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Kenny Boyd of Vinemont provided entertainment for the annual event.

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Accelerated Awareness

By: Noah Chandler
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6th Annual Mopars on the Street car show raises funds for Autism Awareness

CULLMAN – The weekend was a busy one for most of Cullman, with the ASA Archery Tournament and Celebrate Cullman Street Festival occupying two major regions of the city. However, the hectic nature of the weekend did not stop the employees at Cullman Dodge ~ Chrysler ~ Jeep ~ Ram, along with

Get breaking health alerts with ADPH App

By: Jennifer Sumner

MONTGOMERY – Do you want to stay up to date on breaking public health alerts and news, including events and activities? Just download the Alabama Department of Public Health app on your mobile device. The department launched the application to make it easier for the public to access health information.

The app connects all ADPH social media accounts—Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube—in one place. In addition to news releases, the app connects the user to notices and events, messages from the state health officer, Alabama Public Health Training Network messages, and program information.

"We can reach people wherever they are quickly and easily," Jim McVay, Dr.P.A., director of the Bureau of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease, said. "There are so many potential uses. The app can be a crucial tool in informing the public during natural or man-made disasters."

The Alabama Department of Public Health mobile app is available for downloading at no charge. The app requires Android 2.2 or later and iPhone iOS5 or later on mobile devices such as smart phones and iPads.

For more information contact Jennifer Sumner, 334-206-7988 or visit adph.org.

Malzahn Looks to Good Effort, Attitude during Early Team Practices

By: Shelly Poe

AUBURN – The Auburn Tigers went through their second team practice of the 2013 preseason late Saturday afternoon, working two and half hours in shorts at the Auburn Athletics Complex practice fields. Coach Gus Malzahn was pleased with his squad's performance in the warm weather.

"Overall, I felt our approach to practice today and our attitude and effort were good," Malzahn said. "The pace was much better. When you've been through a spring and understand what to expect from different looks, there's nothing like experience. We spent extra time with the young guys again today. We're looking forward to tomorrow's practice and putting everything together." p12

The 2013 EvaBank

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Event to feature new glow in the dark shirts, goodie bags, door & cash prizes. Will benefit Cullman Parks & Recreation Foundation and Community Playground project P12



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ASA McKenzie Classic attracts 1,000+ archers

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ST BERNARD- With shooters ranging from all over the United States, including Florida, South Carolina, and Georgia to around the world, St. Bernard again played host to the world championship of archery, the ASA McKenzie Classic.

"This is our end of the year shoot and where all the big prizes will be given out," said owner and ASAP Mike Tyrell.

The newly cut running trails on the campus of St. Bernard provided wonderful scenery in which the archers would take their shots. 400 competition lanes, 500 including practice, were cut last year for the same event and over the course of the year they were meticulously maintained.

"I cant say enough about the [Cullman] parks and rec department," Tyrell said. "I have been doing this since 1995 and I can honestly say I have never worked with a more professional organization."

Shooters from all skill levels and walks of life flocked to the ranges and lanes at St. Bernard for their share at the $500,000 in prize money given away over the weekend.

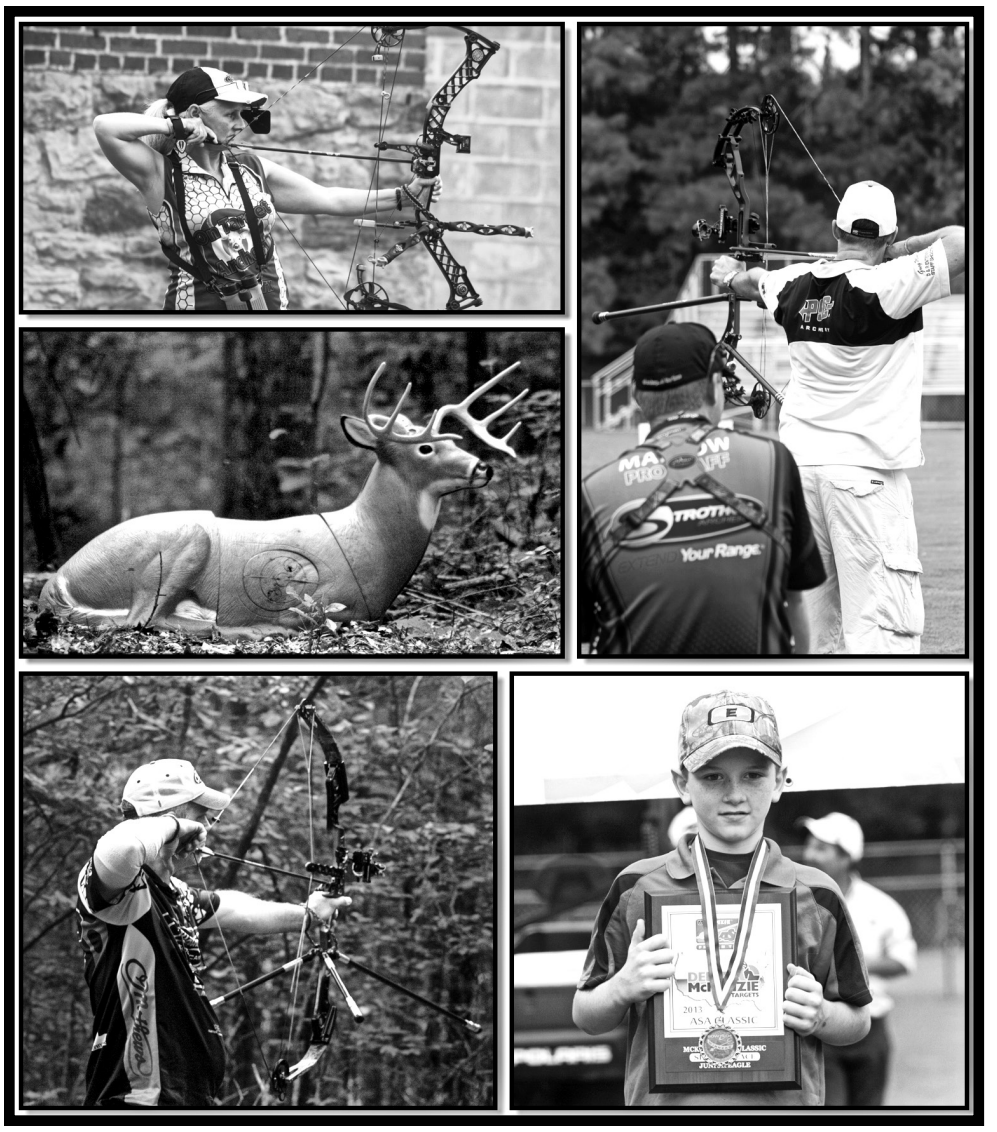
"I have been shooting for 10 years but this is my fourth year to shoot professionally," said Louisville, Kentucky native and professional archer Cindy Steele, "and I love it here. [Cullman] takes really good care of us and the grounds [at St. Bernard] are immaculate."

When Steele was asked about how she got to the invite only tournament she said, "I have shot all the ASA events this year. Some people will qualify through the state tournament if they don't shoot ASA but I shot all six ASA tournaments."

The competition started off Thursday morning with a start time that had been pushed back due to the heavy downpour of rain that had fallen the night before making for an interesting opening round.

Just over 1,000 shooters would take to the course over the next four days. Amateurs, pros, childen, and senior citizens were all eager to show off their bow shooting skills honed over uncountable hours of practice. The shooters were grouped into 19 different classifications.

All in all, the 2013 ASA McKenzie Classic was a huge success because the Cullman Parks and Recreation Department and the folks at St. Bernard continue to strive to make the tournament better each year.



Top three from each class

YOUNG ADULT PINS
1st Forrest Cooper
2nd Eduardo Sanchez
3rd Seth Minor

BOW NOVICE
1st Brian Shultz
2nd Brent Wilbanks
3rd Dave Johnson

CROSSBOW
1st Steve Williamson
2nd Rob Larkins
3rd John Johnson

JR EAGLE TROPHY
1st Raymond Davis
2nd Donny Davis Jr
3rd Camden White

EAGLE TROPHY
1st Cassie Minor
2nd Hunter Stephens
3rd John Tyler Colvin

HUNTER
1st David Gibson
2nd Ryan Hurt
3rd Casey Weston

KNOWN 45
1st Zack Lewis
2nd Mark Ritchie
3rd Michael Norton

KNOWN 50
1st Randy Patterson
2nd Daniel Matthews
3rd Marvin Cobb

LIMITED
1st Rhys Aizlewood
2nd Gregg Ayers
3rd Travis Tracey

UNLIMITED
1st Chris Childers
2nd Matt Kelly
3rd Brian Scott

OPEN A
1st Matt Millard
2nd Brandon Triplett
3rd Kevin Bryant

OPEN B
1st Brent Qualls
2nd Brian Robinette
3rd Ken-Tay Heigle

OPEN C
1st Lee Turner
2nd Eddy Heil
3rd Cole Likins

SEMI PRO
1st Terry Adams
2nd Donnie Meadows
3rd Michael Evans

OPEN PRO
1st Thomas Gomez
2nd Jeff Hopkins
3rd Dan McCarthy

SENIOR PRO
1st Colin Boothe
2nd Thomas Crowe
3rd Allen Connor

SENIOR EAGLE
1st Beau Collins
2nd Lane Clanton
3rd Brayden Jones

SENIOR MASTERS
1st Bob Sampson
2nd Leon Pittman
3rd Chuck Skilling

SENIOR OPEN
1st Roger Gorrell
2nd Bo Swann
3rd Sammy Shaver

CRMC Update

Happenings at CRMC

CRMC's Cafeteria Offers New Breakfast Menu, Hours

By: Amy Linton • CRMC Contributor

CULLMAN — Cullman Regional Medical Center's Cafeteria has always been known to provide great meals to the patients and guests at CRMC. In fact, many community members comment on dining at the cafeteria for lunch on Sunday after church services.

Soon, the menu and hours at the CRMC Cafeteria will be undergoing some changes to better meet the needs of the patients and guests. Beginning Monday, August 5, you will now have new menu options to choose from including French toast, pancakes, omelets and eggs made to order. A "Daily Special" will also be included each day – something different but sure to please the taste buds of the guests frequenting the cafeteria.

The change for the hours comes after lunch, which is now expanded until 2 p.m.; however, after 2 p.m., the CRMC Cafeteria will be closed for the day.

This change is effective Monday through Friday only; the hours for Saturday and Sunday will not be affected by the change. With this change, the Subway located in Professional Office Building 1 will be extending hours to stay open until 8 p.m. to accommodate guests Monday through Friday. The CRMC Cafeteria weekly menu is available online at crmchospital.com.

CRMC's Volunteer Services Hosts Annual Uniform & Shoe Fundraising Sale

By: Amy Linton • CRMC Contributor

CULLMAN — Cullman Regional Medical Center Volunteer Services will host its annual Uniform & Shoe Fundraising Sale on Wednesday, August 28 – 6 am until 6 p.m. and Thursday, August 29 – 6 a.m. until 3 p.m. in CRMC's Colonel Cullmann Room, located in the Community Education Center in Professional Office Building II — 1912 Alabama Highway 157, POB II, Cullman, Alabama 35058. Proceeds benefit CRMC Volunteer Services; cash, check, and credit card payments are accepted.

The event is sponsored by CRMC Volunteer Services and the Uniform Place of Cullman.

The sale will feature designs by Landau, Urbane, Barco, Koi, Scrub Zone and Footwear will be on-site to properly fit shoppers for shoes.

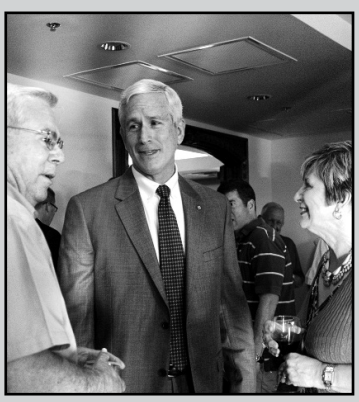
For more information contact the CRMC Volunteer Services Coordinator at 256-737-2600. For a complete list of upcoming support groups and events at Cullman Regional Medical Center visit the online Calendar of Events at crmchospital.com.

What's Online

Sen. Bussman Kicks-off Re-Election Campaign

Friends, family and supporters came out to the Top of the Town recently to lend their moral support to Senator Paul Bussman as he officially launched his re-election campaign for District 4.

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Grant Supports Launchpad Program for Alabama Entrepreneurs

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.

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Festival of Smiles

How does playing with water balloons, tossing a football around, having balloon races, getting your face painted and, of course, taking time out of the day to hit some hardcore inflatable bounce house time sound?

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Alabama First Congressional District Special Election - Military and Overseas Citizens Voting Changes

By: Tamara Cofield

MONTGOMERY — As ordered by U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson, the Secretary of State's Office will assume responsibility for transmitting, receiving, and counting ballots for all UOCAVA voters for the 2013 special Congressional election in Alabama's first Congressional district. As a result, military and overseas citizens will submit their absentee ballot requests directly to the Secretary of State for this election.

Dates for this special election are as follows: Primary Election, September 24, 2013; Primary Runoff, November 5, 2013; and General Election, December 17, 2013.

Due to the short time frame for this election, military and overseas voters will be allowed to vote what is called an "Instant Primary Ballot." The Instant Primary Ballot will allow UOCAVA voters to rank all candidates from one political party in the special primary election in order of preference. In the special primary election, each validly cast vote will be counted for the first choice candidate. In the event of a special primary run-off election between candidates, each validly cast vote will be counted for whichever of the run-off candidates is ranked higher on the ballot.

In addition to the Instant Primary Ballot, voters will also receive the standard primary runoff ballot, which is the ballot provided all non-UOCAVA voters in the first Congressional District. This ballot will be mailed or electronically transmitted, in accordance with the voter's preference, to all UOCAVA voters from Alabama's first Congressional District (with pending valid requests for such ballots) after certification of the special primary election results.

UOCAVA voters outside of the United States who have requested to receive their ballots by mail will have their Standard Primary Runoff Ballot sent by express mail and will be provided with a pre-paid express mail envelope to return this ballot. UOCAVA voters who did not vote in the special primary election will be able to use this ballot to exercise their right to vote in the special primary runoff. UOCAVA voters who did submit the Instant Primary Ballot may change their votes by voting on the Standard Primary Runoff Ballot, which will supersede the Instant Primary Ballot upon timely receipt. UOCAVA voters who submitted an Instant Primary Ballot and do not wish to change their choice need not submit a Standard Primary Runoff Ballot; their votes will be tabulated according to the preferences ranked on the Instant Primary Ballot.

Similar to the Instant Primary Ballot, UOCAVA voters will also be given a "Special General Ballot." The Special General Ballot will contain the names of the candidates certified for the special primary runoff election and the names of any qualified independent or third party candidates. The purpose of the Special General Ballot is to provide UOCAVA voters with a ballot that can be transmitted at least 45 days in advance of the special general election, even though candidates must still be finalized following the certification of the results of the special primary runoff. The Special General Ballot will also be supplemented by the standard general election ballot used by all non-UOCAVA voters in the first Congressional District which will be mailed or electronically transmitted, in accordance with the voter's preference, to all UOCAVA voters upon certification of the special primary runoff election results.

"These changes were made in order to give our military and overseas voters enough time to vote in this upcoming special election," said Secretary of State Beth Chapman. "We are providing more resources in order to make this a reality. We will continue to do everything we can to make sure every voter who wishes to cast their ballot is able to do so."



Bennett Sworn in as Secretary of State

By: Tamara Cofield

MONTGOMERY – In a ceremony on Wednesday with Governor Robert Bentley, Jim Bennett was sworn in as Alabama's 52nd Secretary of State. Bennett, who previously held the post from 1993 to 2003, was already the longest continuously serving Secretaries of State in recent history and is among the longest serving secretaries of state in Alabama history.

"It's an honor to return to this office once again," said Bennett. "I will work to ensure this transition goes as smoothly as possible for the citizens of our great state."

"We are already in the beginning of the 2014 election cycle and I will work to ensure a smooth and efficient election," he said.

Bennett first became Secretary of State after he was appointed to fill a vacancy in office in 1993. Subsequently, he was then elected in his own right to two terms. He was also the first president of the National Association of Secretaries of State from Alabama, serving the 1999-2000 term.

Before his first appointment as Secretary of State, Bennett served in the Alabama House of Representatives from 1979 to 1983 and in the Alabama Senate from 1983 to 1993. While there, he championed the cause of campaign finance disclosure as one of the principal authors of the Fair Campaign Practices Act.

Bennett's most recent post was as Commissioner of the Department of Labor under both Governors Riley and Bentley. He also holds a BS degree from Jacksonville State University, where he now serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees. He also received an MA from the University of Alabama.

Issuance Date Changing for Some SNAP Recipients

Contributed by: Dept. of Human Resources

MONTGOMERY - Beginning in August 2013, some Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients will see a change in the date their benefits are made available.

Under the new issuance, benefits will be issued the 4th through the 23rd of the month with no issuance gap days. Previously, benefits were issued the 4th through the 18th of each month.

The change is being made to assist grocers in their efforts to maintain adequate supplies of all products and more importantly, healthier perishable products that must be delivered frequently.

The amount of benefits received by SNAP recipients will not change.

SNAP recipients affected by the change will receive half of their SNAP benefits on the same date they received benefits in July.

The remainder of their benefits will be available on their EBT card on their new date of issuance. Beginning in September, they will receive their full benefits on their new date of issuance each month

All affected SNAP recipients were mailed a new issuance schedule by the Department of Human Resources.

The issuance date is determined by the recipient's SNAP case number. Recipients whose issuance date does not change will continue to receive their benefits the same date they received them in July.

Alabama's EBT Issuance Schedule (last 2 digits of case number / date of month)

- 00-04/4th
- 05-09/5th
- 10-14/6th
- 15-19/7th
- 20-24/8th
- 25-29/9th
- 30-34/10th
- 35-39/11th
- 40-44/12th
- 45-49/13th
- 50-54/14th
- 55-59/15th
- 60-64/16th
- 65-69/17th
- 70-74/18th
- 75-79/19th
- 80-84/20th
- 85-89/21st
- 90-94/22nd
- 95-99/23rd

Peace Corps Needs 1,000 New Volunteers

By: Alethea Parker

The Agency is seeking Birmingham residents to live, learn, and work with a community overseas for 27 months

ATLANTA, GA. – The United States Peace Corps needs 1,000 new volunteers to replace current volunteers who are completing their two year commitment.

Peace Corps is reaching out to those who are interested in making a difference in the lives of others around the world, while at the same time making a difference in their own lives. The Peace Corps is looking for 1,000 new volunteers who would be interested in using their education, work, and volunteer experience to help those who live in developing Countries.

The Agency's Southeast Regional Recruitment Office will be looking for new volunteers when it visits Birmingham on August 14th to answer questions about the opportunities it has for citizens of all ages and backgrounds.

"Serving as a Peace Corps volunteer is probably one of the most rewarding experiences a person can have in their life," said Becky Ament, a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer from Speake, Alabama and a Peace Corps Recruiter. "You give so much of yourself, but you get so much in return—new friends, a new culture, and the feeling of giving back."

Ament served as a Peace Corps Health Extension volunteer in Malawi. She was based at a rural health center, where she assisted public health workers with community clinics and health talks focused on nutrition, malaria, HIV/AIDS, cholera, and family planning. She also taught Life Skills at the local secondary school and worked with a local Community-Based Organization to develop an Income-Generating Activity (IGA) for an HIV-positive group

There are currently 20 volunteers from the Birmingham area who are serving overseas.

More than 300 volunteers from Birmingham have served with the agency since it was founded by President Kennedy in 1961. Returned volunteers are also expected to attend the August 14th event which will be held at the Spencer Honors House on the UAB campus at 6 p.m.

WHAT
Birmingham Peace Corps Info. Session

WHEN
Aug. 14, 2013 from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m.

WHERE
Spencer Honors House, University of Alabama-Birmingham Campus, 1190 10th Avenue South Birmingham, AL 35294

WHY
Peace Corps needs 1000 new volunteers

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WSCC anglers Ethan Flack, Logan Shaddix prepare for Carhartt College Series national championship



Ethan Flack, left, and Logan Shaddix are excited about the success of the WSCC fishing club

By: Russell Moore • WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE – Ethan Flack and Logan Shaddix, anglers on Wallace State's fishing team, each imagined the college's inaugural BASS fishing club being successful and popular after it was launched in early February.

Neither individual fathomed, though, they would be preparing to fish in the Carhartt College Series National Championship five months later. Flack and Shaddix will represent Wallace State at the national event beginning Thursday at Lake Chatuge in Young Harris, Ga.

"Our goal was to get Wallace State's name out there, join together to do something we all love, and fish competitively. We knew we would have the opportunity to be a strong group, but I can't say I thought we would be where we are at," said Ethan Flack, the BASS fishing club student president. "We've seemed to establish ourselves earlier than we thought."

Flack and Shaddix qualified for the national event after earning a wild card berth at the regional competition at Pickwick Lake in late June, reeling in a combined 28 pounds, 6 ounces over a two-day span.

At Pickwick Lake, Wallace State competed against teams from Auburn, Alabama, UNA, Clemson, Mississippi State, Georgia, Georgia Southern, Bethel University, Young Harris College, Louisiana Monroe, Lamar University, and Kennesaw State.

"When we were fishing at the regional, it was interesting to look up and see all these teams from bigger schools. It was almost overwhelming. Most have been competing for a few years, while we were fishing for the first year," Shaddix said. "We're proud as a club to be where we are at. It's very exciting to me. I'm eager to see how we do in Georgia."

Flack and Shaddix departed for Georgia on July 26 and are allowed five days of practice on the lake before the tournament begins Thursday.

The top five fishing pairs advance to the third day of the competition, on Aug. 3, and the top four teams qualify for a bracket division tournament in Michigan.

"Our goal is to make the cut and be fishing on the third day. We're going to give it all we've got from daylight to dark every day we are there," Flack said.

Shaddix added: "We are ready to put in some 14-hour days."

Shaddix, a sophomore originally from Atlanta, believes he and Flack complement each other well in the boat because they attack the water with different approaches. Flack, a Cullman graduate who recently wrapped up his freshman year, will continue to fish for Wallace State for one more year.

"Ethan grew up fishing mainly on Smith Lake. He's better at spot fishing than me. I'm more about picking up a big jig or flipping docks. Ethan found the spots in the Pickwick tournament and I played off that," said Shaddix, who will continue his academic career at Alabama beginning with the fall semester.

Wallace State will be one of 13 colleges represented at the national championship.

Both Wallace State anglers emphasize how proud they are about representing the college at the national event, but they're even more appreciative of the friendships they have developed with other members of the inaugural BASS club.

"We've all become close friends and fish together in our spare time," Flack said.

Jordan Tuten, Bryant Quattlebaum, Colton Henderson, Greg Dean, Ethan Rose, and J.R. Sapp have all fished competitively for the club this year.

Flack encourages Wallace State students to contact him at ethanflack@hotmail.com if they're interested in competing for the college's BASS fishing club.

"Once we get back from Georgia and when the fall semester starts, we are looking forward to year two. We've got plenty of people coming back, and I've already been talking to a lot of people who are interested in hooking on with the club next year. We are going to grow some," Flack said. "One of my main goals for next season is to draw some sponsors and maybe get some more money flowing in. We've had a few growing pains during the first year, but we've feel like we've got that all situated for the future."

In order for an angler to compete for Wallace State, the individual must be a full-time student.

Wallace State's BASS fishing club competed for the first time ever in February at Guntersville Lake.

The primary purpose of the Wallace State BASS Fishing Club is to encourage camaraderie, sportsmanship, integrity, conservation, and development of the skills and knowledge needed to be successful anglers by competing with other schools in FLW National Guard College Fishing tournaments and other fishing tournaments on a local and regional basis.

Wallace State faculty club sponsors are Joe Hendrix, Jeremy Smith, and Brian Hall. Those interested can also call 256-352-8154 for more information.

West Point All-stars win District and Area Baseball Tournaments undefeated and place 8th in the state

Contributed by: Shelia Moore

Front row: Chase Sibley, Ethan Gammon, Ayden Davis & Ethan Swann
Back row: Jon David Jones, Christopher Owens, Matthew Hawley, Branson Smith, Jacob Dye, Carter Thornton, Aubry Cleghorn & Will Franklin Cochran.
The coaches were Stan Cochran, Paul Cleghorn, Timmy Smith, and Zac Thornton



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Spotlight on: Fairview Aggies

By: Josh McBrayer
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FARVIEW – This week the CullmanSense Spotlight shines on Fairview. The Aggies had a strong 2012 going 7-4 including a three game win streak in the middle of the season and, more importantly, never losing back to back games in the regular season. The Aggies finished as the runner up behind region 6 winner and eventual 4A State runner up Oneonta. Unfortunately for Fairview, they fell to Munford 41-27 in the fourth round of the state playoffs.

This will be a re-building year of sorts for Fairview as they have lost three wide receivers, two cornerbacks, two outside linebackers, a free safety, running back, and one each from the offensive and defensive line, but perhaps none bigger than quarterback Luke Bailey. This would be enough to send most teams into a tailspin, but not Fairview.

To help fill the void, Aggies head coach George Redding has a handful of fresh faces eager to make their impact on Fairview football.

Coming in to a prominent role this year will be Hayden Maples at quarterback, Austin Harris at running back, and Hunter Brewer, Ethan Arbet, and Bailey Strong at wide receiver. On the defensive side of the ball, Dakota Smith is looking to come in and help the offensive line along with returning starters from last year.

"We are looking at our offensive line to come in and control the line of scrimmage," said Redding of his offensive plans for the year. "It is important that we be able to lean on them in the run game as well as trust in their protection in our passing game. We have some new faces at wide receiver and we are looking for big things from them."

As far as the presence of three-year starter Ethan Widner, Redding had this to say," He will be a staple for us on both sides of the ball. His experience and leadership is very important."

Defense is another area that Fairview will have to address, losing six on the defensive side of the ball.

"On defense, we will be replacing our secondary," said Redding of his challenge. "This will make it very important for our defensive line and linebackers to play at a high level. They will be led by CJ Waters and Christian Seals, as well as Widner. We have a lot of young guys who have really come on this offseason and summer. We are excited about how far they have come. It's a priority to get them as much experience as we can to get them ready for Friday night play."

Redding is confident in his team and he has good cause to be. Even though he has to replace a lot of moving parts, he seems to have found the right pieces.

"Our expectations will not change," he said of the upcoming season. "We expect our guys to come in and play at a very high level, to do the things they need to do to prepare physically and mentally to give our team the best chance to be successful, but, most importantly, grow everyday as young men. We want them to do things 'right', stay focused on the little things, and learn to 'serve' others. If our guys will grow as men, the football part will take care of itself."

The Aggies look to be a force in Region Six again this year. If you are looking for some hard-nosed high school football, make sure you make plans to see the Fairview Aggies play this year. CullmanSense will be there, will you?

Four Anniversary Teams Honored During 2013 Season

By: Shelly Poe

AUBURN – Four outstanding Auburn football teams will be honored during the 2013 season with anniversary recognitions at Jordan-Hare Stadium.

The 1993 Auburn team will be honored at the season opener versus Washington State August 31. Twenty years ago, the '93 Tigers, coached by Terry Bowden, posted an undefeated 11-0 record and finished with a No. 4 national ranking. The Washington State contest has a 6 p.m. kickoff and will be televised by ESPNU.

The 1988 Tigers, co-champions of the SEC, will be honored at the September 7 home game against Arkansas State. Coached by Pat Dye, Auburn posted a 10-2 record that season and faced Florida State in the Sugar Bowl. Auburn finished ranked No. 7 in the nation. The Arkansas State game will kickoff at 6:30 p.m. and be televised by FSN.

The 1963 Auburn squad will celebrate its 50th anniversary at the Homecoming game versus Western Carolina October 12. Posting a 9-2 record under Coach Ralph "Shug" Jordan, the '63 Tigers, who finished No. 5 in the national rankings, faced Nebraska in the Orange Bowl.

The 1983 Tigers, who won Auburn's first SEC championship since 1957, will celebrate their 30th anniversary at the Florida Atlantic game October 26. Posting an 11-1 record and going 6-0 in SEC play, the '83 Auburn squad defeated Michigan 9-7 in the Sugar Bowl to finish No. 3 in most of the national polls.

Members of each team being honored will be recognized on the field; they will also visit with fans at the Verizon Wireless Autograph Tent located at Plainsman Park two hours prior to kickoff.

Ticket Information

Season and select single-game tickets for the 2013 Auburn football season are now available to the general public through the Auburn Athletics Department Ticket Office. All tickets can be purchased online at www.AUBTIX.com. For more information or questions regarding tickets, contact the ticket office by e-mail at tickets@auburn.edu or by phone at 1-855-AUB-2010, ext. 1.

MiLB Weekly: Flirting with the No-No

By: Josh McBrayer
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BIRMINGHAM – As most fans know, baseball is a game of stats and numbers. Average, ERA, stolen bases, etc. So it is no wonder that when a pitcher puts up "zeros" in any column of the baseball ledger, is as an amazing feat.

Of those "zeros", one of the most thrilling to view is when a pitcher blanks a team in the hit column.

In the modern era of baseball, categorized as starting in 1901, there have only been 238 no-hit games so they are quite rare indeed. For the third time this year, a Birmingham Barons pitcher flirted with the historical feat but fell just short.

Stephen McCray took no-hitter all the way into the eighth inning of his 8-0 win over the Pensacola Blue Wahoos, knotting the series at 1-1. McCray is 10-7 on the year while posting a 3.25 ERA in the 2013 season.

McCray was solid through eight innings of work keeping the Blue Wahoos bats quiet. He fanned eight while walking only a pair heading into the eighth frame.

Travis Barnhart of Pensacola quickly became the most unpopular man in Birmingham when he flipped a single over the head of Tyler Saladino for the first Blue Wahoo hit of the game.

The demonstrative crowd at Regions Field would rise to their feet and give McCray a much deserved standing ovation as he exited just one batter later.

Trayce Thompson, who has been on a tear as of late, got the scoring going for the Barons lifting a sacrifice fly to right field and scoring Saladino who had walked earlier in the inning.

The next few frames were uneventful until all six foot, four inches of Barons catcher Mike Blanke climbed in the batter's box with two on. He promptly blasted the ball over the left field wall for a three run homer and put Birmingham up 4-0.

Newcomer David Herbek got in on the scoring fun when he singled to center field, picking up his third RBI since joining the Barons eight games ago.

The scoring was capped off in the seventh by Thompson with an RBI single, his second RBI on the night and recently acquired Brandon Jacobs who doubled home a pair.

Be sure to make your plans to come out to Regions Park before the Barons hit the road again to take on the Mobile Baybears and Jacksonville Suns.

A Dream Come True

By: Josh McBrayer
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Many young boys dream of making it to the "big leagues" from the first moment they pick up a bat or toss the ball around the front yard. Recently that dream came true for one former Birmingham Baron. Brazilian born Andre Rienzo took the hill for the Chicago White Sox against the Cleveland Indians, and he did not disappoint.

Being only the second Brazilian player, and first pitcher, to make it to the MLB, Rienzo threw seven solid innings. Hurling 99 pitches, with six strikeouts and three walks, Rienzo gave up just three runs, but none were earned. This is the first time a Chicago Sox pitcher has not given up an earned run on his MLB debut, while throwing seven innings, since former Cy Young winner Jack McDowell did in his debut way back in 1989.

"It was great to be here and a great experience," Rienzo told various media outlets after the game. "It was awesome."

The only real trouble Rienzo had was in the fifth. He led off the inning by walking Michael Brantley which was the catalyst in a three run fifth that would be his undoing.

Ironically, the first run of Rienzo's MLB career came when he walked fellow countryman and the first Brazilian to play in the MLB, Yan Gomes, with the bases loaded in the fifth.

"I hope that Brazil is proud of me. I'm proud of Gomes," Rienzo said to a reporter on the scene. "I hope if I have a chance next time to do better and help the team. I just want to open doors for guys coming. The talent is there, but I try to open doors. It's good."

The 25 year old righty from Sao Palo Brazil spent part of the 2012 season in Birmingham where he threw 13 games and posted a 4-3 record with a 3.27 ERA. He struck out 72 and walked 33.

Rienzo is just one in a long line of Birmingham Barons to make it to "The Show." The Barons have had guys like Bo Jackson, Frank Thomas, Jack McDowell and, of course, Michael Jordan.

With the amazing talent that finds its way through Birmingham on a yearly basis including this year where seven of the top 20 White Sox prospects are playing Birmingham in 2013, now is the time to make plans to attend a Barons game. If you enjoy baseball, Regions Field is the place for you!

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

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- **Yoga Classes**: Stay fit and relax with yoga held at the Civic Center every Tuesday night at 6:00pm with Fabian Holland. Six classes for $40 or $30 for seniors.
- **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. 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
- **CWAC Closing:** Due to the State Swimming & Diving Competition that will be held at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center, the Outdoor Pools will be closed on Thursday, July 25. The entire facility will close on Friday & Saturday, July 26-27. We apologize for the inconvenience!
- **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.

Downtown Rising



By: Jackson Hogan
Entertainment and Culture Contributor

CULLMAN – Often the most vibrant blooms grow from great destruction. It has been two years since the tornadoes of April 2011, and those whirlwinds brought not only demolition, but also powerful gusts of change. The devastation has since been overcome, and that storm has passed. The storm of change, however, still rages on. The 3rd Annual Celebrate Cullman Festival solidified this billowing of progress paired with pride on last Friday evening, the 2nd of August.

Organized by the Cullman Downtown Merchants Association, the festival included a varied salvo of noteworthy happenings. Classic festival rides for children dotted the streets, as well as the celebration staple of face painting fun. Stores kept their doors open well past normal hours. However what makes this celebration exceptionally noteworthy was the vast cornucopia of local music masterfully paired with bustling downtown food. The effort of Cullman musicians and eateries to bring the very best to our community was well spent: restaurants overflowed into the street in an attempt to grab a seat and take in the lively sounds. Though all of the events had merit, a few stood head and shoulders above the rest.

While baristas rushed to meet the high demand of delicious concoctions placed upon them by a crowd of customers, Kyle Sexton gave listeners at Berkeley Bob's an equally sweet treat. With an earthy, natural yet melodic voice and an acoustic guitar style that blends Clapton blues with Dylan folk, he sang such favorites as "Sweet Home Chicago" and "Aint No Sunshine", as well as more personal and obscure covers like Bob Dylan's "Outlaw Blues". This blend of famous tunes and deep cuts, as well as an adaptive style, made his performance all at once familiar and new. In private, the casual but confident stage persona is replaced with a deep humility that shows the inner worth of this local gem. Kyle made it very clear he does not seek fortune or fame, but that he only wishes to pursue music on his own terms and give people an experience to remember. When asked about what he feels is a distinctive note in his entertaining, he shared that "I like to hit my guitar. I try and make songs as rhythmic as possible." Let us hope he continues to find locales to share his rhythm and blues with lucky listeners.

Under the solid wood of the Festhalle, a very different kind of music pulsed. In a firestorm of powerful vocals, pounding drums, and rocking guitars, Coal Rain made their mark at Celebrate Cullman. With what could only be described as country with a cutting edge, Coal Rain combined revamped country-rock classics with contemporary music as varied as "Crazy" by Gnarles Barkley and "Gunpowder and Lead" by Miranda Lambert. Added to this eclectic mix were original pieces such as "Mom and Dad Know Best" which commanded the stage with an exciting tune and witty lyrics, as well as "Grandfather", which gave listeners a softer and personal feel. Perhaps most touching was a rendition of "Strawberry Wine", which was given a new feel and meaning by the talented group.

As one may guess by the titles of their original works, Coal Rain is very much a family affair. As described by the members themselves, "each member must not only juggle the band and personal work, but our own families." Beyond their own families, they describe themselves as "one big dysfunctional family", with each group member possessing a very different persona. Vocalist Tela Washington sang at times with the voice of an angel, and at times with a voice of country woman vengeance. She made the crowd feel whatever emotion each song called for, and was always successful. Bassist Dan Stricklin, who proudly states he is "as country as a turnip green", levied a particularly infectious energy. The band made it especially clear how grateful they are to the community for their support, mentioning that local businesses sponsored their band so they could purchase professional equipment. "Thank you for all the community support for such a new band. To see people sing the words to our own songs is indescribable."

As the evening progressed, the energy and action heightened all along 1st Avenue. To anyone present, it was obvious Moe's Barbeque was a crowd favorite. The wall-to-wall patrons enjoyed live music, a variety of national and regional beers, as well as trademark dishes such as the hearty and delicious BBQ nachos. Though a national chain, Moe's is locally owned and operated, which allows it to retain a very strong local vibe.

Co-Owner Justin Gilley shared the story of how Moe's came to Cullman: "Tyler Schuman (co-owner) and I were friends throughout high school and college. After we graduated at Alabama with degrees in finance, we decided that was definitely not what we wanted to do for the rest of our lives. We moved out to Vale, Colorado, to a ski town, looking for jobs while also trying to figure out what we really wanted to do. It was there that we fell in love with the Moe's franchise, and with the help of Tuscaloosa native Joseph Fralic, we started bringing Moe's to Cullman as soon as we heard it went wet."

When asked about the goals Moe's has for Cullman, he said he and his partners wish nothing more than to "see Cullman grow culturally, and do our part to make downtown better than ever."

Cullman going wet is indisputably a catalyst of the growing Cullman nightlife and cultural scene. A local who was present and familiar with the matter shared the following: "This event is a culmination of Cullman going wet and the tornado that brought people together and made us rebuild. We now have this "era of acceptance" that allows the existence of all of this. I hope to see more things like this, it is such a boon for us and for the downtown businesses."

Another local shared this: "If Cullman stayed the same as it was when I grew up, I wouldn't have come back. Now that we are wet and there are events like this, it isn't the Cullman I grew up it. It never should have been the way it was. But now there is so much more to do and enjoy, so much less judgment. It no longer feels as stifled. Now it is not only a town I want to raise my kids in, but also a town that I can enjoy myself in, without having to go to Birmingham or Decatur to have a good time."

In this vein of change and rebirth, one of the locations most brutally hit by the storms has been rebuilt from the ground up into a prime example of the new vibrance and success we now possess on our streets. The Busy Bee Café has been resurrected like phoenix at dawn, bursting with new energy as well as new customers.

One of the Managers and son of the owner of the Busy Bee, Kyle Spears, was kind enough to share his personal view. "I have been around the Busy Bee my whole life. I was wiping the tables down at age 6 and have been here ever since. After the Busy Bee I grew up with was leveled, we knew we wanted the new Busy Bee to be a place fore people to come and have a good time, a good meal, whenever they want. It's been a year since we opened up our evening dining, and I never would have believed the Busy Bee would be the way it is today. I mean, we are serving shrimp scampi, sirloin, and beer!"

When asked about his future goals to expand he stated "I really want to have a full bar in here. And as soon as we have the equipment, it will happen."

Completing the Busy Bee experience that for many included their new evening recipes and regional craft brews, acoustic country journeyman Derek Caleb gave the diners of the Busy Bee café a taste of music at its most pure and simple. While keeping up a conducive ban-











Photos by Dillon Lee and Noah Chandler

ter with the listeners, unafraid to speak to his crowd, he wove an unbroken narrative of sound, each song playing off each other in a roots music saga, playing barroom anthems, quite and somber love tunes, spanning love and loss from song to song as if it were all one. A particular song that really wrung out an array of emotions was his rendition of "Mary Jane's Last Dance" of Tom Petty fame, though it felt like a much different tune in his hands. Originally from Holly Pond, he decided to go "all in" with music, setting off to Nashville to hone his craft.

Now that he paid his dues learning his trade in Music City, the creation of a nightlife atmosphere in Cullman has allowed him to come home and show off his own brand of music. On this subject, he stated "It speaks a lot about Cullman for us to be able to open our minds and hearts to new ideas and events, and to rid ourselves of a judgmental mentality. Everything has really blossomed." His parents proudly watched on as he captivated an audience in a locale that has so captured the spirit of what Cullman is evolving into, a city that now mixes responsibility and enjoyment in harmony.

By the end of the evening, it was obvious that the goal of Celebrate Cullan was met: not to recreate our downtown as it was, but to allow it to grow into the vision of all that it can be; not to make an event that is only repeated once a year, but to give the community an example of what our fair city could offer at times year round.



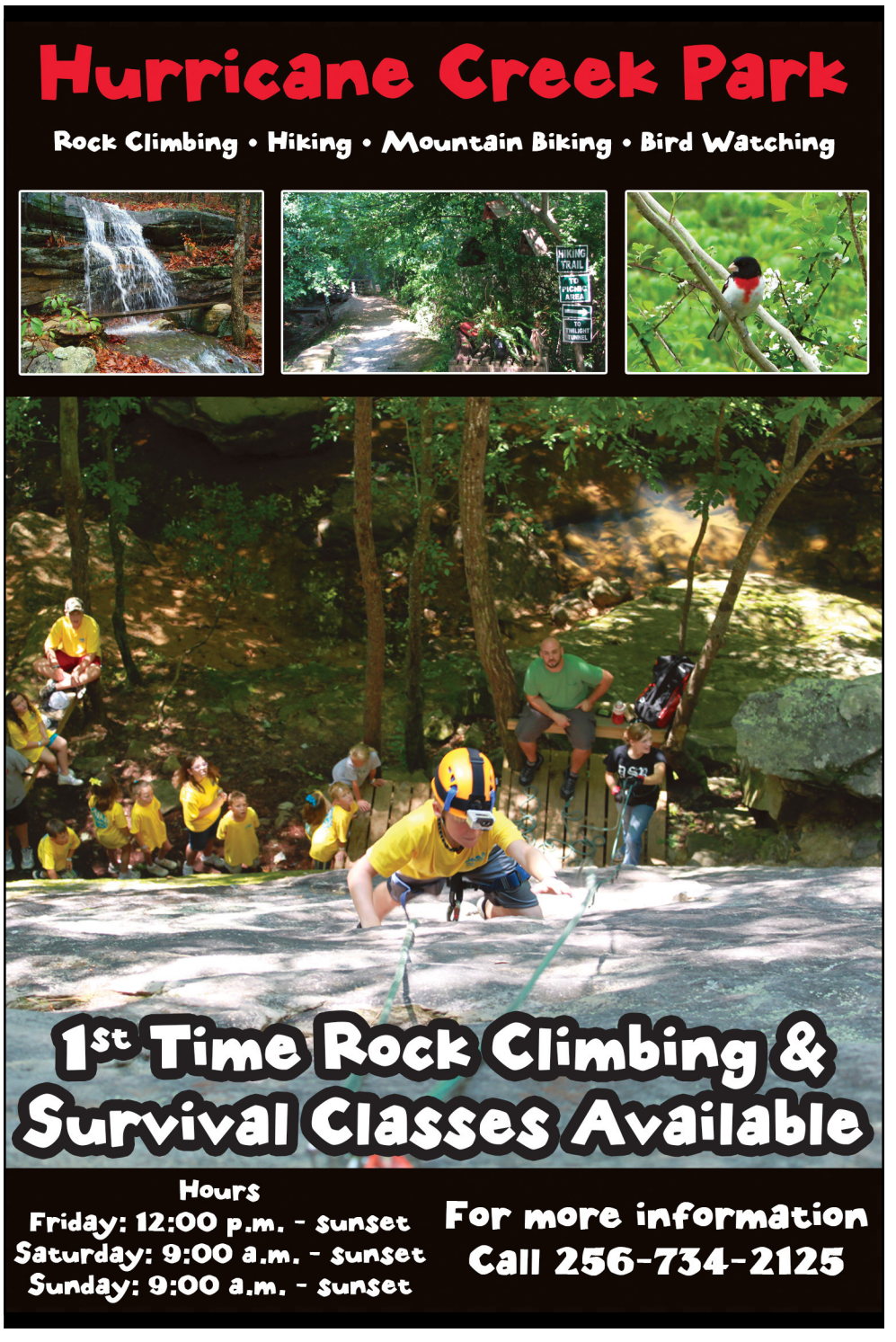
Coal Rain



Kyle Sexton



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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
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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.

Elementary Garden Camp: Friend or Foe – Garden Pests
'Friend or Foe Garden Pests and Beneficial's' is the theme for this week's 'Elementary Garden Camp at the North Alabama Agriplex from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. Youth ages 6 - 10 are eligible to take part in this program. Call the Agriplex Center for info 256-297-1044.

Preschool Garden Camp: Garden Friends
North Alabama Agriplex will offer its 'Preschool Garden Camp' session for children ages 3 to 5, with the theme of being 'Garden Friends'. Please contact the Agriplex for additional info and to register 256-297-1044 or cullmanag@gmail.com. Limited space available for each session so register early.

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.

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Cullman County Board of Education Meeting
Members of the Cullman County Board of Education will gather at 5:30 p.m. for a work session with the business session following at 6:30 p.m. This event is held at the Central Office.

CCCDC Meeting
Members of the CCCDC will meet at 6 p.m. at Good Hope High School lunchroom. All associated with this organization urged to attend.

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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Catfhish, Shrimp, or Chicken Dinner to benefit WPHS Band
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Friday Night Dance at the VFW
Cullman's VFW Post 2214 invites everyone to come to their weekly Friday night dances at the VFW Hall from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. The cost is $5.00 per person and music by the Golden Oldies and Country with the Midnight Highway Band will be filling the air. Funds raised go toward the building rental. Get your dancing shoes on and come out for a great evening of fun and entertainment tonight.

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Dancing With The Stars
'Dancing With The Stars' is being sponsored by the Circle of Hope beginning at 6 p.m. with hors d'voures, show beginning at 7 p.m. This event takes place in the Betty Leeth-Haynes Theatre on the Wallace State Community College campus. Advance tickets are $20.00 and are available by calling Janet Laney at 256-747-1644. At the door the night of the event tickets will be $25.00 per person. Funds raised from this event go to the Bruno Cancer Center. Fabian Sanchez of ABC's show 'Dancing with the Stars' will be in attendance during the event.

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
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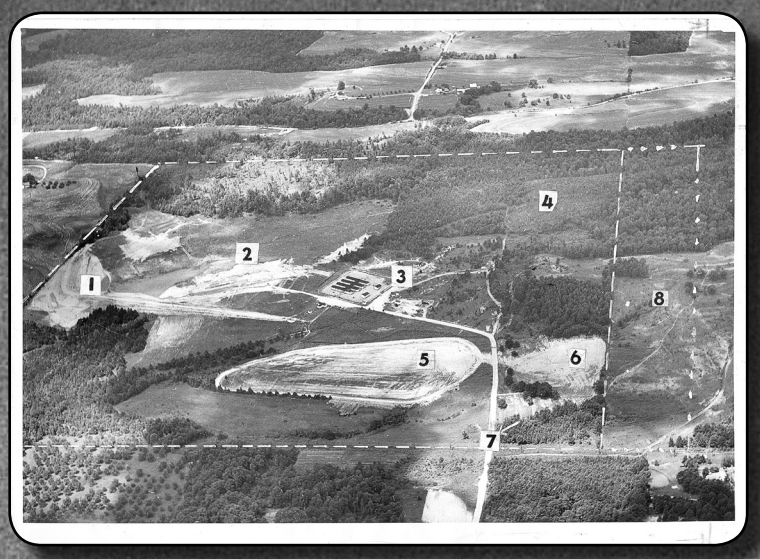
Looking Ahead

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



Aerial view of Sportsman Lake Park — Contrib. by Cullman County Museum

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This Week in History
August 5 - August 11

August 5th
- 1861 – U.S. levies its first Income Tax (3% of incomes over $800)
- 1914 – Cuba, Uruguay, Mexico, and Argentina proclaim neutrality in WW I
- 1958 – Atomic sub USS Nautilus completes first trip under North Pole

August 6th
- 1774 – Founder of the Shaker Movement, Mother Ann Lee, arrives in New York
- 1930 – Remains of Solomon Andrees' balloon expedition to North Pole in 1897, found at Kvitoya Spitsbergen
- 2012 – The Curiosity rover controlled by NASA's Mars Science Laboratory, lands safely on the surface of Mars

August 7th
- 1802 – Napoleon orders reinstatement of slavery on St. Domingue (Haiti)
- 1927 – Peace Bridge between U.S. and Canada dedicated
- 1959 – Explorer 6 transmits first TV photo of Earth from space

August 8th
- 1786 – Congress adopts silver dollar and decimal system of money
- 1890 – Daughters of American Revolution organizes
- 1945 – President Harry S. Truman signs United Nations Charter

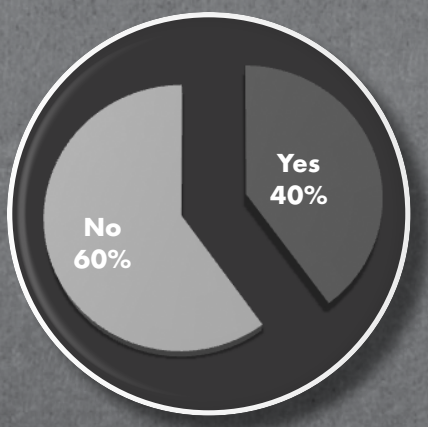
August 9th
- 1790 – Columbia returns to Boston after 3 year journey, first ship to carry U.S. flag around the world
- 1864 – Battle of Ft. Morgan, AL
- 2011 – The U.S. Federal Reserve declares it will keep interest rates at exceptionally low levels through mid-2013

August 10th
- 1792 – Mobs in Paris attack palace of Louis XVI
- 1919 – Ukrainian National Army massacres 25 Jews in Podolia, Ukraine

August 11th
- 1885 – $100,000 raised in U.S. for pedestal for Statue of Liberty
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A Meal Best Left Unread: *The Dinner* by Herman Koch

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The book *The Dinner* by Dutch writer Herman Koch is at first glance a tempting read. It is an international best seller. Thumbing through its pages, it appears to be a snappy, quick-witted first person thriller compared often to the gripping and similarly themed first person narrated American thriller Gone Girl.

The set-up of *The Dinner* is simple. Two brothers and their wives have agreed to meet over dinner to discuss a terrible family secret perpetrated by the couples' fifteen year old sons. The sins of these two cousins gradually come to light as the dinner commences, all through the first person narration of the brother, Paul. Paul is an admittedly unreliable narrator. He tells the reader when he's leaving something out as if the book is a very specific confession in which he omits details he deems unnecessary or too personal.

Paul seems to have little patience, pathos or goodwill towards anyone but his wife Claire. At first, you can understand Paul's unpleasant nature, his brother Serge, the obnoxious candidate for the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, and his misused trophy wife, Babette, are unlikable, almost insufferable.

However, his disdain and ire extends to every restaurant patron, employee, and through myriad flashbacks, most other people in his life, save Claire and his son, Michel. The lens through which we see all other characters is this unreliable, bitter, asocial narrator, who, through the course of *The Dinner*, reveals his family to be equally as distasteful and morally bankrupt.

American history and mythology is filled with scoundrels we idolize-from historical outlaw Jesse James to gangster Tony Soprano (played by the recently deceased James Gandolfini) to the modern Walter White from AMC's *Breaking Bad*. All of these characters have some humanity to which we adhere, with which we sympathize. We understand them; though we might not forgive their evils or indiscretions, we share a certain intangible attraction and empathy. Mr. Koch gives us no one with which to empathize.

The great allure of this book is the following question: how far would you go as a parent to protect your child? The book fails to ask that question to most normal parents. The mysteries revealed and questions asked are done so off-handedly with no subtle twists or turns, simply the increasingly poor decision of sociopaths. It is not the story of a revelatory mystery or a parent's moral dilemma, as the jacket seemed to promise.

Even the inventive, constraining premise is ignored as the narrative leaves the actual dinner. Paul walks through decades of his life in flashback sections which make this more of an individual character study than a page turning mystery or a critique on a broken, selfish society.

Any significant critique however lacks what historians would call verisimilitude; in other words, things that make it feel genuine or reflective of fact. Reality is a complex gray world where individual struggle with selfish needs, a great humanity, and the definition of right and wrong.

The reality of *The Dinner*, as outlined through its characters, is a vile, black place where the end justifies any means. The only authenticity comes in the thoughts that pop into Paul's head, as when he is upset that he can't remember an actor's name in a film he's recently seen.

There is honestly and reality when he has a rude, mocking, or impatient thought towards another person. Everyone has those from time to time; they can be amusing, even if a bit mean. But with Paul, they are not constant eaten through with a dark cynicism.

Perhaps there is a cultural divide between the Dutch-born Mr. Koch and the American audience; or perhaps there is something truly lost in translation of the English edition. It is not poorly written, but its substance is at once dark and heavy, then upon reflection, not striking or poignant enough to carry any weight after *The Dinner* is over leaving an empty stomach and an unsatisfied mind.

Roman Holiday (1953)

By: Spike Harville • Contributor

Roman Holiday (1953) stars Gregory Peck as Joe Bradley and Audrey Hepburn as Princess Anne in this star-crossed-lovers romantic-comedy that cost $1.5 million to make and made $12 million at the box office.

Princess Anne, who will someday be queen, is on a diplomatic tour of Europe. God bless her. Her life is an over-scheduled meet and greet. When Princess Anne throws a fit about being a captive to duty her lady in waiting calls the royal doctor, who injects Anne with a sedative. As soon as her attendants leave, Anne throws on some street wear and sneaks out to see Rome at night. When the meds kick in she passes out on a park bench. She is discovered by Joe, an American reporter living in Rome.

He can't leave the beautiful young woman sleeping on a bench and after a taxi driver refuses to take her, Joe takes her to his apartment for the night. The next day, when she wakes up, she wants to see Rome and Joe obliges her with a whirlwind tour. By now he and his buddy are running a con on the princess.

There is a great scene where Joe Bradley has taken Anne to a famous sculpture called "The Mouth Of Truth". The real legend being that if you are a liar and stick your hand in the sculpture's mouth, your hand will be bitten off. Both Anne and Joe have been lying to each other about who they are at this point in the movie. Joe encourages Anne to put her hand inside the sculpture's mouth. She tries, but is afraid, then asks Joe to do it. He also is hesitant. Finally Gregory Peck, Joe, puts his hand in the sculpture's mouth and slyly pulls his hand up into his coat sleeve. He then screams bloody murder and jerks his now handless arm out of the statue... Audrey Hepburn panics and screams in horror! That was real. It was not in the script. Peck and the cameraman were playing a joke on her. They got it on film and put it in the movie.

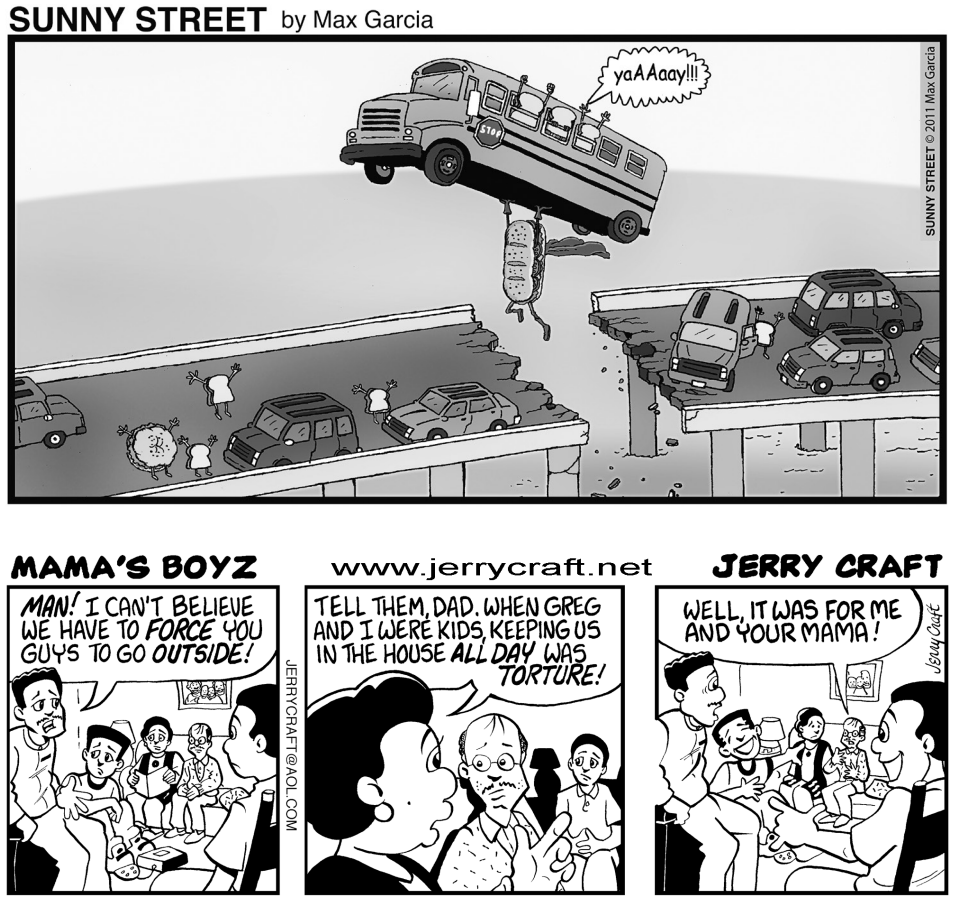
The movie is black and white. I know what you're saying; "B&W in 1953? Wasn't the first full length color movie, Becky Sharpe, made in 1936, 17 years earlier"? The answer is yes. They filmed in B&W to keep costs down so that they could afford to shoot totally on location in Rome.

So how does it rate? I asked actors, filmmakers, friends, and family to rate the movie on the five star scale. Actors and filmmakers gave it 5 stars. Normal people and family gave it 4 1/2 stars, but this is only a 3 star story for me.

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'Till Death Do Us Part: A Review of Gillian Flynn's *Gone Girl*

By: Jackson Hogan
Entertainment and Culture Contributor

When it comes to novels, it can be difficult for truly original and powerful works to rise above the watered down mainstream of contemporary fiction. Yet against all odds there are the rare cases that something worthy of a ticker tape parade of adjectives actually comes to the surface and can bask it the earned glory.

Gone Girl is just that.

Set in the American Heartland on the bank of the Mississippi River, *Gone Girl* is the tightly woven narrative of a marriage gone unbearably wrong.

Recently unemployed couple Nick and Amy Dunne have been married 5 years to the day, and instead of golf clubs or perhaps even a stout drink, Nick receives a much more astonishing surprise: his wife, his sulking, cold, spiteful wife disappears.

Or at least, that is the way he wishes to view it. Left with only with the violent scene of his living room, Nick must face everything that was wrong about his marriage as he struggles to maintain his innocence.

Meanwhile, Amy narrates the ebb and flow of their marriage as Nick narrates the aftermath. But as clues and hidden agendas surface, the reader is faced with a dilemma: one of the narrators must be lying.

With untrustworthy commentary and conflicting views, the reader is left to sort out the truth as if it were a needle in a haystack: Did Nick kill his wife?

The endless barrage of made-for-TV movies and mediocre novels about deadly marriages has cheapened even the very concept of a husband and wife possibly at each other's throats.

Yet what makes this book so remarkable is that instead of shunning that redundant label, the book wears it like a symbol on its chest, daring you to criticize, to say it is just one of many.

This book straddles the Grand Canyon that separates genre fiction and literary writing, choosing to have the best of both worlds.

The plot is a baffling and flawless masterwork of the human mind, leading you down blind alleys and dead ends, making you feel like Barney Fife against Jack the Ripper.

Then even when the truth is delivered like a deadpan punchline, the story outlives the twist and turns of its own labyrinth of intrigue through the captivating commentary the book provides.

Flynn creates her characters in a way that renders them completely real, speaking with a male voice in a way that is as natural as its female counterpart.

This perfect pitch in regards to her use of perspective allows the battle of the sexes to rage on in a way that really hits home to both genders, and feels like a peek into the mind of the opposite side.

In addition to a gender commentary, the book touches on the effects of the "Great Recession" in the Midwest, the metamorphosis the job market has undergone to accommodate technological advances, and most bitterly the way the justice system of the United States has become a prime time televised fiasco. These social critiques never feel as if they do not belong in the narrative; in fact, it heightens the sharpness of the story itself.

And right when you think the action has died down, then down the rabbit hole you go yet again, and the book flips the tables on all that you expected.

A kitchen-knife whirlwind of the ins and outs of marriage, Gone Girl is everything crime films superficially promise, wrapped in scathing resentment, stuffed inside a bloody Mardi Gras of prose, and then deep fried in boiling hot genius.

Make a batch of coffee, get comfortable, and turn off your cell phone, because once the poisonous ivy of *Gone Girl* takes root, you won't let go till the bitter end.

Alabama Leaders' Fiscal Philosophy Pays Off for Citizens

By:

Kay Ivey, Lt. Governor

When Alabama voters elected a new kind of leadership in 2010, a new approach to how we fund state government was ushered in. Significant strides were made to reduce the overall size and cost of state government even in the face of challenging economic times. Governor Robert Bentley put Alabama on track to save $1 billion, and we are well on our way. Legislative leadership reined in wasteful spending and created efficiencies in the way state government functions. And I reduced my office's budget by 30 percent and have continued to operate more efficiently.

Alabama's economy has improved in the last three years – more than 40,000 jobs created and huge economic development wins for the state like Airbus in Mobile. A forecast by the University of Alabama indicates our economy is expected to grow by more than 2 percent this year and accelerate with 3.2 percent growth in 2014. Meanwhile, the national growth rate is forecast at 1.6 percent. More Alabamians are getting back to work bringing unemployment to 6.5 percent, but as consumers hesitantly begin to spend their paychecks, the cost of living is going up. The current economic situation is like a tug-of-war.

The Federal government has opted to tax and spend to fix its economic situation; tax citizens to raise revenue, yet still spend well beyond its means sending our government into a spiral of unmet and increasing debts. That's not how we do business in Alabama.

Unlike the out-of-control spending we see from Washington politicians, our fiscally-responsible budgets provide level funding for most state agencies, without increased taxes for our citizens and avoiding proration in our education budget.

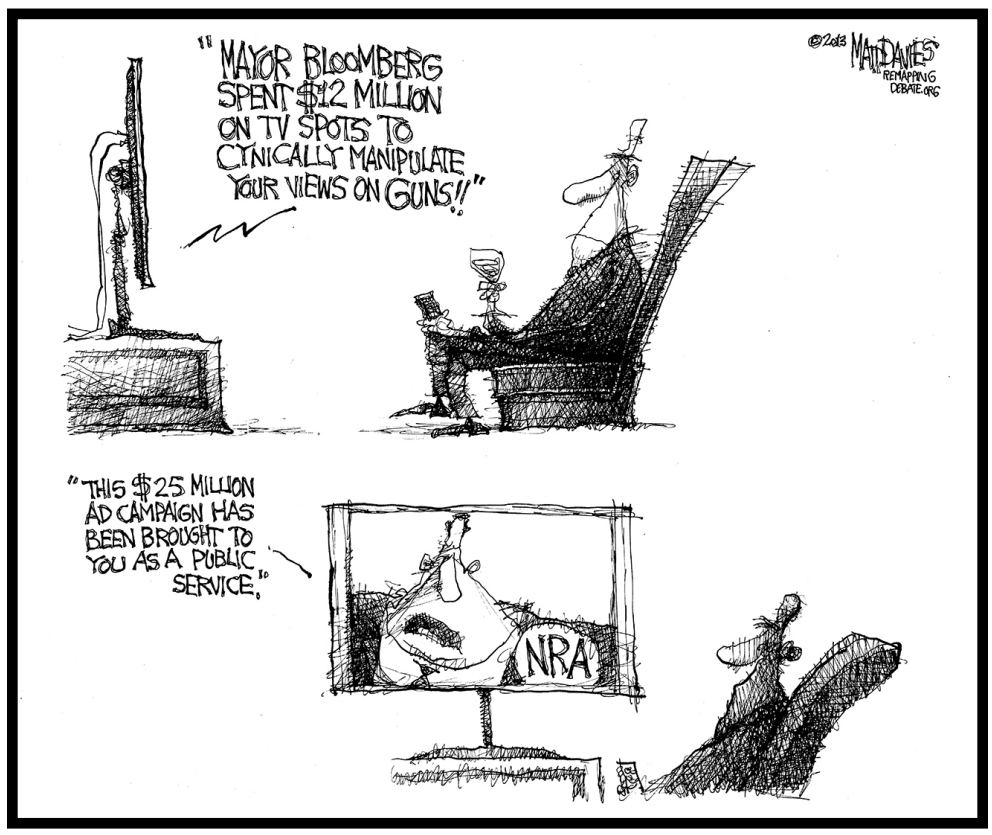
In Alabama, we have fiscally conservative leaders at the helm of our budgets. As President of the Alabama Senate, I have the opportunity to work closely with Senator Arthur Orr, Chair of the General Fund Budget, and Senator Trip Pittman, Education Trust Fund Chair. In the House, Representative Jay Love chaired the Education Budget and Representative Steve Clouse took the lead on the General Fund Budget. They do a remarkable job under pressure. The Legislature meets for three months of the year, but these Legislators work year-round to calculate the state's expenditures. Writing the budgets is the primary Constitutional duty of the Legislature and the most challenging.

In the General Fund, 60 percent is already allocated for the state's two largest expenditures – corrections and Medicaid. The remaining 40 percent funds every remaining function of government from courts to the forestry commission, senior services to public safety. Despite financial constraints, a 2 percent pay raise was included for Alabama teachers and support personnel in the Education Trust Fund for FY14. And thanks to conservative budgeting and the Rolling Reserve Act passed in 2011, proration of the Education Trust Fund was once again avoided.

Government does not get smaller on its own; we have to be intentional about it. You can expect this kind of leadership, which the people of Alabama asked for, to continue. No stone will be left unturned as we continue to identify ways to cut spending and operate more efficiently and effectively for the people of our state,

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Kay Ivey successfully sought the office of Lieutenant Governor in the 2010 election. In doing so, she became the second woman and the first Republican woman in Alabama history, to be elected to the post of Lieutenant Governor.



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Car Show (from Front)

Pentastar South Car Club, as the duo combined to raise funds for Autism Awareness.

"The car show started several years ago, and each year we like to pick a different charitable organization to donate the proceeds to and this year was Autism Awareness," Brenda Allison, event organizer, said. "We've had a great turnout, like we do every year, so it's been a great day."

Mike Parente, General Manager, Cullman Dodge Chrysler Jeep and Ram said the annual event is one he looks forward to each year, although his workload is not a heavy as that of the event organizer.

"We did a whole bunch of work just saying yes to Brenda," Shelton said laughingly. "She handles everything for the car show each year and we are proud to be able to host it annually."

This will be the final year for the car show to take place along U.S. Hwy 31, as the dealership is set to open a new facility later this year. Shelton said the expansion will help create more jobs for the community, along with pumping tax dollars back into the local economy.

"We're investing millions of dollars into Cullman County, which is the idea of the company," he said. "There were plenty of opportunities to build the new dealership in a lot of different places but Cullman, we felt, is a great place to do it. Plus, it's a great place to live."

Shelton said the anticipated opening for the new dealership, located alongside the U.S. Hwy 278 & I-65 junction, will be able to accommodate a much larger crowd for the car show. "It will be a great facility, with plenty of space for the car show," he said.

This year's car show was not without a moment of remembrance. The loss of a great friend and fellow car club member led the group to name a special award in his honor. "This year we have the Gary Shelton Memorial Award, which will be awarded to the car we think Gary would most love," she said. "It's just our way of remembering a great friend."

For more from the 6th Annual Mopars on the Street Car Show, visit CullmanSense.com.



A Runner's Glow

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Midnight Run to add a bit of color to the dark course

CULLMAN – The 2013 EvaBank Midnight is less than a week away and officials with Cullman City Parks & Recreation are busy making sure that this year's event will be one not soon forgotten.

"This year we have a lot of great surprises in store for all of runners," Waid Harbison, CP&R Marketing Director, said. "Since we do run our race at midnight my sister Paige asked 'why not have glow in the dark shirts' and so this year we will be introducing the new shirts." Besides the festive shirt, Harbison said the race will function around the central theme of running in the dark.

"We will also be giving out many different glow in the dark items in the goodie bags, so each runner will have something a bit more fun," he said. "We will also be drawing for a bunch of great door prizes, including an iPad mini, iPod shuffle, a flat screen TV and many more great items."

The 2013 EvaBank Midnight Run will take place on Friday, August 9, 2013 at the Cullman Civic Center. Early registration is $20, and registration the night of the event will be $25.

"Currently you can come by the Civic Center to sign up and it's just $20," he said. "We will open registration beginning at 10 p.m. the night of the race and will keep it open until 11:45 p.m., so if you've not registered yet, you still have time."

Another change runners can expect is the upping in cash prizes up for grabs. "We will offer a cash prize of $250 to the overall male and female winners and a cash prize of $200 to the master male and female winners," he said. "As with every year we will award medals to the top 3 in each age division." Proceeds will benefit the Cullman Parks & Recreation Foundation and Community Playground project.

For more information on the EvaBank Midnight Run, call 256-734-9157. To register online, visit http://beta.active.com/cullman-al/running/evabank-midnight-run-5k-2013.

CRMC Educates and Provides Support for Expectant Moms

By: Lindsey Dossey • CRMC Contributor

CULLMAN — Becoming a mother, whether it is for the first, second or third time is a special experience. Cullman Regional Medical Center enhances this wonderful occasion by offering programs that are helpful to all moms before, during and after pregnancy.

Here are some of the upcoming classes available at CRMC:

Prepared Childbirth Class

Saturday, September 7 – The goal of this class is to provide expectant mothers with information about the CRMC Maternity Center and information on what to expect during your stay which includes a tour of the Maternity Center.

Mom's support person is encouraged to attend.

The class is held from 8 a.m. until noon in CRMC's Depot Room, in the Community Education Center in Professional Office Building 2 (POB 2).

The cost is $25 per couple; $20 per couple for WomenFirst Members and FREE to Medicaid patients.

Prenatal Breastfeeding Class

Saturday, September 7 – The goal of this class is to provide mothers with practical solutions to the most common breastfeeding concerns.

We will discuss breastfeeding during the first few weeks, breastfeeding products available and preparing to return to work.

The class is held from 1-3 p.m. in CRMC's Depot Room, in the Community Education Center in Professional Office Building 2 (POB 2) and follows the Prepared Childbirth Class.

You are not required to attend the Childbirth Class in order to attend the Breastfeeding Class. Cost to attend the class is $10 – mom's support person is encouraged to attend.

Register online today at www.crmchospital.com/maternity or call the CRMC Maternity Services Center at 256-737-2200.

For a complete list of community classes and seminars at Cullman Regional Medical Center, search the Online Calendar of Events at www.crmchospital.com.

Let the Redneck Games Begin...



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Cullman County Rescue Squad Redneck Games a success in inaugural event

BREMEN – Mud, laughing, mud, hollering, more mud, family fun, and yes, even more mud where just some of the sights and sounds on full display at the inaugural Cullman County Rescue Squad Redneck Games, hosted at Stony Lonesome OHV Park, over the weekend.

"This is one of our fundraisers which help us with funding," Judy Chambers, CCRS Secretary said. "The Redneck Games are just that...games rednecks play."

The idea was first tossed around one evening when Chambers' daughter pulled up some video clips online. The videos were from a Lions Club in Georgia who had started the Redneck Games more than a decade ago.

"At first I thought she was crazy because who really wants to come watch a bunch of rednecks play in the mud," she said. "But after we watched some of the videos on YouTube, I knew the event would be a good way to help raise funds."

Plenty of events gave participants the opportunity to roll around in the mud. Whether it was the tug-o-war contest over the mud pit or the family favorite mud wrestling, most all of the games' running theme was mud.

The inaugural Redneck Games took place on Saturday August 3rd at the Stony Lonesome OHV Park in Bremen. Chambers said she is hoping to make the event an annual fundraiser.

"I hope we're able to do it each year. We've got a great location here at the OHV Park and plenty of games to keep everyone having a good time," she said. "Of course I just want to thank everyone who came out for the first ever Redneck Games and I look forward to seeing y'all next year!"

Auburn (from Front)

Earlier in the day, two seniors on the Auburn squad, Ryan Smith and Craig Sanders, received their bachelor's degrees at Commencement ceremonies. Smith was a Public Administration major, while Sanders majored in Human Development and Family Studies.

The Tigers return to the practice field Sunday afternoon for their first workout in shells. Auburn's season opener is Saturday, August 31, at Jordan-Hare Stadium versus Washington State in a 6 p.m. Central kickoff.