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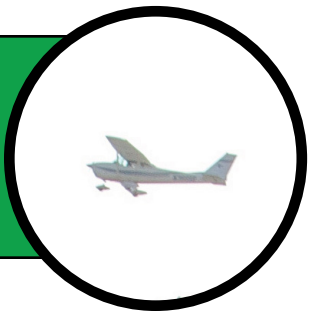
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St. Bernard Students tour Europe with Alabama Ambassadors of Music



Dan Coccia and Kimie Garci

By: Joyce Nix • St. Bernard Contributor

CULLMAN – Two St. Bernard Prep School students recently accepted an invitation from the Alabama Ambassadors of Music to join other students from around the state for a musical tour of Europe.

The Alabama Ambassadors is a group of staff and students from Alabama high school/college bands and choirs. Every other summer students are invited to make a wonderful 16 day trip to Europe to represent the State of Alabama as Ambassadors of Music. On June 6-21, 2013, eighty students from the state joined Band Director Harry McAfee of Birmingham and Choral Director Laura Doss of Cullman for a life-changing experience abroad.

St. Bernard students Daniel Coccia and Kimie Garcia joined the Alabama Ambassadors and performed at various locations: parks, churches, and other venues through- p12

Heroin: Alabama's Newest Drug Epidemic in the Making



By: Noah Chandler
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CULLMAN – Over the past few weeks DEA field agent Matt Gentry, also with the Cullman County District Attorneys Office, has been making frequent trips to healthcare facilities, holding meetings with drug counselors, and speaking with drug users about the newest, most deadly form of addiction to hit the streets of Alabama.

Heroin.

The drug, which is best known for it's surge in the United States during the Vietnam War, has been in a state of hibernation since the mid-70s in the state of Alabama. Gentry said that hibernation period is over and it has left a wake of death, destruction, and mayhem for all in its wake.

"We have seen a steady climb in heroin

Alabama's 2013 Peanut Crop

By: Amy Belcher

MONTGOMERY – According to the USDA's August Crop Production Report this year acres planted in peanuts are down 90,000 acres in comparison to 2012. Overall peanut production is projected to be down 55%.

With record rainfall recorded throughout many areas of Alabama, several acres of peanuts will be lost as a result of standing water in the fields. Farmers are also facing an increase of weeds and disease because spraying was delayed by the excessive rainfall. Despite the complications brought on by significant rain totals farmers are cautiously optimistic and hoping for at least an average p12

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WSCC's Therapeutic Massage Program Achieves 100 Percent Pass Rate on National Board Exam



Students in the Massage Therapy program put their training to work. The program recently earned a 100 percent pass rate for students taking their national certification exam.

By: Gail Crutchfield
WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE — As Babs Herfurth thought of ways she might be able to help her students in Wallace State Community College's Therapeutic Massage program improve their chances of passing the national certification exam, she decided to take the test herself.

Herfurth passed the National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB) administered test, which was not available when she was in school, and is now more aware of its level of difficulty and how intimidating students may find the experience to be.

"It gave me an idea of how they take the test," Herfurth said. The wording of the test, the testing atmosphere, and the restrictions the students face were all things she experienced herself so that she could take that back to her students.

To alleviate anxiety during the Board exam, she now sets up testing situations similar to the real thing.

"I think that helped them to get prepared for the test," she said.

Herfurth said all 12 of her students passed the exam this year, giving the program a 100 percent success rate, and all found jobs as massage therapists.

She has also had several former students discover through massage therapy an interest in Wallace State's physical therapist assistant program and become dually trained.

Hands-on training is naturally a big part of the massage therapy program.

With the aid of a muscle torso mannequin, students are able to see and touch the layers of muscle, bones, and tissue that make up the human body before delving into clinicals.

They can see how the manipulation of one area may affect the others.

"You can see the inner workings of the body and see how the outer muscles affect them," Herfurth said.

The Therapeutic Massage program holds clinic hours each Monday, with one-hour massages offered at 8 a.m., 9:30, 11, 12:30 p.m., 2, and 3:30.

Open to the public, fees for massages are $10 for students and employees of Wallace State and $20 for the general public.

For more information about the Massage Therapy program, contact Herfurth at 256-352-8425 or visit www.wallacestate.edu.

Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Rainey provides two scholarships for WSCC students

By: Gail Crutchfield
WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE — Tianna Auston and Diana Moreno have a lot in common. Both are sophomores in Wallace State Community College's Criminal Justice program. Both are the first in their families to go to college. Both have lived in the foster care system. Both work full time to help pay their way to college.

Both young women are also recipients of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Excellence in Criminal Justice Scholarships, each receiving $5,000 to put toward their education in the Fall, Spring, and Summer Semesters at Wallace State.

The Special Project Fund from the annual Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo, named after a longtime deputy sheriff and investigator, funded one of the scholarships. Rainey personally funded the other in memory of his mother, Shelby Rainey, who was once employed by Wallace State.

Rainey said providing a scholarship is something the office has wanted to do for years and has finally been able to do that using the Special Projects Fund.

"We have the funds now to help and try to give back to the community," Rainey said.

That fund paid for the scholarship presented to Auston.

Rainey's personal scholarship was awarded to Moreno. "After reading these two girls' stories, I couldn't pick only one of them," Rainey said.

Auston and Moreno were appreciative and excited about their scholarships.

"I'm very, very happy to receive this scholarship," said Moreno, of Cullman. "It's going to make going to school a whole lot easier."

Not eligible for Pell Grants, Moreno works full time at Royal Technologies to help pay for her education. "This is a good change in a positive direction."

Moreno said she's known since was a little girl that she wanted to be in law enforcement.

Her long-range goal is to work for the FBI and to help in cases with abused children.

"This scholarship means everything to me," said Auston, of Crane Hill, who is self-employed mowing lawns.

"This is the first scholarship I've ever received. I was overwhelmed when I got it. It will help me because I don't usually have enough money to buy books and stuff. This year I can actually work out of my books rather than having to find [the information from other sources]."

A school resource officer at Cold Springs High School influenced Auston's career decision.

"He was my inspiration in being a police officer," she said of Arvel Allison, who she said encouraged her to work for the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

Her plans are to be a police officer, either here in Cullman County or in Birmingham.

As recipients of the scholarships, the students may be eligible for internships with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office. "I'm so excited to intern," Moreno said.

WSCC Criminal Justice Department Chair Bob Howell said he appreciates the Sheriff's Office providing the scholarships to his students.

"Both of these young ladies are always in class, they always have questions, they are working hard to better themselves," Howell said.

"This opens a door that otherwise might not get open. It's really a wonderful opportunity, and we appreciate it so much because they are part of our Wallace State family and you always want to help family."



Cullman County Sheriff Mike Rainey presented two Excellence in Criminal Justice scholarships totaling $5,000 each to Wallace State Community College Criminal Justice students Tianna Auston and Diana Moreno. Pictured are Rainey, Auston, Moreno, WSCC Criminal Justice Department Chair Bob Howell, instructor Thea Hall, and WSCC President Vicki Hawsey Karolewics.

Bosom Buddies Meeting Announced

By: Lindsey Dossey
CRMC Contributor

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

The group will hold its next meeting on Monday, September 16 at 6 p.m. in Cullman Regional Medical Center's Ave Maria Room in the Community Education Center located in Professional Office Building 2 (1912 AL Highway 157, POB 2, Cullman, AL 35058).

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

For a complete list of upcoming support groups and events at Cullman Regional Medical Center visit the online Calendar of Events at www.crmchospital.com.

What's Online

Wallace State Upholstery Department recovers couch for COA

"This is an example of how a community college helps the community," said State Rep. Randall Shedd, director of the Cullman County Commission on Aging (COA).



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Cullman Regional Medical Center Deploys MedSnap ID Enterprise Solution

According to a recent report from the IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics, more than $200 billion is wasted each year in the U.S. due to suboptimal medication management.

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Life After Dark: Hillbilly Lovers at Moe's BBQ

The Hillbilly Lovers, fronted by husband and wife Rob and Veronica Wright, are entertainers. An hour observing their stage show and a few moments speaking with band and you know that right away.

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Feds Won't Sue States Over Marijuana

By: Maggie Clark • Stateline

The federal government said Thursday it will not sue Colorado and Washington to stop their efforts to legalize and regulate recreational marijuana.

Rather than squelching the state-regulated legal marijuana schemes, which were approved by voters in the November 2012 elections, the Justice Department will focus on stopping drug sales to minors, preventing drug profits going to gangs and stopping the spread of legal marijuana to other states where it remains illegal.

Attorney General Eric Holder made the announcement in a conference call with the governors of Colorado and Washington on Thursday.

"We recognize how difficult this issue has been for the Department of Justice and we appreciate the thoughtful approach it has taken," said Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper in a statement. "Amendment 64 put Colorado in conflict with federal law. Today's announcement shows the federal government is respecting the will of Colorado voters."

The state is continuing to work on the rules for retail sale and regulation of legal marijuana.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee welcomed the decision. "We want to thank the attorney general for working with the states on this and for finding a way that allows our initiative to move forward while maintaining a commitment to fighting illegal drugs," Inslee said in a joint statement with Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson.

"The news today is an affirmation of good work by the state Liquor Control Board as it has devised a responsible system of implementing our voter-approved law," Inslee and Ferguson wrote. Washington's Liquor Control Board is expected to have regulations ready for the state's legal marijuana market by Dec. 1.

Holder's decision not to sue Washington and Colorado is in line with his directive earlier this month that U.S. attorneys should stop prosecuting low-level drug users and instead divert them to drug treatment. It also reflects the reality that the Justice Department would likely be unsuccessful if it tried to stop state marijuana legalization in court, according to a Congressional Research Service report issued earlier this year.



Marijuana plants grow at a warehouse in Denver

Just how this new enforcement mindset will play out is dependent on the 94 U.S. attorneys spread across the country who make decisions on enforcing the Controlled Substances Act, which classifies marijuana as a schedule one drug, alongside heroin and LSD. In a memo to U.S. attorneys, Deputy Attorney General James Cole advised them not to bring suits against state-regulated marijuana businesses, but instead focus on stopping drugged driving and preventing the growth of marijuana on public lands.

"The Department's guidance…rests on its expectation that states and local governments that have enacted laws authorizing marijuana-related conduct will implement strong and effective regulatory and enforcement systems that will address the threat those state laws could pose to public safety, public health, and other law enforcement interests," Cole wrote in the memo.

Should the state regulations not work to keep kids and gangs from getting access to marijuana, the U.S. attorneys could still bring charges, Cole wrote. Colorado and Washington are committed to that not happening. "We are determined to keep marijuana businesses from being fronts for criminal enterprises or other illegal activity," Hickenlooper said, "and we are committed to preventing the exportation of marijuana out of Colorado while also enhancing efforts to keep state roads safer from impaired drivers." The announcement was cheered among marijuana policy activists. "The Department of Justice's decision to allow implementation of the laws in Colorado and Washington is a clear signal that states are free to determine their own policies with respect to marijuana," said Dan Riffle, director of the Marijuana Policy Project. The Marijuana Policy Project is working on building support for marijuana legalization in Rhode Island, Alaska, Oregon, Maine and California this year.

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Children as Young as 10 Can Do Farm Work in Some States

By: Marsha Mercer • Stateline

In most states, a girl or boy as young as 12 could work long hours in the broiling summer sun picking the fruits and vegetables for your Labor Day picnic—and it's legal.

Federal child labor laws set a minimum work age of 16 for most occupations, but the laws exempt minors who work in the agriculture and entertainment industries. Unless states pass their own rules, children who are 12 can work seven days a week outside of school hours picking fruits and vegetables. Age, hour, overtime and minimum wage provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act that protect young workers in other fields don't apply.

- Seventeen states have exempted farm work from most or all their child labor laws—Alabama, Delaware, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming.
- Others have set higher age minimums for work during school hours: California, Hawaii, Washington and Wisconsin require someone to be 18 to work on a farm during school hours.
- A dozen states set 14 as the minimum wage for farm work outside of school hours—Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Missouri, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia and Washington.

There are exceptions. Washington allows 12-year-olds to hand-harvest berries, bulbs, cucumbers and spinach when they're not in school. In Hawaii, 10-year-olds can harvest coffee. The federal government and 10 states set no maximum on the number of hours per day or week a young person can work on farms. Generally, farm workers under 20 receive a lower federal minimum wage of $4.25 an hour for the first 90 days of employment, although hand-harvesters of all ages are often paid by the number of containers filled.

Under federal law, only workers under 16 are prohibited from hazardous tasks on farms while the law protects workers under 18 in non-farm jobs. Teens from 15 to 17 working on farms are four times more likely to die on the job than teenagers in all other jobs, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports.

"Somehow people have developed this cultural myth that the work ethic has to be developed early and we should put children at risk," said Mary Miller, child labor specialist in the Washington State Department of Labor and Industry, who has worked in child labor since the early 1990s. "I'm constantly skunked that there's no constituency for child workers," she said. "They don't vote."

Rules Vary by State

Working conditions for agriculture workers vary by state. For example, only California and Washington state have heat-stress rules requiring rest breaks and access to shade and water for workers of all ages. No such requirement exists on the federal level, Miller wrote last year in the Journal of Agromedicine.

Reid Maki, director of the Child Labor Coalition, part of the National Consumers League, blamed indifference. "For over a decade, we've been trying to spread the word that a 12-year-old can work unlimited hours as long as school is not in session, under harsh conditions in the fields — and nobody seems to care," he said.

For the farming community, the issues are how to protect a way of life and ensure a reliable workforce.

"These are our sons and daughters and our grandchildren. We want them to be safe but we also need a healthy dose of common sense," said Dale Moore, executive director for public policy for the American Farm Bureau, an advocacy group for farmers and ranchers. "Standards need to be uniform and based on something other than a feeling," Moore said.

Barbara Lee, director of the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety, works with growers on improving safety and conditions for young workers. The center is funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

"Only a small proportion of agricultural employers actually choose to hire teens," she said, citing three reasons: regulations, availability of undocumented workers, and teen attitudes.

It's difficult to know how many children work in the fields. The latest numbers from NIOSH suggest the ranks of hired workers under 20 on farms are shrinking. An estimated 258,835 youth under 20 were hired on farms last year, according to the just-completed 2012 Childhood Agricultural Injury Survey. Of these, about 41,310 were under the age of 16. Further, the survey found that 22,635 youth under 16 worked in livestock operations and 3,314 under 16 worked in fruit and vegetable fields.

Child labor advocates believe the numbers of child and teen farm workers are far higher. "Our closest number estimate is that 400,000 to 500,000 kids are working in the fields," said Norma Flores Lopez, director of the Children in the Fields Campaign of the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs. Many children work "off the books," she said.

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Secretary of State Bennett Reminds Citizens of Campaign Finance Changes

By: Tamara Cofield

MONTGOMERY — Secretary of State Jim Bennett is urging candidates and political action committees to be mindful of a September 4th deadline to file campaign finance reports. The new reporting schedule was required by reforms approved by the legislature for candidates participating in the 2014 election cycle.

A few important changes will come with this September 4th report. On August 1, the threshold for all candidates, regardless of position sought, was lowered to $1,000. Therefore, all candidates who have either raised or spent $1,000 in their campaigns are required to file a report on September 4th with the secretary of state or the probate judge, depending on the office sought.

Also beginning on that same date, penalties shall be assessed for reports that are not timely or accurately filed with the respective filing official. The amounts are as follows:

- First offense: $300 or 10 percent of the amount not properly reported, whichever is greater.
- Second offense: $600 or 15 percent of the amount not properly reported, whichever is greater.
- Third offense: $1,200 or 20 percent of the amount not properly reported, whichever is greater.
- Fourth offense: A rebuttable presumption of intent to violate the reporting requirements of the Fair Campaign Practices Act is created.

Intentional violation of the Fair Campaign Practices Act can be prosecuted by the Attorney General or the district attorney for the appropriate jurisdiction, with penalties ranging from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class B felony, depending on the offense.

"With these changes to the FCPA, we will have more accurate reports from candidates and PACs," said Bennett. "Campaign finance disclosure is an essential tool for voters to use in deciding who the best candidate may be. In passing campaign finance reform and online reporting, the legislature took a major step forward."

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CullmanSense's High School Football Roundup - Week 1

By: Josh McBrayer
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Fans across Cullman County have been on pins and needles waiting for the first week of prep football and they got all they wanted and more. Here is all of the action from around the county.

Holly Pond 14 @ Good Hope 61 (Thursday)
By: Jim and Joan Stinson

GOOD HOPE - The Raiders used 2 punt returns and 5 turnovers to rout the visiting Holly Pond Broncos 61-14.

Junior Jared McClure started the scoring when he took a punt return 78 yards to the house to put the Raiders up 6-0 early. Not to be out done Senior Sebastian Fendley took the next punt back 77 yards for the score. Before fans really got settled in their seat, Good Hope was up 13-0 without running a single offensive play.

When the Raiders offense did take the field, Holly Pond defense was no match. Fendley drove the Raiders down the field and took them into the endzone from the 1-yard line, giving Good Hope a 20-0 lead in the 1st quarter.

In the 2nd, Freshman QB Riley Eeisner took some snaps under center and took advantage of the playing time. He hit Senior Justin Turner for a 41-yard touchdown. Alex Cofer recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff, putting the Raiders back in business at the Bronco 25 yard line.

On the first offensive play, McClure took the ball 25 yards for the touch down, putting Good Hope on top 34-0.

The two Holly Pond scores came on a 43-yard touchdown strike from Michael Lambert to Michael Ford with 43 seconds left in the first half. The second Bronco touchdown came on a one-yard plunge from Tony Vasquez following a bad Good Hope long snap.

Good Hope will host Hanceville in week two while Holly Pond will host Brindlee Mountain.

West Point 25 @ Brewer 18

BREWER - It was a slow start for the West Point Warriors as the Brewer Patriots scored two quick touchdowns, thanks to TJ Morrow, in the first quarter, putting West Point in a 12-0 hole. Facing the 12-point deficit did not seem to bother Warrior quarterback Bryant Farley as he connected with a familiar target, Tristian Dubberly for a 48-yard touchdown.

On the next series Farley showed that he had skills as a runner as well, bolting down the field for a 60-yard touchdown. This would knot the score at 12 heading to halftime.

The Warriors received the ball to star the second half and Farley went right back to work. He marched his team down the field and completed the successful drive when he once again found Dubberly through the air, this time from 15 yards out, for the score. With the PAT conversion, West Point grabbed their first lead of the season, 19-12.

Brewer however would come back with an answer in the form of a touchdown by Josh Wilson but could not hit convert the PAT. The Warriors held a slim 19-18 lead over the Patriots heading into the fourth and final frame.

Brewer played well in the fourth and marched the ball right into the West Point red zone but the Warrior defense met them head on and stopped the charging Patriots at the ½ yard line. Trent Campbell would give the Warriors the breathing room they needed when he carried the pigskin in from 10 yards out to make the final 25-18.

West Point will face another tough test next week as they travel to Athens to take on the Golden Eagles. Brewer will travel to Boaz.

Brindlee Mountain 28 @ Vinemont 40
By: Zeke McBrayer

VINEMONT - The Vinemont Eagles went out Friday night against Brindlee Mountain with an intensity matching their strong will to win. The team showed that sometimes the best game plan is to not change anything.

While the loss of Ty Jones certainly made things harder, the Eagles have kept true to what has made them successful: the run game. Led by Sophomore John Michael Dye, the committee of running backs dominated the field.

The Eagles jumped out early, getting up 13-0 against the Lions before giving up a touchdown. Brindlee Mountain took advantage of a busted coverage and scored on a 54-yard reception from Tristen Palmisano to Blake Warren. These would be the only points the Eagles gave up for the first half. After that is was an all Vinemont show.

Dye ran for 103 yards in the first half alone, with Orey Woods, Trey Guthrey, and Taylor Evans pitching in to bring the total to 185 for the first half. Kurtis Brawner switched it up twice during the second quarter and threw two nearly flawless touchdown passes to Blake Melton.

The second half was much closer. After scoring on the first drive of the second half, the defense blocked a punt, which Brawner caught and took in for a touchdown.

Coach Scott decided to let the younger guys have a chance and let the first team take a break. The Eagles wouldn't score again, but wouldn't need it as they held on to the lead to win 40-28.

The offense wasn't the only thing clicking during the game, as the defense didn't allow the Lions across midfield until near the end of the first quarter. The defense also combined for multiple tackles in the backfield, two sacks, an interception, and the punt block that led to the Brawner touchdown.

Coach Scott praised the front five who led the way for the run game to control the game. Dye ended the night with 150 yards, followed by Taylor Evans with 94. Brawner went a perfect 2/2 and 37 yards for two touchdowns to Melton. The main flaw the Eagles dealt with throughout the night was penalties.

While most were short yardage penalties, two brought back big touchdown plays and completely halted the momentum.

The Lions actually had more total offensive yards than Vinemont, 360 to the Eagles' 345, but were plagued by turnovers and failure to capitalize on the opportunities they were presented with.

The Eagles host Danville in the first home game of the season next week, looking to keep the win streak going. The Lions hope to turn things around as they travel to Holly Pond for their second game of the year.

Hanceville 35 @ Fairview 33
By: Matt Glover

FAIRVIEW- After forty-six minutes of action, it all came down to one play Friday night at Ray Talley Stadium. Quarterback Hayden Maples led his Aggie offense down the field for the possible game tying score. Maples a perfect seven of seven on his final drive of the night, needed just one more completion to tie the game late in the fourth quarter.

However it was not to be. Maples rolled to his left looking for a receiver on the two-point conversion attempt, when he spotted what appeared to be an open man in the endzone. Just before the ball landed safely in the receivers hand, it was knocked away by the Hanceville defense, securing the two point victory.

"I told my boys we have to lay it all on the line in the second half, if we want to win tonight." Coach Miller said of his halftime speech to his players.

His message was clearly taken to heart as the Hanceville defense clamped down allowing only 115 yards and 6 points in the second half; this after giving up 318 yards and 27 points in the first half of play. Quarterback Caleb Hurst

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Saturday, Sept. 7 8AM-1PM
•Receive individual entries in **Handicraft, Sewing and Canning**
•Receive individual entries in **Art** (Exhibit Building)
(Fairgrounds will close at 1:30 PM)

Sunday, Sept. 8 1PM-5PM
•Receive individual entries in **Photography** (Exhibit Building)
•Receive individual entries in **Art** (Exhibit Building)

Monday, September 9
9AM-5PM •**Set Up Exhibit Booths**
Commercial, Community Clubs, 4-H, FCCLA, FFA
Noon-6PM •Receive individual entries in **Handicraft, Sewing and Canning**
•Receive individual entries in **Art** (Exhibit Building)

Tuesday, September 10
9AM-5PM •**Set Up Exhibit Booths**
Commercial, Community Clubs, 4-H, FCCLA, FFA
Noon-6PM •Receive individual entries in **Handicraft, Sewing and Canning**
•Receive individual entries in **Art** (Exhibit Building)

Wednesday, September 11
1 PM - 6PM •Receive THE FOLLOWING field crops & Honey (Agriculture Exhibit Building)
Department M - **Field Crops**
Division I - **Corn**
Division II - **Hay**
Division III - **Cotton**
Division IV - **Soybeans**
Division V - **Potatoes**
Division VI - **Pumpkins**
Division VII - **Peppers**
Division VIII - **Watermelons**
Division IX - **Vegetables**
Division X - **Tomatoes**
Division XI - **Current Season Gourds**
Division XII - **Apples**
Division XIII - **Pears**
Department N - **Apiculture**
All the Honey Entries

Thursday, September 12
8 AM - 10 AM •Receive entries in Horticulture (Dept. O)
8AM - 11AM •Receive individual entries in Food Department I Culinary Foods D
9AM - 11AM •Receive Division III FCCLA and FFA Food Entries

Information on Rules and Check-in times for all competitive exhibits is available at...
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High School Football Roundup - Week 1 (Continued)

had a great start to the new season going 5 of 8 for 165 yards 3 TD and one Int, including two touchdown passes of 50 yards or more.

On the other side Fairview starts the season with a loss, but they have many things to be excited about for the upcoming season. One of which was the debut of new quarterback Hayden Maples. A combined 18 of 25 for 324 yards and 2 TD, Maples showed that he was indeed ready to be the leader of the pass happy Fairview offense.

Fairview will look for some redemption as they host the Danville Hawks next week while Hanceville travels to Good Hope to face a familiar foe who resides just across I-65.

Cullman 13 @ Walker 10
By: Josh McBrayer

JASPER - In a game marred in controversy and scarred by an appalling physical confrontation at the end of an otherwise thrilling contest, the Cullman Bearcats defeated bitter rivals, the Walker Vikings, 13-10 to open the season.

Eager to set the tone for the game, Walker won the toss and elected to receive. Kevin Clay Jr. took the the first hand-off up the game for eight yards and then Sophomore QB Bryant Atkins connected with Keony Abrom for a 40 strike that immediately set the Vikings up at the Cullman 18.

The Bearcat defense held strong in the red zone and Walker settled for a field goal off the foot of Matt McKay who booted it through the uprights from 34 yards out.

After a punt on Cullman's first possession, the game swayed back and forth with neither team gaining much traction. It was not until the late stages of the second quarter that the first touchdown would be scored. Following a Walker punt, Cullman fumbled the ball in their own red zone and Jaiquan Crook pounced on it to set Walker up at the Cullman 15.

The Vikings were hit with a five yard penalty on the forts play of the drive bit quickly got the yards back, and then some, on a personal foul call against the Bearcats.

After some fumbling and bumbling, Walker eventually punched it in on a one yard run from Atkins to make the score 10-0 heading into the half.

Miscues plagued the Bearcats in the second half with fumbles, overthrows, and mental mistakes on special teams but the Cullman defense stayed strong, keeping Walker off the board and providing opportunities for the offense to get on track.

The biggest play of the game turned out to be an interception by Cullman's Trey Moon that changed the momentum of the game and gave the Bearcat offense the push they needed.

Cullman took the turnover and turned it into six points, marching down the field behind the strength of Crider who had a big 25 yard rush coupled with a 15 yard facemask to get the Bearcats inside the 20.

Here too, miscues haunted Cullman but they were able to overcome them and scored their first points in 2013 on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Glenn. The PAT was no good and Cullman trailed 10-6 with 8:23 to play.

In the later stages of the fourth quarter and unable to score, Walker looked like they were going to pin the Bearcats deep and make them drive the length of the field with less than two minutes to go. Instead a strange play unfolded that saw Walker go for it on 4-11, thinking it was third down instead of fourth, gave the ball back to Cullman on their own 46.

With time ticking down and needing a touchdown, Cullman head coach Mark Britton decided to air it out and the strategy paid off. Glenn hit four different receivers on the drive, going five of nine for 49 yards and converting a 4th and 10 along the way.It may have been Glenn's arm that got them in position but it was his legs that won the game.

With just over 20 seconds left to play, Glenn rolled out to his right, looking for a receiver. With no one open and nothing but green on front of him, Glenn tucked the ball under his right arm and sprinted in for the game winning touchdown with 18 second left on the clock. The PAT was good and Cullman took their first lead of the night going 13-10, which was the final score.

Cold Springs 34 @ Decatur Heritage 0

DECATUR - For the second straight year Cold Springs opened the season with Decatur Heritage Christian and for the second straight year, Cold Springs opens the year with a win.

Logan Campbell dominated the silver and white Eagles, scoring three times on the way to a 34-0 victory. He ran up and down the field, literally, carrying the ball seven times for 214 yards. Campbell found pay dirt twice more put Cold Springs penalties wiped the pair of touchdowns off the board.

"Logan played really well Friday night," said head coach Rod Elliott about his offensive star. "Logan is a kid that works really hard to be the best player he can be. He is one of the leaders on our team and has been very good at leading the guys. When you work as hard as he does good things happen."

Caleb Ellison also contributed big to the shutout, crossing the goal line twice on the night.

The shutout was the first time Cold Springs had held an opponent scoreless in 81 games, dating back to the 2004 season. The Eagles face their fist tough test of the year when they travel to Sulligent to face the Blue Devils.

"We will need to have a lot of focus this week to beat Sulligent," said Elliott. "They are very quick and fast, so if we don't get to the right spots we will have problems. I think this is a huge game for our team."

And that wraps up our round-up of all the action across Cullman County in week one of action. Make plans to come out and support your local team this Friday night. CullmanSense will be there, will you?

GHMS Wins the CMS Invitational

By: Joan and Jim Stinson

CULLMAN – Good Hope Middle School participated in the Cullman Middle School Volleyball Invitational tournament recently and brought home the championship trophy.

In pool play they defeated Cold Springs in 3 sets 25-15, 28-30, 15-12 and West Point in 2 straight sets 25-20, 25-21. In their 3rd pool game the fell to Curry in 2 straight sets 24-26, 16-25, With the great effort in pool play GHMS secured a place in the semifinals, against rival Cullman.The Lady Raiders came out with the victory in 3 sets 20-25,25-22, 19-17. The championship match became a rematch between Good Hope and Curry. In three hard fought sets 26-24, 22-25, 19-17, the Raider's came out victorious, claiming the championship



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

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256-734-9157

- **Yoga Classes**: Stay fit and relax with yoga held at the Civic Center every Tuesday night at 6:00pm with Fabian Holland. Six classes for $40 or $30 for seniors.
- **Nia Dance/Ageless Grace 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.
- **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.
- **Dog Obedience Classes:** Tina Cagle Parker will be holding dog obedience classes at the Cullman Civic Center on Tuesday nights beginning on Tuesday, August 13 at 6pm. Class is 6 weeks after first week orientation. Puppy class at 6pm and adult class at 7pm. $65 per dog; register at the Civic Center.
- **CLUCKNBREW:** CP&R will be holding Clucknbrew, a wingfest event on Saturday, September 7 at Depot Park. There will be a wing cook off, live music, beer, a kid's zone, games, and more. The event will be held from 3pm-9pm. Call 256-734-9157 for details.
- **Fall Baseball/Softball Registration:** August 1-20 at the Cullman Civic Center for ages 6-8 and 9-12. Cost per child is $75 or $350 per team. Fall Men's and Coed softball is also registering from August 1-20 at Heritage Park for $350 per team. Call 256-739-9931 for details.
- **Wilderness Survival Classes:** Held at Hurricane Creek Park on Sunday afternoons at 1pm, this course teaches basic survival skills including building a shelter, fire, finding safe water, and navigating. Register in advance by calling 256-734-2125.
- **First Time Rock Climbing:** Available for anyone interested in trying rock climbing with little or no experience. The program is offered on Saturday mornings at Hurricane Creek Park to anyone 6&up. A professional guide will be on site and all gear is included. Reserve ahead at 256-734-2125.
- **Tee off at Cullman Golf Course:** Come by our beautiful 18 hole course and relax with a game of golf! Discounts daily after 2pm. Call to book a time at 256-739-2386.

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No. 18 Wallace State volleyball wins four matches during season-opening tournament

By:Russell Moore
WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State volleyball, ranked No. 18 nationally, opened the season over the weekend, winning four of five matches in its sixth annual season-opening tournament.

The Lions (4-1) cruised to victories over Walters (Tenn.) State, Andrew (Ga.) College, St. John's River (Fla.) CC and Snead State, sweeping each opponent in three sets. Their lone tournament loss was to rival Gadsden State.

Sophomore setter Nicole Penny finished with a combined 97 assists and 12 digs, while fellow sophomore Kianna Delaney contributed 48 kills, nine blocks and six digs.

Several Wallace State freshmen had impressive starts to their collegiate careers.

Montana Clark finished with a combined 46 digs and 42 kills, Bethany Johnson collected 55 kills, 19 digs, seven aces and six blocks, Brea-Anna Thompson finished with 46 kills and seven digs and Rosemary Wendel added 64 digs.

Taylor Traglia had 39 assists over the five-match stretch, Kaci Kirk added 30 assists and Payton Norris finished with 18 digs.

Wallace State opens conference play on the road Thursday against Jeff Davis in Brewton.

The team then travels to Pensacola, Fla., on Friday and will play in a two-day tournament hosted by Pensacola State.

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



Payton Norris, a libero, prepares for a dig during WSCC's match against Andrew (Ga.) College during the Lions' annual season-opening tournament



Sophomore outside hitter Kianna Delaney attempts to spike the ball for Wallace State against Andrew (Ga.) College.



Sophomore setter Blaise Brown assists a teammate during Wallace State's match vs. Andrew (Ga.) College over the weekend.

Tailgating Tips on a Budget

(StatePoint) Throw on your favorite team's jersey and break out the grill because tailgating season is here. Whether the party is in your backyard or outside the stadium, you can show your team spirit this season without breaking the bank.

The experts at Dollar General are offering revelers some affordable and fun tailgate party planning tips:

- Pick a spot: To increase camaraderie and fun for free, get in the center of the action for every big game. Arrive early to scope out a choice tailgating headquarters.
- Food and drinks: Potluck tailgating parties are the easiest and most affordable way to celebrate game days. Ask everyone to bring their favorite items from appetizers to desserts. For snacks during the game, look at inexpensive options like pretzels, nuts and small candy bars. And don't forget the drinks. Fill large plastic tubs and coolers with bottled water and sodas to keep all beverages cold until after the game ends. Also, pick up disposable utensils for easy clean-up, and remember that inexpensive disposable cups, plates, and napkins in your team's colors make a great addition to the party.
- Get in the spirit: Save money and have fun by creating your own team banners to decorate your favorite tailgating spot. It is easy to create pennants, streamers, and unique posters to show your spirit.
- Have some fun: Avoid throwing a dull tailgate party with a boombox full of great tunes and classic tailgate games like ring toss, ladder golf or corn hole.

For more inspiration and coupons for your next tailgate party, visit www.DollarGeneral.com. A great tailgate can set the tone for a great game. Make this tailgating season the most fun and affordable one yet.







TAKING OFF

Cullman Municipal Airport receives much needed improvements to help accommodate growing industry









By:Noah Chandler
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CULLMAN – The Cullman Municipal Airport has been serving small planes for years. However, once the county was hit with a series of tornadoes in 2011, the airport played host to an air show to help raise money and spirits of the residents. That's when it was made evidently clear that some improvements were needed, most notably the older asphalt apron.

"When we hosted the airshow back after the tornadoes, we observed several of the larger planes sinking down into the asphalt apron," Cullman Mayor Max A. Townson said.

"It became crystal clear that it was time for improvements, not only to the apron, but also to extending our runway an additional 5,000 feet." The new apron cost roughly $1 million but Mayor Townson said the investment by the federal government is well worth it.

Congressman Robert Aderholt visited the ribbon cutting ceremony and spoke briefly on the how Cullman County has become the model for other counties in the state.

"Cullman is really a model for the whole state, as it's conveniently located off U.S. Interstate 65, and it is right between Huntsville and Birmingham," Congressman Aderholt said.

"I've talked to a lot of economic development groups throughout the state and they always point back to Cullman as the model for growth and expansion. And I truly believe that the work done at the airport will continue to help the entire area grow." Bob Burns, Cullman Regional Airport Manager, said he is pleased with the new additions but is looking forward to continuing the expansion at the airport. "The ribbon cutting was for four projects, with the largest being the concrete apron. The other three projects included Skydive Alabama and two additional hangars," Burns said. "We are looking to expand our terminal, along with adding larger corporate hangars for our industries who are locating to Cullman."

Presto Earns Eagle Scout



By: Joyce Nix • St. Bernard Contributor

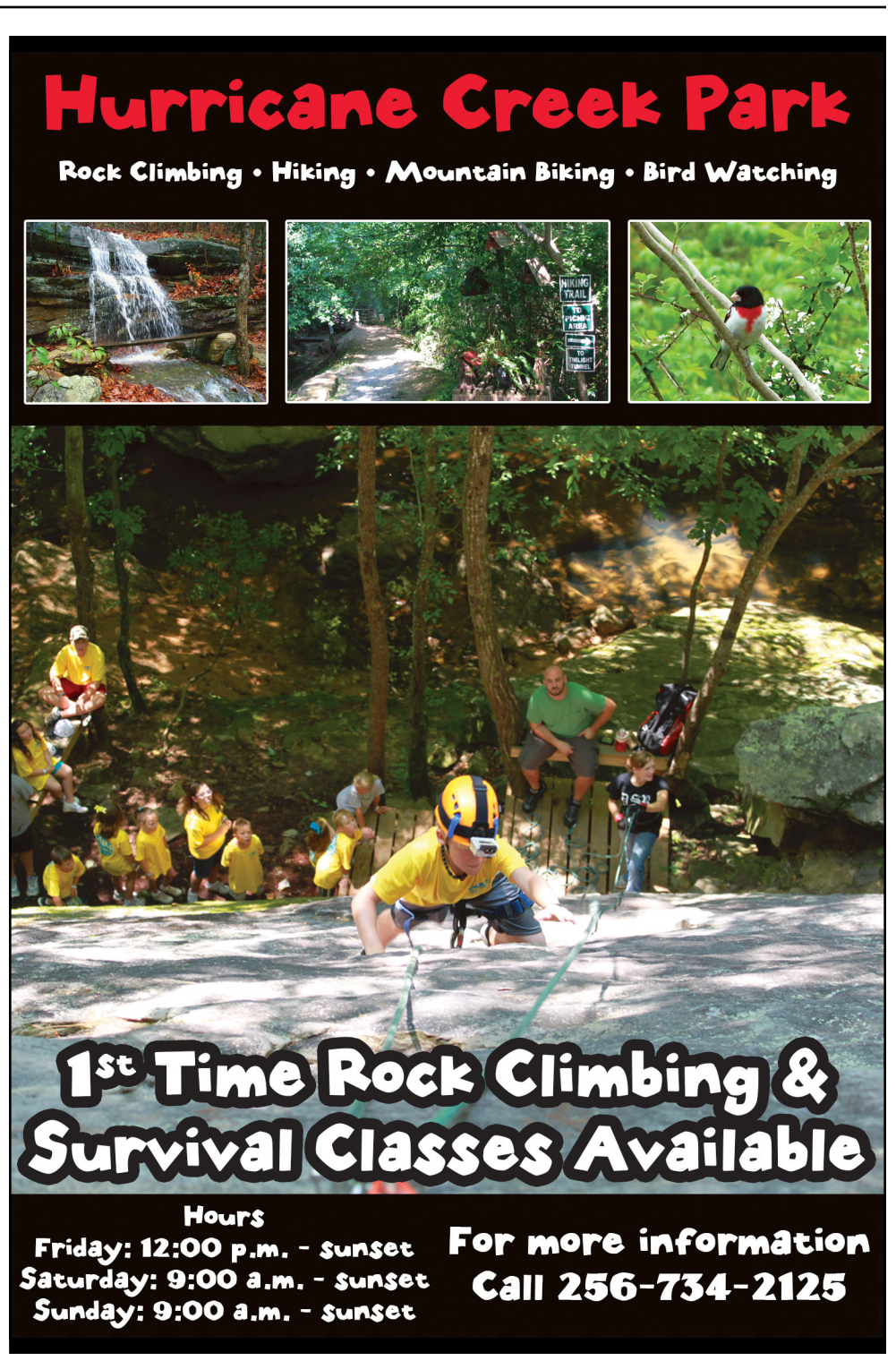
CULLMAN – Johnathon Presto, son of Philip and Karen Presto, was recognized at a Court of Honor on August 3, 2013 for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Johnathon is a member of Troop 321 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Cullman.

Johnathon's Eagle Project included the removal of an old, wooden stairwell to the basement of the Church, and erecting a metal framed stairwell with a full sized door.

Johnathon is a 2013 graduate of St. Bernard Prep School.

He is the grandson of Herbert and Jo Schaffer and Jo and the late Paul Presto, all of Cullman.



– Calendar –

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Monday

Cullman Kiwanis Club
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Labor Day Celebration at Fairview Park
Fairview Lions Club invites all to attend their Labor Day Celebration at Fairview Park. A parade will begin at 11 a.m. with the lineup beginning at 10 a.m. There will be moonjumps, turtle races, a shooting gallery and fun for all. Money raised from this event will benefit both the Town of Fairview and the Lions club projects. All churches, football teams, cheerleaders, etc., are invited to take part in the parade, with booths for the day renting out at $20.00 per space. Please contact Kita Chambers at 256-385-8805 to take part in this holiday event! And come be part of the fun on Labor Day!

Domestic Violence Survivor Support Group
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Overeaters Anonymous Gather at Grace Episcopal
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GED Classes at Desperation Church
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Cornerstone Revival Ladies Prayer Meeting
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Aqua Zumba Classes at CWAC
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Tuesday

Festhalle Farmers' Market
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.

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.

Pre-Register for Exhibitor Labels for Cullman County Fair Entries
For the Cullman County Fair entries please make plans to have your exhibitor labels ready ahead of time. Call 256-734-0661 or come by Fair Office at Sportsman Lake fairgrounds to pre-register so labels will be ready when you come to enter exhibits. Name, address, and telephone number required to register. Information on rules and regulations and check-in times for all competitive exhibits check www.cullmanfair.com or call 256-734-0661. Good luck to all entrants - thanks for your hard work for the displays for our County Fair.

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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Tips for Improving Customer Service
The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce offers a seminar on 'Tips for Improving Customer Service' from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. in the Chambers Business Room. Guest speaker will be Lacy Beasley, a municipal retail consultant with The Shopping Center Group. All welcome but please RSVP by calling the Chamber at 256-734-0454 to reserve a seat.

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.

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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Cullman County Fair Parade
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Ladies Day Out
Ladies, make your plans to take part in the "Ladies Day Out' activities going on at Cullman's McGukin Civic Center. There will be vendors such as Avon, Mary Kay, Oragami Owl, Jordan Essentials, Tupperware, Thirty-One, Be Blessed Jewelry, VK Originals, Handmade jewelry, It Works Body Wraps, and tons more!! FREE admission, door prizes, free facials and demonstrations, all just waiting for you to come thru the doors!! Bring your friends and plan a girl's day away. For further information, email cindysroi@gmail.com.

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Rock Climbing at Hurricane Creek Park
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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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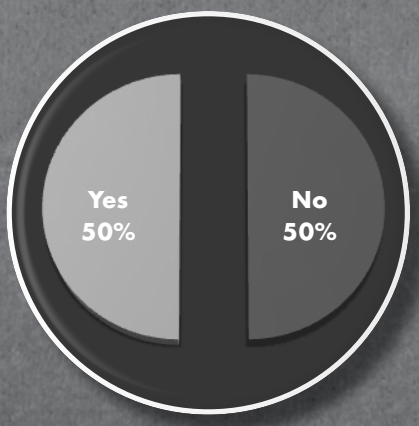
Looking Ahead

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 porktoberque.com for details.

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This Week's Poll

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This Week in History

September 2nd

- 1789 – U.S. Treasury Department established by Congress
- 1900 – Telegraph use between Germany and U.S. begins
- 1940 – Great Smoky Mountains National Park dedicated

September 3rd

- 1752 – U.S. adopts Gregorian calendar (becomes Sept 14)
- 1891 – Cotton pickers organize union and staged strike in Texas
- 1939 – Great Britain and France declare war on Germany after invasion of Poland
- 2004 – After a 2-day standoff, Islamist terrorists murder about 340 held inside a school in Beslan, Russia

September 4th

- 1682 – English astronomer Edmund Halley sees his namesake comet
- 1886 – Apache Chief Geronimo surrenders ending last major US-Indian war
- 1945 – Ruben Fine wins 4 simultaneous rapid chess games blindfolded

September 5th

- 1698 – Russia's Peter the Great imposes a tax on beards
- 1863 – Bread Riots in Mobile, Alabama
- 1972 – 11 Israeli athletes are slain at Munich Olympics by terrorists

September 6th

- 1866 – Frederick Douglass is first U.S. black delegate to a national convention
- 1941 – All Jews over age 6 in German territories ordered to wear a star

September 7th

- 1888 – Edith Eleanor McLean is first baby place in an incubator
- 1936 – Boulder Dam, now Hoover Dam, begins operation
- 1963 – Pro Football Hall of Fame dedicated in Canton, Ohio

September 8th

- 1565 – First permanent settlement in U.S. forms in St. Augustine, Florida
- 1892 – First appearance of "Pledge of Allegiance" (Youth's Companion)
- 1952 – Ernest Hemingway's "Old Man and Sea" published
- 2012 – After weeks of protests, the Hong Kong government backs down on its plans to introduce Chinese patriotism classes in its schools

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Snow Crash

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The most startling aspect of *Snow Crash* isn't is frighteningly, realized, satirical-yet-possibly neo-dystopian future. It isn't the dizzyingly complex connections stephenson makes between technology, binary codes, religion, viruses, the fall of man, the origin of myth, the disappearance of cuneiform, and convenient connects between its marginalized characters.

Its most startling fact is that this was written in 1992 and is mind blowingly prescient. Stephenson fully realizes an America in which the U.S. government is marginalized and corporate franchises and "Burbclaves," that act as independent city states, are the only bastion of order in a world of poverty, chaos, disorder, as well as fantastic technology. Its a bleak future, but there is some order, thusly a Neo-Dystopia.

As the story unfolds you even realize that these corporate entities are benevolent, when it suits their own ends. This book, especially the first third is the very definition of good cyberpunk. Stephenson's intent was more parody than a cyberpunk opus, but he created one anyway. In the the first white knuckle moments we follow a courier (not an uncommon cyberpunk trope).

He is armor clad, armed with a WW2 katana and driving a fast as lightening doom machine supercomputer with auto-adjusting "smart" wheels. What is he delivering? Secret Intel, hacking codes, a government cover-up?

Nope. Pizza for the Mafia, one of the most powerful corporations in the United States. America is the worst economy in the world-lawless, hedonistic place. "America's like this big old clanking smoking machine that just lumbers across the landscape scooping up and eating everything in sight."

There are few industries the America proper does better than anyone else: "There's only four things we do better than anyone else: music, movies, microcode (software), and high-speed pizza delivery." And this is the world we are in-ultra high-tech and humdrum.

Image that L.A. becomes a hornet's nest of disputed territory fought over by the Mafia and the Narco-Columbians, high security suburban city states, Federal districts holding on the the illusion of a U.S. government despite the fact that the CIA has gone independently corporate, then the neighborhood franchises that exist as sovereign nations of Hong Kong.

Then, there is the metaverse, an alternative 3 dimensional internet alternative created by stephenson before a decade before Second Life or any real MMO environment. One third or more of this book alternate between the Metaverse and real life; all the while our story fleshes out this strange new world, shockingly adds a proposed science in "speaking in tongues," religions revolutions, and subtle truth in ancient Sumerian myths.

Suddenly, everything is connected- the real and material, the story of Eden, a genetically ingrained binary language, words as a virus. This is a fascinating and exciting web of intrigue full of juxtapositions. Stephenson is unafraid of of rather didactic passages lecturing on history, myth and xeno-linguistics and actual science that edges outside the mainstream, while cutting back into intense sections of violence, technology, and snappy dialog.

Again for 1992, this work is positively precognitive. He imagines supercomputers as small as a singular semi-conductor. He constructs fully realized 3d digital worlds, windshield "heads-up-displays," super-inflation of U.S. currency for preference of the Chinese economy, and cutting edge personal safety measures. It's impressive. His only fingerprint of the early 90s is outmoded "skater" language. There is also some over explanation as the reader makes assumptive leaps in a conversation long before the participants, which should in a few blaring cases be well aware. But don't worry plenty of historically relevant and newly created pigeon languages were churned up from this work. In fact, the Sumerian word *avatar* was solidified into computer parlance as a virtual reputation as individuals in software environments.

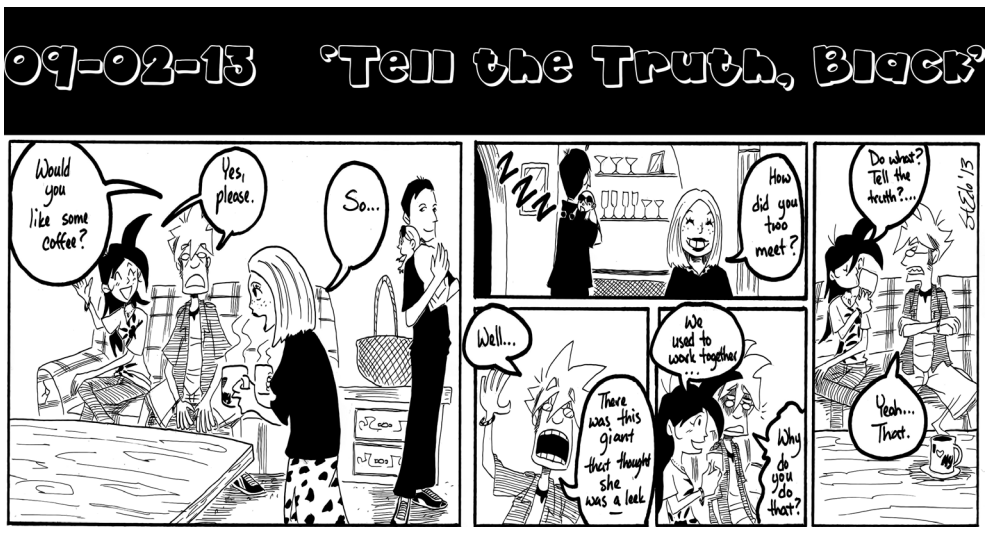
Hopeful readers note the adult language and situations- usually stated in a nonchalant, non-erotic manner- merely as an, occasional ugly, fact of this alternate (and our modern) world. This is a masterpiece in Cybepunk science fiction- Blending virtual worlds, biology, religion, linguistics, and the origins of civilization.

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Filmmaking Masterminds: Quentin Tarantino Part II

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A Royale with Cheese: *Pulp Fiction*

It could be said that for a piece of art to be considered "great", it must be either the best in the box or be outside the box. Though many a film may achieve one or the other, it is rare that one can achieve both. In this newest installment of our series covering the works of master director Quentin Tarantino, we will analyze his breakout film *Pulp Fiction*, which achieves both by breaking the box apart

The narrative weaves together the perspectives of several seemingly unrelated characters, folding each tale into both itself and each other. The opening scene begins with a blatant parallel to Tarantino's previous movie *Reservoir Dogs*: a minutia based, oddly philosophical discourse in a diner. Over coffee, two characters (who are only seen in the beginning and end of the movie) speak of the merits and hardships of different types of heists. Eventually, they reach the conclusion that the prime target of their thievery could be the very coffee shop they are in, and they initiate their robbery. The scene cuts to the opening credits, and the meat of the movie begins.

The viewer is introduced to the core pair of the movie, partners in crime Vincent Vega and Jules Winnfield. Played by John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson, respectively, they discuss the little differences between Europe and the U.S., most notably in the realm of fast food. It is soon revealed they are part of a crime organization run by Marcellus Wallace, a prominent gangster of L.A. It is with these two and other characters related to Marcellus Wallace that Pulp Fiction concerns itself.

However what makes this movie a watershed work is the set of themes that Tarantino played with in his first film. Though *Pulp Fiction* is only his second, it is much more highly refined, with the concepts presented by *Reservoir Dogs* being polished much in the way ore becomes marketable gold. The specific plot sequencing takes the non-linear timeline from *Dogs* and takes it a step farther, dealing with a variety of stories with many situations as opposed to a variety of perspectives stemming from a single event. Instead of a piece-by-piece feel, it is more reminiscent of a short story collection that shares a set of characters. Tarantino is conscious of this shift in his technique, even going so far as to name each section of the movie by its own title, a trait that becomes iconic in his style. This allows each scene to be focused on both individually and as part of a whole, with each chapter holding its own significance while still adding to the whole of the narrative. In fact, it makes the entirety of the plot more significant as the viewer sees so many strings come together at different times, only at the end being able to piece together a traditional "plot".

That very unique and refreshing plot sequencing is only made sustainable by the quality of each aspect of the film. The entirety of the experience is rich, without a single weak link. The dialogue stems from the style of *Reservoir Dogs*, but again goes farther and is much more polished. Filled with witty and at times almost syncopated speech, the movie imparts almost every line as a valuable asset, without a single sentence being wasted.

The actors hold equal importance in the success of the film. John Travolta's career was re-launched by this single movie, bringing him deservingly back to the spotlight. His portrayal of Vincent Vega is never flashy, acting as almost the only grounded character in the entire picture.

His performance is the yin to the yang of Samuel L. Jackson's Jules Winnfield. Jackson gives what many would rightfully consider his greatest performance, and by far the greatest performance of the movie. The part was written by Tarantino specifically for him, and it fits like a Glock in the hands of a cold blooded killer. Every scene he is in is pulp in his hands, his to manipulate. This movie would not have been the incredible powerhouse it is without Jackson in that role.

Yet this movie represents so much more than just itself. It is rife with the ingenious homage's Tarantino works into each of his films; some conventions are cast in a new light, and others are turned on their heads. Vega and Winnfield's relationship throughout the movie is a brilliant adaptation of the "buddy cop" dynamic, and yet they are buddy criminals. The movie holds core elements of classic nior films, alluding to them but never holding to tradition, as each serious moment is levied with an over the top attitude that allows no second to be too dense for enjoyment. Yet it is never fully blithe either.

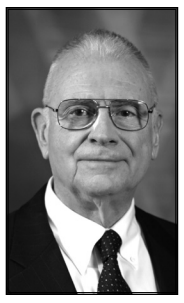
Instead it stays in an odd mixture that works somehow, works in a way that only someone thinking of movies as they have never been thought of before could craft. It has been argued that *Pulp Fiction* is indicative of a new form of movie-making that mirrors a similar movement in literature: that of post-modernism, meaning a work that flips convention on its head, satirizing what has become the norm of 20th century based narratives and bringing genres and concepts that up to a point have been distinct, throwing them together and making something new. Tarantino has done exactly that, and in doing so has made the most influential movie of the ninety's, as well as statement. A statement that there is no end to human expression, but only reinvention.

In Washington, Ideology Need Not Reign Supreme

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BRIEF BIO

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As I speak to people about the Congress, one question arises more than any other: Why is Congress gridlocked? People are perplexed and disappointed with its performance, and are searching hard for an answer.

The roots of Congress's dysfunction are complex. But the fundamental reason is that real differences in ideology and principles about both government and governance exist among the voters. At heart, the reason it's become so hard for Washington to act is that the two parties are being driven by fundamentally incompatible views.

Conservatives place a heavy emphasis on liberty, individual freedom, and self-reliance. They have little confidence in government's ability to play a role in improving society or the economy, and many of them look upon government as destructive, a force that undermines our basic freedom. They are fearful of centralized power, opposed to redistribution of any kind, and opposed to new government programs — or even to improving existing government programs they'd rather see cut. They reject entirely the notion of raising taxes or imposing new regulations on the private sector.

Moreover, a belief has taken hold among some conservatives in recent years that compromise and accommodation are betrayals of their cause. This has put great pressure on GOP leaders not to budge in their negotiations with the White House and Senate Democrats.

Meanwhile, on the "progressive" side — a label that has come to supplant "liberal," in part because Republicans in the 1980s and 1990s were so effective at demonizing liberals — there is much greater emphasis on using government to narrow economic disparities and help those at the bottom of the income scale. They emphasize its role in providing equality of opportunity for all and individuals' responsibility to the community around them. Because they have more confidence in government as a constructive force, they have no trouble with the notion of expanding government's scope to improve Americans' lives.

In fact, unlike conservatives, they think government can expand freedom when it's properly applied, by reining in the power of monied interests.

While they do not favor a radical centralization of power in the federal government, as some conservatives charge, they are more willing to accept government action — and the legislative compromises that make it possible. Because they have less confidence in the market to solve all problems, they support both the taxes they believe necessary to run programs they like, and regulations to limit the private sector's more predatory impacts on the environment or society.

The gap between these views appears unbridgeable. It is not, nor are the differences between the two sides as wide as they appear.

That is because most Americans find themselves somewhere between the extremes, able to see merit in both conservative and progressive ideas. When I was in office, I often found myself thinking that many of my constituents were conservative, moderate, and liberal all at the same time.

That hasn't changed. As a whole, Americans do not want excessive government or heavy-handed bureaucracy, but they do want programs that help them, like Social Security and Medicare.

They are dedicated to both individual freedom and opportunity and to community obligation, and they don't see them as mutually contradictory. More than anything else, especially these days, they want to see moderation and cooperation from their political leaders.

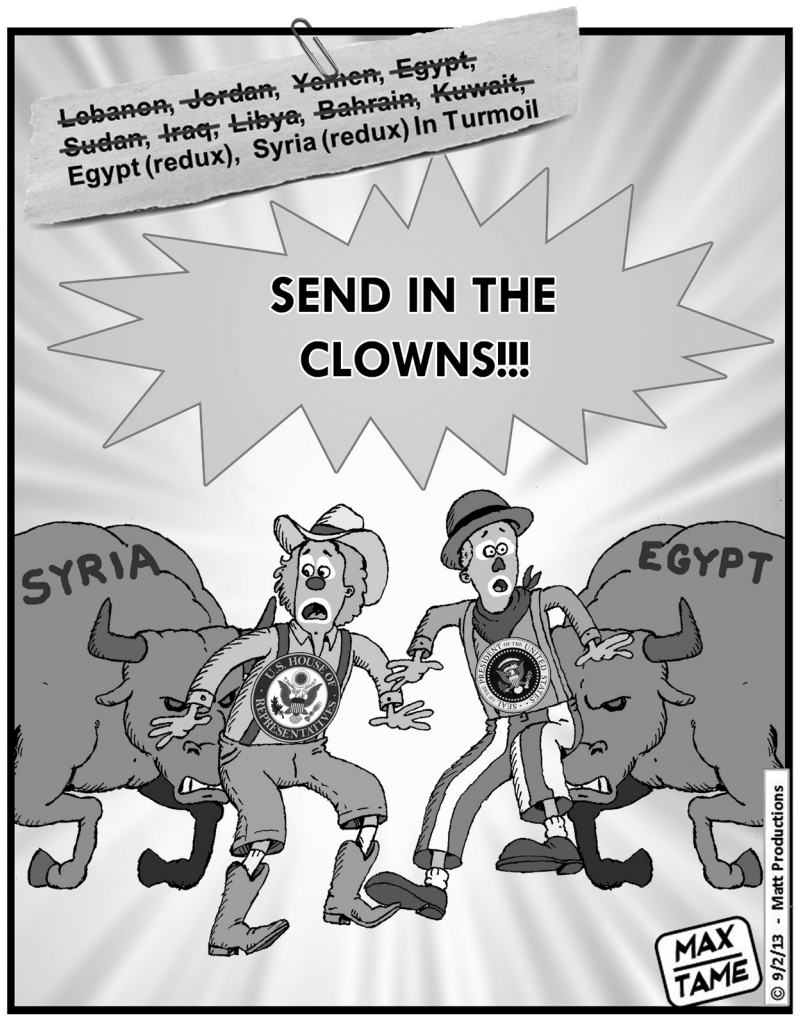
There may be dysfunction in Washington, but the system can still work. When policy makers gather (I've seen this countless times) ideology fades, pragmatism rises, and the question becomes, What can we do to fix the situation? That's where most Americans find themselves. They do not see government as evil, though they are often disappointed in its practice and its practitioners.

They are wary of excessive government, but again and again they turn to government at some level to help solve the problems they complain about, and they want it to work effectively and efficiently.

In the end, Congress usually ends up about where most Americans are and want it to be. So I'm not surprised to find how, when dire problems confront them, both conservatives and progressives in Washington find their inner pragmatist.

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Understanding the Syrian Conflict

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If you have read any newspaper this past weekend, then you've most likely read or seen an article on US interaction with Syria. If you haven't been paying attention, Syria has been in a bloody civil war for nearly two and a half years now. The problem lies in both religion and cruel government. The people of Syria are, for the vast majority, Sunni Muslim. The entire government, however, is Alawite, a branch of Shiite Muslim.

However (and I do see their point), most all Sunni Muslims don't even agree that Alawites are even close to the Muslim ideology. Syria started its rebellion at around the same time as the rest of its neighbors in the famous Arab Spring, but their conflict has been lasting much longer. Around a week and a half ago, about 1400 civilians died due to chemical weapons used by the government army. Nearly 400 of these casualties were children. The Secretary of State, John Kerry called the attacks and the reports from hospitals an "inconceivable horror".

With this redoubled attack by the government, President Obama has started a push to enter the conflict in Syria and end their war. He certainly has reason to make this argument; over 3,500 people checked themselves into hospitals near the Damascus area with symptoms matching those of nerve-agent exposure. There are already currently five American destroyers and one Marine amphibious assault ship in the Mediterranean, ready for action as soon as the order is given. For all the death, why hasn't anyone led the charge into Syria?

Simple answer is that we live in the 21st century and things have to be more complicated than that. To start off, Obama cannot just send the order to attack, especially with our current deficit. In 2009, Barack Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace prize, specifically mentioning his "multilateral diplomacy". Obama doesn't have this kind of worldwide agreement, and he doesn't even have it in his own party. 54 Democrats in the House of Representatives signed a letter cautioning the President against an "unwise war" and to work towards "international consensus". As of yet, only the French President Hollande has offered Obama support in a war against Syria.

Due to the negative response Obama received, he has made the decision to back off for a while. Too many people have criticized a strike against Syria, and even though Nobel Peace prizes can't be revoked, Obama doesn't want to ruin his public image and act out of character.

Despite being 100% lined up for the attack, the President backed off and asked for a vote in Congress. This move will allow the country to move as a whole nation, and give time for the U.N and the Arab League to make decisions of their own. And now, the world waits for Congress' decision. And it will be a close one. In most polls, decision to act in Syria was split nearly 50-50. In terms of morals, all can agree that the world cannot let the Assad regime go unpunished. An actually debatable question is if the U.S can afford committing to yet another Middle Eastern conflict.

Our trend of being the "world's police force" is for the greater good, but we've wreaked havoc on our economy by keeping it up for so long. The decision is a tough one to make, and I'm sure controversy will surround Congress no matter what conclusion they arrive at. But in the meantime, we wait to hear from them.

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Sweet Tater Festival (from Front)

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CULLMAN – The 17th Annual Sweet Tater Festival kicked off Sunday at Smith Lake Park, as hundreds of campers, families, and locals descended on the park.

"We have had a remarkable turnout for the first day," Tony Leonardi, Event Organizer, said. "There are well over 100 vendors setup, so there are plenty of goods for everyone to enjoy."

The annual event is used to raise money for Dowling Memorial Park, a park which has held a special place in Leonardi's life. While the festival benefits Dowling Memorial Park, it has become such a well attended festival that it had to be moved this year to accommodate the growth.

"Last year we realized it was time to find a new location. Smith Lake Park just seemed like the logical choice," he said. "By the looks of it, we made the right choice."



The 17th Annual Sweet Tater Festival will continue on Labor Day from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Free parking for anyone who is coming to attend the festival. The only charge is a $3 admission fee to the event. Musical acts will be taking the stage throughout the day, ranging from gospel to bluegrass and many genres in between. A petting zoo is on site, along with several childrens rides.

"There are inflatable slides, kiddie rides, plenty of food, and great music all day, so come out to Smith Lake Park and enjoy the Sweet Tater Festival.

Check with CullmanSense later in the week for more from Monday's portion of the 17th Annual Sweet Tater Festival.

Peanuts (from Front)

2013 peanut crop on well drained fields.

Commissioner of Agriculture & Industries John McMillan stated, "This has been one of the wettest summers I can remember and because of that we were afraid the peanut crop could be a total loss. I'm encouraged by what I've seen in the fields and heard from several of our Alabama peanut growers." Peanut harvest is expected to begin around September 15th in South Alabama.

Approximately half of the peanuts grown in the United States are grown within a 100-mile radius of Dothan, Alabama. The peanut Industry contributes over $211 million to our state's economy and provides over 2,000 jobs.

Interesting Facts about Peanuts (Courtesy Alabama Peanut Producers Association)

Nearly half of the United States peanut crop is used to make peanut butter and Americans eat 3 pounds of peanut butter per person every year.

That's about 700 million pounds, or enough to coat the floor of the Grand Canyon. There are many health benefits from eating peanuts, peanut butter, and using peanut oil.

In fact, studies show that when eaten in small amounts daily, peanuts reduce the risk of a number of chronic diseases.

Ambassadors (from Front)

out England, France, Italy, Austria, Germany, and Switzerland.

Dan, tenor sax in hand, and Kimie with her alto voice prepared for their journey by spending several days in rehearsal at Bumpus Middle School in Birmingham.

Music for the tour included classic band tunes, Sousa, Spanish and Austrian March tunes, medleys of the Beatles and Frank Sinatra, American River Songs based on American folk tunes, Dixieland Jazz, and a Dixieland Concerto.

Tour director Harry McAfee said he has conducted three European trips and was pleased to have St. Bernard represented.

Both Dan and Kimie described the experience as a trip of a lifetime, as well as their first time to travel internationally. Although each admitted to being a bit frightened at London's Heathrow Airport by the sound of so many unfamiliar languages, both managed to overcome the anxiety once custom officials made them feel welcomed.

Travelling on a bus from the airport to the hotel, Dan admitted to having his first culture shock encounter.

Grinning, he said, "The first thing I noticed that was different from the states was, "The bathrooms." "They shower differently," he chuckled.

"The hot water lasts only a short time. I found out quickly; get yourself wet, turn off the water, lather yourself up, and rinse."

Kimie was mesmerized by the beauty of the country, and found charm in London accents, culture and hospitality; while at the same time sharing Dan's fascination with the classic London taxis.

"We were fed well on the trip," Kimie said. From their favorite fish and chips in London to gelato in Italy, the St. Bernard students enjoyed four course meals three times a day!

McAfee said, "We had three days to learn the music, then travel; and after that three days off, so I got a bit nervous, but was proud of the group's performance."

A total of five concerts were held and they were very well received. Europeans like spiritual folk songs and Jazz tunes that are strictly American, and tend to follow the summer schedule of musicians from the states. Just before Alabama performed, there was Oklahoma.

Kimie and Dan described singing and playing on the tour as an amazing experience. Each complimented tour directors McAfee and Doss by stating the band was very skilled and the program of music well thought out.

Spending time abroad allowed students to experience art museums in London, visit the Louvre and Eiffel Tower in Paris, and tour many historic places often studied in school.

"Seeing the actual 'Mona Lisa' was something I will never forget, and having our photo taken with her is a memory that will last a lifetime," said Kimie.

"It was much smaller than I thought it would be, but more beautiful than I could have imagined."

Now back in school, students have expressed their appreciation to their St. Bernard director Mr. Lester Harris for his recommendation to tour with the Alabama Ambassadors, and to their parents for affording them the educational opportunity. When asked if they would like to do it again; without hesitation both replied, "YES."

Dan and Kimie are juniors at St. Bernard Prep School. Dan is the son of Dr. & Mrs. Chris Coccia; and Kimie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Garcia of Cullman.

Heroin (from Front)



Artist rendering of Alabama slowly being cooked down by the powerful opiate known as heroin – Painting by Krystal Dawn Corley

overdoses inside the state, as well inside Cullman County" Gentry said. "It's back and it doesn't care who it kills."

The exact reasoning behind the resurgence of the powerful opiate has not been able to be tracked down officially. However, Gentry along with several drug counselors from the state, are seeing a trend in prescription pill abusers making the switch to the more powerful, powdery substance of heroin.

Currently the death toll in the state is unconfirmed, as many of the overdose deaths have gone either unreported or unnoticed. Gentry said this is not due to negligence but rather to do with education on how the drug has made a comeback, especially amongst the younger generation.

"Not too long ago we had several students at the University of Alabama overdose and die due to heroin. A lot of users don't understand that what they are getting could be much more potent than prescription pills they are used to using," he said.

The chemical makeup of one of the most widely abused opiates, Oxycontin, was changed recently to prevent those abusing the drug from cooking it down to a liquid form to make it easy to inject. Gentry said he believes the change in formulation has driven hardcore addicts to the underground market to purchase heroin.

"Someone who is use to injecting or snorting an Oxycontin 80 mg knows exactly how much their system can handle before they reach an overdose state," he said. "When they go from knowing the strength and purity of the drug to not knowing, then the chances of overdosing increase dramatically."

Currently, Gentry said, the ambulance service covering Cullman County is expected to see over 200 cases of overdoses this year. While all of those numbers are not attributed solely to the rise of heroin use, Gentry said many of the cases are involving opiates.

"Heroin is a respiratory inhibitor. What that means is that when they get that dose they will nod off (pass out)," he said. "While they are out, they will just quit breathing because the opiate has made them so relaxed."

Gentry has spoken to many heroin addicts who said they were unaware they had quit breathing until they were jolted awake gasping for breath.

"This is a terrible, terrible drug and it is taking many lives," he said. "The best way to make sure people don't overdose, is to make sure they understand what they are dealing with, understand it's an extremely powerful and dangerous drug, and to stay away from it completely. It's not like meth. You can use heroin one time and overdose. It's that easy to die."

For more information, visit CullmanSense.com, or pickup next week's edition as CS looks more in-depth look at this emerging killer drug.

