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Summit focuses on helping Alabama industries become more competitive through energy efficiency

By: Mike Presley

MONTGOMERY— Companies that pursue energy efficiency measures can become more competitive and create jobs, Gov. Robert Bentley told attendees today at the Alabama Summit on Industrial Energy Efficiency.

Bentley spoke to representatives from more than 70 businesses, trade associations, utility companies, and other organizations attending the meeting at the Capitol. The summit marked the completion of Alabama's participation in a special program supported by the National Governors Association called the Policy Academy on Enhancing Industry Through Energy Efficiency. The effort brought together dozens of state government and private industry representatives to develop ideas about how state government can assist industries and companies looking to cut expenses by implementing voluntary energy efficiency measures at their facilities.

Alabama is home to more than 5,200 manufacturing, assembly, and processing facilities that employ more than 312,000 people and contribute more than $27 billion annually to the state's economy, according to Manufacture Alabama. The U.S. Energy Information Administration reports that the industrial sector accounts for about 40 percent of the total energy use in the state.

Bentley said that when industries reduce energy costs, it helps stimulate economic growth which is good for the companies and good for the state.

"We all have an interest in helping our industries succeed because their success means that our economy is growing and that we are creating jobs," Bentley said. "When they reduce energy costs, industries can use the money they save to reinvest in their companies, creating more jobs and reaching more customers."

Bentley said industries are in the best position to determine whether energy efficiency upgrades were cost effective.

"We want to encourage companies to look at efficiency measures and to make sure they have the information they need to make the best decisions," Bentley said.

Policy academy recommendations include:

- Develop a website to serve as a one-stop-shop for industries studying energy efficiency measures. The site would pool information about state and federal programs that offer infor-

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Local Law Enforcement Preparing for Rock the South

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CULLMAN – With just under a week until the second annual Rock the South Music Festival, officers with the Cullman Police Department are gearing up for a busy weekend

Craig Green, CPD Assistant Chief, said following an evaluation of last year's one day event, the department will be sticking to similar procedures.

"We have taken last year's plan and duplicated it. Following last year's event we assessed the situation to figure out what we did right and what we did wrong," said Green. "Obviously, last year was the first time we had hosted an event that large with that many people concentrated in one area."

While the event may have doubled in days, Green said the task of keeping everyone safe will continue to be the first priority.

"We are borrowing a scissor lift from the Fultondale Police Department so we are able to have an overhead view of the crowd, and I trust that Shane [Quick with Premier Productions] has made appropriate arrangements with the security company working the event," he said. "He [Quick] does this for a living, so we trust his knowledge and experience. However, we will be out in force throughout the weekend."

A different lineup for each day has the CPD changing their plans slightly for Saturday's portion of the country music festival. With well-known personality Hank Williams Jr. slated to close out the festival, Green said extra officers will be onsite.

"I think we'll have two different personalities that will be there. On Friday you'll have American Idol winner Scotty McCreery and The Band Perry, along with others, who generally draw more of a family crowd. Maybe both days may be titled as a family event but I do think Friday will be a more laid back atmosphere. Then Saturday is when Hank Williams Jr. will be here, so we will have extra people because we just believe the crowd will be different."

One aspect many concert goers from outside of Cullman County may not be fully aware of, although it has been clearly stated on the city's website, are the rules regarding alcohol consumption. Green said the permits allowing alcohol sales within the concert grounds of Heritage Park do not extend outside the two entrances into the festival.

"We will have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to open containers and drinking outside the concert grounds," he said. "We want people to come out to the concert and have a good time, but that doesn't mean we will allow people to disregard our ordinances."

As with last year, all bags – including diaper bags, purses, and backpacks – will be checked at the gates prior to entry.

However, anyone attending the concert that may have concealed con-

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Prepared to Rock the South

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CULLMAN – With the second annual Rock the South music festival just a few days away, the staff at RTS have been working hard to ensure a safe, fun concert going experience for the estimated 20,000 fans expected to converge on the grounds of Cullman's Heritage Park.

The two-day event, June 21-22, will play host to the likes of local musicans such as the Blake Scott Band and Vintage Cowboys to country headliners and legends the likes of The Band Perry, Greg Allman, and Hank Williams Jr.

Below are some of the most frequently asked questions, complete with answers, which the Rock the South staff has fielded which will be invaluable come concert time.

Q: Can I use my two day ticket Friday and someone else use it Saturday?
A: All tickets are non-transferable. When you arrive on Friday, you get a wristband that will become your ticket for Saturday. Do not take the wristband off!

Q: Can I leave and come back?
A: No re-entry on Friday. You can come and go as you please before 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. No Re-Entry after 5:00 p.m.

Q: Can I bring an umbrella or tent for shade?
A: No - tents and umbrellas are not allowed as they cause obstructed views.

Q: Can I bring my own cooler or my own food or drinks?
A: No-Rock the South will have over 25 food and beverage vendors. From the best barbecue in the South to hamburgers to lemonade to Greek Food, Rock the South has you covered!

Q: Will I be able to see the stage?
A: Not only will the stage be bigger, Rock the South will have HUGE LED walls on either side so EVERYBODY can see what is going on all the time!

Q: Do any of the vendors take plastic?
A: Some of the food vendors will take credit cards but all of our beverage tents (beer/Coke) will only take cash. However, ATM's will be spread across the entire property!

Q: Will there be a handicapped area?
A: Yes! There will be handicapped seating area right next to the audio tent and right behind the platinum area.

Q: What about handicap parking?
A: Yes - The main lot of Heritage Park will be reserved for VIP patrons and handicap parking. You must display the proper permit to park in these spots.

Q: Will I be searched coming into the festival?
A: Every bag and person will be searched coming into the festival.

Q: Who should I tell if I see a problem?
A: Rock the South will have a very large security contingent on-site. If you see an issue, please notify any of our security officers from Event Operations Group or police officers from the Cullman Police Department, Cullman County Sherriff's Department, or Alabama State Troopers.

Q: Will there be first aid on-site?
A: Yes - There will be three different first aid tents staffed by the Cullman Fire Department and Cullman County EMS.

Q: What if I lose my child?
A: There is a lost children tent located in the far Eastern corner of the festival site right next to the First Aid Tent.

Q: Will Duck Commander be selling merch?
A: Yes - Duck Commander will have its merchandise vehicle on-site on Friday AND Saturday.

Q: Where are the gates located?
A: There are two gates. One located just west of Lowes and the other located on Olive Street.

Q: What is the alcoholic beverage policy?
A: There will be beer tents located throughout the festival.

Q: Do you provide seating?
A: Only in the VIP and Platinum areas will we provide seating. No chairs will be allowed in these sections. General Admission patrons are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets for seating. Chairs will not be provided in the General Admission section.

Q: Can I bring a blanket for seating?
A: Yes.

Q: What am I allowed to bring into the festival?
A: No food or beverage carry-ins allowed. You may bring lawn chairs and blankets. All persons are subject to search at entry gates. All weapons are prohibited.

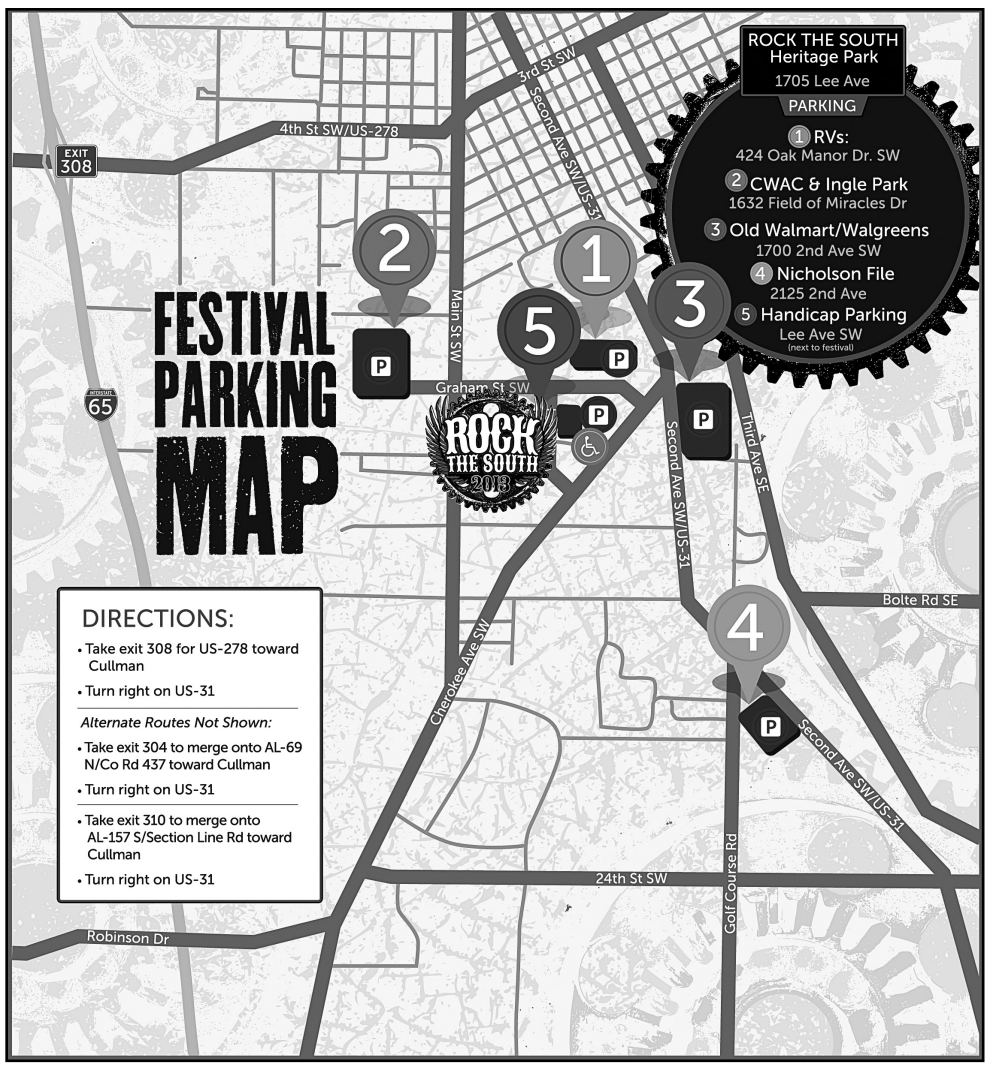
Q: What do you do in case of inclement weather?
A: All shows are rain or shine. In the event of serious weather, announcements will be made from the stage. Remember, tents are NOT considered safe cover in serious weather conditions.

Q: Are children allowed at the concerts?
A: Children are allowed; however, we recommend parental discretion as the event does allow alcohol consumption. Children 5 and under are free, children age 6 and up are full price.

Q: Can I bring my pet?
A: No.

Friday schedule:
Gates to open at 3 p.m.
Coal Rain @ 4:40 p.m.
The Railers @ 5:25 p.m.
DeeJay Silver @ 6:05 p.m.
Scotty McCreery @ 6:35 p.m.
DeeJay Silver @ 7:25 p.m.
Sara Evans @ 7:55 p.m.
DeeJay Silver @ 8:55 p.m.
The Band Perry @ 9:25 p.m.

Saturday schedule:
Gates to open at noon
Blake Scott Band @ 1:10 p.m.
Vintage Cowboys @ 1:50 p.m.
A Ray @ 2:45 p.m.
Willie Robertson @ 3:25 p.m.
Weston Burt @ 4:15 p.m.
Willie Robertson Q&A @ 5:30 p.m.
DeeJay Silver @ 6:00 p.m.
Jamey Johnson @ 6:25 p.m.
DeeJay Silver @ 7:25 p.m.
Gregg Allman @ 7:55 p.m.
DeeJay Silver @ 9:10 p.m.
Hank Williams, Jr. @ 9:40 p.m.



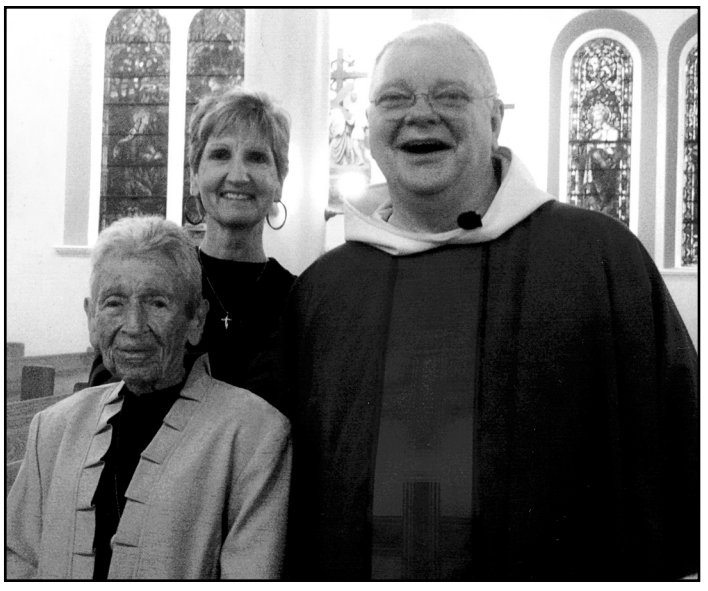
103rd Birthday Celebrated

Contributed by: Barbara Ragsdale

CULLMAN – Mrs. Ruth Kleibacher Richard celebrated her 103rd birthday recently and she was honored by Fr. Patrick Egan, OSB, Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Cullman with gifts and a blessing after Saturday night Mass.

A lifelong member of the parish, she is the widow of renowned St. Bernard College basketball coach Charlie Richard and has been a stalwart member of the parish, attending Saturday evening Mass even after recovering from a broken hip a couple of years ago!

She is pictured with her daughter, Ruth Ann Richard Knight, and Fr. Patrick.



What's Online

A Tasty Sampling in the Breezeway

The quarterly Business After Hours event, hosted by the Cullman Chamber of Commerce, was shaken up a bit this past Thursday as local restaurants and bakeries were invited to show off what's been cooking in their kitchens during the chamber's newest addition, Summer Samplers in the Breezeway. **qrne.ws/56**



Wallace State catcher Andrew Dennis selected by Pittsburgh Pirates over the weekend in 37th round of 2013 MLB First Year Player Draft

Wallace State sophomore catcher Andrew Dennis was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 37th round of the 2013 Major League Baseball First Year marking the... **qrne.ws/57**

One-Year-Old Killed in Crash Involving Wrecker in Cullman County

A child was killed in a car crash Monday evening, one day shy of her first birthday. It happened just before 6:00 p.m. on U.S. Highway 278 in Holly Pond. According to Alabama State Troopers, two passenger vehicles and a wrecker were involved in the crash. **qrne.ws/58**

Appropriations Committee Approves Fiscal Year 2014 Agriculture Appropriations Bill

By: Anne Marie Malecha

Legislation will support American farmers and ranchers, sustains food safety efforts, and trip unnecessary spending

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The House Appropriations Committee recently approved the fiscal year 2014 Agriculture Appropriations bill, which will now head to the House floor for consideration.

The proposed legislation funds important agricultural and food programs and services, including food safety, animal and plant health programs, rural development and farm services, marketplace oversight, and nutrition programs.

The bill totals $19.5 billion in discretionary funding, which is $1.3 billion below the fiscal year 2013 enacted level and approximately equal to the current level caused by automatic sequestration spending cuts. This total is $516 million below the President's request for these programs.

"I applaud the Committee approval of this bill today. From keeping our food and drug supply the safest in the world, to supporting our farmers and ranchers who create millions of American jobs, to helping our most vulnerable families put meals on the table, the funding in this bill is critical to our nation's economy," House Appropriations Chairman Hal Rogers said.

"The bill reported out of Committee today will help America's agricultural research remain cutting edge, maintain vibrant rural communities, provide nutrition to those most vulnerable, keep our markets competitive in the global economy, and maintain the safest food and drug supply in the world. And, it does this while cutting spending by $1.3 billion below the fiscal year 2013 enacted level, "Agriculture Subcommittee Chairman Robert Aderholt said.

The following amendments to the FY 2014 Agriculture Appropriations bill were adopted by the full committee on June 13:

Rep. Lowey - The amendment adds report language on several topics within the jurisdiction of the FDA.

The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.

Rep. Wolf – The amendment adds bill language to establish a Congressional Commission on Hunger.

The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.

Rep. Culberson – The amendment prohibits funding for making reductions in programs, unless the change is enacted into law or unless it complies with existing transfer and reprogramming requirements.

The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.

Rep. Kaptur – The amendment makes technical changes to the report.

The amendment was adopted on a voice vote

Rep. Womack – The amendment prohibits funding for the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) to implement certain regulations that would adversely impact livestock producers.

The amendment was adopted on a vote of 29-17.

Rep. Kingston – The amendment adds report language on reducing food-borne illness with regard to poultry inspections.

The amendment was adopted on voice vote.

Rep. Simpson – The amendment allows white potatoes to be included as part of the WIC food program.

The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.

Rep. Kingston – The amendment limits funding for certain Agriculture Department salaries unless the error rates for child nutrition programs are reduced.

The amendment was adopted on a vote of 23-20.

Rep. Culberson – The amendment prohibits funding in the bill from going to states unless their SNAP and WIC participants are deemed eligible in compliance with current law.

The amendment was adopted on a vote of 27-21.

Rep. Lee – The amendment adds language expressing a sense of Congress that Congress should not pass laws that would increase hunger in the U.S.

Rep. Fortenberry –The amendment prohibits funding to reclassify "rural" areas as it relates to certain rural housing programs.

The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.

Rep. Yoder – The amendment requires the CFTC and the SEC to jointly issue regulations relating to the regulation of derivatives that take place with U.S. persons doing business overseas, as opposed to multiple or separate standards.

The amendment was adopted on a vote of 31-17.

Rep. Moran – The amendment prohibits funding for inspections of horse slaughter facilities in the U.S.

The amendment was adopted on a voice vote

The bill was approved by the full committee on a voice vote.

University of Alabama PR Student Earns Prestigious Grant to Intern with Black Warrior Riverkeeper

Contributed by: Charles Scribner

TUSCALOOSA – Gillian Richard, a native of Gurley, Ala., has received a grant from the Curtis and Edith Munson Foundation to work with the nonprofit clean water advocacy organization Black Warrior Riverkeeper.

Richard, a senior majoring in public relations at The University of Alabama, will be working as a communications intern for the group throughout the summer.

This grant is the highest honor that the College of Communication and Information Sciences bestows on a student. The University of Alabama's public relations program was ranked in the top 5 PR programs nationally in each of the past 5 years.

"I'm incredibly honored to be able to work with Black Warrior Riverkeeper," said Richard. "It's the perfect internship for me as a communications student and as an Alabamian. I can play a part in protecting my home state's water."

Black Warrior Riverkeeper is a nonprofit organization based in Birmingham. The group protects public health, recreation, and wildlife by monitoring the Black Warrior River watershed, which spans 17 Alabama counties.

American Rivers, a national organization, recently selected the Black Warrior River for the 2013 Most Endangered Rivers list due to the Shepherd Bend Mine proposal, which would be built on property in Walker County primarily owned by The University of Alabama.

The proposed coal mine site is directly across the river from a Birmingham Water Works Board intake that supplies drinking water to 200,000 people.

Black Warrior Riverkeeper is calling on UA System Trustees to stop the proposal and thereby protect not only the river but also the people that would be impacted by polluted drinking water and increased water bills.

The Curtis and Edith Munson Foundation funds the conservation of natural resources in North America and the Caribbean Basin with emphasis on the United States.

The relationship between the Curtis and Edith Munson Foundation, The University of Alabama, and Black Warrior Riverkeeper will benefit over a million people living throughout the Black Warrior River watershed, in addition to countless visitors.

"The Curtis and Edith Munson Foundation's generous grant to The University of Alabama's elite PR program is reaping fantastic benefits for our organization," said Charles Scribner, Executive Director of Black Warrior Riverkeeper. "In just her first week, our talented communications intern Gillian Richard has already enhanced our ability to promote the virtues of watershed protection."

"In addition to providing financial support directly to conservation organizations, the Foundation developed a partnership with the Department of Advertising and Public Relations at the University of Alabama," said Dr. Joseph Phelps, chairman of the department, "The student receives the financial support and excellent experience and the nonprofit organizations benefit from the student's efforts in an area that they typically do not have the funds to staff on a full-time basis."

Bentley, HUD announce official award of supplemental storm recovery funds

Contributed by: Jim Plott

MONTGOMERY— Gov. Robert Bentley joined representatives of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently for the formal award of $49.1 million in supplemental disaster funding. HUD awarded the money to assist with Alabama's ongoing recovery from tornado damage incurred in April 2011.

"Alabamians have made great progress in recovering and rebuilding — not just their houses, but also the communities they call home," Gov. Bentley said.

"This funding will go a long way in helping families and communities complete the long-term recovery."

HUD notified the state in late March that funds would be allocated in response to requests by Gov. Bentley and Alabama's congressional delegation for additional assistance. HUD then published regulations governing the use of the funds and Alabama submitted a finalized action plan describing how the money would be expended. Tbe formal award follows HUD's approval of the state's plan.

The supplemental assistance will help with needs unmet by other funding. Projects expected to be funded include housing and business rehabilitation and infrastructure.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, which is administering the funding, will conduct a workshop tomorrow (Thursday, June 13) at 10 a.m. at Cullman City Hall to help communities that wish to submit grant applications.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. ADECA has set a preliminary deadline of July 22 for receiving applications and expects to announce awards by late summer.

Soon after the April 11 tornadoes, Gov. Bentley assigned ADECA the task of coordinating the state's long-term recovery efforts.



Gov. Robert Bentley is presented with disaster funding from HUD officials during the Cordova ceremony. Photo courtesy of Governor's Office

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New faces at Auburn

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AUBURN – The athletic department on the campus of Auburn has seen an above average amount of turnover in the respective off-seasons of football, softball and baseball.

While the highly publicized firing of 2010 National Championship head coach Gene Chizik and subsequent hiring of Gus Malzone, the offensive coordinator for the same National Championship team, was national news, Auburn also hired two new coaches on the diamond.

Clint Myers Named Auburn Softball Coach

Clint Myers, who led Arizona State to two NCAA Championships, has been named Auburn softball's second head coach in program history, Director of Athletics Jay Jacobs announced Friday.

In eight years at the helm of the Sun Devil program, Myers took seven trips to the Women's College World Series.

Myers captained the Sun Devils to national titles in 2008 and 2011 and made the trip to Oklahoma City seven times in eight years. In his only miss of the WCWS, he took ASU to an NCAA Super Regional. Under his guidance, ASU has averaged 53 wins per season, including 60-plus wins twice. He became the third coach in Sun Devil softball history to amass 400 victories.

"I am very excited to begin what I expect to be a challenging, rewarding and fulfilling life change with my move to become the Head Softball Coach at Auburn University," Myers said. "This opportunity to coach with my family and to become part of what I feel is a total community family in the town of Auburn was one I absolutely could not pass up. Thank you for giving me and my family this "Alabama Adventure". We hope that you will enjoy the ride with us for years to come."

The Bismarck, N.D., native has also led his teams to great success off the field, twice being honored in the top 10 percent in APR scores among NCAA softball teams. ASU softball was recognized for the four-year cohort ending in 2010-11 and 2009-10, with a 2011 compiled score of 998.

"When we began our search for a new softball coach, the goal was to find a proven winner who could help us compete for championships," Director of Athletics Jay Jacobs said. "We could not have found a coach who better fits that criteria than Clint Myers, who has consistently reached the pinnacle of success in college softball. Anytime you can hire a coach who has won two National Championships and been to the Women's College World Series seven out of eight years, it's obviously a huge win for your program. No less important is the fact that Coach Myers' student-athletes have also been consistent winners in the classroom. I am delighted to welcome Coach Myers and his wife, Katie, to the Auburn family. One of the things I learned about Coach Myers during this process is how important family is to him. That will make him a great fit at Auburn."

Prior to his stint at ASU, Myers spent 19 highly successful years coaching Central Arizona College's baseball and softball teams.

From 1996-2005, he was the head baseball coach where he took the Vaqueros' to the Junior College World Series twice, winning the NJCAA National Championship in 2002.

Myers posted a 406-192 record (.678 winning pct.) at Central Arizona College and earned the NJCAA Coach of the Year award in 2002.

From 1987-95, Myers built a record of 481-43 (.917 winning pct.) as the skipper of the softball team. With softball, he won six national titles including a string of five straight from 1988-1992.

He was named the NJCAA national coach of the year on six occasions. Myers was also selected as the National Softball Coaches Association (NSCA) regional and National Coach of the Year in 1990, 1991 and 1992.

Myers was inducted into theNJCAA Softball Hall of Fame in 1998 and the Arizona Softball Foundation Hall of Fame in 2001.

A 1976 graduate of Arizona State, Myers was a member of the Sun Devil baseball team from 1970-73 and played on the College World Series runner-up squads in 1972 and 1973.

He was later selected by the St. Louis Cardinals in the third round of the 1973 Major League Draft.

Sunny Golloway named Auburn Head Baseball Coach

Sunny Golloway has been named Auburn's head baseball coach, Auburn Director of Athletics Jay Jacobs announced Friday. Golloway has spent the past eight seasons as head coach at the University of Oklahoma, where he led the Sooners to seven NCAA Regional berths, four NCAA Super Regionals and the 2010 College World Series.

"I'm really excited about this opportunity because I've always held the Auburn baseball program in very high regard," Golloway said. "The history of the Auburn program was a huge factor in making this decision. Secondly, the Southeastern Conference is the top baseball conference in America. Being able to compete in the SEC is a challenge that we look forward to. With our location, we are in a hotbed of talent. We will be able to hit the road recruiting right away, and we look forward to recruiting the best student-athletes to represent this outstanding university."

Golloway said he and his family were impressed with Auburn as soon as they arrived on campus for a visit with Jacobs on Friday.

"I had heard quite a bit about Jay and really wanted to meet him," Golloway said. "And right after I met him, I knew it was going to be a great fit. I think that's very important – who you're working with on a daily basis, the commitment to the student-athletes in your program, and making sure that everything is in place to pursue an opportunity to win championships. That's what we want to be about – we want to win championships."

Golloway has been a proven winner at each of his head coaching stops. In 16 full seasons as a head coach – eight seasons each at Oklahoma and Oral Roberts – Golloway has amassed a record of 681-337-1 (.669), including 12 seasons with at least 40 wins.

He recorded a mark of 346-181-1 (.656) in eight-plus seasons as the Oklahoma head coach, an average of more than 40 wins per season. Prior to the 2013 season, Golloway's winning percentage ranked No. 15 nationally among active head coaches.

This season at Oklahoma, Golloway led the Sooners to a 43-21 overall record, a Big 12 Tournament title, an NCAA Regional title and a Super Regional appearance. His final team at Oklahoma also produced a pair of All-Americans, including pitcher Jonathan Gray, the No. 3 overall pick in last week's Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

Under Golloway, Oklahoma posted the program's fifth-straight 40-win regular season in 2013, making Oklahoma one of few programs nationally to win at least 40 games in five consecutive years.

The Sooners finished third in the Big 12 standings while making the program's sixth-straight NCAA postseason appearance (36th overall). OU finished the 2013 campaign ranked as high as No. 18 in the nation after falling to LSU in the NCAA Baton Rouge Super Regional.

"The goal in this search was to find a proven winner who can put our baseball program in a position to compete for championships, and we found our man in Coach Golloway," Jacobs said.

"His program at Oklahoma is one of only a handful nationally to have won 40 or more games each of the past five years, so his record speaks for itself. After having the chance to hear his vision for Auburn baseball, there is no doubt in my mind he has the tenacity, the passion and the drive to get our program back to a level that matches our strong baseball heritage."

The Sooners hosted three NCAA Regionals under Golloway while appearing in the program's only Super Regional appearances (2006, 2010, 2012 and 2013) and making it back to the College World Series in 2010 for the first time since 1995.

Golloway has 22 years' experience as a collegiate coach. He served as an assistant coach at Oklahoma from 1992-95, helping lead the Sooners to three trips to the College World Series in those four years and a national title in 1994.

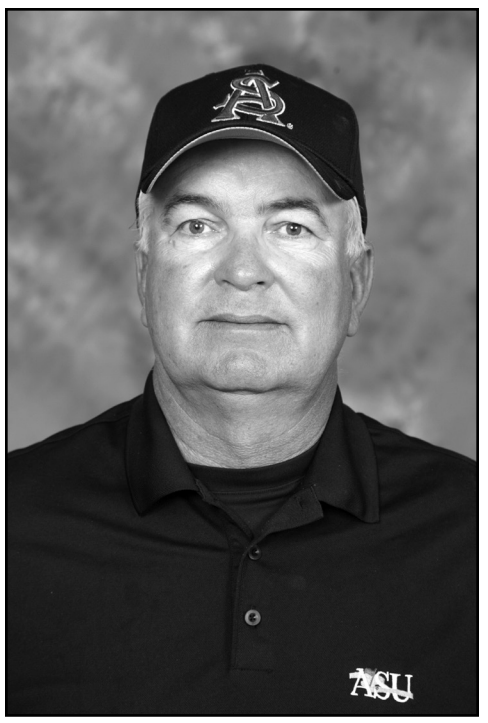
He took over as head coach at Oral Roberts in 1996, and the Golden Eagles won the Mid-Continent Conference title and advanced to an NCAA Regional in each of his final six seasons at ORU.

He returned to Oklahoma as associate head coach in 2004 and was elevated to interim head coach on May 1, 2005. Two months later, he was named Oklahoma's eighth head baseball coach.

Golloway has produced 80 MLB draft picks in his 16-year tenure as a collegiate head coach, and a total of 113 players have been draft selections in his 22 years in college baseball.

He has also coached 94 all-conference selections between his two head coaching stops, including 61 All-Big 12 selections at Oklahoma in the last eight years.

Three of OU's recruiting classes under Golloway have ranked in the top 10 in Collegiate Baseball's national rankings, including the 2007 group of newcomers that was tabbed the fourth best in the country, the highest ranking since 1987 and tied for the second best in program history.



Clint Myers/Contributed

At ORU, Golloway posted a mark of 335-156 (.682). He coached 16 All-Americans, three Freshman All-Americans and 26 of his ORU players were drafted or signed professional contracts.

He was honored four times as Mid-Continent Conference Coach of the Year by his peers (1998, 1999, 2000, 2002).

In his final six seasons at Oral Roberts, Golloway was responsible for turning the Golden Eagles into one of the nation's winningest programs.

The program flourished under Golloway's guidance and tallied 277 wins in that time, an average of more than 46 victories per season, and a .731 winning percentage. Golloway and the Golden Eagles dominated the Mid-Continent Conference after joining the league in 1998, winning six consecutive regular season and tournament titles, and advancing to six consecutive NCAA Regionals. ORU was an amazing 85-5 in conference play over his last four seasons.

Golloway is a former Team USA assistant and head coach of several collegiate summer teams. In the summer of 2002, he was selected to serve as pitching coach for the USA Baseball National Team. Under his direction, the team recorded the lowest ERA in its history. Golloway also helped team USA to a silver medal.

Born in Springfield, Mo., Golloway grew up in Stillwater, Okla., and graduated from Stillwater High School in 1979. He attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Junior College in Miami, Okla., for one year before transferring to Oklahoma Christian College where he received his bachelor's degree in business in 1984.

He has also done graduate work at the University of Central Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma.

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Playoff baseball in the Magic City

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BIRMINGHAM – In the inaugural season at their new home, the $64 million dollar Regions Field, the Birmingham Barons ensured themselves a spot in the Southern League playoffs (in September) by being the first team to clinch the first half dropping the visiting Jacksonville Suns last Sunday by a score of 7-3.

The Barons scored early and often after dropping the first game of the double header 7-2.

Shortstop Tyler Salandino got things going in the second with a ringing double that rattled around in the corner, scoring Dan Black who had doubled and Michael Early who had walked.

Salandino would score later in the inning, touching home on a Cody Puckett double. Keenyn Walker and Trayce Thompson would also add RBIs in the inning capping a monster five run inning.

Puckett homered in the fourth, his second in the series, picking up his fourth RBI of the series in the process.

According to milb.com, Barons manager Julio Vinas was quoted as saying, "Congratulations, you guys deserve it but let's win the second half as well."

The Barons have had control of the Southern League North Division for most of the year and were no doubt the best team in the league, clinching by a comfortable eight games. But as Vinas said, now it is time for the Barons to get back to work.

The AA Southern League is essentially split in two with a first half and a second half winner.

Unlike the MLB that sets up the post season based on a 162 game season, the MiLB gives rewards for good first and/or second halves.

Since the Barons posted the best record in the North, 40-24, they have a spot in the playoffs.

The team in the North that posts the best record in the second half will face the Barons in a best of five series.

The Barons are assured to host game one and two of the playoffs at Regions Field and if the Barons win the second half as well, they will win the right to host games one, two, four, and five.

Visit milb.com/barons to get your playoff tickets and come out to enjoy the playoff atmosphere in the best ballpark in the Southern League!

Playoffs start in September.

Autographs 101: Quality over Quantity

By: Josh McBrayer
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Hello again and welcome to another installment of *Autographs 101*. Since my last column, my collection has taken a different turn, a turn for the better. Gone are my early days of collecting where I would snatch up any and everything I could get my hands on, regardless of who it was or what it was signed on.

Today, collecting for me is about quality over quantity. I am thinning out my collection as far as volume but at the same time beefing it up in terms of value. Here are some tips on how you can do the same.

Tip One: Collect Prospects

A prospect is just that: a prospect. These are players that are highly thought of by their respective organizations and have the potential to be superstars but have not yet proven themselves as everyday MLB players.

This is the cheapest way to build a valuable collection but it also carries the most risk. Guys like Albert Pujols, Derek Meter, Mike Trout, and Bryce Harper all have autographs that sell for hundreds of dollars.

Each player was very accessible in the minor leagues. However there is a downside. Some players are fantastic in college and in the minors but can never adjust to the speed of the game at the major league level. This makes collecting prospects high risk, high reward.

Tip Two: Hall of Famers

This is the obvious and most proven way to add value to your collection. These are guys that have stood the test of time and have proven time and time again that they are the best in the business.

Guys like Mickey Mantle, Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, and others have signed autographs their entire career but items still sell for hundreds, but be warned; because demand is so high, some unscrupulous individuals will forge the autograph in question. When adding pricey items to your collection, make sure if you did not witness the signature, it comes with a COA from a reputable company.

Tip Three: Game Used

Game used items can be some of the coolest, and with the right signature, some of the most valuable autographs in your collection. Game used items can be bought but getting them directly from the game, to me, is half the fun. Items can range from foul and home run balls to bats and lineup cards.

The out of play baseballs are fair game to anyone in the stands but I try and focus on personal items from the player or manager of the team I am following. To me, this is a great way to connect with your favorite team or player without breaking the bank.

All you have to do is ask. I have obtained batting gloves, bats, and lineup cards this way. Aside from the obvious value of something used by a star player, it makes for a great conversation piece.

There you have it, the three best ways to add value to your collection. I hope these tips help you as much as they have helped me and as always, happy hunting!

Summer on the Gridiron

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For most teenagers, summer vacation is a time for hanging out with friends by the pool, trips to the beach and three months of doing nothing but having fun. Not so for the student athlete. All around the county, football coaches are on the gridiron with their squads preparing for the upcoming season.

A training camp of sorts, the teams are staying in shape by working out, running bleachers, and building camaraderie that will surely come into play in the upcoming season.

VINEMONT EAGLES

The Vinemont Eagles look to build on the success they had last year which saw the Eagles go 8-2 in the regular season and make the playoffs for the first time since 2009. Vinemont will be losing All-State running back Ty Jones but will have experience at the DB position with Tyler Boland and on the offensive line with Marcus Clarke, both of which were ASWA All-State Honorable Mention.

HANCEVILLE BULLDOGS

On the heels of the tremendous undefeated 2011 season, the Bulldogs looked like they were going to have a down year in 2012, opening the season 0-3. But in a testament of will, the Bulldogs rattled off seven wins in a row and claimed a playoff spot, Although they lost 42-21 to Deshler and despite losing All-State Honorable Mention star athlete Sheldon "Debo" Lewis, Hanceville looks to build on last season's momentum for the upcoming campaign.

HOLLY POND BRONCOS

The Holly Pond Broncos have turned over a new leaf. Former football coach Nate Ayers has stepped down and the void is being filled by. The Broncos hope the new coaching regime will help turn around the 2-8 season and look forward to getting back to the 3A state playoffs.

GOOD HOPE RAIDERS

Opening night looked promising for the Good Hope Raiders, dropping Holly Pond in impressive fashion, 37-6. The following week they edged out Hanceville 34-27 but then it was downhill for the Raiders. They went on a seven game skid before winning the last game of the season at Walnut Grove. Head coach Chris Moss looks for his team to draw from the positive of last season, making for a great 2013 season.

WEST POINT WARRIORS

The West Point Warriors had an up-and-down season to say the least last year. At times they showed flashes of brilliance and at other times they were unable to move the ball or stop the other team. Being one of the first teams to hit the field in the summer, head coach AJ Lamar looks to have his tam ready from the get go for 2013.

COLD SPRINGS EAGLES

Cold Springs made leaps and strides in 2012 winning more games than they had in several years. The blue and gold Eagles have a new goal for this year, win a state title.

FAIRVIEW AGGIES

Head coach Greg Redding and the Fairview Aggies never lost back-to-back games in the 2012 regular season and a big reason for this was standout quarterback Luke Bailey. With Bailey gone, the Aggies will have some big shoes to fill if they hope to get back to the postseason but Redding is sure to have a few tricks up his sleeve.

CULLMAN BEARCATS

Cullman was as close to unstoppable as you can get in 2012, setting records and picking up the 1,000th win for head coach Mark Britton. Cullman went deep in the playoffs but fell to state runner up McAdory in round three of the 5A playoffs. Britton and the Bearcats look to repeat their success from 2012 and beyond.

There you have it, a rundown of all the county teams. Stay tuned to CullmanSense as we will bring you the most in depth coverage of all your high school football action.



Cullman City vs. County Blood Drive

By: Noah Chandler
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CULLMAN – Despite falling short of the 200 units goal, Cherri Haney, Cullman County Economic Development and Co-Chair for 2013 City vs. County Blood Drive, was pleased with the final tally of 163 units of blood collected during Friday's annual drive.

"We didn't hit our mark, but we came close," said Haney shortly after the drive ended. "I am proud of the work put in by both the city and the county, but most of all, I'm thankful to all those who came out to donate."

The annual event is co-sponsored by LifeSouth Community Blood Centers and the American Red Cross. Since the blood drive is marketed as a competition, Haney said the goal of raising the number of blood donors is the same between both groups.

"We like to spur one another along with fun competition, so it's nice to have that little extra motivation," she said.

There were two locations for donating blood for each the city and the county. On the city side, donors chose to either take part on the LifeSouth buses, located at the Festhalle Market Platz and Cullman Shopping Center. County blood donors were able to make donations at either the Cullman County Courthouse or Wal-Mart Super Center.

The Cullman County Cattlemen's Association were on hand at all locations to provide free steak sandwiches for donors.







How to Protect Your Family's Skin from Summer's Scrapes, Bites, and Burns

(StatePoint) Afternoons at the pool, family barbecues, outdoor sports, and picnics all mean summertime has arrived. With the change in temperature comes additional exposure to the elements and the attendant skin scrapes, bites, and burns.

Pharmacy shelves are lined with products to treat these common summer ailments. But with more Americans concerned about using harsh chemicals on their bodies, families are frequently turning to natural alternatives that are just as effective.

To help your family "go natural" in your skin remedies, follow these tips throughout your fun-filled summer.

Bugs

Rather than spraying your yard with products that contain potentially harmful chemicals like DEET and PABA, consider citronella candles. The fragrance should not only keep bugs at bay, but the soft glow sets a pleasant mood for your al fresco meals and parties.

Of course, you can also prevent being bugged all together by avoiding the outdoors during dusk, when mosquitos come out in full force. But when the outdoors calls, try applying a natural insect repellent. For example, JĀSÖN brand Quit Bugging Me! Insect Repellent Spray, is comprised of the active ingredients soybean oil and germanium oil, and is safe to apply on children (with adult supervision).

If you do get bitten, don't scratch. That can promote infection. Instead, apply a cold compress to the bite. It's a tried and true inexpensive path to itch relief.

Sunburn

If your yard lacks shade, improve your ecofootprint and create shade by planting a tree or two. You may not be able to reap the shady benefits this year, but you'll thank yourself in the future.

You may also consider building a gazebo or porch overhang for more immediate relief from the sun.

Wear a hat and sunglasses outdoors and apply a sunscreen with broad spectrum UVA/UVB protection.

Spend too long in the sun? Treat yourself to nature's burn relief, Aloe Vera. Look for a gel that is free of parabens and artificial colors and phthalates. For example, JĀSÖN brand Soothing Aloe Vera Gel soothes dry, irritated, sun damaged or newly shaven skin, while a boost of nourishing Allantoin and Vitamin B5 helps to replenish and recondition.

Scrapes

Bike rides, baseball, basketball, and trips to the playground all present an opportunity for slips and falls. On such adventures, be sure to carry a small first aid kit so you can clean and cover minor injuries right away.

A natural anti-bacterial alternative, JĀSÖN brand Pure Tea Tree Oil, delivers skin relief and is available at natural food stores such as Whole Foods Market. Pack cotton swabs and bandages in a variety of shapes and sizes to be best prepared.

More information about protecting your skin naturally can be found at www.Jason-PersonalCare.com.

This summer, take a cue from nature to ward off seasonal skin woes.

Cold Springs HS FFA Chapter earns $1,500

By: Kristin DeSutter

FFA chapters across the country connect with farmers and advocate for agriculture

BREMEN – Cold Springs High School FFA members not only learned first-hand about agricultural livelihoods but also earned $1,500 for their FFA program by participating in the third annual FFA Chapter Challenge.

"The Voting Challenge has been a really good program for our chapter," said Cold Springs FFA Advisor Haynes Riddle. "The students watched the vote standing each day, and we couldn't have won without the support from our community – they are the heartbeat of our program."

With their funding, the Cold Springs FFA Chapter purchased a new set of officer jackets, along with preparatory materials for Career Development Events (CDEs), including ag mechanics, small engines, horse judging, public speaking, and quartet competition.

New this year, Chapter Challenge offered FFA members in 15 states two ways to participate. Chapters could compete in the Voting Challenge or the Chapter Advocacy Portfolio Challenge.

In the Voting Challenge, members met with local farmers to build relationships and learn about their livelihood. Those farmers then voted for their favorite FFA chapter. The Chapter Advocacy Portfolio Challenge encouraged chapters to meet with agriculturalists and community members to broaden their understanding about agriculture and then promote what they learned through social media and by creating a video.

The Cold Springs FFA chapter participated in the Voting Challenge.

"Monsanto is proud to partner with the National FFA Foundation," said Elizabeth Vancil, Monsanto customer advocacy outreach manager.

"Together we are helping local FFA chapters advocate for agriculture and create bonds with the people who grow our food and build our communities."

Across the country, more than 300 FFA chapters were in the running for the FFA Chapter Challenge grand prize, sponsored by the National FFA Foundation and Monsanto. The top chapter in each category received an all-expense paid trip for seven to the National FFA Convention & Expo.

The top FFA chapters in each state received certificates of credit up to $2,500 which can be used with the national office for items such as new FFA blue jackets, convention fees, and more.

The Cold Springs FFA Chapter received $1,500 in credit for placing first in the Voting Challenge in Alabama.



To see a full list of 2013 FFA Chapter Challenge winners, please visit http://www.ffachapterchalllenge.com.

Winning chapters in Alabama

- Cold Springs High School FFA in Bremen, Advisor: Haynes Riddle
- Tanner High School FFA in Athens, Advisor: Ben Maples
- Geneva High School FFA in Geneva, Advisor: Justin Jernegan

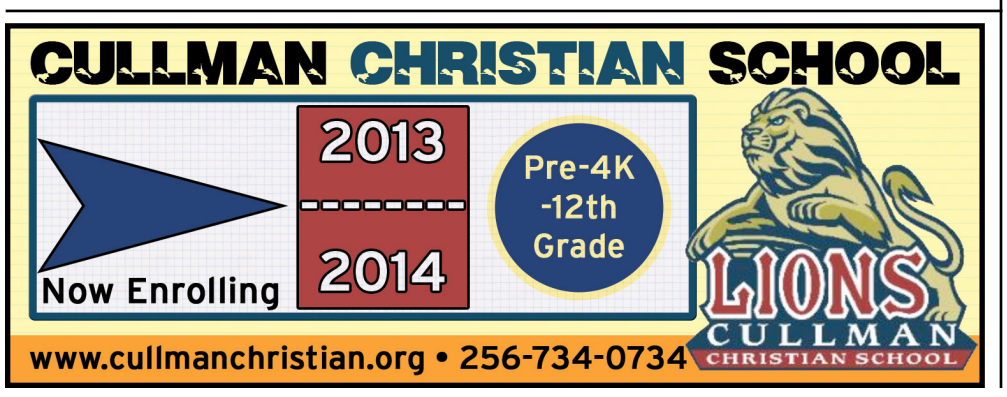
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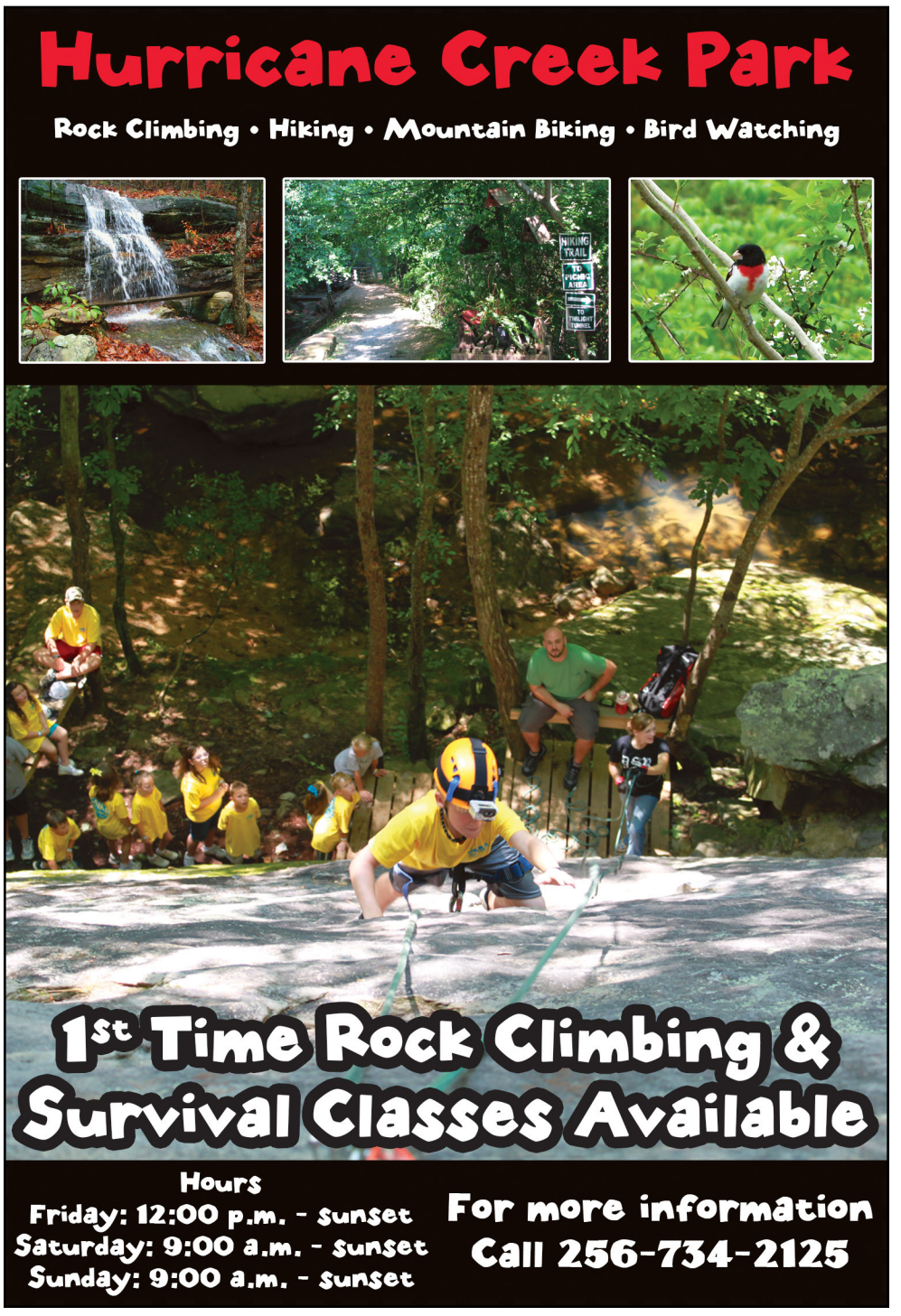
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CULLMAN – 65 area children recently participated in the annual Kamp Cullman event, hosted by the Cullman Parks & Recreation. Children enjoyed a week of reading, outdoor sports, swimming, along with a special visit to Chamblee Mill, where campers were treated to horseback rides and leisurely carriage rides.

For more photos, visit CullmanSense.com







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Monday

Cullman Kiwanis Club
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Joanne LaGanke MS Support Group Meeting
Members and visitors of the Joanne P. LaGanke MS Support Group will gather at 5:30 p.m. with the topic to be 'Caregivers Video presentation'. Light snacks will be served with attendees 'pitching in' for this effort. The organization meets in the basement conference room of the North Central Neurology building. For additional information please contact Randy Bennett at 256-531-7841.

Making Choices - BODYWORKS
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Cornerstone Revival Ladies Prayer Meeting
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Aqua Zumba Classes at CWAC
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Tuesday

Festhalle Farmers' Market
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Free 'Sign Language' Classes Offered Weekly
Free 'sign language' classes will be offered each Tuesday and Thursday for 5 weeks (Tuesdays June 18, 25, July 2, 9 and 16) and Thursdays (June 20, 27, July 4, 11 and 18) with classes scheduled for 3 periods 8 a.m. until 10 a.m.; 10 a.m. until 12 noon; and 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Classes will be held at the Child Development Center and to enroll please call the Center at 256-739-0486. Avail yourself of these free learning services if you are friends with or associated with anyone with hearing disabilities.

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.

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.

County Board of Education Meeting
Members of the Cullman County Board of Education will gather for monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. with work session scheduled for 5 p.m., at the Central Office.

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.

Touring Farms for Kids
North Alabama Agriplex is offering a two day summer camp program for youths ages 7 - 13 with 'Touring Farms for Kids' as the theme. The special event will conclude with tomorrow's visits. The $20.00 per child fee covers food, snacks and t-shirts. Everyone attending this event must complete a registration form, even adults who select to accompany the group. Camp attendees will gather at the North Alabama Agriplex to begin each day. Call 256-297-1044 or email cullmanag@gmail.com for additional information.

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.

Cullman Retired Educators Group Meeting
Members of the Cullman Educators Retiree Association will host guest speaker Chad Witcher as he presents a program on adoption during the business session of their monthly meeting. The group meets at 11 a.m. at the Benedictine Sisters Conference Center dining hall and reservations for lunch may be made by contacting Peggy McClendon at 256-747-2460. All retirees are invited to attend these meetings and catch up with former fellow employees and friends.

'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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Cullman County Master Gardeners Meeting
Members of the Cullman County Master Gardeners will gather for a program by Donna Shanklin on tips using the I-net for home and gardening tasks. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. Further information is available by contacting Lora Raley at 256-775-7407. All invited.

Elks Lodge Buffet Lunch
Cullman Elks Lodge opens their doors to the general public on Thursdays for their buffet lunches served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each Thursday. Meal is $8.00 for two meats, vegetables, drink! So come visit your neighbors and enjoy a great meal to boot.

First Community Bank Women's Investing Class
All women are invited to attend a FREE 'Women's Investing' Class at 12 noon at First Community Bank. This free educational lunchtime meeting is being held to help women learn more about investing for themselves. Bring your own lunch. This is NOT a sales meeting. For additional information please contact Heather Branch at 256-734-4863.

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.

ROOT Classes at Grace Episcopal Church
All are welcome to attend special ROOT (Radically Overcoming Obstacles Together) classes each Thursday night beginning at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church. Food and fellowship begin at 6 p.m. followed at 7 p.m. by the meeting. For additional information please check out Facebook (www.facebook.com/pages/TheRoot) or www.agccullman.com. Come to one class just to see if you are interested in this topic and its purpose. You might be surprised how these meetings can affect your life.

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The 'Youth Rally' event which is part of the Centennial Celebration of the laying of the cornerstone of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Cullman and "Come Follow Me...Accept No Imitations" is the theme for the daylong event. While tickets are free, attendees must have obtained one prior to the rally to take part, due to food being served at lunch. Keynote speaker is Christopher Stefanick, with music by Jackie Francois. The day will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, lunch and evening Mass. Please contact Fharis Richter to obtain tickets ahead of the event 256-734-3730 or frichter@sacred heartchurchcullman.org. This event is open to all youths regardless of church affiliation.

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

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Looking Ahead

PorktoberQue
Oktoberfest meets Barbecue Competition in Dothan, Alabama September 27-28, 2013. This KCBS sanctioned BBQ competition draws teams from across Alabama and features $5,000 in prize money and an entry to the American Royal for the cookoff/BBQ winner. It is also a stop on the Alabama BBQ Trail and has a points award for national barbecue team rankings. Spectators enjoy polka music, country and rock bands, an indoor Biergarten, outdoor "man cave" and loads of shopping opportunities. Barbecue and Bratwurst dominate the food menus from regional vendors, and beer is available in several areas. Sponsored by MIke Schmitz Auto group-come take a test drive for free tickets, or take a drive at PorktoberQue for great deals! FREE ADMISSION IF YOU DRESS UP IN LEDERHOSEN OR A GERMAN OUTFIT! Kids welcome, many kid's activities available. See www.porktoberque.com for details and info.

Register for Summer Youth Programs
Now registering for North Alabama Agriplex Summer Youth Programs. Summer Garden Camps for ages 3-10, starting May 29th, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Touring Farms for Kids, June 19-20, ages 7-13, and Sewing Camp July 9-12 ages 5-10. For more info call 256-297-1044 or e-mail cullmanag@gmail.com.

Connect with Grandchildren Outdoors

(StatePoint) Do you have treasured childhood memories of spending time outdoors with your parents or grandparents? Take the time to share this experience with your own grandchildren. Pack a lunch, put on some sunscreen and take them on your own hiking or fishing adventure. The time you spend outdoors with kids is where some of their best memories will come from and can be a great way to teach valuable life lessons.

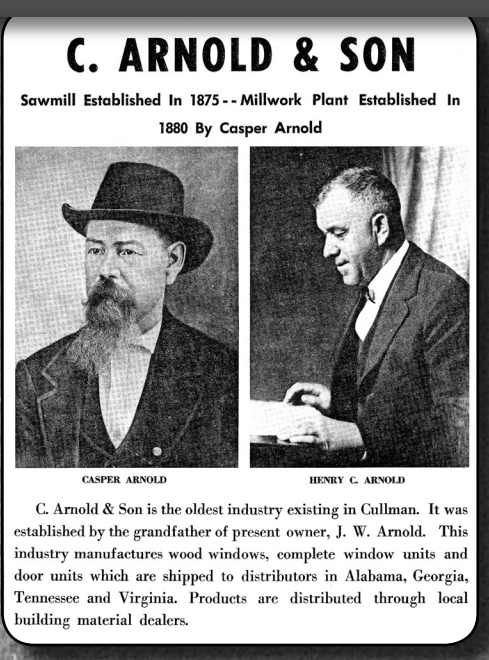
"Beyond fresh air and an expansive playground, the outdoors provide an opportunity to pass key values on from one generation to the next, like sportsmanship, environmental stewardship and the importance of friendship," says Mike Holliday, a father of three and world-class fishing guide from Stuart, Florida, who wrote the "FishingKids" series of books aimed at luring kids into outdoor adventure and family fun. You can get prepared for your trip in advance:

- Read the FishingKids series together. The stories revolve around two best friends, Spinner and Bobber whose fishing adventures teach them about friendship and responsibility. When fun turns to trouble they look to Spinner's grandfather, Chief, to help them sort things out. Chief teaches them about fishing, friendship and responsibility. In the FishingKids world, life lessons are learned and everything turns out for the best.
- Before you head for the dock, make sure you're prepared. At www.TakeMeFishing.org, you'll find everything you need to know about planning a successful fishing trip with a child. The site is packed with tips and tricks, as well cool tools like a marina finder and a fishing hotspot locator. Kids will enjoy the games in the Little Lunkers section.
- Gear up! In addition to the chapter book series, FishingKids offers a line of action figures, toys and gear that gives children the opportunity to imagine outdoor adventures even after the boat returns to the dock. FishingKids books, toys, clothing and gear are available at www.FishingKids.com.
- Be sure to check out the fishing activities in your area, too. Many communities hold Youth Fishing events and clinics. These events are often free, and young anglers may take home a bag of goodies from event sponsors.

Don't miss an opportunity to get outdoors with your grandchildren and create life long memories with them.



Reflections of History



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This Week in History
June 17 - June 23

June 17th
- 1837 – Charles Goodyear obtains his first rubber patent
- 1942 – First WWII American expeditionary force lands in Africa (Gold Coast)
- 1972 – Five arrested for burglarizing Democratic Party HQ at Watergate

June 18th
- 1812 – War of 1812 begins as U.S. declares war against Britain
- 1926 – Theodor Lessing laid-off "because he is a Jew" in Hanover
- 1980 – Mrs. Shakuntala Devi mentally multiplies two 13-digit numbers in 28 sec

June 19th
- 1770 – General Church of New Jerusalem established
- 1864 – CSS "Alabama" sunk by USS "Kearsarge" off Cherbourg, France
- 1988 – World's Largest Sausage completed at 13 miles long

June 20th
- 451 – Germans and Romans beat Atiila the Hun at Catalarinische Fields
- 1893 – Lizzie Borden acquitted in murder of parents in New Bedford, Mass.
- 1942 – Adolf Eichmann proclaims deportation of Dutch Jews

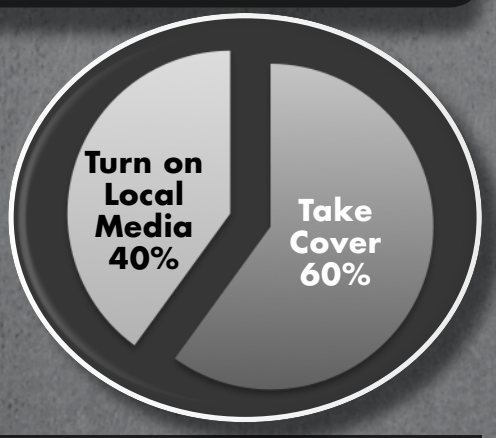
June 21st
- 1607 – First Protestant Episcopal parish in America established, Jamestown
- 1898 – Guam becomes a territory of U.S.
- 1986 – Bo Jackson, Heisman Trophy winner, signs with Kansas City Royals

June 22nd
- 1808 – Zebulon Pike reaches his peak
- 1910 – First Zeppelin with passengers sets afloat
- 1970 – Supreme Court ruled juries of less than 12 are constitutional

June 23rd
- 1784 - First U.S. balloon flight, 13 year old Edward Warren
- 1917 – Ernie Shore replaces Red Sox pitcher Babe Ruth with a runner on; he throws him out and retires all 26 he faces for a perfect game
- 1996 – Nintendo 64 goes on sale in Japan

Last Week's Poll

What do you do when a Tornado Warning is issued?



This Week's Poll

Are you surprised the NSA has been conducting warrantless wiretapping?

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Hospice Truck Draw Down Set for July 25

By: Lindsey Dossey
CRMC Contributor

CULLMAN — CRMC's Hospice of Cullman County will hold the Annual Truck Draw Down, its largest annual fundraiser benefiting indigent patients, on Thursday, July 25 at 6 p.m. in Cullman Regional Medical Center's Colonel Cullmann Room located in the Community Education Center in Professional Office Building II.

This year's event features a chance to win a new 2013 Chevrolet Pick-up Truck or $10,000 cash while enjoying dinner, door prizes, and much more!

"Each year the event grows due to the support from our generous community. I would recommend getting your tickets early as there are a limited number of tickets sold," Hospice of Cullman County Board Member and Event Chair Gloria Williams said.

Dinner will be served to ticket holders at 5:30 p.m. with the Truck Draw Down beginning promptly at 6 p.m. In addition, the event will feature wonderful prizes and auction items, including homemade cakes. Tickets cost $100 each and all monies raised will fund indigent patient care.

Thanks to Healthcare Authority of Cullman County Board Member Judy Butler & Tri-Green Equipment Company in Cullman who has donated a 2013 Stihl Backpack Blower, Hospice will be taking donations for chances to win this exceptional outdoor yard tool.

The drawing for the Yard Blower will be held in conjunction with the Truck Draw Down on Thursday, July 25 and you do not have to be present to win.

"This event is so important to patients and families who need our care and support when dealing with difficult end-of-life issues," Williams said.

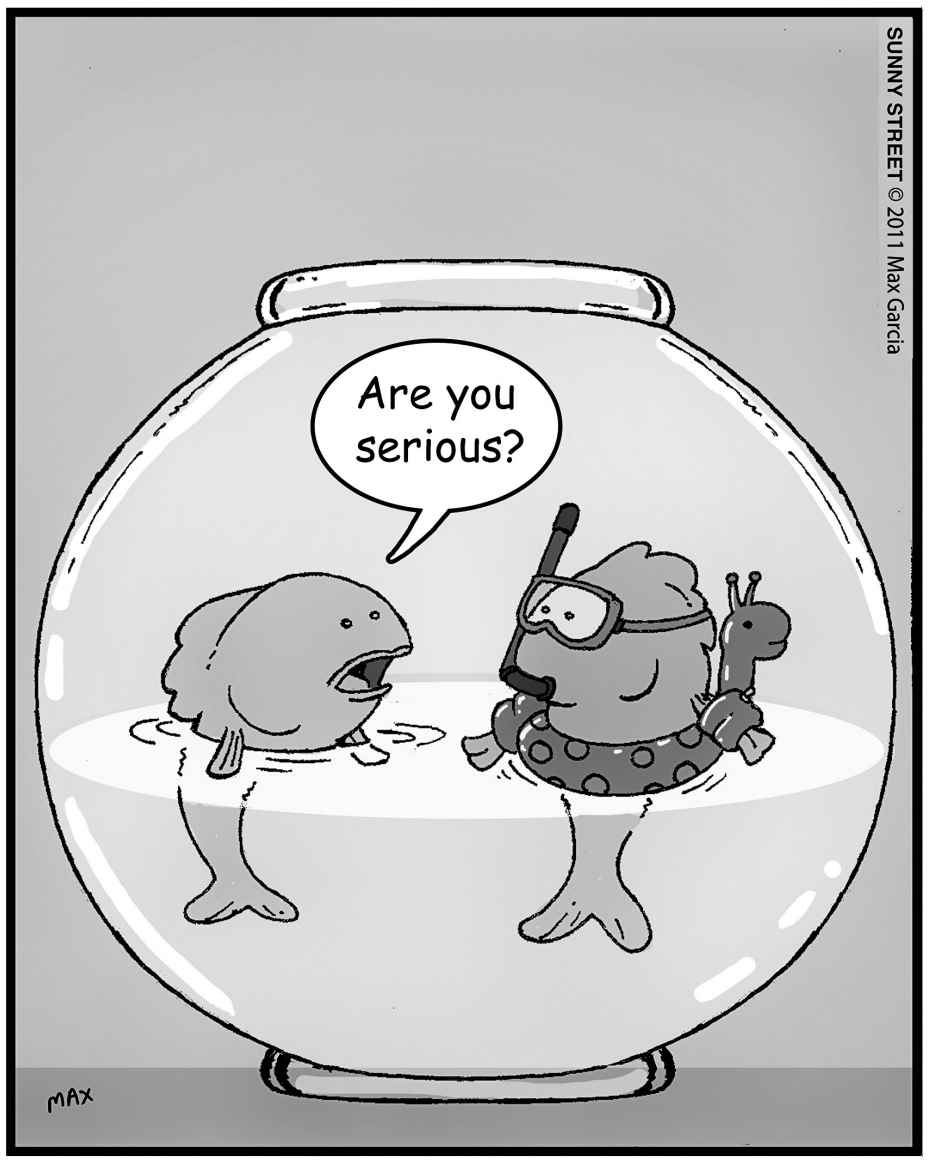
"The monies raised will help us provide care to anyone needing it regardless of their ability to pay."

Tickets for the Truck Draw Down or for chances to win the Stihl Backpack Blower can be purchased from the Hospice of Cullman County office located at 1912 AL Highway 157, POB I, Second Floor — or can be purchased from one of the following Hospice Board Members: Hank Allen, Jean Alexander, Wendell Copeland, Peggy Doss, Jimmy Drake, Nell Dunlap, Felton Easterwood, Donald Jones, Clara Kent, Mike Manning, Dean McMinn, Rita Nicholas, Amy Walker, Randy Weathersby, or Gloria Williams.

For more information or to buy tickets for the Truck Draw Down, please call the Hospice office at 256-739-5185 or visit online at www.HospiceofCullmanCounty.com.

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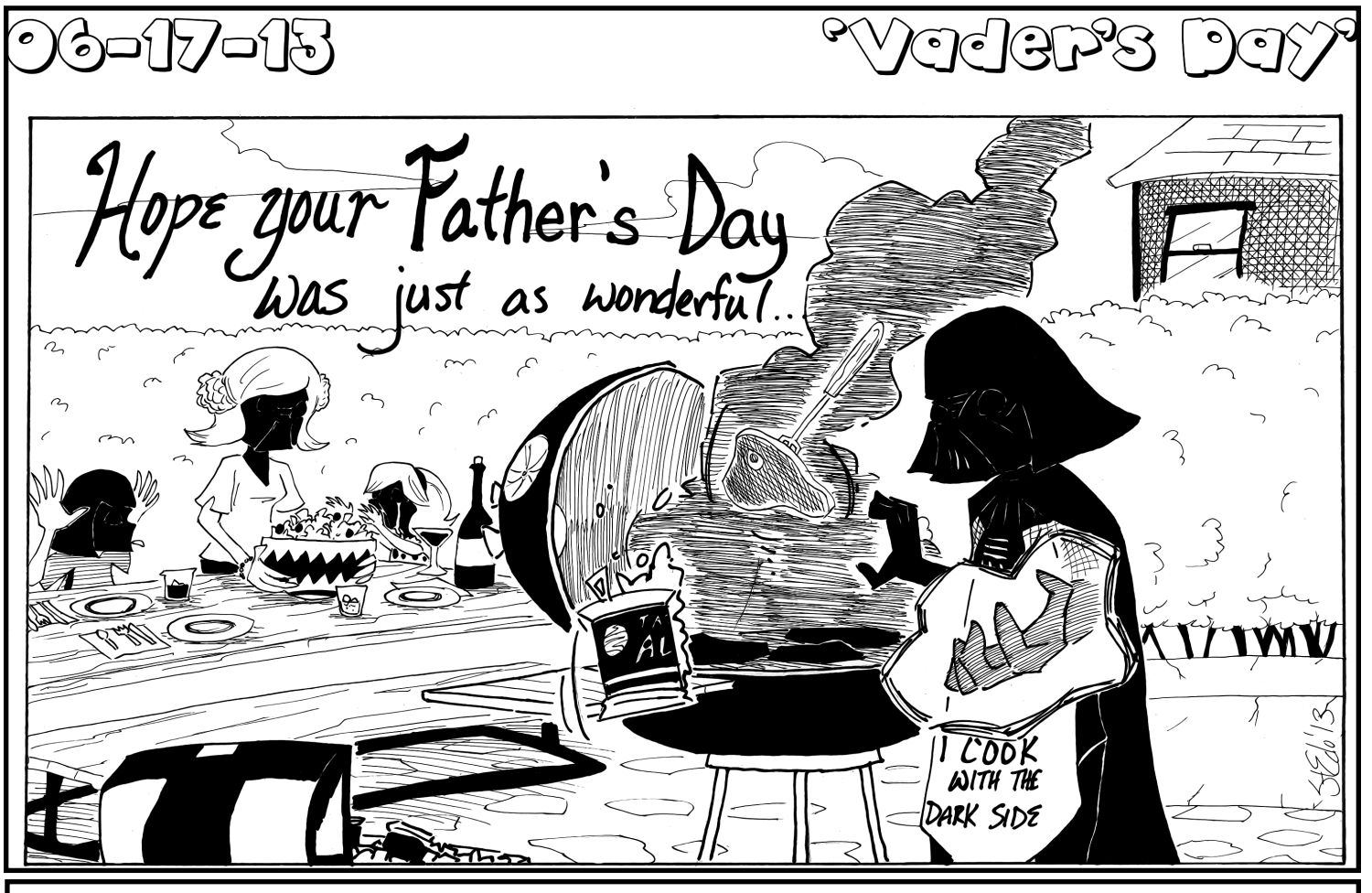


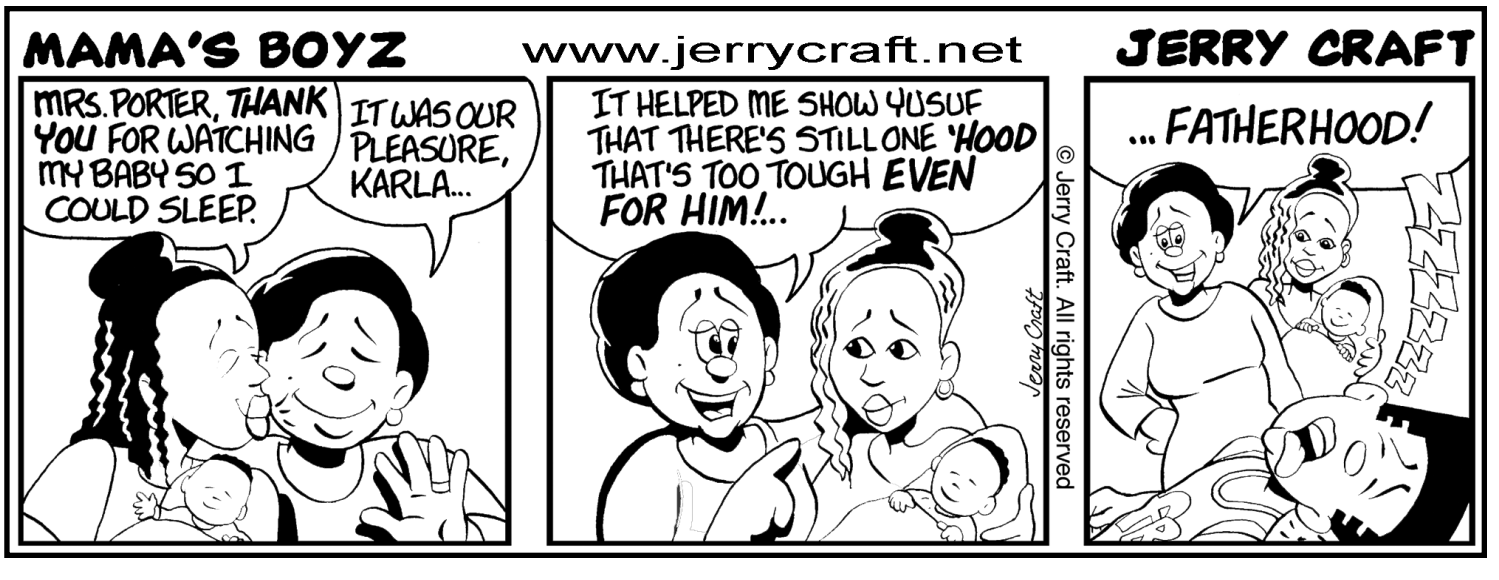
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- **Yoga Classes**: Stay fit and relax with yoga held at the Civic Center every Tuesday night at 6:00pm with Fabian Holland. Six classes for $40 or $30 for seniors.
- **Nia Dance Fitness Classes:** Includes yoga stretching, anti-aging tips, and more with instructor Ann Caretti. Class is held Tuesdays at 10:00am at the Cullman Civic Center.
- **Summer Concerts Series:** Held at Heritage Park Tuesday nights at 6:30pm in the recognition gardens beginning June 4 through July 23. Hope Alive will play on Tuesday, June 4. The concerts will be free each week.
- **Speed & Agility Camp:** A speed and agility camp will be held at Heritage Park for ages 7-12 from June 11-July 16. Registration will be $125. Camp will be led by Steve Johnson and is open to boys and girls. Register at the Civic Center.
- **Gun Safety Class:** The Gun Safety course scheduled for May 18 has been moved to June 15. The course will be held at the Cullman Civic Center, call 256-734-9157 for full details.
- **Junior Tennis Lessons:** Tennis lessons will be held this summer at the Municipal Tennis courts in three different sessions beginning on June 3. Classes offered for all skill levels. Call the Civic Center for details or to register.
- **Junior Golf Clinics:** Learn to swing like a pro this summer with golf pro Ches Harris in this course held on Tuesdays in June. Ages 8-18 may participate. Call 256-739-2386 for full details.
- **Disc Golf Tournament:** A disc golf tournament will be held Saturday, June 8 at Heritage Park. For full details or to enter, call 256-739-9931.
- **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.
- **Archery Camp:** A 3-day archery camp will be held from June25-27 at the Cullman Outdoor Archery Park for ages 7-14. Camp will run from 8am-3pm daily. Bows are provided, must bring your own lunch. Register at the Civic Center.





No(ah) It All: When Did We Ever Have Privacy?

By: Noah Chandler
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With all the chatter concerning the recent dump of classified government files, which partially outlined the warrantless wiretapping of pretty much the entire population residing inside the United States who uses a cellphone or computer, it didn't strike me as odd or eerie as it did so many others. Instead the surprise and shock displayed by many friends led me to the simple question of "when did we ever have privacy?"

WARNING The following content is out there...like, out there, out there. Now that you have been properly warned, let's get back to the subject at hand; PRISM and how it's nothing more than a mere peg in a larger grand scheme. Yeah, we're going to travel down the rabbit's hole with this one, so stay close or you might get lost. If you're not aware of PRISM here is your brief explanation. Following the attacks on September 11, 2001 the F.B.I., along with Homeland Security, began flooding judges with search warrant requests, so much so that judges couldn't keep up with the increasingly large amount of wiretap and information requests. With such a need to keep tabs on the 300+ million U.S. residents, congress and then acting president, George W. Bush, pushed for a delightful piece of fear mongered legislation better known as the Patriot Act. This crucial bit of legislature manipulation did not open the door for free-roaming information gathering; instead it ripped the walls apart, completely disregarding any previous perceived notion of personal privacy. There are reports circulating stating that former President Bush authorized the NSA wiretapping of the fiber optics coming into the country, as well as outbound digital content, to monitor potential internal breaches of security.

However, this in essence violates the basic foundation of the National Security Agency. The NSA is for overseas, foreign issues such as gathering information on something such as an impending war with Russia – not saying that is happening, merely using this as an example – not the daily rants of some lazy 99% Wall Street protestor who feels the need to post a blog using a computer manufactured by the 1% while texting fellow pseudo-anarchists the details to the next meeting.

Wait...yeah, as comically ironic as the aforementioned statement may seem, the NSA felt the need to tap into the whinny posts of those early 20-somethings who have a complete understanding of life and the inner workings of the American machine, along with just about every other person living in the country. The delightful powers that be began to harvest immense amounts of information using a data collecting system which in layman's terms, uses key phrases or "hot" words and/or phrases to pinpoint potential domestic threats. By monitoring words or phrases such as "Obama", "assassinate", "Tea Party", and "free will" the NSA and Homeland Security can pinpoint those who may want to do harm to the President. Of course once you look at the search in its entirety "The Tea Party has free will to assassinate Obama's character" then it may seem that these broad data searches are in fact, too broad.

The problem, at least in my humble opinion, is that American's have become too complacent since WWII, and have handed most, if not all, of their issues over to the government. I know many in the southern states would disagree with the following statement but it's funny to me how so many could have flags stating "Don't Tread on Me" but will be standing in line following a flood, hurricane or tornado demanding the government to get into gear and fix the problem. By declaring freedom from supposed tyranny the free are not to return back to their previous captors to ask for help in building or rebuilding a community, county, state, or geographical region.

It's merely codependency which keeps the freed running back to their formers oppressors and it's the oppressors understanding which allows them to prosper from the weak. Many may get upset but at the end of the day I know we are all being watched. I know for certain disposable phones can be tracked within a matter a minutes, and the video of you buying the disposable phone is most likely playing in the background in the office of the man or woman in charge of snooping on the government's behalf. Nothing you do short of moving out into the wilderness will stop the ever encroaching arm of the government.

The only thing we can do is understand it is occurring and hope we don't get picked up in some random sweep over the coming years. But in the meantime, I encourage you to type as many "hot" words or phrases into your search bar each night just so we can make this machine work a bit harder. If we can't destroy them, let's at least annoy them mercilessly until our keys will strike no more.



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Standing Up for the Elderly

By: Noah Chandler
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Cullman DHR marks World Elder Day

CULLMAN – A total of 117 incidents of adult abuse were reported in Cullman County in 2012.

While the number may not pop out to as majorly significant, the employees at Cullman County DHR who work with those abused adults would argue otherwise.

"Those investigations will help lead us to a family member who can be a conservator for the adult being abused," said Lainie Alexander, Programs Supervisor, Cullman DHR.

"In many cases we find the elderly being mistreated or neglected simply because the person who is supposed to be protecting them are more concerned with not spending a future inheritance than they are with the health and well-being of the elder in their care."

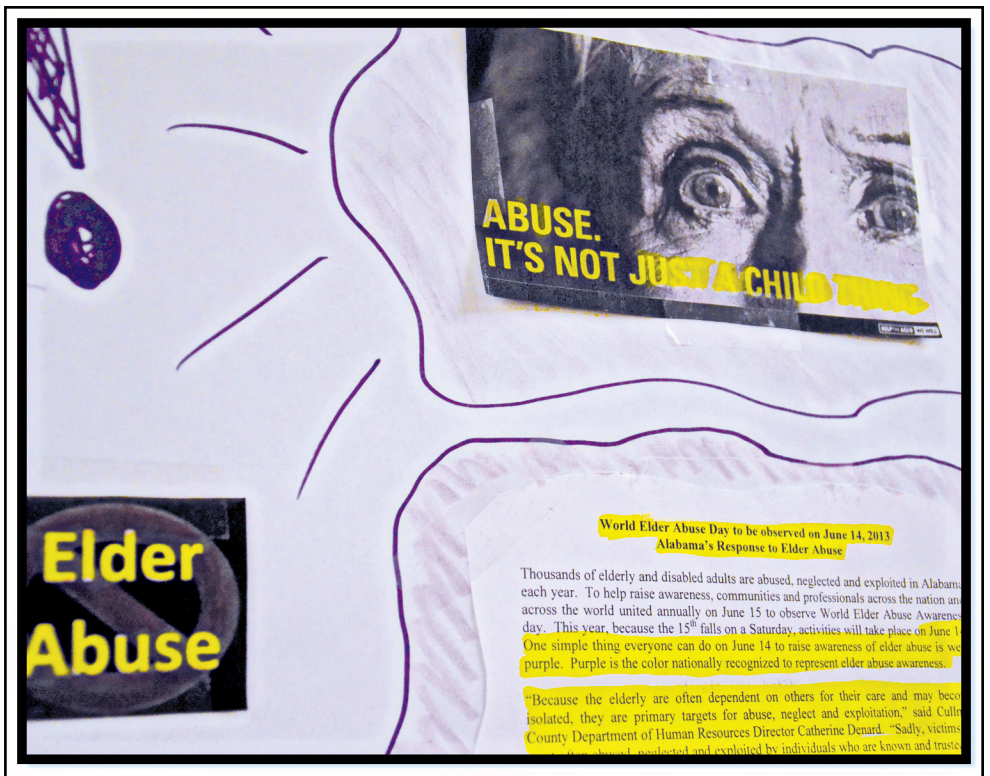
Alexander said the department's Adult Services is one of the most under recognized services offered inside the county.

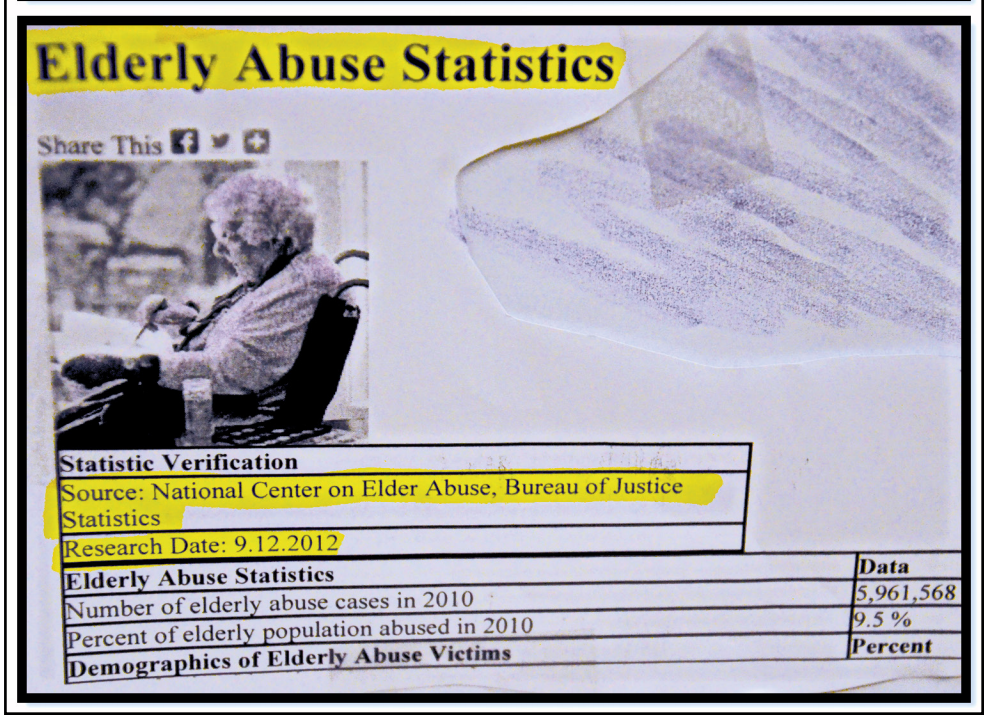
Pat Stricklin, Supervisor of Adult Services, said the event held recently was to mark World Elder Abuse Day

"This is World Elder Abuse Day and this is to help bring the fact that elder abuse does happen," said Stricklin.

"If you see signs of abuse or neglect, please call us or the police department to let us know so we can help before it is too late."

If you are a victim of elder abuse or know of someone who is currently suffering from abuse, Stricklin asks that you contact DHR at 256-737-5300.





Warm Ocean, not Icebergs, causing most of Antarctic Ice Shelves' Mass Loss

By: J.D. Harrington

PASADENA, Calif. – Ocean waters melting the undersides of Antarctic ice shelves are responsible for most of the continent's ice shelf mass loss, a new study by NASA and university researchers has found.

Scientists have studied the rates of basal melt, or the melting of the ice shelves from underneath, of individual ice shelves, the floating extensions of glaciers that empty into the sea. But this is the first comprehensive survey of all Antarctic ice shelves. The study found basal melt accounted for 55 percent of all Antarctic ice shelf mass loss from 2003 to 2008, an amount much higher than previously thought.

Antarctica holds about 60 percent of the planet's fresh water locked into its massive ice sheet. Ice shelves buttress the glaciers behind them, modulating the speed at which these rivers of ice flow into the ocean.

Determining how ice shelves melt will help scientists improve projections of how the Antarctic ice sheet will respond to a warming ocean and contribute to sea level rise.

It also will improve global models of ocean circulation by providing a better estimate of the amount of fresh water ice shelf melting adds to Antarctic coastal waters.

The study uses reconstructions of ice accu mulation, satellite and aircraft readings of ice thickness, and changes in elevation and ice velocity to determine how fast ice shelves melt and compare the mass lost with the amount released by the calving, or splitting, of icebergs.

"The traditional view on Antarctic mass loss is it is almost entirely controlled by iceberg calving," said Eric Rignot of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., and the University of California, Irvine. Rignot is lead author of the study to be published in the June 14 issue of the journal Science. "Our study shows melting from below by the ocean waters is larger, and this should change our perspective on the evolution of the ice sheet in a warming climate."

Ice shelves grow through a combination of land ice flowing to the sea and snow accumulating on their surface. To determine how much ice and snowfall enters a specific ice shelf and how much makes it to an iceberg, where it may split off, the research team used a regional climate model for snow accumulation and combined the results with ice velocity data from satellites, ice shelf thickness measurements from NASA's Operation IceBridge, -- an continuing aerial survey of Earth's poles -- and a new map of Antarctica's bedrock.

Using this information, Rignot and colleagues were able to deduce whether the ice shelf was losing mass through basal melting or gaining it through the basal freezing of seawater.

In some places, basal melt exceeds iceberg calving. In other places, the opposite is true. But in total, Antarctic ice shelves lost 2,921 trillion pounds (1,325 trillion kilograms) of ice per year in 2003-2008 through basal melt, while iceberg formation accounted for 2,400 trillion pounds (1,089 trillion kilograms) of mass loss each year.

Basal melt can have a greater impact on ocean circulation than glacier calving. Icebergs slowly release melt water as they drift away from the continent.

But strong melting near deep grounding lines, where glaciers lose their grip on the seafloor and start floating as ice shelves, discharges large quantities of fresher, lighter water near the Antarctic coast line. This lower-density water does not mix and sink as readily as colder, saltier water, and may be changing the rate of bottom water renewal.

"Changes in basal melting are helping to change the properties of Antarctic bottom water, which is one component of the ocean's overturning circulation," said author Stan Jacobs, an oceanographer at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory in Palisades, N.Y. "In some areas it also impacts ecosystems by driving coastal upwelling, which brings up micronutrients like iron that fuel persistent plankton blooms in the summer."

The study found basal melting is distributed unevenly around the continent. The three giant ice shelves of Ross, Filchner, and Ronne, which make up two-thirds of the total Antarctic ice shelf area, accounted for only 15 percent of basal melting.

Meanwhile, fewer than a dozen small ice shelves floating on "warm" waters (seawater only a few degrees above the freezing point) produced half of the total melt water during the same period.

The scientists detected a similar high rate of basal melting under six small ice shelves along East Antarctica, a region not as well known because of a scarcity of measurements.

The researchers also compared the rates at which the ice shelves are shedding ice to the speed at which the continent itself is losing mass and found that, on average, ice shelves lost mass twice as fast as the Antarctic ice sheet did during the study period.

"Ice shelf melt doesn't necessarily mean an ice shelf is decaying; it can be compensated by the ice flow from the continent," Rignot said. "But in a number of places around Antarctica, ice shelves are melting too fast, and a consequence of that is glaciers and the entire continent are changing as well."

Local Law Enforcement Preparing for Rock the South (from Front)

traband, whether it is a knife, handgun, or narcotics, will have one last chance to discard the prohibited items before being searched.

"We will be offering an amnesty box at both entrances into the festival," he said. "While we were at the Hangout Music Festival in Gulf Shores we observed the amnesty boxes, which are really nothing more than garbage cans, and we watched as person after person went up to drop in alcohol, drugs, guns, knives, and other items."

The amnesty boxes are completely risk free. Green said an officer will be close by to ensure that no one tampers with the boxes or the contraband inside.

"We will not be monitoring the boxes to see who dropped what inside," he said. "We want people to be safe, have a good time, and enjoy themselves at the concert and if that means offering an amnesty box to ensure contraband does not enter the grounds."

For more information on this story, including coverage from Rock the South, visit CullmanSense.com.

Summit (from Front)

mation and technical assistance and direct companies to potential financing opportunities. The information would include ADECA's AlabamaSAVES loan program that offers low-cost financing for efficiency projects and the Alabama Industrial Assessment Center that conducts audits to help companies identify the most cost-effective energy improvements.

- Establish a working group to ensure that companies can obtain the required local permits in a timely manner when they want to make efficiency improvements or generate electricity on site.
- Hold regular statewide events like the summit to give industries a forum to share experience and ideas related to energy efficiency.
- Explore offering internship and degree programs in energy-related fields at Alabama colleges. Five University of Alabama students have just begun an internship program where they will assist manufacturers to carry out energy or waste reduction projects. If successful, the program will be offered to students at other universities.

In September 2012, the National Governor's Association selected Alabama to be one of four states to receive a $12,000 grant to fund the industrial energy project. Members of the Governor's staff led the process with assistance from the Energy Division of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. The project also included participation and input from key agencies, utility companies, and associations involved in industrial energy use.