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Alabama Losing Nine Weeks of Emergency Unemployment Compensation Benefits Due to Lower Unemployment Rate

By: Tara Hutchison

Total Number of Weeks Available Now 54

MONTGOMERY – Alabama Department of Labor Commissioner Tom Surtees announced today that Alabama is no longer eligible for nine weeks of federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) benefits. Alabama no longer meets the eligibility requirements for this particular tier of benefits, known as Tier 3, because the state's average three month unemployment rate fell below 7.0% with January 2013's rate announcement.

Following federal end-of-year revisions, Alabama's November 2012 rate (6.9%), December 2012 rate (6.8%), and January 2013 rate (6.9%) average to a rate of 6.9%, which is below the 7.0% threshold needed to qualify for these weeks of benefits.

Unemployed Alabamians are now currently eligible for up to 54 weeks of unemployment compensation (UC) benefits. The state of Alabama is responsible for paying up to the first 26 weeks of benefits, known as "regular" UC. Any additional weeks are paid by the federal government.

After losing Tier 3, Alabama remains eligible for Tier 1, which is 14 weeks, and Tier 2, which is 14 weeks.

"We are no longer eligible for some weeks of federal emergency unemployment compensation benefits," said Surtees.

"We understand that could prove to be a difficulty for our long term unemployed. That's why we would like to encourage anyone looking for a job to come in to one of our Career Centers to obtain assistance in finding a job. Also, visit www.joblink.alabama.gov and apply for one of the 13,000+ jobs currently available."

Claimants who are currently receiving Tier 3 benefits will be allowed to "phase-out" of the program and collect their remaining benefits, as long as all other eligibility requirements are met.

Claimants who are currently enrolled in or who exhaust Tier 2 benefits for any week ending after April 13, 2013 will no longer be eligible to collect Tier 3 benefits.

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In Brief

Governor Bentley Signs Women's Health and Safety Act

By: Jennifer Ardis

MONTGOMERY – Governor Robert Bentley on Tuesday signed the Women's Health and Safety Act, a measure that will improve and strengthen the standards of care at women's clinics in Alabama.

"As a physician, and as a governor, I am proud to sign this legislation," Governor Bentley said. "This bill provides appropriate standards of care. It has been endorsed by pro-life groups across Alabama. This is a key piece of legislation in the House Republican Agenda, and I am honored to stand with legislative leaders and sign this bill."

Governor Bentley was joined by the bill's sponsors and legislative leadership during a signing ceremony at the State Capitol.

"I am strongly pro-life," Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey said. "We can't ban abortion—that's a federal issue that's been confirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court—but at the state level, we can regulate and control unsafe health practices. I support the Legislature's efforts to restrict the operation of unsafe clinics to help ensure a woman's health."

"With the Governor's signature on the Women's Health and Safety Act, Republicans are fortifying our efforts to safeguard the health and safety of Alabama women and defend the rights of the unborn," said Alabama House Speaker Mike Hubbard (R-Auburn). "Since the U.S. Supreme Court unfortunately allows abortion to remain legal, this law is imperative to ensure that the procedure is performed in the most safe and healthy environment possible."

"The women of Alabama deserve the highest possible standard of healthcare, particularly at such a difficult time," said the bill's House sponsor, Rep. Mary Sue McClurkin (R-Indian Springs Village). "If an abortion clinic is truly dedicated to providing adequate care, ensuring dependable safeguards and putting patients' needs before profits, it will embrace this legislation rather than oppose it. For far too long, Alabama has had more health regulations in place to protect your cat or dog at a vet clinic than it does for a woman receiving an abortion; this law will correct that shameful disparity."

The Women's Health and Safety Act will require clinics that provide abortions to meet the same facility standards as ambulatory care centers. The legislation also calls for doctors who provide abortions to adhere to stronger standards, including having admitting privileges at local hospitals. The bill also includes strong enforcement procedures for doctors or clinics that fail to comply with the new health and safety standards.

"I applaud Governor Bentley for signing this legislation to provide reasonable and medically-appropriate health and safety standards for women's health clinics," Senate President Pro Tem Del Marsh (R-Anniston) said. "These patients deserve to be treated in a safe environment and in a facility capable of responding to medical emergencies should the need arise."

"Even though I continue to be disappointed that the U.S. Supreme Court has allowed abortion to remain the law of the land, we can take these measures to protect the health of women," said Senator Scott Beason (R-Gardendale). "With the signing of this important law, we are taking steps to implement a comprehensive set of safety standards that will ensure that women's health clinics are providing an appropriate level of care."

Aderholt Questions Chairman Gensler and Commissioner O'Malia on FY14 Commodity Futures Trading Commission Budget Priorities

By: Anne Marie Malecha

Washington, D.C. — Congressman Robert Aderholt (AL-04), Chairman of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Subcommittee on the House Appropriations Committee, released the following statement after the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) Chairman Gary Gensler and Commissioner Scott O'Malia (who provided a dissenting opinion to the CFTC's FY14 budget request) testified before the Subcommittee regarding CFTC's priorities and FY14 budget request of $315 million, a 53 percent increase over the current levels and a 44 percent increase in staff.

"There is no doubt that the futures, options and swaps marketplace the CFTC is responsible for overseeing is integral to our nation's free-enterprise system," said Aderholt.

"Since the financial crisis of 2008, the CFTC has enjoyed six consecutive increases in funding, for an overall increase of 85 percent. In light of the Commission's funding history and today's tough economic environment, this Subcommittee must question the wisdom of fulfilling such a large request. We must ensure the CFTC is executing its mission, while giving American taxpayers the best possible bang for their buck."

"In FY12 the bankruptcies of MF Global International and Peregrine Financial resulted in the first ever loss of segregated customer funds in the future and options market. These companies took customer money and used it for risky investments and fraudulent activities that ultimately cost American investors $1.8 billion. Under its current outdated processes CFTC does not seem able to perform core functions, like protecting investor money here in the U.S. More money funneled into a broken system is not going to solve this problem or provide better oversight. I have a hard time finding a 53 percent budget increase justifiable at all, much less without significant oversight functions attached to ensure this does not happen again."

"Additionally, at a time when technology has allowed more than 80 percent of the transactions under the Commission's jurisdiction to be conducted electronically, the Commission continues to hire additional staff at a premium price, rather than make sound investments in technology to match the market. For example, in 2012 CFTC received more than 5,000 paper forms quarterly and entered them by hand into an electronic database. With 82 percent of the CFTC's staff taking home a six-figure salary, this is one expensive exercise. CFTC has returned to staffing levels similar to the early 1990s, when only 10 percent of the market traded electronically and people were needed to watch human traders. It seems completely unjustifiable that the Commission need the same number of employees as it did 20 years ago, when technology has completely revolutionized trading today."

"I appreciate Chairman Gensler and Commissioner O'Malia's testimony today, however, it seems the CFTC still has some serious work to do in properly prioritizing and managing its resources and fulfilling its core mission. Now more than ever we need to look for cost effective solutions to streamline our federal budget; the CFTC is certainly no exception. As we move through the appropriations process this year this Subcommittee will work to increase oversight and ensure American taxpayers see a real return on their investment." concluded Aderholt.

Aderholt currently serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies for the powerful House Appropriations Committee, is a member of the Committee's Commerce, Justice and Science; and Homeland Security Subcommittees, and also serves on the Helsinki Commission.

NASA Selects Projects to Probe Earth's Upper Atmosphere

By: Dwayne Brown

WASHINGTON – NASA has selected a new satellite mission and a new space-based instrument to begin development as part of the agency's Heliophysics Explorer Program. The projects will provide space observations to study Earth's ionosphere and thermosphere.

The Ionospheric Connection (ICON) mission, led by Thomas Immel of the University of California, Berkeley, will probe the extreme variability of Earth's ionosphere with in-situ and remote-sensing instruments. Fluctuations in the ionosphere interfere with signals from communications and global positioning satellites, which can have an economic impact on the nation.

The Global-scale Observations of the Limb and Disk (GOLD) mission of opportunity, led by Richard Eastes of the University of Central Florida in Orlando, is an imaging instrument that will fly on a commercial communications satellite in geostationary orbit to image the Earth's thermosphere and ionosphere.

"One of the frontier areas of heliophysics is the study of the interface between outer space and the upper reaches of Earth's atmosphere," said John Grunsfeld, NASA associate administrator for science at NASA Headquarters, Washington.

"These selected projects use innovative solutions to advance our knowledge of this relatively unexplored region. The two missions together will result in significantly more advances in our understanding of Earth's atmosphere and ionosphere than either would alone."

These two Explorer projects were selected from proposals submitted in response to the NASA Explorer announcement of opportunity in 2010.

The proposals were judged to offer the best science value and feasible development plans among the six concept studies submitted to NASA in September 2012.

Costs for NASA Explorer missions, such as ICON, are capped at $200 million each (fiscal year 2011 dollars), excluding the launch vehicle. Explorer missions of opportunity, such as GOLD, are capped at $55 million each. The new missions are expected to launch in 2017.

The Explorer program is the agency's oldest continuous program. It is designed to provide frequent, low-cost access to space for principal investigator-led space science investigations relevant to the heliophysics and astrophysics programs in NASA's Science Mission Directorate in Washington.

The Explorer program has launched more than 90 missions since 1958, including Explorer 1 which discovered the Earth's radiation belts and the Nobel Prize-enabling mission Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE) mission. The program is managed by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center for the Science Mission Directorate.

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WSCC BASEBALL'S STARTING PITCHERS DOMINANT DURING FOUR-GAME SWEEP OF LAWSON STATE

WSCC's starting pitchers collectively found their groove against Lawson State.

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GOVERNOR BENTLEY ANNOUNCES CREATION OF FORMAL INCIDENT RESPONSE & PREVENTION PLAN

Gov. Bentley announced the creation of a strategic plan for preventing and responding to active shooter events.

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MAYOR PROCLAIMS APRIL 2013 "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & AWARENESS MONTH" IN CULLMAN

"I urge all of our citizens to take part in all of the activities planned in the month of April by the Cullman County DHR and Cullman Caring for Kids," said Mayor Townson.

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In Brief

WSCC students Victoria Frith, Cory Meyer earn All-Alabama Academic Team honors

By: Kristen Holmes

WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE – Students Victoria Frith and Cory Meyer are Wallace State Community College's All-Alabama Academic Team recipients.

Frith and Meyer were among 50 students recognized recently at the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) All-Alabama Academic Team luncheon in Montgomery.

Frith, the starting shortstop on Wallace State's nationally-ranked softball team, is a pre-engineering major, who currently maintains a 4.0 grade point average. After completing Wallace State, the Huntsville native and graduate of Grissom High, aims to transfer to UAHuntsville and major in chemical engineering, while playing softball for the Lady Chargers.

Meyer, majoring in education, compiled a 3.75 GPA at Wallace State. He finished his coursework in December and has already begun classes at Athens State, where he is pursuing a bachelor's degree in math. The Vinemont graduate aspires to be a high school math teacher.

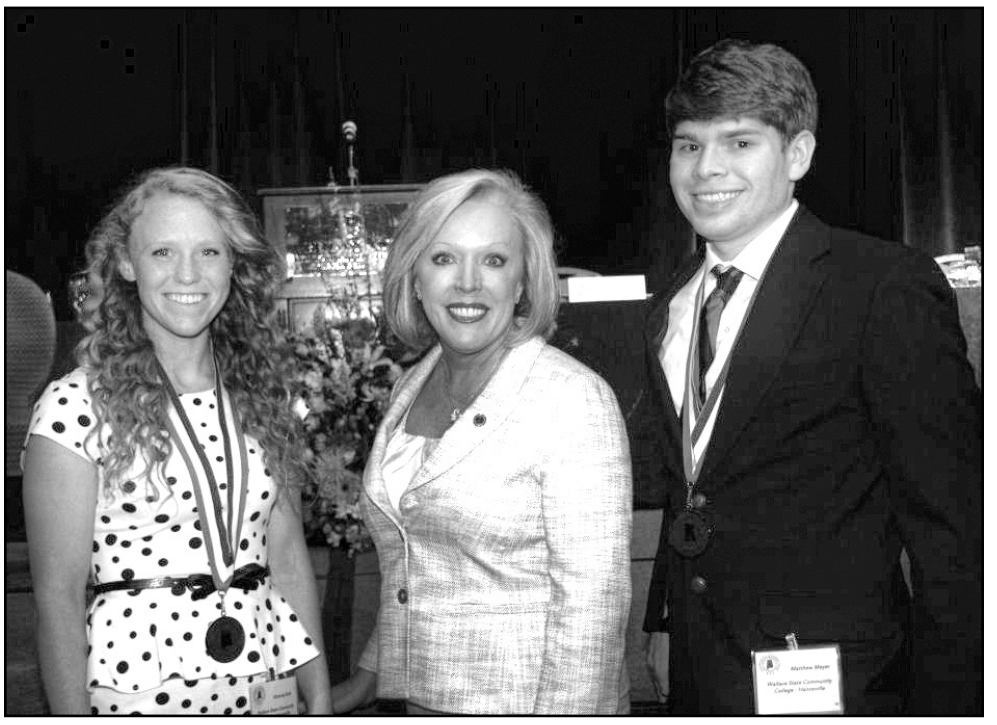
The All-Alabama Academic Team Recognition Program began in 1995 and complements the All-USA National Academic Team Program sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and the American Association of Community Colleges.

Two students from each of the 25 colleges in the ACCS system are annually recognized at the banquet and selected among a lengthy list of nominees.

To be eligible for the honor, students must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA, complete a minimum of 12 semester hours at their college, and plan to continue their education at a four-year institution. Winners from each school also must exhibit a keen amount of leadership on their campus, remaining engaged outside of the classroom.

Frith and Meyer each won a $1,000 scholarship for being selected as Wallace State representatives and earned acknowledgment in front of their families, college presidents and deans, and state dignitaries.

For more information about Wallace State, visit wallacestate.edu.



Representing Wallace State at the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) All-Alabama Academic team luncheon were, from left, Wallace State student recipient Victoria Frith, Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Hawsey and Wallace State student Cory Meyer.

Cullman County District Court Partners with CRMC to Save Lives

By: Amy Linton

CULLMAN — Cullman Regional Medical Center in partnership with the Cullman County District Court Offices are offering the Trauma Prevention program for teens.

The program, which is usually offered only to those area teen drivers who have received a minor traffic violation, is opening up the May 4 class to community teens who want to become better educated about the significance of safe driving.

Since 2010, more than 300 participants have completed the half-day training class at Cullman Regional Medical Center.

The program focuses on educating teenagers on responsible driving habits while reinforcing the consequences of irresponsible driving.

CRMC is thankful to the numerous volunteers who have played a critical role in the success of this program offered to the Cullman community.

The next class will be offered on May 4 at 8 a.m. in CRMC's Colonel Cullman Room in Professional Office Building 2 Community Education Center (1912 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058).

You may register by calling 256-737-2600 by Friday, May 3. The cost of this class is $25 per person.

For more information on programs and services available at CRMC, visit online at www.crmchospital.com.

Strait Way Quartet to Perform at Cullman Regional Medical Center

By: Amy Linton

Proceeds to benefit Relay for Life

CULLMAN – Cullman Regional Medical Center's Third Floor Relay for Life Team is hosting the Strait Way Quartet on Friday, April 26, 2013. Strait Way Quartet is an up-and-coming male quartet from Cullman who combines energy, talent, and enthusiasm with a desire to minister to others.

Strait Way Quartet is quickly established themselves as a true traditional southern gospel quartet.

It is the goal of Strait Way Quartet to carry on the grand tradition that is Southern Gospel Music, and do it in a way that respects those who have carried this gospel torch before them. Learn more about the Strait Way Quartet online at www.strait-wayquartet.com.

The concert will be held in CRMC's Colonel Cullmann Room, located in the Community Education Center in Professional Office Building II — 1912 Alabama Highway 157, POB II, Cullman, Alabama 35058. Tickets are $8 in advance and $10 at the door, children under the age of 8 get in free. For more information about tickets call (256) 737-2373.



Wallace State celebrating National Community College Month with a busy April

By: Russell Moore

WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – April is annually recognized as National Community College Month, and at Wallace State it is always one of the busiest months of the year.

One of the main initiatives on campus this month is the seventh annual Arts in April celebration. Throughout the month, Wallace State has hosted pottery and art exhibitions, a piano recital, an English Forum with storyteller Nina Reeves, and a talk by Sam Pugh, the outreach coordinator from the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.

Events still to come include five performances of the Pulitzer Prize winning comedy "You Can't Take it With You" held in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre at 9:30 a.m. on April 11, at 7 p.m. April 11-13, and at 2 p.m. on April 14.

The Art Department will host a reception on Saturday, April 13, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. to honor participants in its Juried Visual Arts Competition.

On April 16, the Concert Choir will perform its "Seasons of Love" concert at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Burrow Center Recital Hall, in advance of their upcoming Kennedy Center performance in Washington, D.C. Also on April 16, philosophy scholar Dr. William Lawhead will give a talk on "Philosophy in the Real World" in the Burrow Center Recital Hall at 9:30 a.m.

The Jazz Band will hold its annual dinner dance on April 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the atrium of the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts. The Music Department's Spring Show, featuring the Jazz and Concert Bands, will be held April 25 at 7 p.m. in the Burrow Center Recital Hall.

On April 23, the Evelyn Burrow Museum will provide a gallery talk at 11:30 a.m. with Museum Director Donny Wilson and collector Danny Maltbie discussing the museum's current exhibition on pre-1900s Alabama pottery. On April 30, a Cultural Conversation about Italian art and architecture will be held in the Recital Hall at 5:30 p.m. preceding a meeting for travelers taking part in Wallace State's May trip to Italy.

Other events scheduled this month, include the Wallace State Alumni Association's "Yard Party", which was moved from April 11 to April 25 due to the threat of severe weather. Students, faculty, and staff will compete in a handful of competitions, including horseshoes, hula hoop, pedestal joust, volleyball, cornhole, and dodgeball from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Wallace State Academy of Culinary Arts plans to sell fish tacos, boardwalk fries, barbecue sandwiches, and cheesecake on a stick from a food truck.

On April 16, Wallace State will host a Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bailey Center. The fair is open to all current and former Wallace State students and will attract local, state, and national businesses.

Wallace State's Healthy Campus committee is encouraging bicycling this month, and has established a two-mile route on campus as a way to encourage everyone to embrace a healthy lifestyle. The committee is also co-sponsoring the United 4 Health 5K Run and Fun Bike Ride benefitting Cullman United Way on April 21 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Wallace State. Entry fee is $10 and the first 100 participants earn a free T-shirt.

The college's baseball, softball, and golf teams have as busy April on store as well, as they prepare for postseason play next month.

The nationally ranked Lady Lions (32-7, 5-1 ACCC) won both halves of their home opener against Gadsden State on April 9. They will host double headers at home, against Calhoun on April 18 at 4 p.m., against Snead State on April 20 at 2 p.m., against Shelton State on April 21 at 2 p.m., against Marion Military on April 23 at 4 p.m., against Columbia State (Tenn.) on April 24 at 4 p.m., and against Alabama Southern on April 26 at 4 p.m.

The Lions (21-14, 13-7 ACCC), one game out of first place in the division, host double headers at home against Shelton State on April 14 at 2 p.m., against Motlow State (Tenn.) on April 16 at 4 p.m., against Calhoun on April 20 at 3 p.m., and against Columbia State (Tenn.) on April 24 at 1 p.m.

Wallace State's golf team will compete in a pair of important April tournaments, traveling to South Carolina for a NJCAA District event April 14-16 and to the ACCC state tournament in Decatur April 28-30.

The Wallace State Horticulture program is holding its annual spring plant sale weekdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The college's Green Team will be planting trees for Earth Day on April 22.

Among the Wallace State Continuing Education Department's offerings in April are classes on Genealogy and the Computer on Fridays, April 26 through May 3, from 9 a.m. to noon; Eating to Live a Healthy Life on Saturdays, April 20 and 27 from 10 a.m. to noon; and a Serv-Safe Test Prep and Certification Course on April 29, 30, and May 6.

The Wallace State Nursing Department and the Alumni Association are co-sponsoring the 2013 Nursing Alumni Connection continuing education event on Friday, April 19, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Priority registration for summer semester begins on April 29.

Wallace State is one of the Top 120 community college in America based on outcomes of student achievements, as designated by the Aspen Institute, and as an "Achieving the Dream" institution, Wallace State is continually focused on student outcomes and committed to helping students realize their personal and professional potential.

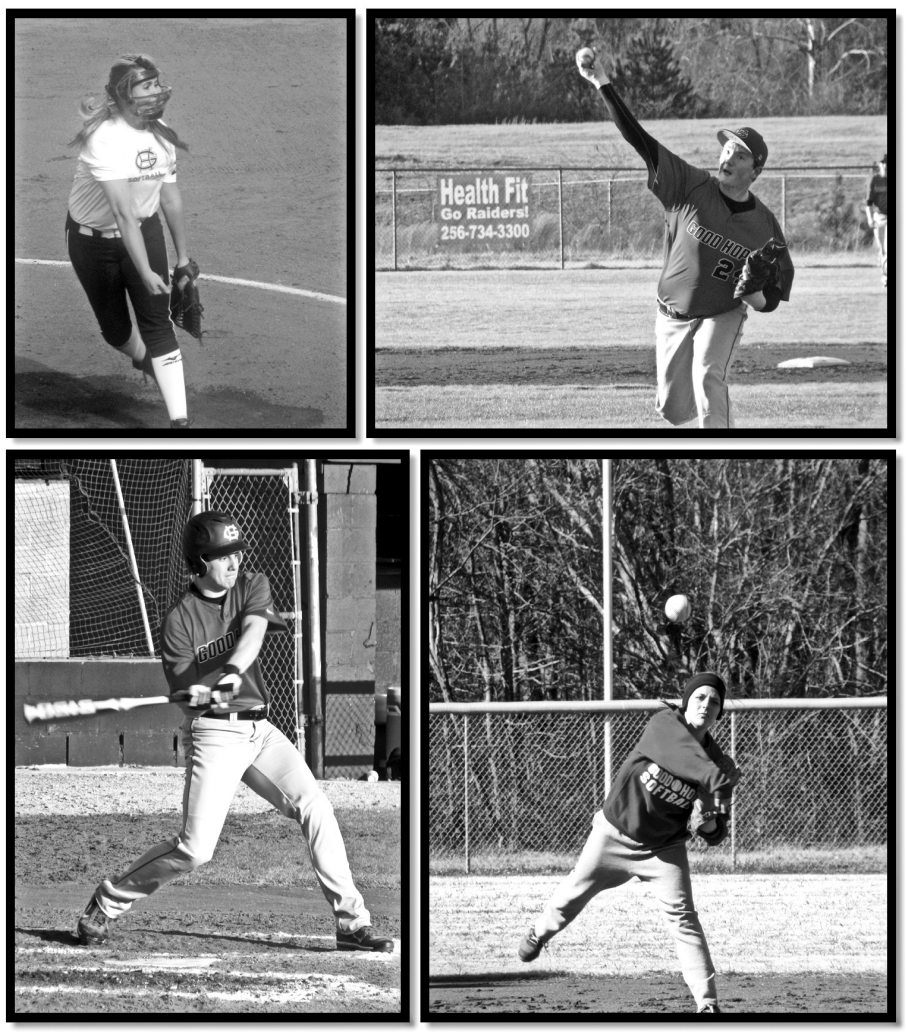
For more information about Wallace State, a list of upcoming events on campus, and the summer semester of classes, visit wallacestate.edu.

SPORTS

Area Team Spotlight: Good Hope Raiders, Lady Raiders

By: Josh McBrayer
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GOOD HOPE – The baseball and softball play-off are going to be draped in Raider red this year as the Good Hope Raiders baseball team and the Lady Raiders softball team have secured spots in the upcoming state tournament. The Raiders are the runner up in the area and will travel to Winfield. The Lady Raiders can secure the area title with a win over Danville in a make-up game Wednesday.



The Good Hope Raiders

It has been a roller coaster ride type of year for Mitch Witcher and his Good Hope Raiders. With the last days of the 2013 high school baseball season fading away, so were the play-off hopes of the Raiders.

"We really felt good about our chances," said Good Hope coach Mitch Witcher about his teams win. "We have been playing better as of late."

The Raiders had lost a key series to the Danville Hawks, putting them behind the proverbial eight ball and needing a win over the favored Vinemont Eagles on Friday to slip in the backdoor as the runner-up in the area and that is exactly what they got.

After giving up three runs in the seventh, Good Hope pitcher Nathan Doss got the out he as looking for, a tapper back to the mound, to give Good Hope the 8-7 and send the Raiders to Winfield to face the Pirates in the first round of the 3A State Baseball playoffs.

"Nathan always gives a great effort," said Witcher of his ace, "But he even outdone himself. I think he had 10 strikeouts. He got a little excited (on the last inning) but settled down and did what he needed to do to get the win.

The Raiders have been led all year on the mound by Doss and senior Tyler Stringer, both of which have been clutch for Witcher and the Raiders.

"Tyler is going to give a good effort each time out. He has picked up a couple of big wins. We know what to expect of out of him," said Witcher.

The traveling Good Hope Raiders will face off against the Winfield Pirates on Friday at 5 and 7 p.m.

The Good Hope Lady Raiders

Dominant. That is the only word to describe the Lady Raiders softball team this year. Pitcher Cara Goodwin has thrown 10 no hitters this season, including a stretch of four straight, one of which was a five inning perfect game in the 2013 Cullman County Softball Tournament that was won by Good Hope.

"It is always important to get the first win in a tournament and stay in the winner's bracket," said Good Hope coach Wayne Harris. "In the winner's bracket it only takes three (wins) but in the loser's bracket it takes five just to get back (to the championship game)."

Great pitching keeps you in games and great hitting wins games. Good Hope has a star in the circle as well as a plethora of offensive weapons at the dish.

Alannah Henke, Darcie Wilson, Kayla Tillman and the a fore mentioned Goodwin, are all just as capable of laying down a bunt as they are hitting it out of the park. "Every practice we work on scoring runs and generating runs," said Harris. "But the two are not the same. Scoring the first run sets the tone and pits pressure on the other team to score and catch up."

Most of the Lady Raiders have been playing together since their sophomore year and they know each other and the way they play better than most. This chemistry is what makes Good Hope the fourth ranked team in Class 3A, 2013 Cullman County Softball Champions and a real threat to bring home the 3A State Softball Title.

Collector's Corner: Panini Elite Extra Edition Baseball (Part 3 of 3)

By: Josh McBrayer
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Welcome to part three of a three part series brought to you by Panini America, Inc. In this latest installment of the Collector's Corner, we are going to take a look at Panini Amricana: Heroes and Legends.

For any collector that enjoys history, this is your product. It is chocked full of autographs and relics from the Olympics, Women's Soccer, and some of the greatest military minds to ever set foot on the battlefield.

Product Information:

- 10 cards per pack
- 18 packs per box
- Three autographs or memorabilia per box
- Historical Signatures Material Cards - Four cards containing a cut signature from Dwight D. Esinhower plus a star from his uniform!

What we pulled:

Inserts:

- Women's Soccer (2) Jill Loyden, Rachel Buehlerr
- Olympics (3) Tommy Kono, Frank Shorter, Carly Patterson
- Medal of Honor (1) George T Sakato
- Military Elite (1) Eugene Richardson
- Astronauts (3) Jack Lousma, Ed Gibson, Kathryn Thorton (PROOF #ed to 100)

Memorabilia (1) Charles Duke, Astronaut #220/249

Autograph (1) Bob Beamon, Olympian, #193/368

Autograph/Relic (1) Tobin Heath, Women's Soccer, #5/49

Summary:

This box contained a complete set and some big hits. Its nostalgic feel and great action photos lead me to give it an overall 7 out of 10 for the history and potential big pulls that it offers.

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Wallace State's Ashley Nance earns NJCAA women's basketball honorable mention All-American recognition

By: Russell Moore
WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State women's basketball player Ashley Nance earned national recognition this week, securing a spot on the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) honorable mention All-American team.

Nance, a 5-foot-8 sophomore from Danville, averaged a double-double during the 2012-13 season, scoring 16.8 points per game and collecting 10.5 rebounds.

She also led the Lady Lions with 72 steals and was second with 67 assists. In March, she was named the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) player of the year after finishing with 20 double-doubles and leading the ACCC North Division in scoring.

"Since 2000, when I got here, I truly believe Ashley is one of the best players to come through our program, considering what she's accomplished both on and off the floor from a maturity standpoint. She's going to have a great career wherever she decides to go," said Wallace State coach Ron Burdette.

"She came here as a raw basketball player from Danville and is leaving as the ACCC player of the year. She deserves all she's worked hard for."

Nance had a brilliant career at Wallace State, despite a lack of size for an ideal post player, finishing with 933 points and 551 rebounds, for averages of 14.6 points and 6.8 rebounds.

The Wallace State women finished 23-10 this season and state runner-up in both of Nance's season on campus. Additionally, Nance was a first-team All-ACCC selection as a freshman in 2012.

One of Nance's biggest career improvements, from her freshman to sophomore seasons, was enhancing her shooting percentages. She shot 42 percent from the field and 75 percent (177 of 237) from the free-throw line as a sophomore, upgrading from a 35 percent clip from the field and 66 percent from the charity stripe during her freshman season.

Nance, who is mulling four-year offers from UNA, Auburn-Montgomery, Martin Methodist College, and UT Martin, is the third women's player in as many years to earn a NJCAA honorable mention selection, joining TaCouya Allen in 2012 and Bailee Robinson in 2011.

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SPORTS

Good Hope, West Point claim softball county championships

By: Josh McBrayer
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VINEMONT – It has been a busy week for softball at Vinemont. Over the course of four days, over 15 games were played on the softball diamond. From blow-outs to nail-biters and no-hitters to slug-fests, the Varsity and Junior Varsity had a little bit of everything. So without further ado, here we go!

Cold Springs 0, Good Hope 10
By: Johnny Thornton

With Cara Goodwin in stride on the mound, she received support at the plate by her teammates in finishing the Cullman County softball tournament Wednesday afternoon shutting out Cold Springs 10-0.

Goodwin held the Lady Eagles to two hits in the 5-inning affair with a game high nine strikeouts. It was her third shutout during the three-day event at Turney-Gingrich Field on the Vinemont campus.

Good Hope erupted for eight runs in the Lady Raiders' fifth, ending the battle by the 10-run rule. They were able to get to Cold Springs' Rilee White who ran out of steam after getting her team to the title round through the loser's bracket.

The No. 4 team in the current Class 3A state prep poll moved in front 1-0 when leadoff batter Kayla Tillman singled and scored on a ground out by Alanah Henke with the bases loaded.

Cold Springs' only hits against Goodwin were a single by McKinley Davis in the top of the first and a double from Hannah Wilson in the fourth. But the Lady Eagles were unable to move the runners around and get them home against Goodwin, who will head on to UAB after she graduates from Good Hope in May.

The Lady Raiders went extra base hitting to extend the lead. After Darcie Wilson drew a walk in the fourth, Savanna Fendley ripped a double into left center scoring the senior and sending the Lady Raiders to a 2-0 advantage.

When Good Hope came to hit in the fifth, they found their timing against White. Goodwin drilled a single to score Andrews who was safe on a fielder's choice.

Then Henke, Wilson, Fendley and Kacy Thomas produced run-scoring doubles as the momentum was on the side of the Lady Raiders. The RBI double from Thomas sent Fendley home that made it 7-0 at that point.

Thomas was on her way home when the Lady Eagles booted Darby Randolph's grounder that extended the spread to 8-0.

Tillman cracked a double in driving home Randolph for a 9-0 lead. Andrews put the game into completion as she singled to center with Tillman having no trouble scampering home from second. This game took only an hour and two minutes to be played.

Coach Wayne Harris' Lady Raiders had been runners-up in the county to Holly Pond the previous two years.

But with Goodwin on top of her game in the pitching aspect and balanced hitting from the likes of Tillman, Andrews, Wilson, Fendley, and Henke, Good Hope dominated the opposition in the four games in the county tournament, outscoring West Point, Holly Pond, and Cold Springs (2) 36-3.

Now the Lady Raiders will focus on the rest of the regular season with the postseason right around the corner.

Good Hope will be hosting the Area 11 Tournament, eager to continue its current success of 17 consecutive victories and a 24-5 record after taking the county championship trophy back to campus.

All-Tournament team:
Pitchers:
Cara Goodwin - Good Hope
Rilee White - Cold Springs
Raven Christensen – Vinemont.

Catchers:
Darcie Wilson - Good Hope
Taylor Payne - Cold Springs

Infield:
Kara Elam - West Point
Katelyn Whitehead - Holly Pond
Kayla Tillman - Good Hope
Alanah Henke - Good Hope
Kendra Peason - Vinemont

Outfield:
Melody Manasco - Fairview
Taylor Rowell - Holly Pond
Bailee Andrews - Good Hope
Katie Speer-Vinemont
McKinley Davis - Cold Springs

Junior Varsity

Vinemont JV Lady Eagles 5 vs. Good Hope JV Lady Raiders 12

The first match up of the 2013 JV Softball County Tournament was all Good Hope. The Lady Raiders scored 11 runs in the bottom of the second inning while sending 15 hitters to the plate.

From the three hole hitter Jamie Stenson through the nine hole hitter Hanna Smith, seven Lady Raiders had RBIs in the frame.

Aside from the second inning, Vinemont played a good game and scored five runs. Hanna Adamson and Whitney Cotton each had two RBIs and Mallory Barns chipped in one but Vinemont found themselves still trailing 12-5 as time expired on the 75 minute clock.

Holly Pond JV Lady Broncos 14 vs. Fairview JV Lady Aggies 1

Just like the first game, the scoring came early and often. Holly Pond scored six runs in the first on their way to a 14-1 victory. Taylor Walker and Shelby Lynn each picked up a pair of RBIs in the inning while Chloe Lee plated one.

Holly Pond took advantage of two Fairview errors in the second to score three more times. Two more in the fourth and three in the fifth, led to the lopsided score. The lone Lady Aggie run came on a sac fly from Ally Hogeland.

Good Hope JV Lady Raiders 2 vs. West Point JV Lady Raiders 7

After allowing a first inning run to Good Hope, and an RBI single from Bailey Sterns, West Point came back with a vengeance. In the bottom of the first, the Lady Warriors batted around and them some, sending 12 batters to the plate and scoring seven times. Jordyn Kimbrell led off the inning with a single and Tess Hembree followed with a walk. Bailee Yearwood then served an RBI single into right for the Lady Warriors first run. Darana Campbell was next to the plate and she quickly emptied the bases with a three run jack to put West Point up 4-1.

With one out, the Lady Warriors earned back-to-back walks and Lilie Burdette cashed them in with a two RBI single. She scored the last run of the inning on a Cassidy Holloway single.

The seven run first is all West Point would get but it is all they would need as they went on to a 7-2 victory and a berth in the championship game against Holly Pond.

Bailey Stern earned the lone RBI for Good Hope.

Holly Pond JV Lady Broncos 5 vs. West Point JV Lady Warriors 7

Good Hope got the championship game started off in a nice fashion as Jordyn Kimbrell reached first on an error then came home to score on a Tess Hembree RBI double. Hailee Lee of Holly Pond would recover, striking out the next three batters and stranding Hembree at second.

Not to be outdone Jeri Beasley of West Point returned the favor, fanning the first three Lady Broncos she faced.

Holly Pond knotted the game at one on a RBI single by Shelby Lynn, scoring Lee who just slid under the West Point tag at the plate.

Both the Lady Broncos and the Lady Warriors swapped two runs each over the next inning before West Point took the lead for good on RBIs from Lilie Burdette and Kimbrell to put the Lady Warriors up 5-3.

West Point added two insurance runs in fifth and sixth and those two runs would be huge as Holly Pond rallied to score two in the fifth and one in the sixth but could not get any closer as West Point repeats as JV Cullman County Champions by a score of 7-5.

For more on these games visit CullmanSense.com

CullmanSense Weekly Sports Rundown

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4-8

BASEBALL
- West Point 5 vs. **Lawrence County 10**
- **Fairview 15** vs. Sulligent 3

SOCCER
- Cullman 1 vs. Muscle Shoals 2 (boys)
- Cullman 10 vs. Center point 0 (girls)

4-9

BASEBALL
- **Good Hope 16** vs. Vinemont 2
- **Good Hope 5** vs. Vinemont 4
- **Danville 9** vs. Hanceville 6
- **Danville 8** vs. Hanveville 6
- **Fairview 11** vs. St. Clair County 0
- **New Hope 5** vs. Holly Pond 3
- **New Hope 6** vs. Holly Pond 4
- **West Point 6** vs. East Limestone 4
- West Point 4 vs. **East Limestone 14**
- **Cullman 6** vs. Hartselle 4
- Cullman 1 vs. **Hartselle 4**

4-10

BASEBALL
- Holly Pond 11 vs. **New Hope 16**
- **West Point 16** vs. East Limestone 12
- West Point 2 vs. **East Limestone 12**

SOFTBALL
- Cullman 7 vs. **Hartselle 9**

Cullman Captures Area 15 Crown

By: Josh McBrayer
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CULLMAN - Keegan Thompson showed the Hartselle Tigers why he is the number one prospect in the state of Alabama. Thompson pitched six brilliant innings of two hit, one run baseball while fanning eight Tigers. Oh yeah, he also went three for four from the dish with two doubles and three RBIs coming off a first inning three run bomb, and also stole third twice.

Zac Crocker got the mojo going in the first by ripping a hard, line drive single to right. Cole Collins followed suit, blasting a double to left before Thompson deposited the next Hartselle offering over the right field fence. Cullman went up 3-0 and never looked back.

Wesley Walker and Kolby Robinson padded the Bearcat lead in the third when Walker doubled to score Lance Cleveland, who had been hit by a pitch. Robinson then laced a single back through the box to score Walker and put the Cats on top 5-0. Thompson gave up his first hit with two outs in the top of the fourth to Brett Blackwood, a seeing eye single, but quickly struck out the next batter to end the inning.

Cullman added single runs in the fourth and fifth on RBIs from Cleveland and Crocker before Hartselle managed their first run. The Tiger run came when Chenault knocked in Aldredge who has singled with two outs. Jesse Scott came in to pitch a scoreless seventh, getting Tyler Phillips to fly out to center for the final out. Cullman has won the Area 15 crown and will host the first round of the playoffs.

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Community Matters

A Wealth of Knowledge and Opportunity

By: Noah Chandler
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CCSF Luncheon showcases the rich history of education and service

CULLMAN – A celebration of achievement took place recently, as the Cullman City Schools Foundation held its 5th Annual Distinguished Alumni & Service Awards Luncheon to honor the former students who've blazed trails in their chosen career fields.

The event was headed up by Mistress of Ceremonies, class of '88 alumni Dr. Ginger Holt and was held at The Atrium.

The Cullman City School system ranks second in the state – only behind Mountain Brook – as determined by ARMST+ testing. Superintendent Dr. Jan Harris said this feat is made more amazing when you factor in the poverty level facing students inside of Cullman.

"The interesting thing is that Mountain Brook City Schools has zero percent poverty while Cullman City Schools, we have about 37 percent poverty and yet we are competing," said Dr. Harris. "Our mission is to inspire through character, citizenship and scholarship, which is accomplished through the teachers and administrators."

Teacher of the Year Awards were awarded to the following;

Mr. Dillion Lee, Cullman High School – Lee is a third year theatre teacher at CHS and he is a member of the Educational Theatre Association, along with serving as director of AL Troup 142. He has been actively involved in planning the renovations at CHS and has played an integral part in restructuring the summer school program. Lee continues to attend theatre workshops and has served as a judge at the Alabama Thespian Festival. His productions continue to break records night after night.

Mr. Josh Swindall, Cullman Middle School – A math instructor for five years, Swindall multiplies his success by assisting other teachers with technology while helping his students with problems dealing with mathematics, as well as life. He is committed to making sure each of his students know that he or she is important at the end of the day.

Mrs. Patricia Harrison, East Elementary School – A teacher for 18 years, Harrison supports her students in and outside of the classroom. She participates with her students at sporting events, student fundraisers and other charitable endeavors such as Relay for Life, Cullman Caring for Kids, along with giving support to the Military. Harrison does not allow students to say or believe, "I can't" and with an attitude such as this, Harrison sets a positive trail for her students to follow.

Mrs. Melony Edwards, West Elementary School – Smart, creative, caring and inspiring are just some of the words which come to mind when parents, teachers and students are asked about Edwards. She is a part of her students' lives. She attends sporting events and participates in charities, such as Relay for Life, United Way, Christmas Love and several others to ensure that sure is making a positive impact on a child.



Ms. Priscilla Garrison, Cullman City Primary School – Garrison enjoys building relationships with her students, so much so that she was selected Favorite Teacher in a 2010 poll sponsored by Monograms Plus. She has assisted on the Problem Solving committee, the Leadership Team, Math Committee and Exemplary Reading Awards Committee.

Once the teachers were recognized it was time to hand out the Distinguished Service Awards. First up was class of '84 alumni Suzanne Harbin. Harbin once served as a board member to the CCS Foundation but is currently employed as the Director of Advancement at Wallace State Community College, along with serving on the Cullman City School Board for over 10 years.

Next to be awarded was Mona Harper, a 20 year veteran of the CCS system. Harper has also compiled six years at Wallace State Community College. She is credited with being an instrumental piece in developing a drama department at CHS. Harper is also credited for reviving the school's paper, The Highlight, revamping it and bringing the outdated publication into the next century.

Before the Distinguished Alumni were presented with their award of recognition, Dr. Harris took a moment to recognize Cullman Middle School Principal Lane Hill for his accomplishment of being named 2013 Alabama Middle School Principal of the Year.

Distinguished Alumni included:

- Alan C. Burns Sr. '45 – A lifelong teacher; from president of the CHS Glee club, to teacher, principal, superintendent, integrator, parade organizer and many other roles. Burns is best described as a man who continues to inspire and mentor anyone near him.
- Tom Drake '49 – A Renissance man. The first wrestling coach at the University of Alabama, a Veteran, a professional wrestler, drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers but instead served in the military, a nine term Representative with two as Speaker of the House, lawyer, farmer and father is the closest way to summing up Tom Drake.
- Dr. Sydney R. Gibbs Jr. '52 – Beginning as a family doctor and medical missionary, Gibbs Sr. became nationally known as the Medical Director at America Cast Iron Pipe Company providing medical care to employees. Dr. Gibbs' plan was described by former U.S. Vice President Al Gore as "the best health plan in America."
- Dr. C. Eugene Scruggs '56 – A man of talents is the best way to describe Dr. Scruggs as he is at home being an author, singer, teacher, professor, artist, linguist and Chevalier – French Ministry of Education – just to name a few. Currently, he is serving at Westminster Presbyterian in Lakeland, Florida in the Choir and as a Sunday School Teacher as a well as Professor Emeritus at the University of South Florida.
- Dr. Jenny Grissom Folsom '64 – Retired as Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs following 22 years of service at Wallace State, Folsom is currently serving her second term as President Pro Tem of the Cullman City Council. She was formerly Corporate Manager of Teacher Training for Kinder-Care Learning Center, Inc. that served over 100,000 children daily in the U.S. and Canada.





- Caroline Reddick Lawson '70 – Currently, Lawson is serving as Teacher for the Theatre Arts and Musical Theatre at the Booker T. Washington Magnet School for the Arts in Montgomery. She once served as Director of Education for New York Theatre Workshop and is the Co-founder and Artistic Director of Nora's Playhouse.
- Neil Allen Foust '77 – Foust is currently servicing as the General Manager for Bacco-Eisai Co. Ltd. In Tokyo, Japan, which is a first as he is the first non-Japanese to hold the position. Foust assisted in the commercialization of Aricept, a breakthrough Alzheimer's disease drug treatment.
- Dr. Brad Moody '96 – Moody is the director and founder of Wound Center of Cullman, a surgeon at Surgical Arts, PC., along with being a regular volunteer at the Good Samaritan Clinic and being involved with several other charities in the Cullman area.
- To conclude the ceremony, Dr. Ginger Holt introduced the 2012 recipient of the Promising Alumni Award and current year's presenter, class of '03 alumni Steven Alldredge. The Product Manager at Fontaine Parts Connection bestowed the 2013 honors upon Austin T. Monk.
- Monk, '07 alumni, currently lives in Chatom where he serves as the Director of Economic Development Inativeate for Washington County.

For more on this story, including an in-depth photo gallery, visit CullmanSense.com

Dodge Ball Tournament!

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American Cancer Society

You're invited to take part in a Dodge Ball tournament hosted by Alabama Credit Union benefiting Relay For Life. This event is a great way to promote healthy, active lifestyles for the members of our community- while supporting a great cause.

The Relay For Life Dodge Ball Tournament will take place on **Saturday, April 20, 2013** at Alabama Credit Union's Cullman branch. Each team must have at least 5 players, but can have up to 10 players (5 playing at a time, others are substitutes) for each 3-minute game. This is a double elimination tournament. Prizes will be awarded to winners of each division. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Teams and fans will need to bring their own chairs and blankets for the tournament. If rained out, the tournament will be rescheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2013.

Entry Fees
Day of sign up $30 for 5 Players
$5 for every additional player

Early sign up $25.00 for 5 players
$5.00 for each additional player

Start Times By Age Group

6-9	10:00 a.m.
10-14	11:30 a.m.
15 & Over	1:00 p.m.

Teams may sign up by email, llegg@alabamacu.com, by mail or in person at Alabama Credit Union's Cullman Branch

Alabama Credit Union is not affiliated with nor endorsed by Relay for Life. All proceeds will go directly to Relay for Life to support the American Cancer Society in its fight for a cure.

2013- Relay For Life Dodge Ball Tournament Team Entry Form
Please complete and mail to Attn: Laurie Legg, 1901 Main Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055

We apologize for any inconvenience, but entry fees cannot be refunded for any reason.
All proceeds benefit Relay For Life

First Name _____ Street _____
Last Name _____ _____
Email Address _____ City _____
Phone Number _____ State _____
Team Name _____ Zip Code _____
Number of Players _____ Coach's Name _____

Division (Circle One)
6-9 10-14 15 & Over

Team Fee + Additional Players Fee = Total Enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to Relay For Life

Community Matters

Bloomin' Festival Sold Out!

By: Joyce Nix

St. Bernard Contributor

CULLMAN – The 29th Annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair on April 20-21, 2013 is a sold out show. Artists and Craftspeople submitted their applications early in December so as not to miss out on a spot during the premier show at St. Bernard Prep School in Cullman, AL.

Bloomin' Festival has again been recognized at a 'Top 20 Event in the Southeast' by the Southeastern Tourism Society.

Everything from handcrafted pottery and coin jewelry to children and ladies clothing, birdhouses, fashion accessories, metal art, leather, stoneware baskets, home grown plants, toys, Dahlia bulbs, Art, ceramics, candles, soap and so much more can be found. Live demonstrations will include: grinding corn meal and sampling hoe cakes, glassblowing, broom making, and one of Cullman Counties own Blacksmiths, Allan Kress at work.

Parents, monks, students and friends of St. Bernard Prep are gearing up to assist visitors with parking, concessions, train rides, and environmental control.

A 5K and 10K race will be held on the wooded trails of campus on Saturday April 20 beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Awards will be presented to the overall male and female winners; Masters male and female winners; and 1st and 2nd Place age group winners.

The entry fee is $25 if received by 4/16; or $30 on race day.

To register go to www.bloominfestival.com or drop by the school to complete an application.

Food is provided solely by St. Bernard Prep School.

The menu consists of pinto beans and hoe cakes make from fresh ground cornmeal onsite; BBQ chicken, polish sausages, hot dogs, hamburgers, funnel cakes, strawberry waffles, fresh squeezed lemonade, and Pepsi!

At the conclusion of the show on Sunday evening at 5 p.m. a drawing for the festival grand prize will be held. St. Bernard Prep in a partnership with Cullman Dodge will be giving away a 2013 Jeep Patriot, Kindle Fire HD 7"; Canon digital camera, Garmin Nuvi GPS; and an Apple iPod Shuffle.

Ave Maria Grotto is open the entire weekend for a low admission price of only $3 per person. Admission to the festival is $5.

All proceeds benefit St. Bernard Preparatory School.

For more information visit www.bloominfestival.com or check out www.facebook.com/bloominfestival.

The 29th Annual Bloomin' Festival is sponsored by Cullman Dodge, Pepsi, OF Richter & Sons, Kassouf & Company, Richard Electric, Merchants Bank, Cullman Jefferson Gas, Peoples Bank of Alabama, R. Champ Crocker – Attorney at Law, and Regions Bank.



Bloomin' Festival Grand Prize - Terry Spitzer, Cullman Dodge presents Fr. Joel Martin, St. Bernard Prep President, with the keys to the 2013 Jeep Patriot, Grand Prize at the 29th Annual Bloomin' Festival April 20-21st.

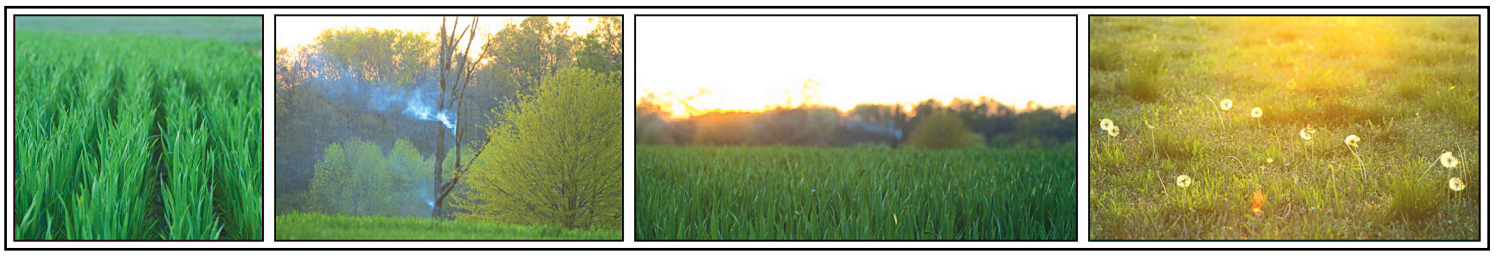
Spring has Sprung!

By: Jessica Norrell

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The sun sets on a field of dandelions near Goldridge Community Center.

A burning tree trunk in the background of green fields near Goldridge Community Center.

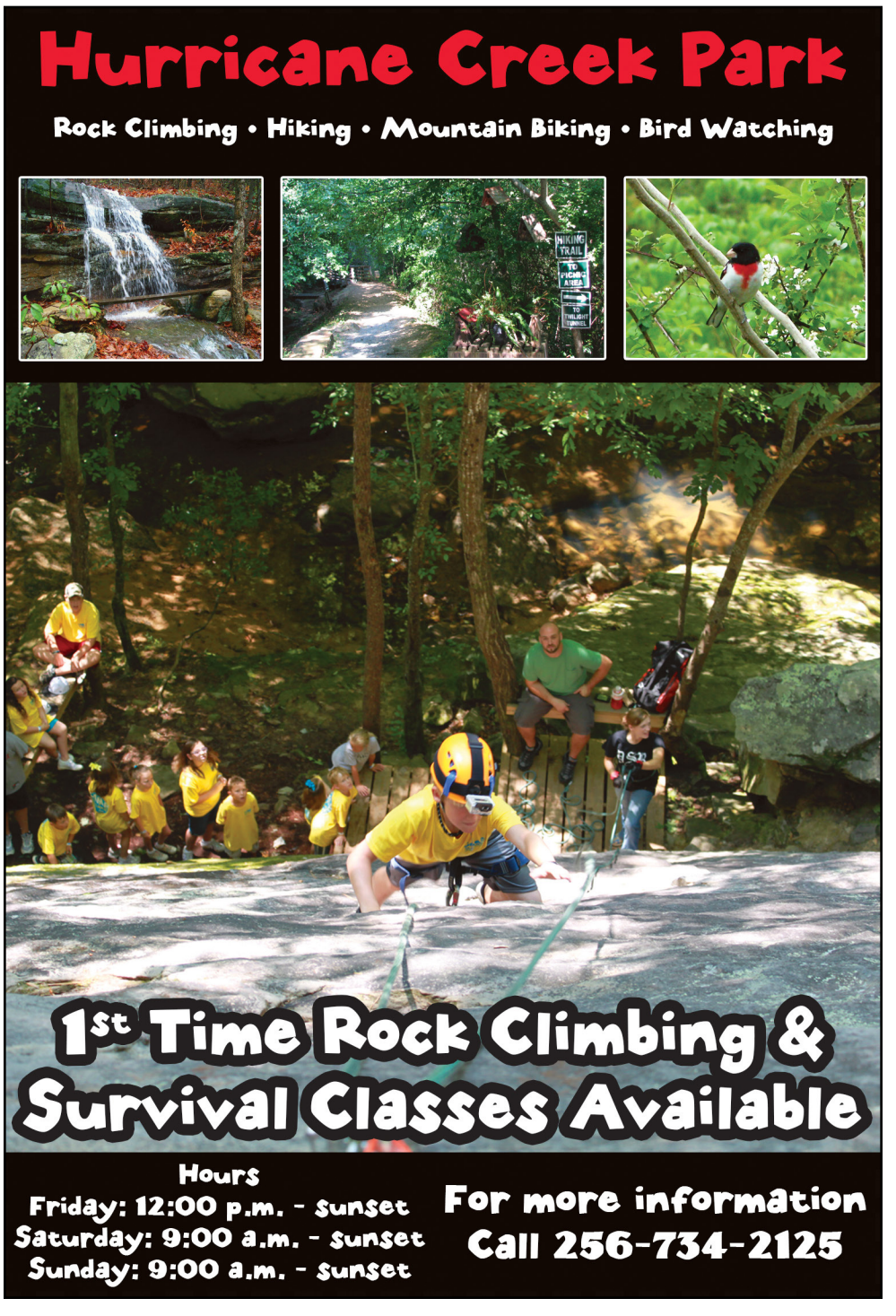




• The garden beside the railroad on 1st Avenue is just starting to bloom for spring. In full bloom it is a hot spot for portrait photographers. • A dove takes flight after posing for pictures. • Bumble bees are a sign of Spring's arrival...not usually a welcome one for those of us who have fallen victim to them.



• Sportsman Lake Park is a popular outdoor destination in Cullman when spring weather arrives with attractions such as biking and walking trails and a playground. • Kids and parents enjoy the paddleboats that are now open to use.



Community Calendar

Submit your event to calendar@cullmansense.com

Monday

Cullman Kiwanis Club
The Cullman Kiwanis Club invites all local men and women who are interested in taking part in community service along with great fellowship, fun, networking, and learning to attend their weekly luncheon meeting at 12 noon each Monday in the All Steak's third floor banquet room. Come see what Kiwanis is all about and enjoy a great luncheon meal as well.

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

Weekly Jam Session at Senior Center
There is a new 'fun' event added to the ongoing programs at the Donald E. Green Senior Center. From 1 p.m. until 5 p.m., there will be 'Jam Sessions' offered under the guidance of Don and Barbara Whitehead. Everyone is invited to bring your instruments and join in the playing or just sit and relax and enjoy the music. These musical gatherings are FREE so come on down and bring your friends.

Making Choices - BODYWORKS
A series of FREE sessions on healthy living will be offered. Sessions are to include mindful eating to 'reading' a food. Teens to adults are welcome. There are morning classes from 10 until 11:30 a.m. and evening classes from 4 until 5:30 p.m. for your convenience. For further information please call Donna Shanklin at the County Extension Office at 256-737-9386. Classes are scheduled for each Monday at this time. Please attend first meeting or call to pre-register if you are interested in this program.

Overeaters Anonymous Gather at Grace Episcopal
Members of Overeaters Anonymous meet every Monday, at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in the Carriage House located on Church premises. Further information is available at 256-747-6218 or 256-352-1143. Everyone is invited to attend these gatherings.

GED Classes at Desperation Church
GED learning classes are held each Monday night from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Desperation Church. For additional information please contact Ed Oaks at 256-737-9564 or 256-735-6811. These classes are open to the public and everyone who wants to obtain their GED is welcome to participate.

Cornerstone Revival Ladies Prayer Meeting
A Ladies Prayer meeting is conducted each Monday night at 7 p.m. at Cornerstone Revival Center. For additional information call 256-796-2899. All interested women are invited to attend.

Aqua Zumba Classes at CWAC
Everyone is invited to take part in the Aqua Zumba classes that are offered each Monday at Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center beginning at 7 p.m. in the center's indoor pool. Please call 256-775-7946 for additional information!

Tuesday

Festhalle Farmers' Market
The Festhalle Farmers' Market is once again open for business on Tuesdays through the spring and summer, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Come visit your local farmers as they offer their homegrown produce for your dinner table.

Cullman Caring for Kids in Need of Donations
If you are able to contribute to Cullman County's Community Food Band, the 'Caring for Kids' organization, they would be grateful. Non-perishable food items are needed, and of course cash enables them to purchase needed products to fill their empty shelves. Please call 256-739-1111 to see how to help or mail checks or money orders to Cullman Caring for Kids, P. O. Box 698, Cullman, Alabama 35056-0698. Thanks in advance for anything you can do.

Dog Obedience Class
Cullman Parks & Recreation will sponsor a 7 week Dog Obedience class with Barbara Guettner as instructor from March 26 through May 7. Classes for puppies start at 6 p.m. with adult dogs classes at 7 p.m. Please contact the Civic Center for further info at 256-734-9157.

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.

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.

Wednesday

'Wii Bowling' at the Donald E. Green Senior Center
The entertainment for senior citizens is 'Wii Bowling' at the Donald E. Green Senior Center starting at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited. Come enjoy some exercise (but not too physical!) and fellowship with friends. They bowl every Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 1 p.m.

Girls & Boys Club at Spirit Life
Spirit Life Church will host a Girls & Boys Club meeting for those 12 and under every Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. at the church. All are welcome. Please call the church for further info 256-739-3326.

'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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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.

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Wallace State Community College's Jazz Band's annual Dance
The Wallace State Community College's Jazz Band will play for their annual Dance beginning at 7 p.m. in the Burrow Center Atrium. Everyone is welcome to attend. There is a $15.00 donation requested. Come enjoy the music of this great group of youths and remember the good 'ol days of jazz.

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

Logan Fire and Rescue 4th Annual Bass Tournament
Logan Fire and Rescue is sponsoring its 4th Annual Bass Tournament at Smith Lake Park from 'safe' daylight until 3 p.m. There is a $1,000.00 award guaranteed for 1st place. For registration and information please call 256-338-9044 or 256-338-7434.

Festhalle Farmers' Market
The Festhalle Farmers' Market is once again open for business on Saturdays through the spring and summer, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Come visit your local farmers as they offer their homegrown produce for your dinner table.

April Walking Tours of Cullman
Come take advantage of the Cullman County Museum's guided walking tours of Cullman each Saturday morning during April. Tours start at 10 a.m. at the museum and last about one hour. For additional information please contact Drew or Julie at 256-739-1258. Mark your calendars for this annual springtime event.

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!

Next Monday

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The Cullman Kiwanis Club invites all local men and women who are interested in taking part in community service along with great fellowship, fun, networking, and learning to attend their weekly luncheon meeting at 12 noon each Monday in the All Steak's third floor banquet room. Come see what Kiwanis is all about and enjoy a great luncheon meal as well.

'Senior Spirit'
'Senior Spirit' is a program sponsored by Cullman Parks & Recreation and its many activities take place at the Donald E. Green Senior Center. All activities are FREE. There is a 'Fitness for Life' class year-round centered around stretching and walking to help boost your energy. These classes are offered each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at various times 8 a.m.; 9:15 a.m.; 1:00 p.m.; and 2 p.m. (walking only). Tuesday has two classes, one at 8 a.m. with the stretching and walking; and a 4 p.m. walking only class. Everyone 50 and older is invited to join in the fun, fellowship, and fitness

Weekly Jam Session at Senior Center
There is a new 'fun' event added to the ongoing programs at the Donald E. Green Senior Center. From 1 p.m. until 5 p.m., there will be 'Jam Sessions' offered under the guidance of Don and Barbara Whitehead. Everyone is invited to bring your instruments and join in the playing or just sit and relax and enjoy the music. These musical gatherings are FREE so come on down and bring your friends.

Making Choices - BODYWORKS
A series of FREE sessions on healthy living will be offered. Sessions are to include mindful eating to 'reading' a food. Teens to adults are welcome. There are morning classes from 10 until 11:30 a.m. and evening classes from 4 until 5:30 p.m. for your convenience. For further information please call Donna Shanklin at the County Extension Office at 256-737-9386. Classes are scheduled for each Monday at this time. Please attend first meeting or call to pre-register if you are interested in this program.

Overeaters Anonymous Gather at Grace Episcopal
Members of Overeaters Anonymous meet every Monday, at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in the Carriage House located on Church premises. Further information is available at 256-747-6218 or 256-352-1143. Everyone is invited to attend these gatherings.

GED Classes at Desperation Church
GED learning classes are held each Monday night from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Desperation Church. For additional information please contact Ed Oaks at 256-737-9564 or 256-735-6811. These classes are open to the public and everyone who wants to obtain their GED is welcome to participate.

Cornerstone Revival Ladies Prayer Meeting
A Ladies Prayer meeting is conducted each Monday night at 7 p.m. at Cornerstone Revival Center. For additional information call 256-796-2899. All interested women are invited to attend.

Aqua Zumba Classes at CWAC
Everyone is invited to take part in the Aqua Zumba classes that are offered each Monday at Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center beginning at 7 p.m. in the center's indoor pool. Please call 256-775-7946 for additional information!

Looking Ahead

Share Club Spring Tour of Homes - Sunday, April 28, 2013 - 1:00 p.m -- 5:00 p.m.
The spring tour will feature homes with a variety of architectural styles and interior designs creating an enjoyable and memorable afternoon with family and friends. Tickets may be purchased for $15.00 in advance from Share Club Members, The Added Touch at Cullman Cabinet, From the Heart, J Drake Salon, Finders Keepers, and Hospice of Cullman County. Tickets will be available at each tour home the day of the tour. Proceeds from the tour benefit Hospice of Cullman County. Tickets are non-refundable. For information contact Hospice of Cullman County at 256-739-5185.

May 9-11th 2013
Cullman StrawberryFest 2013
Join us at 211 2nd Ave NE, Cullman for live music, Arts and Crafts Show, Car Show, Antique Tractor Display, Great Food, and Local Produce, located at the Festhalle Market Platz, Depot Park, and the Cullman County Museum. Music Guest: Three on a String, MP4theband, The Hit Men Roy Crawford and the Cullman County Bluegrass, Mean Mary, Street Level, Round 2, and more to be announced. Free Admission. Call 256-739-1258 for more information.

Community Matters

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Are you concerned with the rising tensions surrounding North Korea?

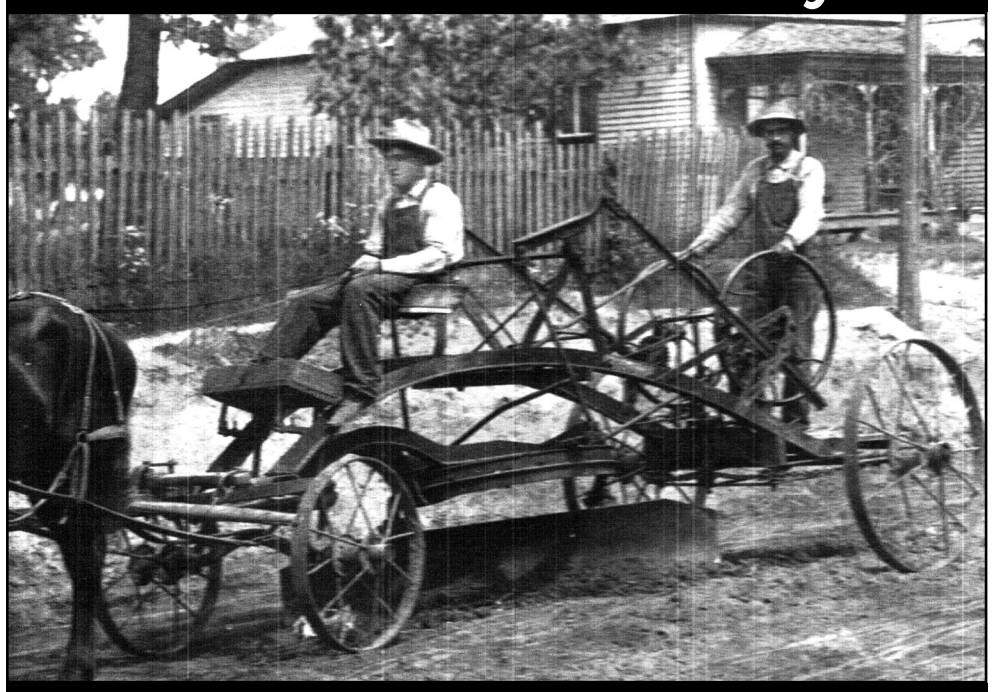
Last Week's Poll:

Do you support ending Saturday mail delivery??

Yes - 30%
No - 70%

Cast your ballot at cullmansense.com/poll

Reflections of History



Brunner - Early Road Work — Contributed by Cullman County Museum

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This Week in History Apr. 15 - Apr. 21

April 15th

- 1738 – Bottle opener invented
- 1900 – An early 50 mile race is won by an electric car in over 2 hours
- 1962 – U.S. national debt is above $300,000,000,000
- 2011 – In a Schrodinger's cat experiment, researchers in Japan and Australia successfully teleport wave packets of light; this is the first transfer of quantum information from one point to another

April 16th

- 1861 – U.S. president Lincoln outlaws business with confederate states
- 1922 – Annie Oakley sets record by breaking 100 clay targets in a row
- 1979 – Failed Palestinian attack on Zaventem Airport in Belgium
- 2010 – Planes across the United Kingdom, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia are grounded as a result of the volcanic ash coming from Iceland's Eyjafjoell volcano

April 17th

- 1704 – First successful U.S. newspaper; published in Boston by John Campbell
- 1905 – U.S. Supreme Court judges that creating a maximum hour workday unconstitutional
- 1956 – Willie Mosconi sinks 150 consecutive balls in a billiard tournament
- 2011 – The Mid-April 2011 Southern United States tornado outbreak results in over 30 deaths; North Carolina is the state worst affected

April 18th

- 1775 – Paul Revere and William Dawes warn "British are coming!"
- 1909 – Joan of Arc declared a saint
- 1963 – Dr. James Campbell performed the first human nerve transplant
- 2012 – The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission together complete rules to limit which firms are required to register with either or both agencies as 'swap dealers'

April 19th

- 1775 – Revolution begins at Lexington Common with the shot "heard round the world"
- 1921 – Funeral of last German Empress, Augusta Victoria
- 1960 – Baseball uniforms begin displaying player's names on their backs
- 1994 – Rodney King awarded $3,800,000 in compensation of police beating

April 20th

- 1799 – Napoleon issues a decree calling for establishing Jerusalem for Jews
- 1920 – Tornadoes kill 219 in Alabama and Mississippi
- 1983 – President Reagan signs a $1,65B bail out for Social Security
- 2011 – China releases two prominent human rights lawyers, Liu Xiaoyuan and Jiang Tianyong

April 21st

- 1789 – John Adams sworn in as first U.S. Vice President; 9 days before Washington
- 1908 – Frederick A. Cook claims to reach North Pole; he didn't
- 1980 – Howard Stern begins broadcasting on WWWW Detroit, Michigan
- 2012 – In the Philippines, four new species of freshwater crab are discovered; the crabs are bright purple in color

Lifeguard Ceritification Classes



April 22-May 9

Register - Wellness & Aquatic Center

Cost - $200

Classes held Monday-Thursday
5:30-8:30pm

Classes held at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center

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NOTE: Lifeguard Certification Classes DO NOT guarantee a job with the Cullman City Parks and Recreation Department, but do meet all certifications necessary to seek employment as a lifeguard at any aquatics facility.

Legal Advertisement

The City of Cullman's Alcohol Review Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 18th, 2013 at 5:00 pm, in the Administrative Conference Room of City Hall, located at 204 Second Avenue NE. Comments will be received on the proposed approval for the sale of alcohol in the City of Cullman by the following applicants:

Moe's Original BBQ	318 First Avenue SE	Restaurant Alcohol License
Rodney G's Hickory Grill	1610 Main Avenue SW	Restaurant Alcohol License

Community Matters

WSCC GAP program helps students get head start on their degree

By: Gail Crutchfield

WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE – Anyone seeking to enter college, either right out of high school or adult learners entering college for the first time, can get a head start on their course work this summer at Wallace State Community College.

The Wallace State GAP (Get Ahead Plan) program is a five-week program that prepares students for entry level math and English courses. Instructors teach a number of transitional, or developmental, courses in English, reading and math to students who qualify for those classes. Qualification is based upon scores taken from the college placement exam.

"It doesn't have to be high school students, it can be anybody who wants to get a head start on their first semester," said Cindy Mallard, WSCC's Director of Transitional Learning.

This is the second year for the GAP program, Mallard said, and the response from students who took the course last year was extremely positive.

"Students were glad they took the courses. Taking these classes in the summer allowed students to prepare for college level courses, meet new classmates, and familiarize themselves with college. College is scary enough. This opportunity took away a lot of the apprehension that makes students think twice about entering college," she said.

The GAP program was initiated to help give Wallace State students a better opportunity to succeed on the college level. Close to 70 percent of incoming freshman must take at least one transitional course. An example of a transitional-level course would be Math 090 or 098, Mallard said. Math courses at the 100-level or above are generally required for degrees and transfer credit.

Developmental courses are college credit courses but generally do not count toward a student's core degree requirements, and depending on Compass placement, students may be required to take up to two levels of developmental courses.

The extra time it takes for students to get to the English and math courses that count toward their degree, put some at risk of dropping out of college before completion. The GAP program makes the transition to college-level coursework quicker.

With a grade of "C" or better in these courses, students will be able to move on to the next course.

Students can attend classes Monday through Thursday and can enroll in more than one GAP course, up to the full-time class load of 12 to 19 hours.

Success in the GAP program puts students a semester ahead and keeps them on track for graduation. As an added benefit, the student will be able to become familiar with the Wallace State campus during a more-relaxed and less-crowded summer semester.

"It's a good time to start classes at Wallace State if you have a lot of anxiety about college," Mallard said of taking classes during the summer GAP program.

"It won't be so overwhelming for them in the fall. They'll already know the location of buildings and classrooms and more importantly will have met new friends."

Registration begins May 6. Classes start on May 28 and end on June 27. The summer semester schedule is available online at www.wallacestate.edu.

For more information, call Cindy Mallard at 256-352-8018 or visit www.wallacestate.edu.

WSCC Concert Choir to present 'Seasons of Love'

By: Gail Crutchfield

WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE – The "Seasons of Love" will be brought to life during the Wallace State Community College Choir's concerts at 1 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, in the Recital Hall of the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts.

Choir Director Tiffany Richter said the almost 40-member choir will perform a variety of songs that follow every emotion associated with love. "Everything is going to talk about some kind of love," she said, "the good, the bad, and the ugly, romantic love, break-ups, marriage, family love, love of the Creator to humans, love of mankind."

Along with classical and modern arrangements, there will be dramatic readings of poetry and speeches.

A few of the performances will include "The Marriage" with text by 13th century poet Rumi, poetry by Emily Dickenson, and the Billy Joel Tune "Lullaby, Good Night My Angel."

All of the songs will be performed as a whole by the choir, with the readings by choir members who are also in the college's theater program. While all of the choir members are not music majors – the choir is open to all WSCC students – Richter said all of them are naturally talented. "It's a joy to shape that and give them a little more knowledge in the field of music," she said. "Some have decided to major in music after being in choir."

The April 16 performance is the kick-off to the choir's trip to the International Music Festival in New York. They were invited to perform April 20 at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., and on April 22 at the Kennedy Center in New York. The choir will be adjudicated during their trip to the festival.

In addition to performances, choir members will have the opportunity to take part in a master class presided over by an official from the International Music Festival.

The April 16 concerts at Wallace State are free and open to the public, but donations will be accepted to help offset the cost of the trip to New York, Richter said.

Richter said she thinks those attending the concert will be surprised at how much they will enjoy the performance.

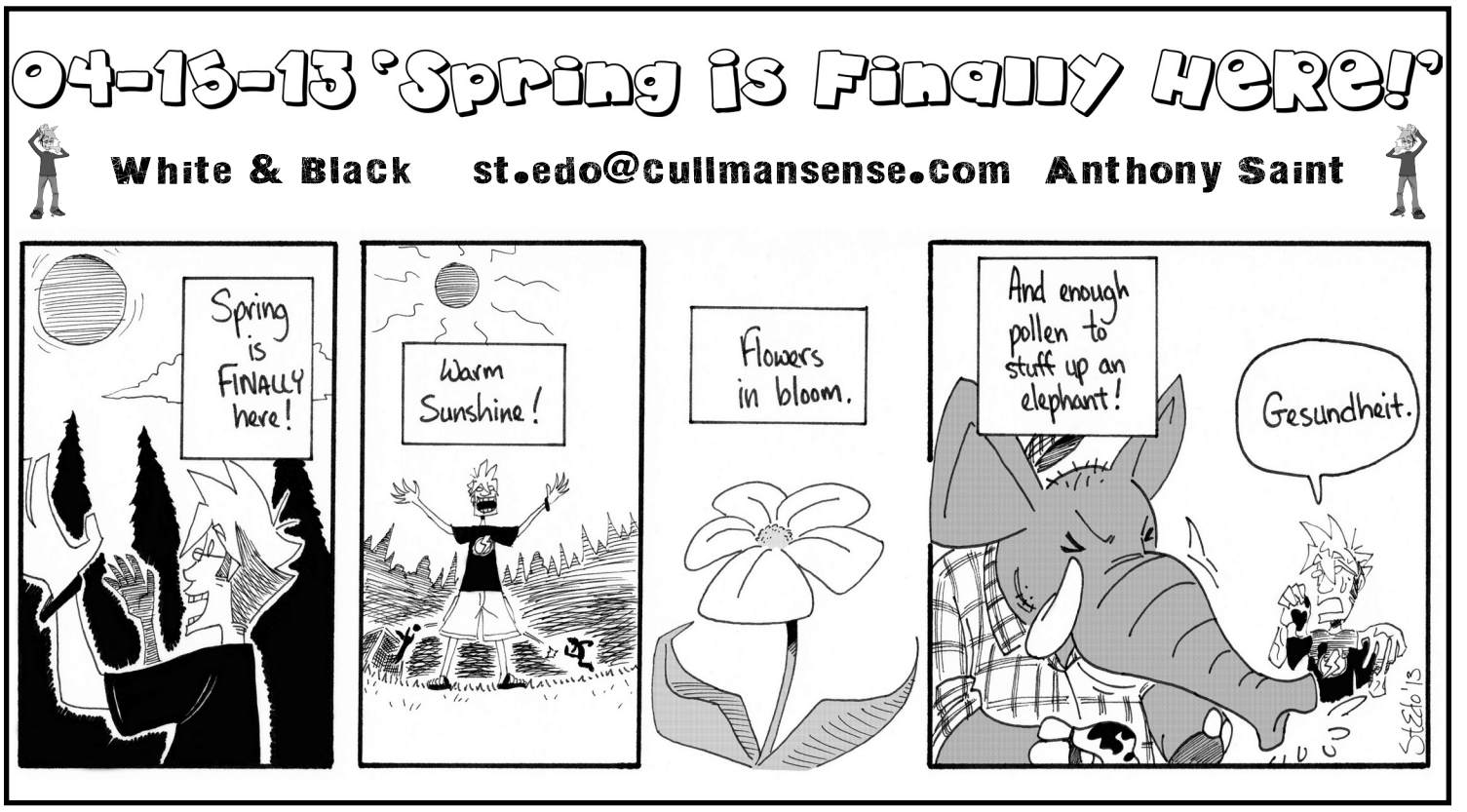
"If you really want to experience the love of music and just celebrate love, then you need to come and experience this night, it's going to be different and very fun." For more information about Wallace State, visit wallacestate.edu.

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WHAT'S ON DECK AT PARKS AND REC....

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- **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. Call 256-734-9157 for details..
- **Dog Obedience Class:** Classes held on Tuesdays, beginning March 26. $65 for 6 week session; puppy class held at 6pm and adult at 7pm. Call 256-734-9157.
- **Nia Dance Fitness Classes:** Includes yoga stretching, anti-aging tips, and more with instructor Ann Caretti. Class is held Tuesdays at 10:00am at the Cullman Civic Center. Call 256-531-4429 for more details.
- **Oil Painting and Acrylic Classes:** Classes are held Mondays from 6:30-9:30pm at the Cullman Art Guild with instructor Delancey Gardner. Class is $20 per month, call 256-734-9157 for details.
- **Camp Cullman Summer Camp Registration:** Registration will open on April 1 for Camp Cullman. Ages 12 & under can register at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center.
- **Lifeguard Certification Classes:** Held at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center April 22-May 9. Cost of the class is $200 which includes CPR and all certification. Must be 15 to take the class. Call 256-775-SWIM (7946) for details.
- **Ballroom, Latin, and Swing Dance Lessons:** Classes will be held April 4-25 on Tuesday nights at the Cullman Civic Center with Instructor Mack Wilson. Call the Civic Center for details.
- **Autism Walk:** The Therapeutic Recreation program and the Autism Society hold this event Saturday, April 27 at the Wallace State track at 8:30am. Games and other activities will also be held. Call Hollie at 256-734-9157 for details.
- **Cullman Golf Course Spring Invitational:** The Cullman Golf Course will hold its spring invitational tournament on Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28. Call 256-739-6762 for details.
- **Senior Spirit Travel:** Last day to register for Loretta Lynn Ranch trip on June 6 and New York City Trip on July11-17 will be May 3. Call for full details on both trips at 256-734-4803.





Community Matters

2013 Pilot Club of Cullman Fashion Show

By: Noah Chandler
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In honor of Administrative Professionals' Day, the Pilot Club of Cullman will be hosting their 21st annual fashion show and luncheon fundraising event,

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH
McGUKIN CIVIC CENTER, CULLMAN
A PATRIOTIC SALUTE TO FASHION,
"RED, WHITE, BLUE AND YOU"

While the event is in honor of Administrative Professionals, all women are invited to attend.

The room and stage decorations will be filled with Red, White, and Blue, a tribute to our armed forces and our freedoms they protect as well as a salute to new fashions from local merchants. Decorations are being provided on loan from St John's Evangelical Protestant Church and the local VFW.

Many businesses show appreciation to their employees on this special day by giving them tickets to this popular event. Each ticket is $20.00 and can be purchased at the McGukin Civic Center in Cullman or the Cullman Museum or by calling Joyce Black at 256-595-0622/256-737-0505. The last day to buy tickets is Friday, April 19, 2013. Seats will not be reserved.

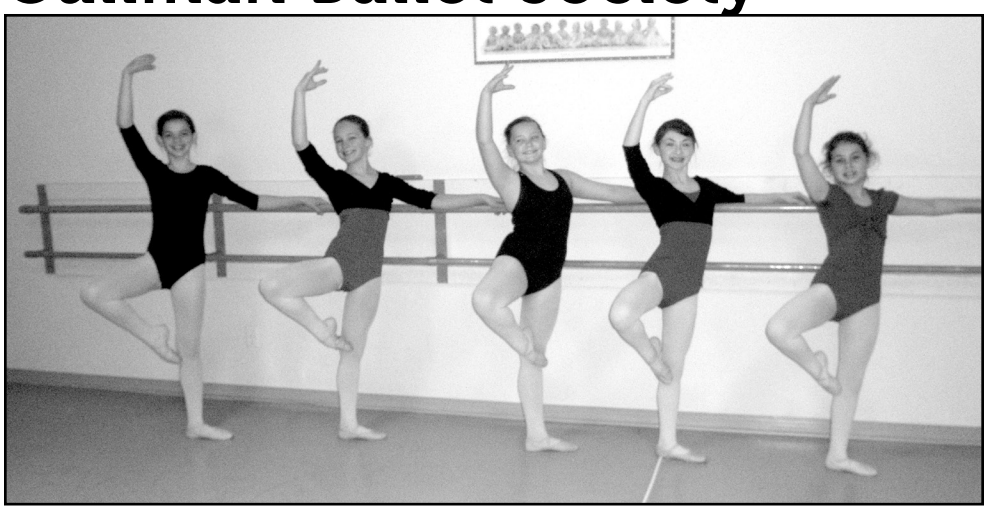
The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. where those attending can visit 12 or more local vendors for shopping. Lunch, provided by Sweet Peppers Deli, manager Robert Brantley, will be served at 11:30 a.m. The program at 12:00 noon will begin with a Color Guard presentation of the American Flag provided by Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper. Renee Crowe will sing our nation anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner", Cullman Mayor, Max Townson will recite "The Ragged Ole Flag", and Bobby Joe Hollis, an Elvis impersonator, will sing Elvis' Patriotic Trilogy.

The many local merchants who provided fashions and models make the Fashion Show possible; over 30 merchants have been invited to participate.

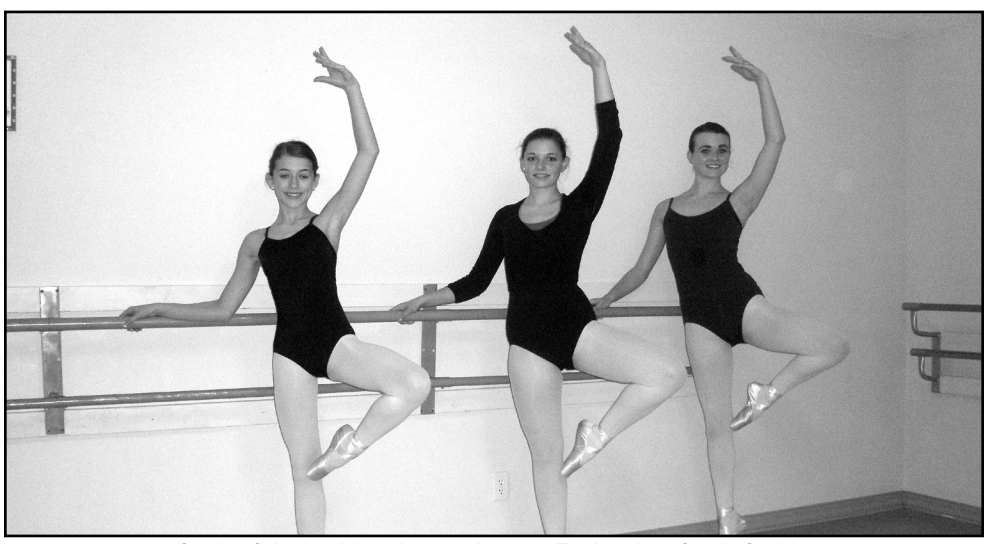
Winning door prizes is a highlight of the event. Over 100 prizes, donated by local businesses and Pilot Club Members, valued at $25 or more will be given away. There will be several GRAND prizes valued at $200 plus.

The Pilot Club of Cullman, Inc. is dedicated to service, committed to brain health with the main focus on education and support of brain related disorders. Profits from the show and luncheon will be used for our community projects – The Margaret Jean Jones Center for the developmentally disabled, the Pilot Light Home for abused and neglected children, the Field of Miracles, Project Lifesaver Program, Alzheimer's Support Group, and Brain Minders, a puppet show on prevention of head injuries for children.

Scholarship winners from the Cullman Ballet Society



Junior Scholarship winners, pictured left to right: Gloria Smith, Lillimae Allen, Leah Bowden, Abigail Long, and Olive Morring.



Senior Scholarship winners: Lauryn Tankersley, Sarah Smith, and Brooke Noe. Contributed by Brian Smith

NASA Wins Shorty Awards

By: Jason Townsend

WASHINGTON – NASA's official Twitter feed, @NASA, has won its second consecutive Shorty award for the best government use of social media. The Shorty Award honors the best of social media across sites such as Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, YouTube, Foursquare, and others.

NASA took the prize Monday at the fifth annual Shorty Awards ceremony in New York. The @NASA acceptance tweet was, "We're sharing the universe 1 tweet at a time. Be inspired! Follow @NASA & RT if you love science & space. #ShortyAwards."

"Our success stems from inspiring content that connects with people," said David Weaver, NASA's associate administrator for communications.

"Our story of science and innovation resonates with everyone. Social media enables us to reach people directly like never before." The Shorty Awards also recognized NASA's @MarsCuriosity account as Foursquare Mayor of the Year. Curiosity, a robotic rover, has been using the mobile application Foursquare since October 2012 to check in at locations it has been exploring on Mars. Users on Foursquare can keep up with Curiosity as it checks in at key locations and posts photos and tips.

Including Monday's two awards and last year's Twitter account recognition, NASA now has five Shorty Awards.

The agency also won in 2009 for its use of Twitter for the Mars Phoenix Lander mission, and astronaut Doug Wheelock was awarded the Real Time Photo of the Year in 2011 for his "Moon from Space" picture.

NASA uses almost 500 social media accounts to communicate its mission to a wide range of followers. The @NASA twitter account has 3.8 million followers, the most in the federal government.

NASA also maintains presences on Facebook, Google+, Flickr, and other popular platforms. NASA Socials, formerly known as NASA Tweetups, allow social media followers to attend functions and interact with NASA's engineers, astronauts, and scientists.

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Cullman County / City Clean-up
April 20, 2013

Rain Date April 27, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Dumpster Locations:

West Elementary
East Elementary
Cullman Middle School
Cullman High School
Cold Springs School
Baileyton Town Hall
Colony Community Center
Crane Hill Sulphur Springs
Dodge City Fire Station
Fairview Community Park (across from Fairview Superette)
Garden City maintenance area
Good Hope Town Hall
Hanceville behind City Hall
Holly Pond - Lions Club Park
Jones Chapel School
West Point Town Hall

All dumpsters will be manned for your convenience

Items we **Can Not** take are tires, paint, and chemicals

55 gallon drums must have multiple punched holes or they are not allowed

Please contact your local Town Hall or City Hall for bags (bags furnished by State PALS).
We are asking all citizens to pick up the roads around their homes as far as possible in each direction.
Place this garbage with your weekly garbage and please be safe.

For more information contact:
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Community Matters

Safe Kids Expo Fills Sportsman Lake Park

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CULLMAN – The Safe Kids Expo, an annual event organized by Brooks' Place and held on the grounds of Sportsman Lake Park, helped put smiles on many young faces Saturday while simultaneously providing parents with important information regarding child safety.

Brooks' Place Executive Director Kim Bevis said the yearly event always produces a great crowd. This year was no exception.

"Everything at the event is free, which includes a Fishing Rodeo, face painting, some bouncy houses, live music, and many other fun events for the family," said Bevis. "It's a way to bring the community together, provide parents with identification cards for their children, – compliments of New York Life – and just let families have fun in a safe environment.

One parent who took advantage of the event was Ashley Carr. She brought her two daughters Bellah and Presli to the event to get each of the girls a free identification kit. Carr said she learned of the event after one her daughters brought a flyer home from school.

"I think it's really good and it's important to me," said Carr. "It is good to do things in your community, so an event like this is fun for the kids and they're able to get the I.D. kits."

Volunteers with New York Life took photos and fingerprints of each child processed through the pavilion before compiling the information onto a photo identification card. Once the process was complete, the parent received the freshly printed card to keep with them in case there is ever a time their child goes missing or is injured.

For more on this story visit CullmanSense.com









Shedd Takes the Oath

By: Noah Chandler
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BAILEYTON – With family, friends, supporters, and fellow elected officials looking on, former Fairview mayor Randall Shedd took the oath of office as State Representative for House District 11 Sunday afternoon.

Shedd fills a vacated seat which was left open after Governor Robert Bentley promoted Jeremy Oden to the Alabama Public Service Commission on December 3, 2012. Oden, who served as District 11 Representative from 1998 until 2012, said Shedd will make an excellent addition to the group working in Montgomery.

"I've known Randall for a long time and I feel he will serve the residents of Cullman, Blount, and Morgan Counties fully to the best of his ability," said Oden. "He is great man, a great friend, a caring and loving father and husband, and is a man who sincerely cares about others."

Baileyton Mayor Johnny Dyar administered the oath of office as Shedd's wife, Debbie, stood near, holding the bible for the ceremony. Once Shedd completed the oath, the crowd gathered in the Baileyton Senior Center and erupted in applause, each of the attendees rising to their feet to congratulate the newly elected representative.

"It's a wonderful feeling being able to do this in my hometown," said Shedd after the ceremony.

"I am going to do my best for the residents from each of the counties to continue getting projects moving forward, assuring we continue growth."

Shedd will continue as director of the Cullman County Commission on Aging while serving as District 11 Representative.

For more on this story, including a complete video of the oath of office ceremony, visit CullmanSense.com

