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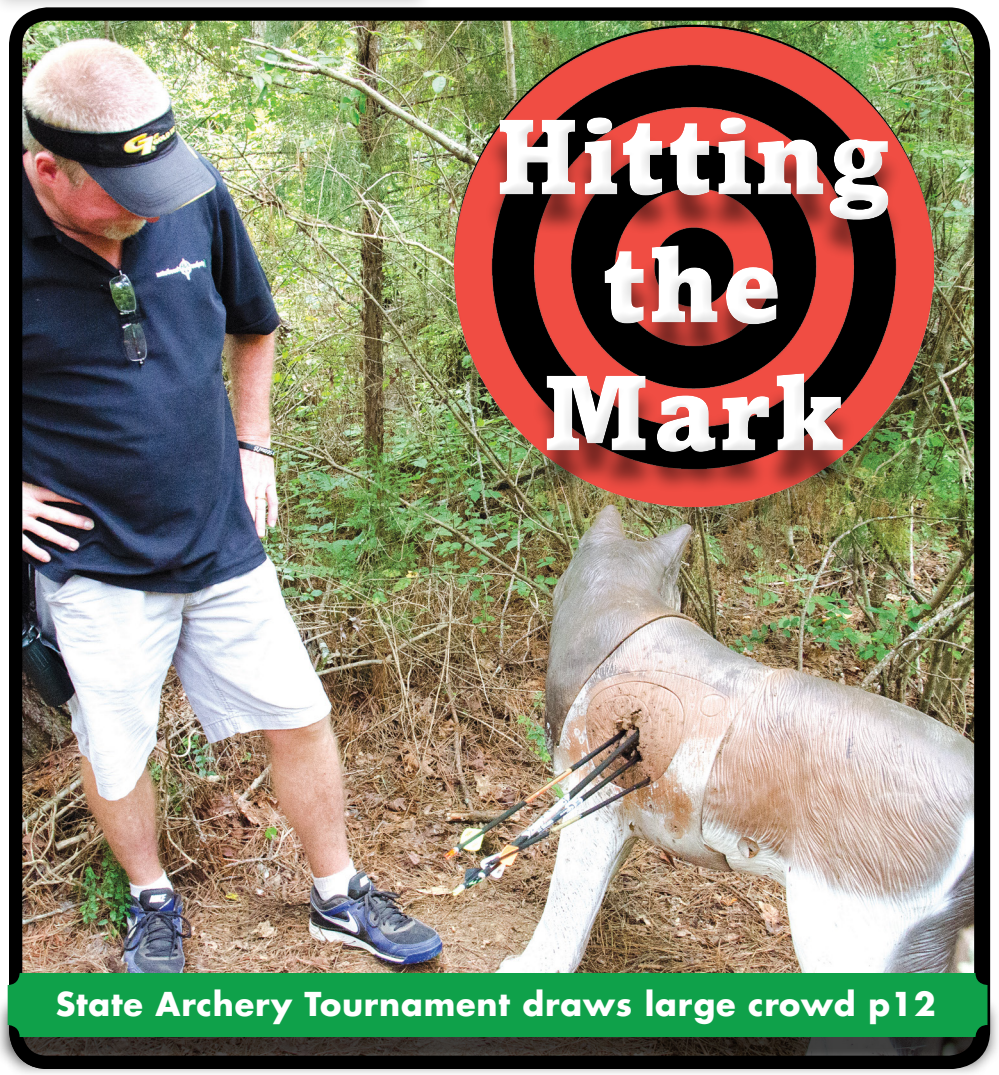
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A Tradition of Trees & Football Talk



Former Auburn Coach Pat Dye visits Cullman bearing Japanese Maples

By:Noah Chandler • noahchandler@cullmansense.com

CULLMAN – Saturday's are important to many people for a variety of reasons. For some it's the first day off from work, while for others in marks a time of exploration in the great outdoors. But for most southerners, Saturday means nothing more than Football.



However, since football season is still a ways away, Southern Accents extended an invitation to former Auburn Coach Pat Dye to take his place in the Iron Lot the past Saturday to help add a bit of college football flavor to the downtown scene. Dye, an avid fan of Japanese Maples, has been lending his name and support to Quail Hollow Gardens, a facility which he calls "a dream come true."

"I've been fascinated by Japanese maples since 1981 when my landscaper planted one of these beautiful trees in my Auburn yard," Coach Dye said. "Over the years I have dug and moved many Japanese maples (some over 50 years old), planted every cultivar I could get my hands on, and loved p12

8th Annual Tax Holiday for School Supplies begins Friday

Contributed

The Cullman County Commission passed their annual resolution to participate in the '8th Annual Tax Holiday for School Supplies' which will run from 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 2, through midnight on Sunday, August 4. Some of the items which fall in this category include clothing priced at $100.00 or less, school supplies at $50.00 or less, computers and computer equipment selling for $750.00 or less, and books costing $30.00 or less. This tax-free program applies to purchases for those with school age children as well as all other residents who are looking to shop during these three days.

Grant Supports Launchpad Program for Alabama Entrepreneurs

By: Larry Childers

MONTGOMERY— A program that helps Alabama entrepreneurs turn business concepts into reality is getting a boost from a $733,059 grant awarded by Gov. Robert Bentley.

The grant to the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama Foundation is helping fund the Alabama Launchpad program. The program provides opportunities for individuals with a business idea to receive expert guidance and establish working relationships in the business, academic, and banking communities. It also conducts annual business-plan competitions with winners receiving a share of a $100,000 prize to develop their businesses.

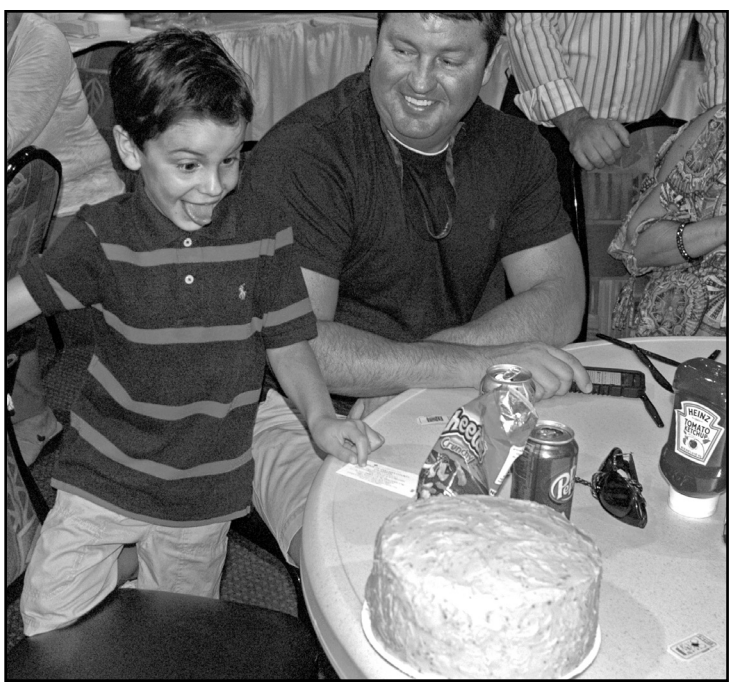
"Alabamians benefit whenever an individual or group can turn an idea into a viable business that creates jobs," Bentley said. "I am pleased to support this program that helps innovators take the steps necessary to develop a successful business."

The program is running two rounds of business-plan competitions in 2013. The first contest ended in May with more than 20 start-up companies competing and the second is underway. Winners will be chosen on Sept. 26 at the Alabama Launchpad Innovation and Entrepreneurship Conference in Birmingham.

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Rex Chandler gets ready to dive into his cake after winning the bid on the Fresh Strawberry Cake from Flavors Bakery as dad, Jason Chandler, and attendee Amy Drake look on.

CRMC's Hospice of Cullman County Truck Draw Down a Huge Success

By: Lindsey Dossey • CRMC

CULLMAN - Cullman Regional Medical Center is proud to announce that Hospice of Cullman County recently held its annual Truck Draw Down, which serves as a fundraiser benefiting indigent patient care.

The event made more than $28,000 for Hospice of Cullman County and the $10,000 winner, Eddie Hite, donated $500 back to Hospice. The second place prize of a ladies bracelet donated by Ed White Jewelers went to Doug and Arzelle Danley.

This year's auction featured the usual delicious cakes contributed by local cooks known for their pastry sensations, including Flavors Bakery.

Many attendees also donated monies for a chance to win a Stihl Backpack Blower, which was donated by Tri-Green Equipment and Judy Butler.

The drawing was held at the conclusion of the event and the winner was Bartee Bryan.

Special thanks to the following for donating cakes and items auctioned during the event — Flavors Bakery, Fresh Strawberry Cake and German Chocolate Cake; Jo Schaffer, Rum Cake and Blueberry Cream Cheese Pound Cake; Sherlene Coffey, Sweet Potato Cake and Snickerdoodle Cake; Doris Patterson, Fresh Coconut Cake and Chocolate Ganache Cake; Nell Dunlap, Carrot Cake; Buna Burns, Classic Hummingbird Cake; Elizabeth Mosley, Italian Cream Cake; Danny McAfee, White Chocolate Bread Pudding; June Rodgers, Red Velvet Cake; and Al Pitizing, Big AL's Honey.

Thanks to the following businesses who generously donated door prizes for the event — Gold Rush Jewelry, Deep South Classics, Cracker Barrel, Yogurt Mountain, Burke's Flowers, Woodmen of the World, Werner's Trading Co., Grumpy's Italian Grill, Heritage Pharmacy, NARE, Johnny's Barbeque, Wal-Mart, Logan's Roadhouse, Michael's Flowers, Branding Iron, Guardian Angel Gift Shop, Sweet Peppers, Dairy Queen, Doug Doggett, Burn's Florist, Top of the Town, Cullman Power Board, Borden's Pharmacy, and Ed White's Jewelry.

Also, thanks to Mitch Smith Chevrolet for serving as the Event Ticket Sponsor and to Renee White for donating a delicious cake for the event attendees to enjoy.

For more information about CRMC's Hospice of Cullman County, call their office at 256-739-5185 or visit online at www.hospiceofcullmancounty.com.

It's Time to Celebrate Cullman

By: Heather Gudger

CULLMAN – Come to downtown and join in the fun as the 3rd Annual Celebrate Cullman event takes place this Friday, August 2, beginning at 4 p.m.

When will it end? Who knows, but in the meantime there will be live bands, candlelight walking tour, a variety of food vendors, entertainment at local restaurants, fun kid activities with rides, game booths, inflatables, carnival rides, of course shopping at the downtown stores which will stay open late, a charity antique auction run by Finders Keepers, and beer and wine sales at the Festhalle.

Everyone is invited to join in the fun - you remember what a blast it has been the past two years - let's band together and celebrate Cullman's efforts at recovery from the devastating tornado of 2011. Visit www.CelebrateCullman.com for additional information.

Activites included:

- Musical Entertainment Stage Sponsor Cullman Savings Bank
- 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. - Patrick Duncan and Girls (across from Cutie Patooties and Berkeley Bobs)
- 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. - The Deltones (across from Cutie Patooties and Berkeley Bobs)
- At The Festhalle (Beer Garden and Wine Sales as well)
- 4:00 p.m. until 6 p.m. - Coal Rain
- 630 p.m. until 9 p.m. - Vintage Cowboys
- 900 p.m. until 12 midnight - The Booty Shakers
- Entertainment at local restaurants
- Food vendors
- Carnival style rides, games and activities
- Cow train & petting zoo by 4D Farms
- Horse rides by Jenkins Performance Horses
- Archery Shooting Activity by Cullman Parks & Recreation Dept.
- Charity Antique Auction by Finders Keepers
- Local Arts and Crafts by 3rd Street Promenade
- Bouncies and Balloon Animals
- Big Wheel Races
- Historic Candlelight Walking Tour/ Weiss Cottage at 7 p.m.

Scout Looks to Improve Surroundings

By: Carla Stricklin



Andrews

CULLMAN – Meet Micah Andrews, a hardworking 13 year old demonstrating his leadership role while working on his Eagle Scout Project. He is an active member of Boy Scouts Troop 7989 chartered by St. John's Church. Being a young man who eagerly seeks to serve the Lord he has chosen Cullman Church of Christ, the church where he regularly attends, to be the recipient of his project.

Micah broke ground on his project on July 13th. The framework of a 12' octagonal gazebo is starting to take shape just outside the back doors of the church. He plans for this gazebo to serve multiple purposes from an outdoor classroom for Sunday School and VBS Classes to a fellowship area for the youth group and adults.

As with any project, hard work alone will not finish the job; there is always a cost. Micah has worked diligently at raising funds for his Eagle Scout project by putting back money given to him for his birthday and Christmas, as well as receiving donations from others who care about what he is doing for the community.

He has been blessed with the financial, physical, and emotional backing from his family and friends. His appreciation has been greatly expressed for all the support he has received thus far through positive thoughts and prayers, materials, labor, and funding.

So what drives a young teen to take on such a big responsibility? A longing to reach the highest rank of Eagle and a simple promise made to a loved one. Micah's grandfather, "Mac" McDonald, offered his complete support in all that Micah set out to do. Being especially close with his grandfather, Micah made a promise to him that he would work hard to earn his Eagle rank so that they could celebrate together at his Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony, but unfortunately lung cancer took his grandfather's life before he could accomplish his goal. Therefore, Micah has continued to climb the path to Eagle in honor of his Grandfather McDonald.

With the support from his family, friends, and community, Micah will earn his Eagle Rank and will stand faithful on his promise. "He is goal oriented and desires to do great things in life" say his mother, Tracy Andrews.

With that being said, Micah hopes one day to make the world a better place through Missionary work in Egypt, but for now, he has a gazebo to complete.

If you are interested in knowing more about Micah's project or how you can help, contact Tracey Andrews at mom2micahandsage@yahoo.com.

Cullman Residents Visit with Congressman Aderholt in Washington

By: Brooks Simmons

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Robert Aderholt (AL-04) met with a group from Cullman on June 28, 2013. He joined them for a photograph on the front steps of the Capitol. Aderholt currently serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Agriculture 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.

For more information about Aderholt's work in Congress visit www.aderholt.house.gov.



Barbara Guthrie and Mona Ivey pictured with Congressman Aderholt

What's Online

CRMC Board Says Thank You to Long-Time Board Members

Cullman Regional Medical Center's Board of Directors recently honored several long-time board members for their service to the community through the Healthcare Authority of Cullman County, Inc. board.



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Wallace State names Dr. Beth Bownes Johnson new Dean of Academic Affairs

Dr. Vicki Hawsey, president of Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Ala., announced the appointment of Dr. Beth Bownes Johnson as Dean of Academic Affairs recently.

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Rebuilding Through Faith

In the scattered ashes of despair, a new sense of hope can always emerge. This was especially true at the open house for the newly rebuilt East Side Baptist Church whose original building was destroyed in the treacherous tornadoes of April 2011.

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Bentley Announces $372M+ for 45 Counties in Final Phase of ATRIP Funding

By: Jennifer Ardis

CALERA – Governor Robert Bentley recently announced more than $372 million in additional funding for cities and counties participating in the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP). ATRIP is the largest road and bridge improvement program in Alabama's history.

"ATRIP is making a difference in every county across the state by allowing much-needed road and bridge improvement projects to move forward," Governor Bentley said.

"As we make these improvements, we're improving public safety, and we're also helping attract more jobs. When companies look for places to build and expand and hire more people, they look for places that have good roads and bridges. Our roads and bridges will be much safer thanks to this program, and our communities will be in a better position to recruit more jobs."

Before the announcement, 693 road and bridge improvement projects had already been approved under previous phases of ATRIP funding. The Phase III funding announcement will now pave the way for additional projects in all 45 counties receiving Phase III allocations.

Funding for ATRIP projects comes primarily from the use of GARVEE bonds. With GARVEE bonds, Alabama is able to access future federal dollars to pay for road and bridge projects that are needed immediately. The use of GARVEE bonds makes strong financial sense because the low cost of borrowing is generally lower than the rising cost of inflation on construction projects. GARVEE bonds also allow the state to make needed improvements without raising taxes. GARVEE bonds provide 80 percent of ATRIP project funding. Local governments or local public-private partnerships provide the remaining 20 percent funding match.

ATRIP was established by Governor Bentley in 2012 to help local areas access funding for necessary road and bridge improvements. For counties that were unable to meet the 20 percent local funding matches required, a companion program called RAMP was developed earlier this year. RAMP, the Rural Assistance Match Program, ensured that all 67 Alabama counties would benefit from road and bridge improvements under ATRIP. All RAMP funding was announced in May.

Between ATRIP and RAMP, nearly $1 billion is being made available to municipalities for much-needed road and bridge improvements. The recent Phase III funding announcement represents the culmination of ATRIP funding and will be the final round of allocations. Once local matching funds are factored in, Phase III will be the largest funding allocation of the program.

As part of the program, an ATRIP Advisory Committee reviews eligible projects submitted by cities and counties across the state. The committee, in conjunction with Governor Bentley, makes funding decisions. The committee includes ALDOT Director John Cooper, Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey, Senator Paul Bussman, Representative Mac McCutcheon, Agriculture Commissioner John McMillan, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham Executive Director Charles Ball, and retired county engineer Herb Huner.

"Under the leadership and vision of Governor Bentley, ATRIP has provided the most comprehensive and significant improvements to highway infrastructure in our state to date," Lt. Gov. Ivey said. "I am encouraged that every county will benefit from this program. ATRIP has energized and empowered county and city leadership to work together and create progressive, long-lasting change throughout the state. I am proud to serve on the ATRIP Advisory Committee."

"The Governor's vision to improve and upgrade the transportation infrastructure in Alabama through ATRIP has been remarkable," Senator Bussman (R-Cullman) said. "And the Legislature's passage of the RAMP program simply completed a tremendous initiative. Everyone in Alabama will benefit from these exciting programs: school children on buses, farmers getting their product to market, industrial access/development, counties/cities, as well as the general public daily traveling from place to place."

"The ATRIP Committee has worked to administer the most aggressive transportation improvement plan in Alabama's history," Representative McCutcheon (R-Capshaw) said. "Under the leadership of Governor Bentley and ALDOT, the committee has taken steps to address needs in every county in Alabama. ATRIP is improving infrastructure for economic growth, providing jobs, and promoting safety."

Alabama, Mississippi Governors Call for Assessment of Oil Sands Resources

By: Jennifer Ardis

MOBILE – Alabama and Mississippi are forming a partnership to further study the oil sands resources in the two states, Alabama Governor Robert Bentley and Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant announced on Saturday while speaking to the Southern States Energy Board.

Governor Bentley and Governor Bryant signed a memorandum of understanding commissioning an assessment of oil sands, which is a sandy mixture found below the surface containing bitumen.

After extracting the sand, the bitumen is transformed into refinery-ready crude oil.

"As I have said before, for our nation to become more energy independent, we must recognize the importance of a forward-thinking approach to energy and continue to develop a comprehensive energy policy that works," Governor Bryant said.

The assessment is to be conducted as a joint effort between the Geological Survey of Alabama/State Oil and Gas Board, the Mississippi State Oil and Gas Board, the Mississippi Development Authority, the Mississippi Office of Geology and the Southern States Energy Board.

"By taking this action, we're exploring the potential for safe and reliable development of energy right here at home," Governor Bentley said.

Governor Bentley currently serves as chairman of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.

During his time as chairman, he has addressed the states' roles in the responsible development of various energy resources.

In his 2013 Chairman's Address, Governor Bentley said state oil and gas boards are the agencies that have the best expertise and local knowledge to oversee development of our oil and gas resources.

Known as the Hartselle Sandstone, the underground layer of resources that will be assessed based on Saturday's MOU stretches from north-central and northwest Alabama into northeastern Mississippi.

Various studies have been conducted over the years regarding the Hartselle Sandstone. The most recent shows an estimated 7.5 billion barrels of oil are located in the reserves.

"We need new information on the development of the area," Governor Bryant said.

"By signing this MOU today, Mississippi looks forward to working with Governor Bentley and his team of experts to study these resources, which will hopefully lead to commercial development. It is going to take full cooperation from industry, state officials and technical experts to get this formation into production, and I am here today to offer assistance from Mississippi."

"We all see the future promise of alternative sources of energy. However, these sources will not be able to fulfill all of our needs for a long time," Governor Bentley added.

"That means fossil fuels will continue to be an important source of energy for the foreseeable future. We simply must continue to develop our North American fossil fuel resources in a safe and responsible manner. This assessment will help us better understand the resources that are available while also helping us meet our energy needs."

The assessment may include an inventory of existing core and well logs for data collection, identification of data gaps, acquisition and interpretation of additional data, detailed geologic reservoir modeling, a refined estimate of oil reserves, and an inventory of existing and new infrastructure needed to support the industry.

The analysis will also examine legal or regulatory guidelines regarding commercial deployment across the geographical boundary between the states.

The practice of extracting oil sands is no stranger to Canada, which has a long history of extracting from oil sands with the largest deposits located in Alberta.

The International Energy Agency (IEA) lists Canada's reserves as being 178 billion barrels.

Governor Bentley and Governor Bryant believe there is an opportunity for our two states to learn from our Canadian neighbors.

"Canada has proven to be a leader in oil sand recovery, and we hope through this evaluation process, we can collaborate and share knowledge on best practices," Bryant said.

"Communities and businesses depend on reliable sources of energy," Governor Bentley concluded.

"That's why it's so important to explore our resources. Through this assessment, we can better understand the resources we have and the most responsible methods of developing them."

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CASE

UAH Officially Establishes New "Green Fund" for Energy-Independence, Savings

By: Haley Hix

HUNTSVILLE – The University of Alabama at Huntsville has established a new fund that could generate over a quarter of a million dollars for on-campus sustainability projects over the next five years. The official UAH "Green Fund" for student-designed and implemented projects for energy-independence, efficiency, renewables, recycling, and other environmental initiatives has been approved for implementation this Fall.

The UAH Student Government Association, the Chargers for Sustainability, and the UAH Green Club teamed up with the Coalition of Alabama Students for the Environment to create a project proposal and research presentation to UAH campus administration. The proposal was authorized recently by Vice President of Finance and Administration Ray Pinner.

The new "Green Fund" will debut in the upcoming Fall semester with initial pilot funding of $20,000.

For the duration of that semester, the Chargers For Sustainability will work alongside students, faculty, and staff to create new project proposals that will support the expansion of the Fund for Spring 2014.

Persons interested in partnering with the UAH Chargers For Sustainability on potential projects for Fall should contact Haley Hix at the contacts listed above.

UAH Student Government Association President Nandish Dayal had this to say about the new opportunities for student and campus leadership:

"By combining green technologies with sustainable efforts we can provide maximum savings to our University and its students. With this new Fund, UAH and its students have set themselves apart as leaders in sustainability in the state of Alabama, and by putting their backing behind the student-led Green Fund initiative, UAH administration continues its commitment to placing students first!"

The UAH initiative is inspired directly by recent student actions at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, where a successful student campaign created a new $1 million "Green Fund" this May.

All student groups are working in conjunction with the Coalition of Alabama Students for the Environment and CASE's "Statewide Sustainable Investment Project", which hopes to create additional Green Funds at UAB and Auburn University by January 2014.

The Coalition of Alabama Students for the Environment (CASE) is a statewide network of student environmental leaders from multiple grassroots environmental organizations at eight college campuses across Alabama.

Just Keep Swimming!

By: Josh McBrayer
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CULLMAN – The Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center is full of swimmers almost every day during the dog days of summer, but this weekend was different. Every square inch of the six lane indoor pool and eight lane outdoor pool was in use, but not from visitors looking for a little relaxation.

Hundreds of swimmers gathered there to compete in the 80 events of the 2013 Alabama Recreation and Parks Association State Swimming Championships.

Teams from all over the state including Birmingham, Boaz, Tallassee, and Troy, just to name a few, arrived at the CWAC with one thing on their mind: winning.

"We are very blessed to have this event here" said Cullman Parks and Recreations director John Hunt. "We could not have done it without the whole community."

Although the dive competition took place on Thursday, the swim meet officially started on Friday with all of the fanfare you would expect from such a huge event.

Hunt kicked off the opening ceremonies with an invocation asking for the protection of all of the competitors. Paige Harbison, a regular face within the parks department, sang a stunning rendition of the *Star Spangled Banner*.

To close out the ceremony Cullman City Mayor Max Townsend took the microphone and spoke very highly of the CWAC and swimming in general then took time to thank all of the judges and volunteers for all of their time and hard work.

With the formalities over, the fans that were gathered poolside were treated to a full day of swimming action. From freestyle to butterfly, and backstroke to relays, there was something for everyone.

"It couldn't have been better," said Hunt about the meet.

He also talked highly of the volunteers that helped with the massive event. "We could not have done it without the volunteers and the Cullman swim parents. Anytime you have an event with 800 to 900 swimmers go this smoothly, it is something special."

2013 Ala. Recreation & Parks Association State Swimming Champ. Results

TEAM RESULTS

Large City Results
1st Madison Dolphins Swim Team 3,125
2nd Prattville Swim League 1,609. 50
3rd Dothan Dolphin Swim Team 877. 50
4th Albertville Swim Team 494
5th Florence Alabama Swim Team 444
6th Opelika Swim Team 434
7th Athens Swim Team 151
8th B'Ham Park & Rec 106
9th River City Aquatics Club 81
10th Troy Tiger Sharks 76
11th Anniston Barracudas Swim Team 31

Small City Results
1st Cullman Swim Team 1,417
*Cullman also won the team diving competition
2nd Scottsboro Swim Association 1,328
3rd Boaz Barracudas 1,246. 50
4th Sheffield Swim Team 1,063. 50
5th Jasper Swim Team 825
6th Guntersville Aquacats 652
7th Andalusia Swim League 395
8th Eufaula Wave Runners 352
9th Arab Swim Team 298
10th Tallassee Tiger Sharks 193
11th Sylacauga Cyclones Swim Team 117. 50
12th Centre Swim Team 60. 50
13th Jacksonville Swim Team 57
14th Valley Area Swim Team 38

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

100 yard IM

Boys 8 & Under
Sawyer Trimble
Maddux Patterson
Joshua Chubb

Girls 8 & Under
Zoe Johnson
Rosie Thompson
Sabrina Gracie

Boys 9-10
Curtis Cooper
Lei Webb
Sean Ferrebee

Girls 9-10
Jenna Pierce
Sarah Shirley
Clair Ogstad

Boys 11-12
Wen Zhang
Caleb Williams
Dylan Keyes

Girls 11-12
Kari Randolph
Christina Tarsitano
Katie Pollard

Boys 13-14
Kyle Vosen
Jacob Dennis
Byron He

Girls 13-14
Annabel King
Sarah Peel
Morgan Bull

Boys 15-18
Ken Levens
Bennett Glasscock
Ryan Prickett

Girls 15-18
Madison Brown
Micaela Duncan
Megan Rhoads

25 yard Breaststroke

Boys 8 & under
Sawyer Trimble
Tyler Pierce
Cort McNeel

Girls 8 & under
Becca Corbett
Larissa Dowling
Shelton Linville

50 yard Breaststroke

Boys 9-10
Max Stevens
Jake Palenpa
John Wesson Johnson

Girls 9-10
Claire Ogstad
Anna Leigh Gossett
Maggie Ella Robbins

Boys 11-12
John Eric Anderson
Mark Payne
Eric Messer

Girls 11-12
Christina Tarsitano
Katie Pollard
Jewel Kings

Boys 13-14
Kyle Vosen
Russell Rissman
Gabe Wilbert

Girls 13-14
Sara Peel
Taite Langley
Isabella Thompson

Boys 15-18
Ken Levens
Zach Reichle
Patrick Devoe

Girls 15-18
Madison Brown
Michelle Pilcher
Morgan Smith

25 yard Freestyle

Boys 8 &under
Ridge Stewart
(tie) Jack Patel & Ross Harrell

Girls 8 & under
Rose Thompson
Lily Balkcom
Emma Scofield

50 yard Freestyle

Boys 9-10
Curtis Cooper
Joe Palenpa
James Johnson

Girls 9-10
Jenna Pierce
Reese McNeel
Kelly Warren

Boys 11-12
Tony Pereira
Dylan Keyes
Sven Spurgeon

Girls 11-12
Kari Randolph
Makole Chamblee
JoAnne Stevens

Boys 13-14
Marco Ruiz
Jacob Dennis
Alex Johnson

Girls 13-14
Mackenzie Brown
Claire Cheatham
Bayley Blackman

Boys 15-18
Daniel Huang
Zach Reichle
Ryan Prickett

Girls 15-18
Chloe Bennett
Chelsea Chamblee
Carrie Ann Davison

25 yard Backstroke

Boys 8&under
Jack Patel
Ridge Stewart
CJ Arnold

Girls 8 & under
Sara Broyles
Anna Page
Lily Balkcom

50 yard Backstroke

Boys 9-10
Curtis Cooper
Ethan West
Riley O'Brien

Girls 9-10
Reese McNeel
Amanda Dowling
Emma Williams

Boys 11-12
Connor Crawford
Sven Spurgeon
Jonah Group

Girls 11-12
JoAnne Stevens
Meagen Still
Blakely Lee

Boys 13-14
Joseph Daniel
Jacob Dennis
Mark Johnson

Girls 13-14
Annabel King
Bailey Skipper
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Carrie Ann Davison
Samantha Riha

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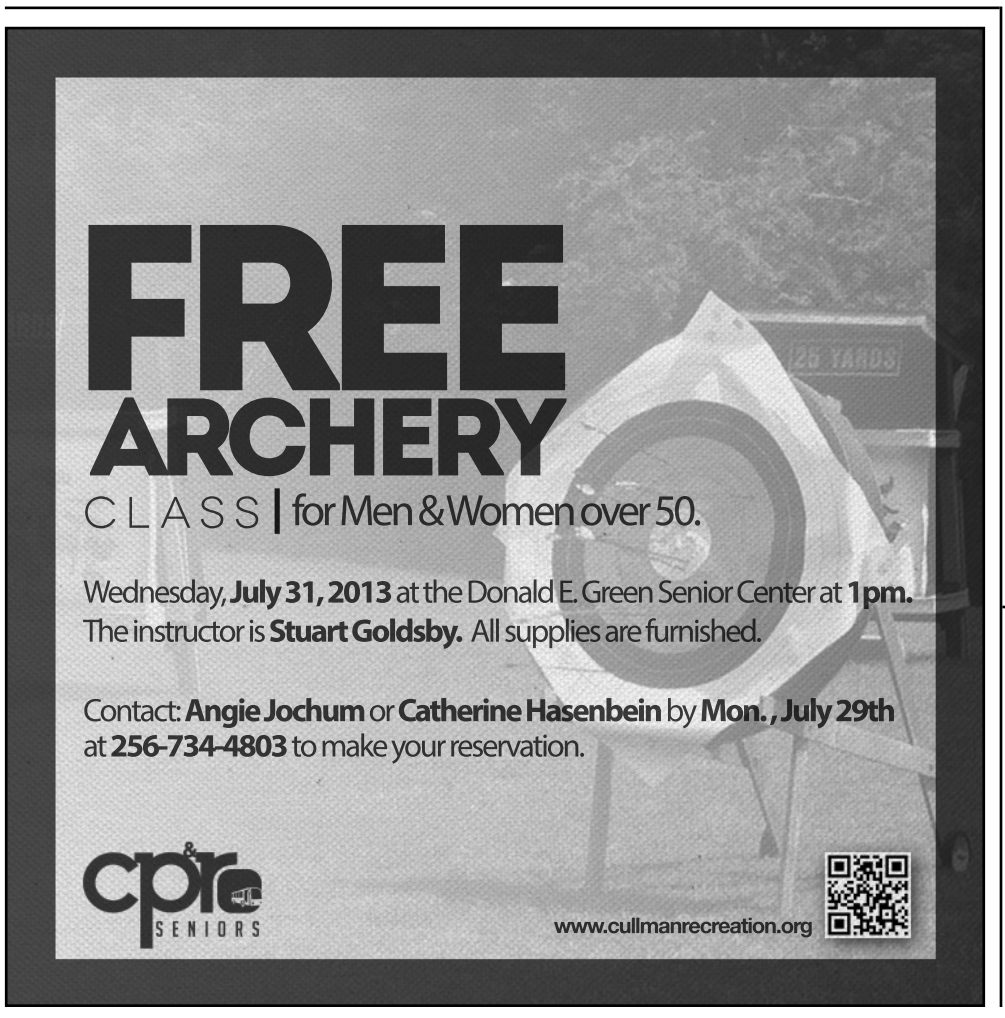
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Noah Price





Area Team Spotlight: Good Hope Raiders

By: Josh McBrayer
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GOOD HOPE- Welcome to the first installment of Area Team Spotlight for the 2013 football season, featuring our local high school teams!

For this week's Spotlight we travel to the campus at Good Hope to get the inside scoop on the upcoming Raiders season.

The Raiders got off to a fast start in '12 going 2-0 in their first pair games but things started to go downhill starting with a tough 34-26 loss to Winston County, the first loss of the season, and the beginning of a streak that saw the Raiders lost seven straight before getting back on track with a win over West End Walnut Grove in the final game of the season.

"We should be better with the amount of senior leadership present (on the team)," head coach Randy Moss said while talking to CullmanSense.

OFFENSE

The Good Hope Raider offense looks to be in good shape as they lost just one player, offensive lineman Ryan Dill, who graduated in 2012.

This means that the Raiders will have a plethora of experience under their belt from the offensive side of the ball come the start of football season that is just over four short weeks away.

The newcomer to the squad that looks like he can be a factor is wide receiver Austin Reed who will do his best to make an immediate impact and help Good Hope improve on last year's 18.8 points per game scoring average.

"A new system with big goals and team consistency," Moss said in response to a question about what Good Hope's offensive plans for 2013 are.

DEFENSE

The defensive side of the ball has been a focal point in years past and this year looks to be no different.

It will be a different looking group in the trenches as the Raiders lost Austin Barrett (DE), Kendell Duke (OLB), Luke Parker (FS), and Zack Sloan (P).

But perhaps the biggest loos comes in the form of defensive lineman Josh Grigsby who will be playing college ball for the Campbellsville University Tigers in 2013, but don't count the Raider defense out

Moss told CullmanSense that his team would be "playing with intensity and total, complete effort," when it came to defense.

He looks to cut down on the 29+ point average his team gave up last year.

Helping with this task will be free safety Matt Cofer, who will be looking to pick up the mantle of defensive leader.

This looks like it will be a strong season for the Good Hope Raiders.

There will be a mix of fresh and familiar faces when Good Hope hits the gridiron on August 29th for their first game of the season, a home contest vs. the Holly Pond Broncos.

The Barons are back on top

By: Josh McBrayer
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The Birmingham Barons have had one heck of a week on the diamond, both home and away, going 6-1 heading into Sunday's matchup with the power hitting Tennessee Smokies who were coming off of a 3-2 series win over the Huntsville Stars.

This was the first time the two best teams in the Southern League North Division would meet in the second half; with the Smokies clinging to a half game lead over the Barons.

The Barons got in the score column first when Dan Black continued his hot hitting, raking a double to left field that scored Tyler Saladino who had walked and stolen second.

However, the Barons lead would be short as the Tennessee Smokies scored two runs off the bat of Cubs top prospect Javier Baez when he blasted a homer over the right field fence scoring Matt Szczur in the process.

Birmingham would quickly come back to tie the game in the third, again with help from Dan Black as he flicked the ball to center field, allowing Marcus Semien to score from second. The Smokies would go in order and the score would stand at 2-2 after three full innings.

The game would not stay tied for long though. In the top of the fourth, Chris McMurry singled to right, scoring the recently traded for Brandon Jacobs. Semien would follow with his own single to right, with the bases loaded, scoring David Herbeck and McMurry.

Trayce Thompson would help add to the Barons lead when he led off the fifth with a solo jack, his tenth of the season, putting Birmingham up 6-2.

He again had an impact in the sixth when he guided a single through the hole and into left field to score Keenyn Walker to make the score 7-2.

Birmingham would add its final run in the top of the ninth when Walker got in on the RBI fun, doubling home Herbek to put the Barons on top 8-2.

Give credit to the Smokies, they never stopped fighting.

They added three runs of their own with a Chad Noble RBI double and another two run bomb by Baez, his tenth homer of the year, but it was not enough to overcome the offensive barrage of Birmingham. The Barons now lead the Southern League North Division over the Smokies by a half game.

The Birmingham Barons will be back home at Regions Field starting August 2nd to take on the Pensacola Blue Wahoos with a start time of 7:05 p.m. Make your plans to head on down and cheer on the Barons!



A walk in the park(s)

By: Josh McBrayer
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Maybe I am partial because I have a membership to the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center. Maybe it is because I have spent countless hours hiking the trails of Hurricane Creek Park or playing on the diamonds at Heritage Park.

Maybe I am partial because it is in my home town. Or maybe, just maybe, there is some truth in the statement that the Cullman City Parks and Recreation Department is the BEST parks and recreation department in the state of Alabama.

Cullman was recently voted the best place in Alabama to raise your children by the iconic Bloomberg Magazine and Cullman City Parks system, no doubt, had an impact on that decision.

Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center

One of the newest additions to the Cullman City Parks and Recreation Department is the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center.

The sprawling complex spans an impressive 110,000 square feet with plans of expanding even further. It consists of a state-of-the-art fitness center with free weights as well as machines where members of all body types and abilities can get fit. The CWAC also sports a gym complete with six basketball hoops where you will find a pickup game almost every day of the week. As great as the gym and fitness center are, the real draw is the aquatic center which is something Cullman sorely needed. Indoors you will find a large sized pool that is "divided" into sections.

There is a spot for children, complete with aquatic toys to keep them occupied. A popular attraction, the whirlpool, is a small circular area where you can just float as jets of water slowly spin you in a circle.

Next, there is an area for you to just relax and hang out in the water. For the more adventurous there is a a set of diving boards on the opposite end. The indoor facility also houses a super-heated "pool" and sauna for those who want to warm up after a swim.

The outside of the complex looks like a full-fledged water park. There is, once again, an area for children featuring small slides, bucket dumps, and a lazy river. Adjacent to it is a large pool. Here is where you can dive, swim, or just play around on a hot summer day. This is also where large swim and dive meets are held, like the state meet that was held just this past weekend. A great facility in its own right, the CWAC is just one of three huge parks and recreation attractions in Cullman.

Heritage Park and Field of Miracles

Located in close proximity to the CWAC, again Cullman boasts one of the best facilities of its kind in Heritage Park and the Field of Miracles complex.

Thousands upon thousands of players and spectators have spent their Tuesdays, Thursdays, and weekends at Heritage or FOM playing and watching countless baseball and softball teams. Teams across the state will travel to Cullman to compete in tournaments almost every weekend of the summer months. With numerous fields and wonderful amenities, it is no wonder that teams enjoy playing here in Cullman more than anywhere else.

Another unique feature and draw of the parks department is the Field of Miracles field itself. It is a special needs field where mentally and physically handicapped persons of all ages can join a league and get to experience America's Pastime. The field is a soft rubber instead of grass and dirt and volunteers are allowed on the field and help the players at every position. The field is named after John David Stallings, the mentally handicapped son of Alabama coaching legend Gene Stallings.

Hurricane Creek Park

Last but not least is my personal favorite, Hurricane Creek Park. Privately owned by nature enthusiast William "Buddy" Rogers for 40 years, Hurricane Creek park was donated to the state of Alabama in 2003 and is now ran by the Cullman Parks and Recreation Department. Consisting of well over 60 acres of hiking and biking trails, picnic areas, and beautiful, natural scenery, Hurricane Creek Park is the perfect place to spend a weekend.

Cullman is my home and I will brag on her every chance I get but when I say Cullman has the best Parks and Recreation Department around, don't take my word for it, visit one of the great parks for yourself and you will be singing their praises as well. For more information, visit http://www.cullmanrecreation.org for times, prices, and operating hours.

Taking Aim At Cancer





By: Jessica Norrell
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JONES CHAPEL – For the sixth consecutive year archers from across the southern region of the country took aim at Camp David for Circle of Hope's annual Shoot For A Cure 3D Archery Tournament.

Elaine Blackwood, COH member, said the archery event has grown steadily each year since its inception in 2007.

In recent years all proceeds have gone to the American Cancer Society. Blackwood said that this year the group has changed the donor recipient to a more localized organization. Funds raised will be donated to the Bruno Cancer Center in memory of Barry Bailey.

"This is just our way of helping out at a more local level where folks from our area are sure to benefit from the donation," she said. "We have nothing against the ACS, however we wanted to donate to a more localized organization."

Blackwood, a recent patient at the center, said the experience led her to urge fellow COH members and sisters to focus donations to Bruno.

"When I went through my most recent episode two years back, I saw firsthand what the center offered," she said. "I knew then that we needed to help out however we could."

A range of 20 3-D targets were staked out throughout the property, each with varying distances according to divisions. The younger crowd had a special range set up just feet from the registration area. Children took aim at animals representing various forms of cancer including, lung, breast, and colon, to name a few.

"We have been extremely blessed each year, with this year being one of our best so far," she said. "Last year we had 102 shooters and so far we are on target to surpass 100 participants again this year."

The targets placed around the grounds of Camp David were sponsored by different businesses and groups.

"Each year we've had the same sponsors step up to help us with the targets and silent auction, so thank you everyone for continuining to help out after all these years. Your effort is greatly appreciated," she said. "And thank you to all the shooters who came out to help us raise money for the Bruno Cancer Center. We hope to see you all out again next year!"

Bentley Announces Funds to Help Expansion, Job Creation at Honda Plant

By Larry Childers

MONTGOMERY – Gov. Robert Bentley has announced a $200,000 grant to secure 50 new jobs by aiding the expansion of Honda Manufacturing of Alabama in Talladega County.

The funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission, combined with an earlier $300,000 Community Development Block Grant awarded by Bentley, will make it possible to provide public water service to the Honda plant in Lincoln which currently employs about 4,000 people.

"Helping put Alabamians to work is a primary focus of my administration, and producing top quality vehicles is the focus of Honda," Bentley said. "Add the dedication, skills, and enthusiasm of Alabama workers and you have a powerful formula for success."

The Anniston Water Works and Sewer Board will install nearly a mile of water line to the plant, which previously relied upon well water with a high mineral content.

Bentley notified Commission Chairman Kelvin Cunningham that the grant had been approved.

Congress established the ARC in 1965 as a supplemental grant program to raise the standard of living, improve the quality of life, and promote economic development in portions of the 13 Appalachian mountain states. Thirty-seven Alabama counties, including Talladega, are part of the ARC area. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development supplies funds for the state's CDBG program.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs administers both the ARC and CDBG programs. ADECA administers a wide range of programs that support law enforcement, economic development, workforce development, recreation, energy conservation, and water resource management.

Funding from both programs often work in tandem in Alabama to supply needed resources to counties, cities, and communities for numerous types of projects including economic development.





Lunch is Served



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City employees treated to lunch care of council, mayor

CULLMAN – Cullman City Mayor Max Townson, along with City Council members Garlan Gudger, John Cook, Jenny Folsom, Andy Page, and Cullman City Parks & Recreation Director John Hunt, played host duties to over 300 city employees during the annual City-Wide Employee Safety Meeting.

"This event is run through the Risk Management Department, Tom Charney, and was sponsored by John Hunt of the Parks Department," Mayor Townson said. "It is our way of saying thank you to all of our city employees for their great work over the past year, as well as recognizing those employees who kept safety their priority."

One big incentive Mayor Townson pointed out was the drive for physical wellness as a whole. The city's insurance provider had proposed a discounted rate if a majority of the city's employees passed their yearly physical exam.

"The insurance company said if we hit 80% clear on our employee physical checkups then it would save the city $40,000," he said. "That's a big savings for anyone. I am proud to say that we surpassed that number. I am proud of all the city employees for their continued hard work and commitment to this great community."



NEW LAW CHANGES

Cullman County Revenue Commissioner's Office

The Alabama Department of Revenue recently announced a new law that applies to homestead exemptions for all property owners who are age 65 or older or who are totally and permanently disabled.

How does this affect you?

The new law applies to people claiming homestead exemptions on their primary residences and amends the 2012 homestead tax law. If you had previously qualified for an over age 65 or disability exemption but did not qualify in 2012, you may be eligible now.

Important facts to remember

Your age and income matter: if you are 65 or older and your annual taxable income was less than $12,000 on your 2011 Federal income tax return, you're eligible for a specific tax exemption on your residence. (If your taxable income was greater than $12,000, you still qualify for a partial homestead exemption.)

To request your over age 65 homestead exemption, bring documentation of your age and income (2011 Federal and State income tax returns) to the Revenue Commission office at the Courthouse or one of the satellite offices in Baileyton, Dodge City, or Hanceville.

Your disability matters; if you are permanently and totally disabled, you're eligible for a specific tax exemption on your residence. To request your disability exemption, bring your ID, along with proof of disability, to the Revenue Commission office (Courthouse or satellite office).

Proof of disability may include documentation of disability income, such as your private disability annuity or Medicare Card (SSI does not qualify). You may also submit two **Alabama Department of Revenue Physician Affidavits**, as long as one of the physicians is actively treating you directly related to your disability. To be totally and permanently disabled, you must be unable to work because of a medically-determinable physical or mental impairment.

The deadline to submit your over 65 or disability homestead claim for the 2013 tax year is July 31, 2013. For assistance, contact the Revenue Commission at (256) 775-4776.

The Link Of Cullman County Merges With Volunteers In Public Schools

By: Dawn Owens • The Link

CULLMAN — After a year of deliberations The Link of Cullman County, Inc. and Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPs) have decided that it would be in the best interest of each of the organizations to merge in order to maximize their resources and better support their missions'.

Volunteers in Public Schools originated in 2001 through a Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership group and recognizes a lack of support for elementary aged at-risk students.

Since it's conception, VIPs has been serving both city and county public schools as mentors to guidance counselor identified, at-risk students.

This past year, VIPs served in 8 schools and served 102 students. VIPs currently has approximately 40 active mentors.

The Link of Cullman County is a relatively new faith-based non-profit that was incorporated in March of 2012 but has opened it's doors to the public at their current address as of January 7, 2013.

The Link occupies the previously occupied Little Lamb's Preschool on the corner of 3rd and 11th.

The Link works daily to support the needs of the poor and vulnerable in Cullman County by providing a variety of support services that help a person move from a place of dependency to self-sufficiency.

As of the beginning of July, The Link's staff and volunteers have assisted over 200 people in finding jobs, receiving budgeting assistance, learning how to read and write through an adult literacy coach, and teaching English to immigrants within our local area.

The Link also supports a program called "Wise Up Money Skills for Teens" that boasted 256 graduates from our local high schools (Vinemont and Hanceville), a teen GED class from Wallace State, and a group of residents from Childhaven. Wise Up will be adding West Point to its host locations for the 2012-2013 school year.

"It seemed like a no brainer," according to Executive Director, Dawn Owens.

"VIPs is an amazing organization with an extremely vital role to play in our community with our youth. We have an invested interest in supporting the needs of those youth by helping their parents with employment, financial counseling, and other services. The merge of our two organizations does not just help an individual, it expands to the whole family."

Reginnia Roat is the most recent Board Chair of VIPs and has been actively involved with the organization since 2002.

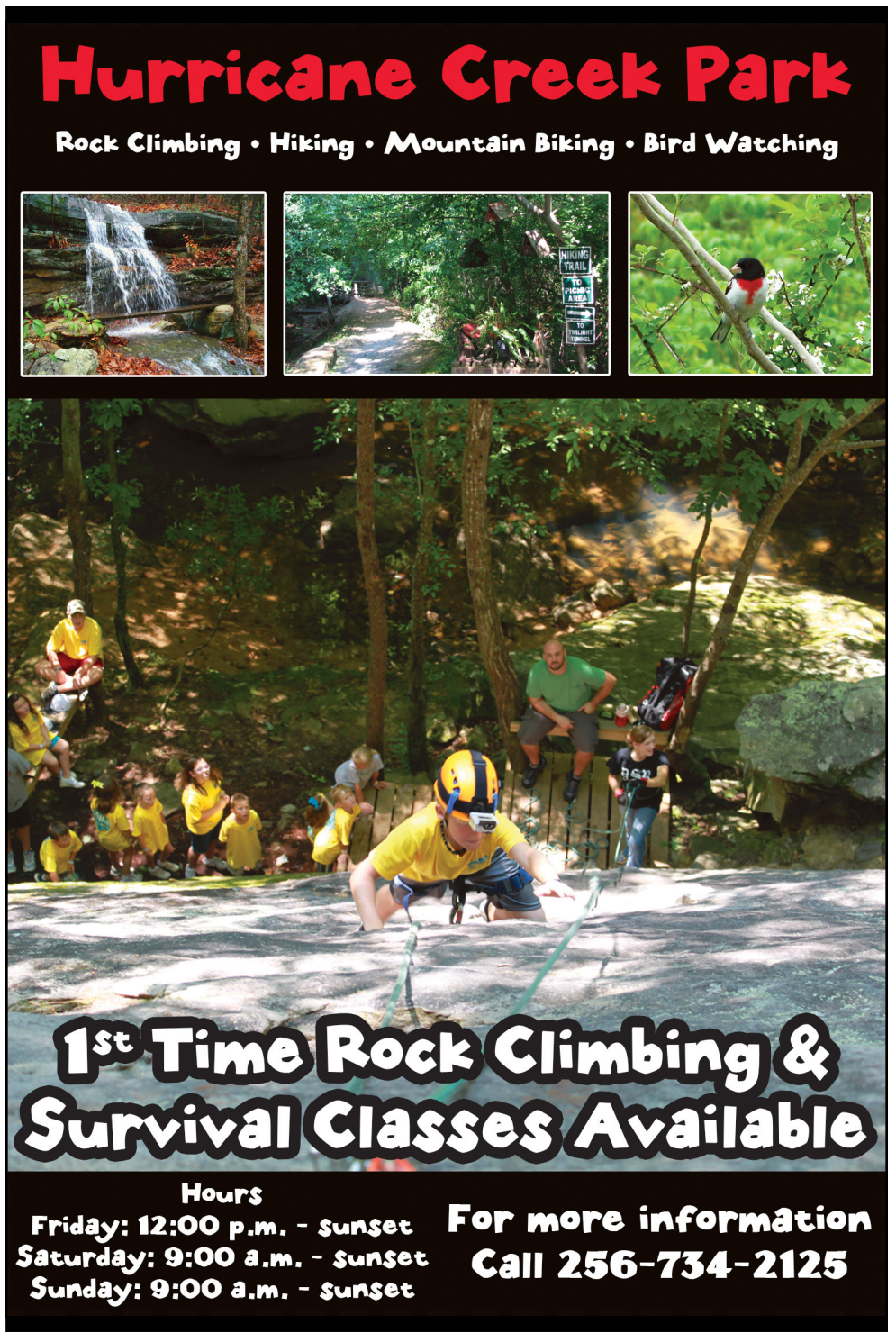
"We are so excited about the possibilities associated with becoming a part of The Link," shared Roat.

"I have witnessed firsthand the difference a VIPs mentor can make in the life of a student. Now we will also be able to offer that student's family a hand up through the services of The Link. The impact could be tremendous."

Volunteers in Public Schools is actively recruiting mentors for the 2013-2014 school year.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a mentor and making a difference in the life of a child, please call 256-775-0028 or e-mail info@linkingcullman.org for more information.

For more information about services available at The Link of Cullman County, visit online at www.linkingcullman.org or follow us on Facebook or Twitter (@linkingcullman).



– Calendar –

Submit your event to
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Monday

Cullman Kiwanis Club
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Holly Pond Center Open Daily
Holly Pond Senior Center opens its doors to all seniors each Monday through Friday with games, fellowship, rook, Wii bowling and a lunch served each day at 11 a.m.

Domestic Violence Survivor Support Group
Victim Services of Cullman sponsors a Domestic Violence Survivor Support Group meeting every Monday evening from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the old County Board of Education Building with childcare available. For additional information please call 256-775-2600. CRISIS HOTLINE - 256-734-6100.

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
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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.

Fairview Senior Center Open Tuesdays
Fairview Senior Center opens its door in the Town Hall each Tuesday morning for all seniors. Activities and games include rook, dominoes and other entertaining events. A covered dish meal will be available until 12 noon. For more info please call 256-796-5424.

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.

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.

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.

Good Hope Senior Center Open Wednesdays
Good Hope Senior Center welcomes all senior citizens to come visit on Wednesday mornings for music, games such as rook, dominoes, Wii bowling and many other activities. A covered dish lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. All welcome!! The Senior Center is located inside the Good Hope Town Hall.

Latter Day Saints Genealogy Library
The Genealogy Library at the Latter Day Saints (L.D.S.) Church is open to the public each Wednesday night from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Don Jones is available to open the Library at other times, if needed, so please contact him at 256-784-5098.

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.

Aqua Zumba Classes at CWAC
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Thursday

Festhalle Farmers' Market
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Community Lions Club Meeting
The Community Lions Club meets the first and third Thursday of each month at Rumor's Deli. Lunch is at 11:30 and the meeting is at 12:00. The Community Lions Club supports diabetes awareness in our community. If you are interested community service and supporting diabetes, along with great fun and fellowship, please consider joining us. We are open to both men and women. For more information, please call 256-739-0139.

Baileyton Senior Center open Thursdays
Baileyton Senior Center opens its doors every Thursday morning with music, games, activities, rook, dominoes, Wii Bowling and fun for all. A covered dish lunch is served at 1130 am. For more information please call 256-796-6447.

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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.

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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Inaugural Redneck Games
The Cullman County Rescue Squad will host their First Annual Redneck Games at the Stony Lonesome OHV Park. $5.00 admission. Lots of food, fun, mud, and music. Come join us for the fun some activities Redneck Horseshoes, Redneck Rodeo, Mud Belly Flop, Redneck Slip and Slide, Mud pit Slip and Slide, Tug-a- War, Frozen Tee Shirt Contest and lots more. Everyone invited to come join in all the fun and festivities. You've never seen anything like this before.

Good Hope Farmers Market
Local Good Hope farmers and growers will be on hand to sell their produce each Saturday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Hathcock Park in Good Hope.

Rock Climbing at Hurricane Creek Park
If you are interested in rock climbing then check-in with Hurricane Creek Park for their Saturday morning rock climbing session, starting at 10 a.m. Reservations are required. For more information, call 256-734-2125. Hurricane Creek Park is located on Highway 31 North.

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

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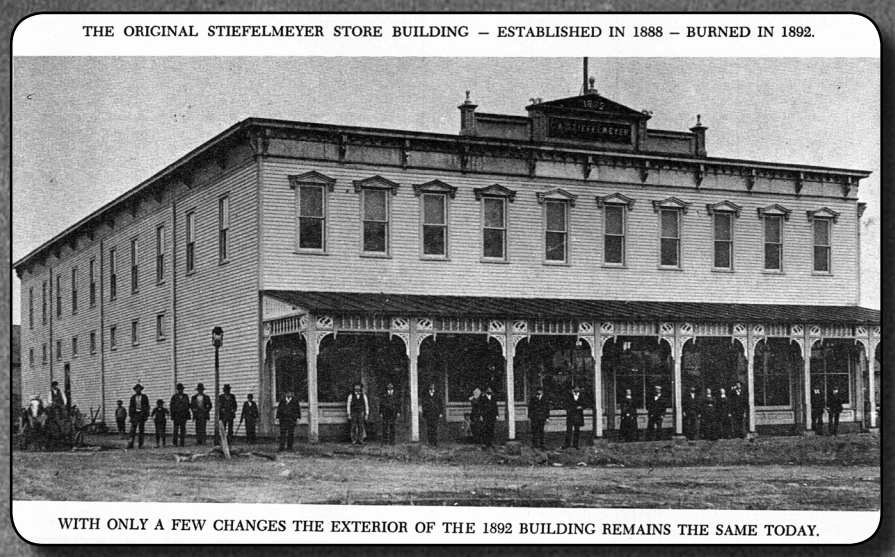
Looking Ahead

Cullman Oktoberfest
This year's Cullman Oktoberfest will be held October 5-12, 2013 at Festhalle Market Platz and Cullman County Museum. For more information e-mail jburks@cullmancity.org and visit www.cullmanoktoberfest.com.

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.

Reflections of History



The original Stiefelmeyer Store Building — Contrib. by Cullman County Museum

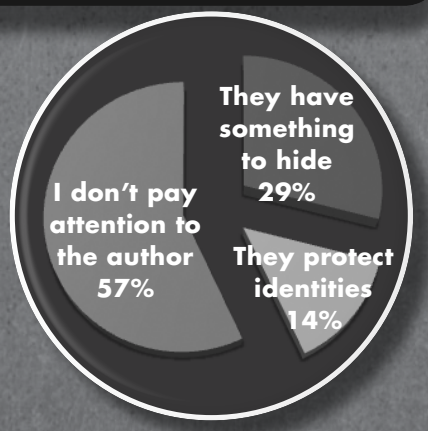
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This Week in History
July 29 - August 4

July 29th
1858 – U.S. citizens allowed to live anywhere in Japan
1938 – Comic strip "Dennis the Menace," first appears
2012 - In China, thousands protest plans to introduce national patriotism lessons in Hong Kong school, labeling it Chinese propaganda
July 30th
1733 – Society of Freemasons opens first American lodge in Boston
1909 – Wright Brothers deliver first military plane to the army
1982 – Atlanta Braves remove Chief Noc-A-Homa to make room for more seats
July 31st
1792 – Cornerstone laid for first U.S. government building: U.S. Mint in Philadelphia
1912 – U.S. government prohibits movies and photos of prize fights
1971 – Apollo 15 astronauts take 6 hour electric car ride on Moon
August 1st
1732 – Foundation laid for Bank of England
1936 – Adolf Hitler opens 11th Olympic Games in Berlin
1959 – WAAY TV channel 31 in Huntsville, AL (ABC/NBC) begins broadcasting
August 2nd
1492 – Jews are expelled from Spain by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella
1776 – Formal signing of Declaration of Independence
1990 – Iraq invades and occupies Kuwait, Emir flees to Saudi Arabia
August 3rd
1882 – Congress passes first law restricting immigration
1941 – Benzine sales limited in U.S.
1975 - Poland and West Germany reach accord about returning ethnic Germans
August 4th
1753 – George Washington becomes a master mason
1922 – Female 1st baseman Lizzie Murphy plays on AL All-Star team
1972 – Arthur Bremer jailed for 63 years for shooting Alabama Governor George Wallace

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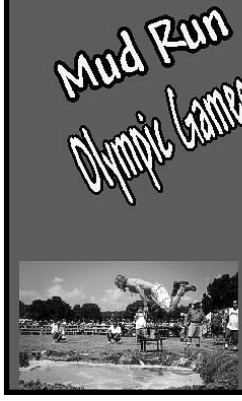
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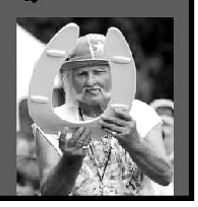
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Crawling toward a Cultural Micropolis:

Cullman's First Pub Crawl

By: Dillon Lee
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CULLMAN – The Oxford English dictionary indicates that the term "pub crawl" has been used since the 1800s. Originating in Europe and popular in the UK, a pub crawl is defined as "a drinking session that moves from one licensed premises to the next." The pub crawl, sometimes called a bar tour, is sometimes a spontaneous event taken on by a group of friends, but is often planned and coordinated by restaurant and bar owners, charities, and other event coordinators.

While Downtown Cullman has seen an increase in such cooperative community driven activities in the last few years, including the now annual Celebrate Cullman (happening this Friday, August 2), July 27th's Downtown Pub Crawl is the first of its kind. Cullman has officially joined the ranks of metropolises Birmingham, Huntsville, and Mobile who use the traditional Pub Crawl as a way to highlight local businesses and support a robust downtown culture.

Our own small town, while far from the sprawling urban metropolis, is making its way towards a culturally vibrant micropolis, a small and more personal city with the night life and luster of its larger cousins.

Officially participating in this event were the Busy Bee Café, Blue Moose Café and Brew Pub, Moe's Original Barbecue, and All Steak. A block west, The Downtown Grill and The Local Standard also had entertainment, food, and libation to compliment the downtown scene. The Pub Crawl experience started with dinner at the new Blue Moose Café.

The Blue Moose features a highly specialized menu focusing on locally grown food and serving a wide variety of craft brews and Alabama brewers on tap. Manager and cook, Jacob Wood could scarcely spare a moment as he served a packed pub and prepared for the night's free live music by Kyle Sexton.

A house specialty, the Blue Moose's hot tamales, served on a bed of black beans and cilantro, were clearly the favorite of the evening diners.

The tamale's thick slightly sweet cornbread like wrapping is cooked traditionally in corn husks adding to the flavor and complimenting the savory and spicy beef filling. This tamale is an original recipe combining a distinctly southern flair to an ancient Mesoamerican dish.

Blue Moose is quickly becoming one of the most unique dining experiences in Cullman. And it's sure to get even more exotic as the owners work to live up to their title as a true brew pub, soon crafting their own unique beer. Expect to hear more about this singularly homegrown establishment in the pages of CullmanSense.

Since the Colorado based franchise opened at the end of May, Moe's Original Barbeque has become a popular spot for diners and entertainment seekers. While a national franchise, Moe's is locally owned and operated, proudly taking part in the pub crawl and packed wall-to-wall with revelers.

Moe's offers a fantastic outdoor dining courtyard and is designed to accommodate live music better than most other small venues in Cullman. Derek Alldredge, a performer with roots in Cullman and Nashville, entertained Moe's capacity crowd with his own take on popular tunes and country standards.

Diners enjoyed some of the restaurant's signature food and drink, notably the Cowboy Nachos.

This dish eschews cheese and corn chips for loads of pulled pork barbeque and homemade kettle chips. It is a fantastic substitution and, like the Blue Moose Tamale's, provide a decidedly southern turn to a familiar dish.

The signature Bushwacker also made an appearance on tables throughout the restaurant. The Bushwacker, sometimes called the Alabama Bushwacker, is a vanilla milkshake complemented with rums, Bacardi 151, and Kahlua, resulting in a frozen, almost chocolaty treat for fans of rum heavy beach drinks.

On a familiar corner rests the hearthstone of Cullman's revitalized downtown culture, the perennial institution- The Busy Bee. The Bee was packed to capacity overflowing onto the sidewalk as people were led in by the sound of crowd favorite Chris Bushey.

Bushey, a classical guitar student at UAH, wooed the attendees with 90's alternative rock anthems, Motown standards, and flawless Elton John covers.

Bushey is also known as a local music producer with his own Fairview based Flying Pig Studio. He was seen at Rock the South as a guitarist in the country band Coal Rain. Bandmates Tela Washam and Will Dowdy were in attendance to support Bushey.

Dowdy, Coal Rain's lead male vocalist, touted Bushey's range of style and professional "perfectionist" tendencies as a producer. Coal Rain will be playing at Celebrate Cullman this Friday.

The Busy Bee was the hub of the Pub Crawl event. Both geographically, as friends and neighbors made the turn to visit the new Allsteak or hit The Blue Moose or Moe's, and figuratively, as general manager Kyle Spears orchestrated the event with other locally owned establishments.

Spears first approached Moe's and support grew from there. When asked what inspired the Pub Crawl event Spears answered, "We wanted to bring people downtown away from the chains on the interstate and into local businesses." Spears hopes that the success of this pub crawl will make it a yearly event.

Since the return of the Busy Bee, destroyed by April 27th's tragic tornadoes, Kyle, Kitty, and the sadly departed Steve Spears have been innovators in invigorating Cullman's downtown culture.

They have organized St. Patrick 's Day events with Irish themed food and drink. Recently Kyle announced that the Busy Bee will be proudly participating in Oktoberfest with a specialized menu premiering this year.

As crowds filed in and out, the Busy Bee staff diligently made sure that Cullman's container laws were followed and tried to ensure everyone enjoyed the night responsibly.

A bit further from downtown, The Local Standard, under the new ownership of Stephen and Kelly Ray, enjoyed a bustling crowd. While the Allsteak featured singer Emily Burrow as their free live performer, The Standard took a different approach, providing customers with their own turn at the Karaoke mic.

Kelly Ray took a few minutes away from the late night crowd to talk about The Local Standard's future. "Our signature dish is our rib eye and twice baked potatoes and the 'Local Lager,'" which is cold PBR on tap. Currently, Ray is maintaining The Standard's usual event's schedule including live performances and regular karaoke, but she doesn't plan on stopping there.

"We're working on a new specialized menu," Ray said as she assured me that Cullman Sense would be informed on exciting changes coming to the restaurant in the near future. Even though much of the event was "makeshift," Spears described his business as "slammed."

If Spears' assessment was correct, the pub crawl was indeed a success worthy of becoming another in the growing list of downtown traditions.

The Pub Crawl itself along with this week's Celebrate Cullman, the summer's Rock the South, and the increasingly popular Oktoberfest is indicative of a broader social trend- thinking, acting, and celebrating local.

Evidence of this trend is seen in the popular Alabama beers found on tap at the pub crawl locations.

Huntsville's Yellowhammer and Straight to Ale breweries, Gadsden's Back Forty Brewing, and Birmingham's Avondale and Good People Breweries were all represented.

The Busy Bee's Kyle Spears also led the charge in popularizing these smaller craft brews on tap. Spears says" a regular crowd of about 20"craft beer fans show up on Friday night to sample the latest microbrew batch.

A Bee favorite, and Kyle's personal choice, is Straight to Ale's Brother Joseph, a darker fruity Belgian abbey style ale, appropriately named after St. Bernard's own Grotto architect, Joseph Zoetti.

Also offered is Back Forty's Truck Stop Honey, a mildly sweet flavorful brown beer, which even the casual beer drinker can appreciate.

At Moe's, Back Forty was represented by their American Pale Ale, Naked Pig, a hoppy beer with a mild malt finish that is nicely paired with (obviously) pork. At The Blue Moose, Good People's Coffee Oatmeal Stout, a rich dark aromatic stout with a mildly bitter coffee finish, sold out.

Also on tap were Yellowhammer's Belgian White, a Belgian style ale with an odd almost banana undertones, and Miracle Worker Tripel, a citrusy high gravity beer that reigns in the sweet aftertaste better than other tripels. Offered at Blue Moose and The Busy Bee is arguably Avondale's best beer, the nutty almost chocolate porter with a light vanilla finish.

Events like these are about a shared communal experience- friends and neighbors supporting each other, catching up, and making new friends.

No establishment could be entered without immediately seeing a familiar face and shaking a few hands.

o consider this, or any other local event, merely an excuse for drunkenness and irresponsibility, is a narrow viewpoint which ignores the larger implications of bringing a community closer as well as the benefit to the local economy.

Small brewers like those mentioned above realize this, as these smaller family oriented companies share recipes and techniques while maintaining friendly competition.

Good People is known for its support of local and statewide charities, while Back Forty, not only generously supports the arts, but provides a much needed market for local farmers and honey developers.

The Busy Bee, The Blue Moose, Moe's, Allsteak, The Downtown Grill, and the Local Standard all share this same common value of support and friendly competition.

Community, advocacy, economics, citizenship, and the local pub- these seemingly disparate elements need not be separate.

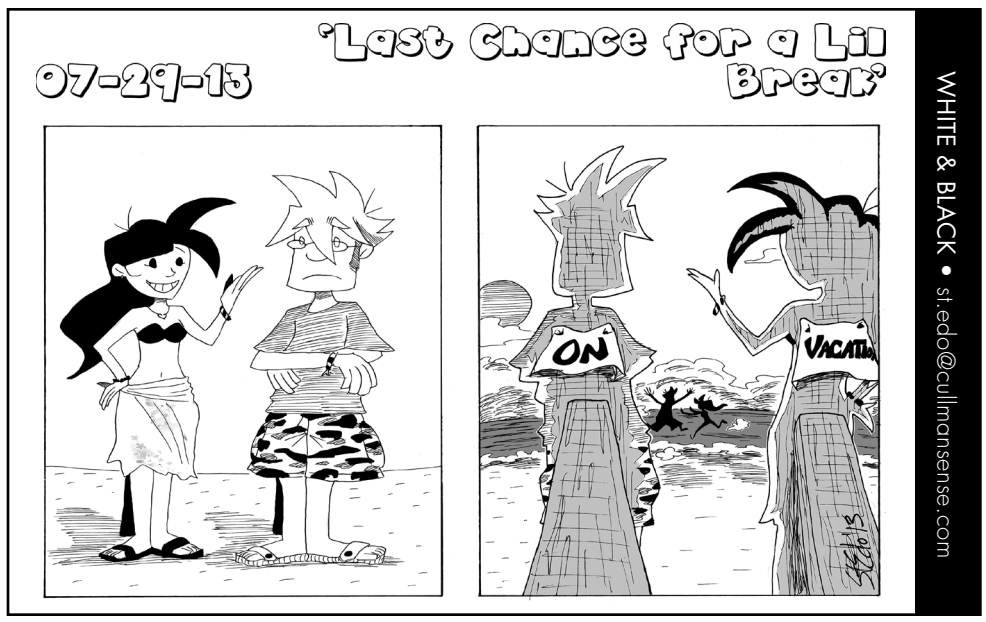
When done responsibly, with an interest in civic and cultural pride, events like Cullman's Downtown Pub Crawl are indicative of the strongest fibers that can bond people together.

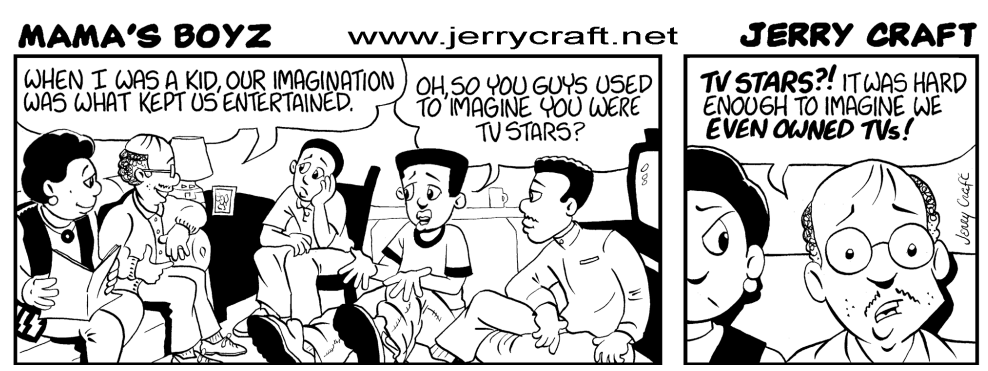
And while the City Police were not yet available for comment, trends have shown that local business owners in cooperation with city officials and law enforcement manage to keep the large majority of participants safe, responsible, and well within the established mores and guidelines of Cullman.

For a follow-up with city police and other Pub Crawl participating restaurants, as well as more information including commentary of the Alabama beers on tap in Cullman, check www.cullmansense.com later in the week.

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Affordable Care Act Can't Go on Forever

By: Rosemary Elebash

The late economist Herbert Stein famously said, "If something cannot go on forever, it will stop." He might have well been talking about the president's health-care law.

Since its passage, the badly misnamed Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act—also known as Obamacare—has creaked and strained under its own weight.

Individual parts of the law have begun to fall away bit by bit, beginning with the untenable CLASS Act and then the onerous 1099 provision, while other pieces have barely hung on, as exemplified in the delay of offering options in the marketplace where small businesses can purchase insurance products.

A few weeks ago, Obamacare's foundation cracked yet again, when the administration announced that it will delay until 2015 the implementation of the employer mandate and reporting requirements.

On its face, this latest delay marginally improves a bad situation: It provides those in the business community with an extra year to comply with a cumbersome and confusing element of the law.

But delays are not long-term solutions. They do not solve the inherent problems of the employer mandate, nor do they solve the law's other many problems, which extend far beyond the scope of this single troublesome element.

Millions of self-employed individuals and small-business employees will still be subject to the law's much more expansive individual mandate, which requires nearly all Americans to purchase a health insurance plan or pay a penalty.

Individuals and small businesses that provide health insurance must purchase government-sanctioned "essential health benefits" that will be more costly than the health-insurance benefits they currently use.

Beginning in 2014, the health-insurance tax (HIT), another problematic provision of the law that targets the fully insured marketplace, will increase the health-insurance costs of 1.7 million small businesses, 11 million employees, the self-employed who purchase in the individual market, and 23 million employees who are covered by their employers.

The endless stream of delays and capitulations -- not to mention new taxes and complicated regulations -- in Obamacare only add to the sense among many that this law is nothing short of a mess. Members of the small-business community -- the segment of the economy responsible for the majority of job creation and the sector that will be hardest hit by some of Obamacare's most complex provisions -- have little reason to believe in the cost-reduction promises of health-care reform. Since the law was passed, the average reading for the NFIB Small Business Optimism Index has been 91.4 -- almost nine points below the historic average of 100 -- and its current trajectory is flat. In the words of one small-business owner, "uncertainty is the single biggest killer" of confidence among jobs creators -- and this law has dramatically added to small-business owners' uncertainty.

The implementation delay illustrates how deeply flawed the law is -- even the administration needs more time to figure out how to implement it correctly.

But delaying implementation is not enough. If the administration is truly listening to small-business owners, it will work toward permanent solutions that provide the long-term certainty that businesses are looking for.

Permanent relief can be achieved by defining a full-time employee as one who works 40 hours a week instead of 30 - the definition included in Obamacare in contradiction to the one codified by decades of labor law. More can be done to help small employers get relief by repealing the HIT -- which is already discouraging business expansion and job creation, and which will increase premiums on the health-insurance plans that self-employed individuals and small businesses purchase.

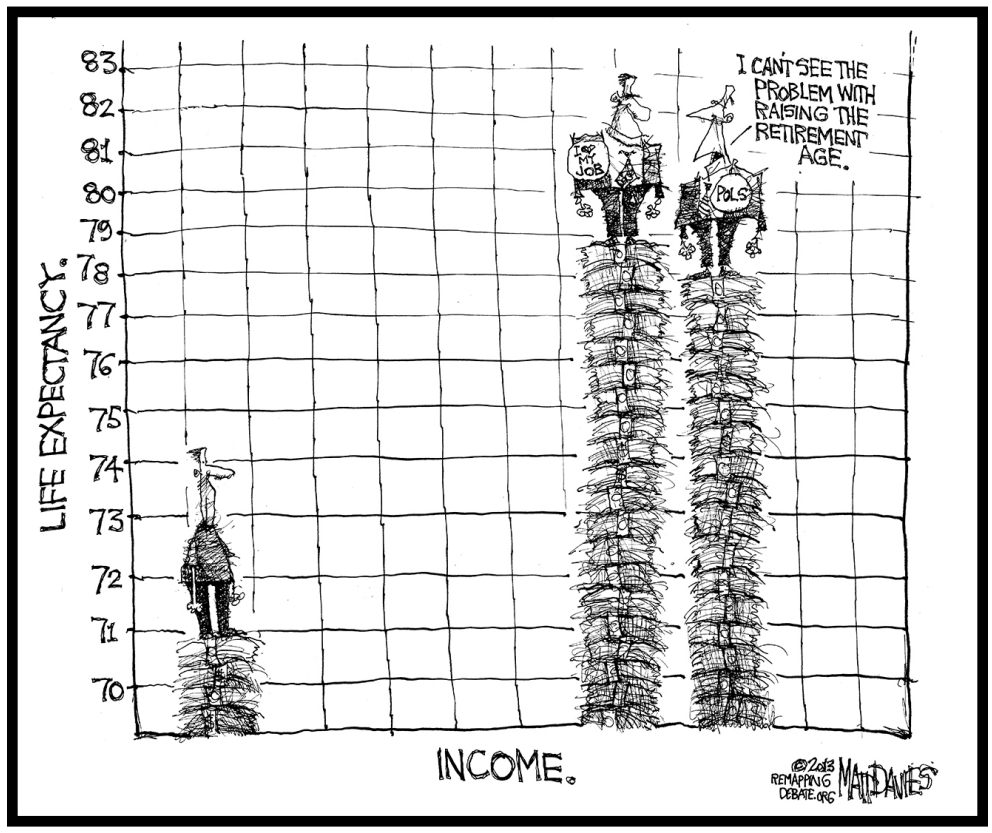
Only this type of relief will encourage business owners to hire additional personnel or give them the confidence to increase working hours for existing employees.

In every way, the law has proven itself unmanageable, unreliable, and unsustainable. But it hasn't stopped yet.

Herbert Stein may well be right: If Obamacare cannot continue, it will collapse on its own.

But until it does, we need to give job creators the space to do what they do best, by providing relief, reducing confusion, and addressing the most pressing challenges of complying with a complex and cumbersome law.

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Hitting the Mark

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State Archery Tournament draws large crowd

CULLMAN – The Cullman Community Archery Park was the site for the 2013 ASA State Tournament, hosted by Heritage Archery Club and Cullman City Parks & Recreation.

"Hosting the state tournament is great because we are bringing a group of people from around the state to compete for bragging rights," John Hunt, CP&R Director, said. "We are just very happy that we have a park which is second to none."

David Howse, President of the Heritage Archery Club said that it's an honor to be selected to host the tournament. Since the park opened it has played host to many other tournaments.

"It's the first year to host the State Archery Shooters Association Tournament; we've hosted the Bow Hunters of Alabama State Tournament the previous two years," Howse said. "It's a great feeling to have the state tournament in our town."

Howse said the impact reaches further than many may expect.

"It means a lot to the community. There are people here from Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, and many other areas across the country. That means people are staying in hotels and visiting our stores and restaurants. So it has a positive effect throughout the community. "

While passing by the park one may see a small field with just a few targets set-up down range. However, looks can be deceiving.

"We're still adding on to the park. I tell people to think of it as an 18-hole golf course. What you see driving by the park isn't even the tip of the iceberg," Hunt said.

"Once you get back on the different lanes that are spread out throughout the area then you'll understand just how large the park truly is."

The Cullman Community Archery Park is located across from the Cullman Municipal Golf Course. The park is open to the public at no charge.

For additional photos from the ASA State Tournament, visit CullmanSense.com, or find us on Facebook, facebook.com/CullmanSense.



Maples (from Front)

every single one of them."

Southern Accents owner Garlan Gudger said the two both share the love of preservation; Gudger with his love for preserving history through architecture and Dye's committed nature to Japanese Maples.

"Just as we are passionate about saving and preserving architectural artifacts of historical significance for future generations to enjoy, his passion is extended, for the same reasons, to these trees," he said. "We think this is a good fit. We are excited about Coach Dye's visit and we are hoping for a great crowd."

A great crowd is just want Coach Dye drew. Children posed for their picture with the former Auburn coach and fans were able to get memorabilia signed. One lucky fan was Todd Phillips, who was thrilled to have the coach sign a photo.

"It means a lot, just a lot," Phillips said. "It's the first time to meet him in my life, and it was great!"

The sale of the Japanese maples as well as the sale of any memorabilia helps support Quail Hollow Gardens. For more information, visit http://www.quailhollowgardens.com.



Entrepeneurs (from Front)

jobs and raised more than $14 million in additional funding for their businesses.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grant from the Alabama Research Alliance Trust Fund, established by the state in 1981. Interest earned by the trust fund is used to support projects that promote innovation and new technology.

ADECA administers an array of programs supporting law enforcement and traffic safety, economic development, energy conservation, workforce development, water resource management, and recreation development.

Bentley notified Angela Wier, vice president of EDPA, that he approved the grant.

Woman Found Dead Along Co Rd 38

By: Noah Chandler
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COLONY – Cullman Sheriff's Department, along with SWAT, and Alabama State Police were called to the scene on County Road 38 in Colony following the discovery of a deceased woman.

"We are in the early on stages of investigation. We received a call regarding a lady found deceased on County Road 38 in the Colony area. At this time we are not releasing the name so we can notify the family," said Chief Deputy Max Bartlett.

"She is a 41-year-old white female, born in February 1972, and she had appeared to be killed by gunshot."

Bartlett said it was not clear where the deceased woman had been shot.

"Her body has been sent to forensics in Huntsville," he said. "It is still very early in the investigation."

A suspect has been taken into custody following reports that the man tried to flee an area surrounding Co Rd 520.

According to Cullman City Assistant Police Chief Craig Green, the suspect was spotted by the Alabama State Police helicopter near Garden City.

"We will have a prepared statement later in the morning on Monday," Bartlett said.

"We have very minimal information, but the case is moving at fast rate. We are trying to get everything documented, but we feel like the suspect in custody is responsible."

Check with CullmanSense.com throughout the week for updates on the case.

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- **Summer Concerts Series:** Held at Heritage Park Tuesday nights at 6:30pm in the recognition gardens beginning June 4 through July 23. No concert will be held tonight in due to the Fourth of July. Concerts will resume next Tuesday.
- **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.
- **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.
- **EvaBank Midnight Run 5K:** The 2013 EvaBank Midnight Run will be held on Friday, August 9, 2013 at the Cullman Civic Center. Brochures will be available soon at the Cullman Civic Center, Wellness & Aquatic Center, and EvaBank locations. Register online now at www.active.com
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- **Wilderness Survival Classes:** Wilderness survival classes will be held at Hurricane Creek Park on Sunday afternoons with skills including shelter building, finding safe water, building a fire, and other related topics. Call ahead for reservation at 256-734-2125.