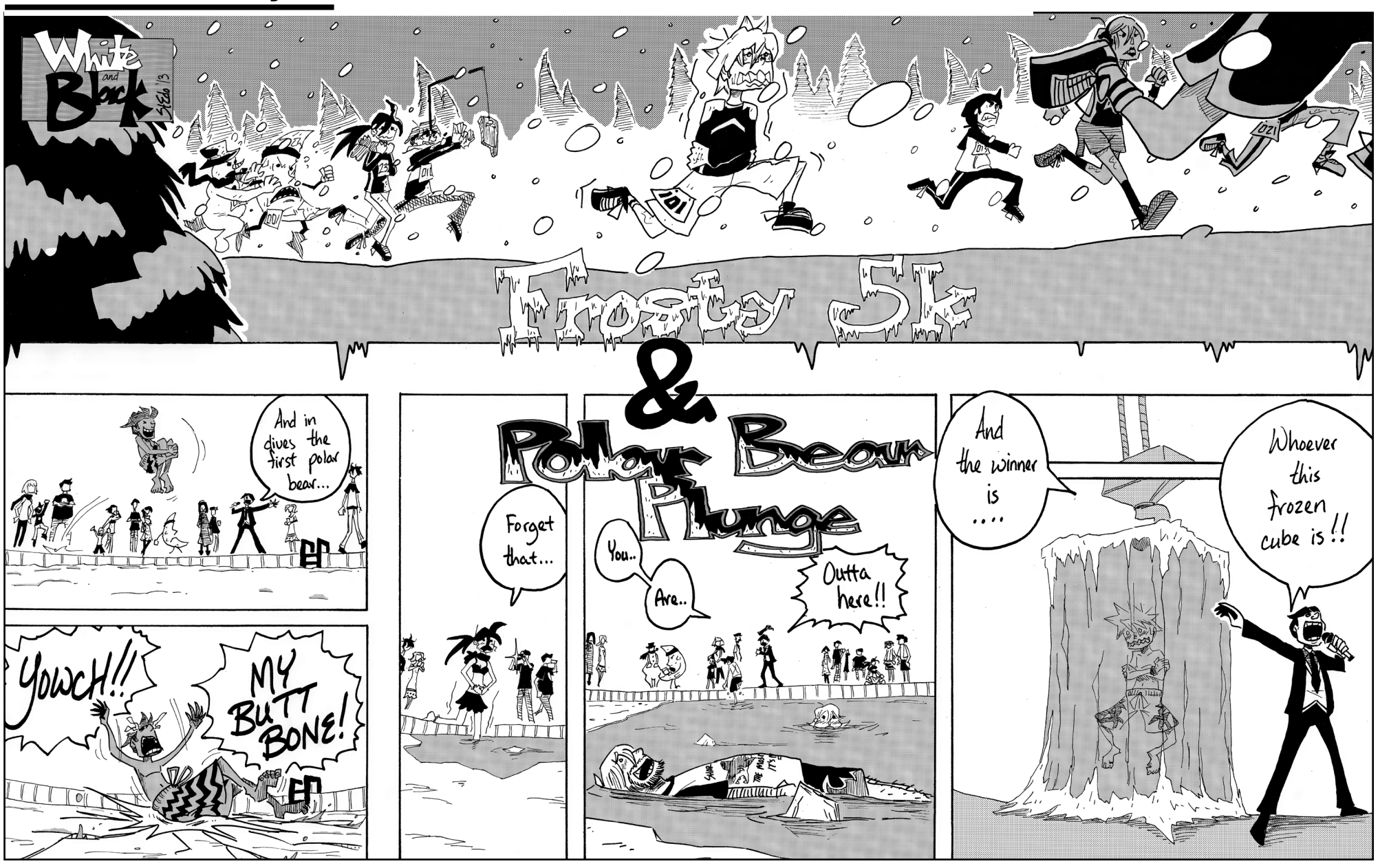
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Have you already broken your New Year's Resolution?

Yes – 42%
No – 58%

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Community Matters

The CullmanSense Movie Review presented by Blockbuster: *Total Recall* (2012)

By: Josh McBrayer
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The main characters of Douglas and Lori Quiad, a memory implant service company called Rekall, and a rebel group named the Resistance are the only similarities between the 90s Arnold Schwarzenegger version and the 2012 remake starring Colin Farrell and Jessica Cranston.

Total Recall (2012) pokes fun at the 90s version with little nods to the original. Things like a fat woman in a yellow "mu-mu" and a mention of a trip to Mars. For anyone who has seen the 90s *Total Recall* will catch the subtle hints.

Those who have seen the original, like myself, might find themselves disappointed in the liberties that were taken with the storyline. For those who have not seen the 90s version and those who can get past the fact that the '12 version is not a remake per se, but a film based VERY loosely on the original story, you are in for a real treat.

Quaid (Farrell) is a factory worker from the Colony, one of the two remaining livable place on Earth with the other being the United Federation of Britain, who has a re-occurring dream about a memory that supposedly never happened. His wife Lori (Beckinsale) convinces him that the dream is just that, a dream, and he should forget it.

While on the Fall, a connivance travels from the Colony (formerly Australia) to the United Federation of Britain by passing through Earth's core. Quaid mentions to his best friend Harry (Bokeem Woodbine) that he is considering going to Rekall. Harry tells him that he needs to steer clear of Rekall, that you should not mess with your mind.

The conversation is overheard by a new factory worker, Marek (Will Yun Lee). After receiving valuable safety advice from Quaid about working at the factory, Marek tells Quaid he overheard his conversation about Rekall and tells him it is perfectly safe. He tells him to go to Rekall and ask for McClane (John Cho).

When Quaid visits McClane at Rekall, it sets in motion a whirlwind of non-stop, pulse pounding action, full of plot twist and amazing fight scenes. Fight scenes that include a hand-to-hand fight between Melina (Biel) and Lori Quaid (Beckinsale).

I went into this movie expecting an updated version of *Total Recall* but instead I was treated to a film with a few similar elements but a completely new telling of the story and mind blowing special effects that kept me on me edge of my seat.

If you are into futuristic action, I highly recommend this film. Just don't blame me if you fail to Rekall the plot of the first film.

Total Recall

Total Recall is a "remake" of a cult classic of the same name released in 1990.

Main Characters:

- Douglas Quaid/ Carl Hauser (Arnold Schwarzenegger 90 - Collin Farrell 12)
- Lori Quaid (Sharron Stone 90 – Kate Beckinsale 12)
- Melina (Rachel Ticotin 90 – Jessica Biel 12)
- Cohaagen (Ronny Cox 90 – Bryan Cranston 12)

The Bearcats get in a "Shoot-Out"

By: Josh McBrayer
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BIRMINGHAM – The Bearcats and Lady Bearcats made the 50+ mile trip down I-65 to the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center to compete in the Bama Shoot-Out. Your #1 source for Cullman County sports, CullmanSense, was there live bringing you all of the action.

Briarwood Christian Lady Lions 45 vs. Cullman Lady Bearcats 58

Following a slow start, Baylee Smith got the Lady 'Cats going, scoring 12 in quarter one and leading Cullman to a 20-10 lead after one.

Just as it has been all season, there is a different player to step up for coach Jonathan Hays and the Lady Bearcats each and every quarter and today was no exception. Quarter number two belonged to 1,000 point scorer, Morgan Smith.

She scored seven as Cullman extended their lead even further, leading by 14 at the intermission.

The Lady Lions came out of the locker room hitting two big three point baskets and looked poised to get back into the game, but Cullman had something to say about that. Smith dominated the paint for the second quarter in a row and despite the hot start by Briarwood, they could only shave a single point off the Cullman lead.

Hannah Wainwright of Briarwood drilled a trio of three's in the final frame but it was not enough as Cullman cruised to a 58-45 victory.

"We love playing down here," said coach Jonathan Hays after the game. "This is where you want to play."

The experience of playing at the BJCC will prove invaluable to Cullman. It is the venue that holds the final rounds of the AHSAA State Basketball Tournament.

Leading the Lady Bearcats was Morgan Smith with 24. She was also named Cullman's player of the game.

Baylee Johnson scored 19. Hayden Short five, Madison Lee and Blair Nall three, and Hannah Shelton and Christina Skinner rounded out the scoring with two each.

Hannah Wainwright scored 20 and earned player of the game honors for her squad. Samantha Swords followed with 15. Lindy Sumerford had five, Hannah Brown two, and Shelley Proctor one.

Briarwood Lions 33 vs. Cullman Bearcats 40

Cullman opened the game a disappointing 0-8 and finished the first 2-14, both threes, but fortunately Briarwood's first field goal came with 30.3 seconds left in the first.

Much like the first, neither team could find their stroke from the floor. The first eight points, four on each side, came from the free throw line. Each team would hit just a single shot from the field. Cullman took a 16-12 advantage to the half.

Whatever coach Bobby Meyer said to his Cullman squad at halftime worked. Lawson Schaffer hit a pair of three point buckets to lead the Bearcats on a 8-3 run and pushing the lead to 11 to open the second half.

Briarwood finally found their shot and traded baskets with Cullman for the rest of the third but still trailed by 10 going to the fourth quarter.

Justin Brown got things going in the fourth for Briarwood, scoring their first seven points of the quarter. Cullman answered with four of their own to stay ahead by seven. Briarwood continued to push but could not get closer than five. Cullman went on to win the game 40-33.

Leading the way for Cullman was Sophomore Lawson Schaffer with 12 and player of the game honors. Houston Turner had eight, Troy Forrest six, Seth Swalve five, Jason McAfee four, and Austin Beck two.

Josh Laatsch scored 13 and was named player of the game for Briarwood. Justin Brown had 11 with nine coming in the fourth quarter. Sam Cargo scored three. Vic Jerald, Justin Hild, and Daniel Scott each had two.

As always, stay tuned to cullmansense.com, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter for the best local sports coverage in Cullman.

Taking Aim

By: Noah Chandler
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CULLMAN – With archery all the rage with both young and old alike, residents of Cullman County can make the trip to the Cullman Civic Center for lessons.

Cullman City Parks & Recreation Programs Director Christy Turner said the program, which has been being implanted over the years, is a great way for families to enjoy time with one another. She said the program has been stimulated under the current director.

"It is currently under the direction of Anthony Parker. He has been doing a phenomenal job bringing in different techniques and an overall different feel to the program," said Turner. "The program starting Monday will be offered at our indoor shooting range at the Civic Center."

The six week course for beginners will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. each week.

Each individual will choose two of three days to attend each week.

"We were recently recognized in our national Parks & Recreation magazine, which goes all to many parks and recreation departments across the nation, for our archery program and the initiative we've taken. The different partnerships we have built have made the program successful," said Turner.

"It says we have a wonderful community and great leadership from the government all the way to the people who participate in our programs. It is just a great community. It's a great group effort and it says to me team work on all levels."

In the December article of Parks & Recreation it stated that, "Cullman's community archery strategy began in 2006, when the Alabama Department of Conservation, Division of Wildlife, and Freshwater Fisheries turned to the state's cities and towns to help bring archery and bowhunting programs into Alabama's communities. With a grant from the Archery Trade Association, the Cullman Archery Park was completed, and programming began for the City of Cullman in 2008.

The same year, Cullman's Parks and Recreation Department introduced Explore Bowhunting, a program of the ATA, and implemented Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) and the After School Archery Program (ASAP) in 2009. Currently, approximately 200 different archers are engaged in Cullman's various programs, including ASAP, JOAD, and adult archery clubs."

For more information on the archery program, please contact the Cullman Civic at 256-734-9157.

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Ms. Senior Cullman County (Continued from Front)

best in promoting this group."

Jackie Cook Porter, current director of the Ms. Senior Cullman Pageant, announced that she would be stepping down following this year's event. With family matters to contend with, Porter announced to the crowd that her time would be better served helping those closest to her.

"There are a few issues concerning the health of my sister," said Porter. "I will continue to offer my services because I have faith in this pageant. I've met a lot of great women over the five years I've been director but it's just my time to step down."

Annette Bates and twin sister Jannette Morrow were named Most Congeniality. Juanita McQueen was named second alternate and Faye Harris was named first alternate.

For more photos from the 2013 Ms. Senior Cullman Pageant, visit cullmansense.com, your leader in community news

This year's contestants were:

Annette Bates, whose hometown is Joppa. She enjoys sewing, going to gospel singings, and going to church, along with special events such as Oktoberfest and the Cullman County Fair. Annette enjoys dancing and is also a member of a Senior Citizenship group in Baileyton.

Faye Harris, who resides in Hanceville, is active in the PTA and Homeroom Mother for her children. She loves freezing and canning, along with quilting, knitting, bird watching, and of course, traveling. Harris spends her days as a greeter at Hanceville Nursing Home.

Juanita McQueen, whose hometown is Trimble, serves as a volunteer at Cullman Regional Medical Center and also volunteers at First United Methodist Church. She is also a member of the Kitchen Band at the Cullman Commission on Aging and was a member of the Red Hat Society-Alabama Belles.

Jannette Morrow, hails from Holly Pond. She enjoys gardening, canning, and traveling to see her children and grandchildren. Morrow was recently trained as EMT for disaster relief. She also sings with her twin sister.

Kathy P. Sinyard, another Holly Pond native, enjoys singing, gardening, working crossword puzzles, watching game shows, and traveling. Currently, Sinyard teaches a Sunday school class as well as volunteers at the Senior Center, where she sets up for meals then entertains the crowd with her songs.

Dianne White, whose hometown is Bremen, enjoys spending time with her family, reading ,and visiting nursing homes, senior centers, and churches to share her love of music with others.

In the past, White has served as a band booster director, along with organizing and serving as Secretary/Treasurer for a club for non-sighted people. She has also served as a volunteer supporter for the Lovelady Center in Birmingham.













Top Seeds (Continued from Front)

- Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m. - # 4 Cold Springs (11-8, 5-3) vs. # 5 West Point (14-6, 4-3)
- Jan. 25, 6:15 p.m. - # 1 Holly Pond (16-4, 7-1) vs. CS/WP winner
- Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m. - # 2 Hanceville (11-6, 4-1) vs. FV/VM/GH winner
- Jan. 26, 7:00 p.m. - Championship game

Varsity girls:

Current overall record listed first then county record.

- Jan. 21, 6:15 p.m. - # 6 Fairview (1-14, 1-5) vs. # 7 Hanceville (0-10, 0-5)
- Jan. 22, 6:15 p.m. - # 3 West Point (8-9, 5-2) vs. FV/HV winner
- Jan. 23, 6:15 p.m. - # 4 Vinemont (6-11, 3-4) vs. # 5 Good Hope (12-10, 4-6)
- Jan. 24, 6:15 p.m. - # 1 Cold Springs (12-4, 7-1) vs. VM/GH winner
- Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m. - # 2 Holly Pond (17-3, 5-2) vs. WP/FV/HV winner
- Jan. 26, 5:30 p.m - Championship game

Junior varsity boys:

County record listed.

- Jan. 19, 2:15 p.m. - # 3 West Point (6-2) vs. # 6 Hanceville (2-3)
- Jan. 19, 4:45 p.m. - # 4 Cold Springs (4-4) vs. # 5 Holly Pond (3-4)
- Jan. 19, 7:15 p.m. - # 2 Fairview (6-2) vs. # 7 Good Hope (0-9)
- Jan. 21, 5:00 p.m. - # 1 Vinemont vs. CS/HP winner
- Jan. 22, 5:00 p.m. - FV/GH vs. WP/HV winner
- Jan. 26, 4:00 p.m. - Championship game

Junior varsity girls:

County record listed.

- Jan. 19, 1:00 p.m. - # 4 Hanceville (2-3) vs. # 5 West Point (3-5)
- Jan. 19, 3:30 p.m. - # 2 Holly Pond (6-1) vs. # 7 Vinemont (0-7)
- Jan. 19, 6:00 p.m. - # 3 Good Hope (6-3) vs. # 6 Fairview (2-5)
- Jan. 24, 5:00 p.m. - # 1 Cold Springs (7-1) vs. HV/WP winner
- Jan. 25, 5:00 p.m. - HP/VM winner vs. GH/FV winner
- Jan. 26, 2:30 p.m. - Championship game.

Freshmen boys:

County record listed.

- Jan. 23, 4:00 p.m. - # 2 Holly Pond (2-7) vs. # 3 Fairview (2-7)
- Jan. 23, 5:00 p.m. - # 1 West Point (3-1) vs. # 4 Vinemont (0-3)
- Jan. 26, 1:00 p.m. - Championship game.

WKUL-FM (92.1) will broadcast the varsity games live. A decision on possible broadcasting junior varsity games will be announced at a later date.

The following awards will be presented at the conclusion of the county tournament:

- Varsity - Joe Shults, Eli Thomas Scholarship, All-County, All-Tournament
- Varsity girls - Bill Shelton, Charlotte Cummings Scholarship, All-County, All-Tournament
- Junior varsity teams - All-Tournament
- Freshmen - All-Tournament

Admission is $5.00 per day.