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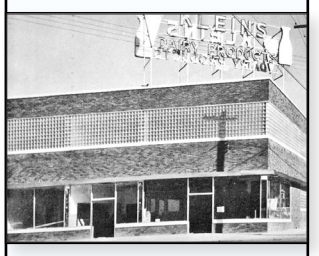
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By: Chelsea Sparks
Local Contributor

April is a month of spreading awareness not only about autism, but also the tragic and all too common act of sexual assault. This month is set aside to recognize several worthy causes, but one that many may not have known about is sexual assault awareness.

Sexual assault can happen to anyone, it doesn't matter his or her age, sex, or socioeconomic status.

Women, men, and children from all walks of life can, and have been, seriously affected by these acts. Acts that can leave such irreparable scars that many have taken their own life because they felt scared and alone.

The statistics are staggering and heartbreaking considering we live in a country that still has this amount of sexual violence.

Not only is the frequency outrageous, but the social stigma that goes along with being a victim of abuse can be deplorable in this nation. Victims not only have to deal with the scars left from their attacker, but must also face social judgment should they choose to come forward.

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» In addition to enjoying time with his family Christopher Golden also likes planes, trains, and ships and is a major history buff.

A Revolution of Change

» WSCC Fine Arts celebrates the Beatles' music and influence

By: Kate Mullaney
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HANCEVILLE - The Wallace State Community College fine arts department has been working tirelessly to prepare for their upcoming show, "Revolution: Celebrating the Music of the Beatles".

This exciting event will be held April 24th, 25th, and 26th in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre at WSCC. There is a $7 donation request for each person attending the program.

Choral Director Tiffany Richter is excited and eager to present this celebration of the Beatles. "The Beatles swept through the United States with their music, lyrics and, of course, hair!" she said with a smile. "On April 24-26, the Wallace State Fine Arts will combine to celebrate the influence the Fab Four has had on American culture for fifty years." This show will feature the Wallace State show choir, concert choir, theatre, and visual art departments. It is a riveting show that is sure to bring you to laughter and tears and keep you on the edge of the seat. The Wallace State show choir is packed with talent from song and dance to theatre and movement, and you will be amazed as the concert choir serenades you from the stage.

"This isn't a tribute show, though," Richter explains. "It's an exploration of the music and lyrics of, arguably, the best pop songwriting of the twentieth century." Tiffany Richter has never directed a less than captivating show during her time at Wallace State Community College. Her creativity and talent combined with the legend that is The Beatles has created a show that should not be missed.

"Revolution: Celebrating the Music of the Beatles" will be the event of the year. Don't forget to buy your tickets so you too can celebrate this musical legend.

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German Mayor Abraham Visits Cullman to Witness New Rehau Groundbreaking

By: Kate Mullaney
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CULLMAN - Cullman was proud to host the mayor of the city of Rehau, Germany last week. Buergermeister Abraham is the mayor of the town where the Rehau Company was founded, and he was here for the Ribbon Cutting of the new fabrication hall and the groundbreaking ceremony for the future technical center at Rehau Cullman.

"It's my first time in the USA," said Mayor Abraham. "I'm very glad to be in Cullman because I've learned a lot about the people here in America."

Mayor Abraham has been serving his town as mayor since 2007. He was reelected last year for his second term.

Before coming to the South, Mayor Abraham had no idea what to expect but he stated that he was happily surprised by the beauty that greeted him.

"My first impressions of Cullman is that it's a very green town," he stated with a smile.

"When I imagined what the south of the U.S. would be like I thought it would be very brown and sandy. So, I was very glad when I looked out the window on the plane and saw a lot of green."

Rehau is scattered all over Europe so Mayor Abraham has seen the name of his town on several different buildings in tons of different places.

But seeing the name of his town displayed in America was a first for Mayor Abraham.

"For me, as the mayor of Rehau, it's a great pleasure and honor that this company has the same name as the city of Rehau so the name of our little town goes all over the whole world."

Rehau is the largest provider of jobs in the city of Cullman, and Mayor Abraham was glad to see the growth and development this company has created in our town.

"I was here for the groundbreaking for the new technical center, so it's clear that the company is growing in Cullman," he said. "When you see that the company grows in other countries, you know the company is growing as a whole, so it's good for the company and it's good for our town."

The founder of Rehau looks for places like Rehau, Germany to place more Rehau plants. In every town like this, Rehau has been successful.

So it makes sense that Rehau has been so successful in Cullman.

"I think that Cullman is very similar to my town," stated Mayor Abraham. "From the people, to the size, to the company, and so on."

Mayor Abraham thinks that it's important for a small town like ours and his to have an international company to better the communities.

"Rehau is not a little company that makes products for just your region," he stated. "They make products for all over the world so the spirit of internationality comes to your town."

Mayor Abraham is right, and Cullman is lucky to have Rehau in our community. Cullman is proud to have hosted Mayor Abraham in our beloved town.

His presence brought celebration to our Rehau in Cullman.

Bloomin' Festival Record Crowd has city/St. Bernard looking at traffic issues

By: Joyce Nix
St. Bernard Contributor

CULLMAN – Over 140 vendors gathered on the grounds at St. Bernard Abbey and Prep School in celebration of the 30th Annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair on April 5-6, 2014.

Thousands of supporters visited St. Bernard to purchase handmade, one-of-a-kind pieces of artwork from artist and craftspeople from across the Southeastern United States.

In addition to the wonderful array of artwork, a large variety of foods were offered to festival goers. The menu included a crawfish boil, smoked chicken, polish sausages, funnel cakes, strawberry waffles, soft-served ice cream, roasted almonds, kettle corn, fresh squeezed lemonade, and Pepsi.

Because of vigorous sales, vendors as well as the school had a successful weekend. Over 1,800 loaves of fresh-baked Monks' bread was sold in six hours on Saturday.

Three hundred T-shirts commemorating the 30th Annual Bloomin' Festival were also popular, as well as the T-shirts featuring Fr. Joel and the crawfish boil. Proceeds from the Bloomin' Festival benefit St. Bernard Prep School.

Saturday was a record-breaking day for attendance. Traffic backed up past Hwy 31 in downtown Cullman, but was ushered through city as quickly as possible. Festival Director, Joyce Nix, reported that the vendors had a very successful Saturday because of the unusually large crowds. Sunday, on the other hand, was less so because of the forecast of rain. Rain, when it did arrive, required the closing of the festival an hour early on Sunday.

Patrons enjoyed watching artist demonstrate their talents. A blacksmith, miller, broom maker, glass blowers, and artist demonstrated the entire weekend.

Because the date for the celebration for Easter changes each year, the date for the festival also moves accordingly. "Vendors commented that St. Bernard was one of the only festivals that can change its date, by moving it two weeks earlier, and still have a successful event," Nix said.

On April 9, 2014, Father Marcus and Abbott Cletus Meagher met with Mayor Townson at City Hall to discuss ways to improve traffic flow for next year's event. Fr. Marcus Voss, Director of Development, said, "In conjunction with the City of Cullman, we have already begun working on a plan to resolve the traffic problems that occurred this year. By 2015 we will have a quicker and easier parking plan for our festival patrons."

Mayor Townson added, "The Bloomin' Festival is a tradition, and a wonderful asset to our community. We want to do what we can to make it easier for folks to get to and from the festival, because we want them to come back each year and not only have fun at the festival but to see what else Cullman has to offer."

The sweepstakes winners for the 30th Annual Bloomin' Festival were:

- First Prize - 2014 Jeep Patriot - James Glaze - Hoover, AL
- Second Prize - Nikon Silver S3500 Digital Camera - Carolyn Eck - Florence, AL
- Third Prize - Garmin nuvi 40 4.3" Portable GPS- Donald Jackson - Decatur, AL
- Fourth Prize - LG BP135 Blu-ray Disc Player - Deborah Hodge - Birmingham, AL
- Fifth Prize - iPod Shuffle 2 GB - Steven Febres-Cordero - Birmingham, AL

Ave Maria Grotto also reported a successful weekend with visitors taking advantage of the reduced admission fee to the gardens. Ave Maria Grotto is open seven days per week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Vendor applications are being accepted for the 31st Annual Bloomin' Festival which is scheduled for April 18-19, 2015. St. Bernard juries each booth to assure quality and diversity. Anyone interested in applying can do so now. Applications are online at www.bloominfestival.com!

Cullman EC Hosts Multiple Events for Earth Day 2014

By: Brian Lacy
CEC Contributor

CULLMAN - Cullman Electric Cooperative is helping members celebrate Earth Day with several activities focused on recycling, conservation, and energy efficiency.

Alabama Smart Yards
Tuesday, April 22
10-11 a.m.
Cullman EC Training Room
Alabama Smart Yards, presented by Tony Glover of the Cullman County Co-op Extension Office, will share ways people can build an environmentally appropriate landscape plan for their home.

The workshop will teach how to landscape while considering a home's heating and cooling costs; water conservation and management; and intelligent pest management techniques.

The key, according to Glover, is an appropriate design that is functional, cost efficient, visually pleasing, environmentally friendly, and has easily maintainable areas. Snacks and drinks will be provided, and all who attend the seminar will go home with a gift from Cullman EC.

Document Shredding
Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22-23
Cullman EC offices in Cullman (Eva Road) and Addison (Hwy 278)
Document shredding is a safe and smart way to recycle old paper. Identity theft is a real threat, and can take years to fix credit fraud and recover from financial losses.

Cullman EC is working with Alabama Archives to provide secure document shredding barrels so personal documents can be properly and safely disposed.

Bring the materials you need shredded to Cullman EC's offices in Cullman or Addison on Tuesday, April 22, and Wednesday, April 23. The service is free to our members.

Any paper items that include information about credit cards, social security numbers, bank accounts, old bills, or other private information should be considered for secure document disposal.

Energy Efficiency
Thursday, April 24
6-7 p.m.
Cullman EC Training Room
Using less electricity in your home or business is a great way to help the environment while saving money at the same time.

Stop by the Cullman EC office on Eva Road from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2014, to visit with energy efficiency experts and see examples of easy energy savings techniques. Guests can also pick up brochures and videos that teach hundreds of simple steps you can take to save on your monthly power bill. Guests can enjoy hot dogs, chips, drinks, and a gift provided by Cullman EC.

Electronics Recycling
Thursday and Friday, April 24-25
Cullman EC office on Eva Road
Cullman EC is working with JCR Recycling to offer two days of electronics recycling. In today's world of constantly evolving technology, it's easy to find small electronics that stop working or simply don't get used sitting around the house. Don't throw those items away. Recycle them! Bring your small electronics to the Cullman EC office on Eva Road, and drop them off at our temporary recycling center.

Small electronics include items such as cell phones, digital cameras, desktop and laptop computers, TVs and computer monitors, video game systems, and more. (As a general rule, "small electronics" are items that one person can carry. If it takes multiple people to load, unload or move an item, it will not be accepted).

Cullman Electric Cooperative is a member-owned cooperative serving more than 42,000 member accounts in Cullman, Morgan, Lawrence, and Winston counties.



NASA Completes LADEE Mission with Planned Impact on Moon's Surface

By: Dwayne Brown • NASA

WASHINGTON - Ground controllers at NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif., have confirmed that NASA's Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer (LADEE) spacecraft impacted the surface of the moon, as planned, between 9:30 and 10:22 p.m. PDT Thursday, April 17.

LADEE lacked fuel to maintain a long-term lunar orbit or continue science operations and was intentionally sent into the lunar surface. The spacecraft's orbit naturally decayed following the mission's final low-altitude science phase.

During impact, engineers believe the LADEE spacecraft, the size of a vending machine, broke apart, with most of the spacecraft's material heating up several hundred degrees – or even vaporizing – at the surface.

Any material that remained is likely buried in shallow craters.

"At the time of impact, LADEE was traveling at a speed of 3,600 miles per hour – about three times the speed of a high-powered rifle bullet," said Rick Elphic, LADEE project scientist at Ames. "There's nothing gentle about impact at these speeds – it's just a question of whether LADEE made a localized craterlet on a hillside or scattered debris across a flat area. It will be interesting to see what kind of feature LADEE has created."

In early April, the spacecraft was commanded to carry out maneuvers that would lower its closest approach to the lunar surface. The new orbit brought LADEE to altitudes below one mile (two kilometers) above the lunar surface.

This is lower than most commercial airliners fly above Earth, enabling scientists to gather unprecedented science measurements.

On April 11, LADEE performed a final maneuver to ensure a trajectory that caused the spacecraft to impact the far side of the moon, which is not in view of Earth or near any previous lunar mission landings. LADEE also survived the total lunar eclipse on April 14 to 15.

This demonstrated the spacecraft's ability to endure low temperatures and a drain on batteries as it, and the moon, passed through Earth's deep shadow.

In the coming months, mission controllers will determine the exact time and location of LADEE's impact and work with the agency's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) team to possibly capture an image of the impact site.

Launched in June 2009, LRO provides data and detailed images of the lunar surface.

"It's bittersweet knowing we have received the final transmission from the LADEE spacecraft after spending years building it in-house at Ames, and then being in constant contact as it circled the moon for the last several months," said Butler Hine, LADEE project manager at Ames.

Launched in September 2013 from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia, LADEE began orbiting the moon Oct. 6 and gathering science data Nov. 10.

The spacecraft entered its science orbit around the moon's equator on Nov. 20, and in March 2014, LADEE extended its mission operations following a highly successful 100-day primary science phase.

LADEE also hosted NASA's first dedicated system for two-way communication using laser instead of radio waves.

The Lunar Laser Communication Demonstration (LLCD) made history using a pulsed laser beam to transmit data over the 239,000 miles from the moon to the Earth at a record-breaking download rate of 622 megabits-per-second (Mbps).

In addition, an error-free data upload rate of 20 Mbps was transmitted from the primary ground station in New Mexico to the Laser Communications Space Terminal aboard LADEE.

LADEE gathered detailed information about the structure and composition of the thin lunar atmosphere. In addition, scientists hope to use the data to address a long-standing question: Was lunar dust, electrically charged by sunlight, responsible for the pre-sunrise glow seen above the lunar horizon during several Apollo missions?

"LADEE was a mission of firsts, achieving yet another first by successfully flying more than 100 orbits at extremely low altitudes," said Joan Salute, LADEE program executive, at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "Although a risky decision, we're already seeing evidence that the risk was worth taking."

A thorough understanding of the characteristics of our nearest celestial neighbor will help researchers understand other bodies in the solar system, such as large asteroids, Mercury and the moons of outer planets.

NASA also included the public in the final chapter of the LADEE story. A "Take the Plunge" contest provided an opportunity for the public to guess the date and time of the spacecraft's impact via the internet. Thousands submitted predictions. NASA will provide winners a digital congratulatory certificate.

NASA's Science Mission Directorate in Washington funds the LADEE mission. Ames was responsible for spacecraft design, development, testing and mission operations, in addition to managing the overall mission. NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., managed the science instruments, technology demonstration payload and science operations center, and provided mission support. Goddard also manages the LRO mission. Wallops was responsible for launch vehicle integration, launch services and operations. NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., managed LADEE within the Lunar Quest Program Office.

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Cullman County / City Clean-up
April 26, 2014
8:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Dumpster Locations:

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

All dumpsters will be manned for your convenience

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

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

Please contact your local Town Hall or City Hall for bags (bags furnished by State PALS).
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Place this garbage with your weekly garbage and please be safe.

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West Point wins County Softball Title for first time since 2008

By: Johnny Thornton
Sports Correspondent

WEST POINT – Wanting to take home the county championship for the first time since 2008, West Point regrouped after the Lady Warriors allowed Cold Springs five runs in the last of the first on four hits. The Lady Warriors finished off the Lady Eagles 18-5 Wednesday night in a game called in the fifth inning by the 10-run rule.

A four-run second inning sent coach Kevin Sullins' squad in front at 6-5 with Karra Elam's bases-clearing triple down the left field line the key blow in the frame.

West Point got to Cold Springs' Rilee White in the third with Mallory Walker clearing the bases on a triple and Tess Hembree cracking a two-run homer, taking advantage of four Cold Springs errors.

Going to the bottom of the third, West Point held a 15-5 lead.

After having a good first inning at the plate, Patrick West's Lady Eagles struggled.

They managed just two hits through the final three innings and were unable to get additional runs on the board.

Three runs by West Point in the top of the fifth featured a run scoring single from Hembree, an RBI groundout by Jami Beasley, and Bailee Yearwood with a run scoring single.

White was taken off the mound by Cold Springs in the fourth, replaced by Hester.

The future Wallace State hurler was exhausted in getting her squad to the championship round, especially getting into a pitcher's duel with Holly Pond's Montana Holcombe in the semifinal game.

Jeri Beasley picked up her second win in the tournament and was solid after getting touched for five in the first.

She had good play from her defense that took pressure off her to get the job done on a cool night in mid-April.

The championship ended at 10:30 p.m., taking an hour and 39 minutes to be played.

CULLMANSENSE ALL-PERFORMANCE SOFTBALL TEAM

Based on performance in the 2014 Cullman County Tournament.

- SS Karra Elam -- West Point – MVP
- P Jeri Beasley – West Point
- DP Daeshia Smith – West Point
- OF Tess Hembree – West Point
- P Rilee White – Cold Springs
- 1B Kelsee Hester – Cold Springs
- SS Haley Freeman – Cold Springs
- P Montana Holcombe – Holly Pond
- SS Taylor Tankersley – Holly Pond
- 3B Sami Hinds – Holly Pond
- P Raven Christensen – Vinemont
- OF Alanah Henke – Good Hope

TOURNAMENT SCOREBOARD

- Game # 1 - West Point 16, Hanceville 0 (4 innings by run rule)
- Game # 2 - Cold Springs 6, Vinemont 3
- Game # 3 - Holly Pond 8, Fairview 3
- Game # 4 - West Point 12, Good Hope 2 (6 innings by run rule)
- Game # 5 - Cold Springs 5, Holly Pond 3
- Game # 6 - West Point 18, Cold Springs 5 (5 innings by run rule)

Holly Pond repeats as the Best in Cullman County Golf

By: Johnny Thornton
Sports Correspondent

HOLY POND - Holly Pond claimed its second consecutive Cullman County High School golf tournament title and third in the past four years thanks to leading after the first round at Chesley Oaks Course in Fairview and finishing with a respectable score Thursday at Terri Pines Country Club.

The Broncos left the Fairview course with a 322 and headed to the clubhouse at Terri Pines with a second round score of 349, finishing the 36-hole event with a 671.

Fairview was second by carding a 695. The Aggies held third place after the first round with a 331 and surpassed Good Hope who found it difficult to shoot low scores at Terri Pines.

The Raiders dropped off the pace with a 709, carding a score of 380 at TP after shooting a 329 in the first round at Chesley.

Cold Springs took home fourth place with a two-day score of 742 followed by West Point in fifth place at 842 and Hanceville a distant sixth place by shooting a 935.

All scores were higher on Thursday at Terri Pines in comparison to what each team and individual shot at Chesley.

Good Hope's Eli Marty was able to claim his third consecutive individual title.

Marty shot a 5-under par 67 in the first round and was able to fight off some difficulties on Thursday with a 3-over 75 to complete the tournament at 142, two under par.

While Marty excelled from the individual standpoint, Holly Pond displayed team golf to get to the top of the competition.

Colby Adams carded a 76 in the first round at Fairview and lowered his total by a stroke with a 75 on Thursday to compile a 151.

He was third in the individual standings.

Braiden Walker wound up with a two-day tally of 158 and was named to the All-County team.

Walker had a 75 following the first 18 holes. Hunter Walker finished with a 168 and Dawson Foust came in with a 194.

Trey Hanvey led Fairview with a 76 on his home course then shot a 79 to complete 36 holes with a 155.

He was fourth on the leader board. Seth Lancaster shot a 178, James Arnold scored a 179, and Austin Scott tallied a 193.

Cold Springs' Layne Rice edged out Adams for second best in the individual awards with a 150. The future Wallace State golfer shot a 73 in the first round and wound up just 5-over at Terri Pines with a 77.

On the ladies' side, West Point's Lindsey Rodgers earned a two-day score of 175, shooting 84 on the Fairview course to edge out Fairview's Abbi Yeager for the individual title.

Fairview # 1, featuring Yeager, Sadie Boyd, and Dalys Mullican, beat out Fairview # 2 of Aladie Howse, Ana Dahlke, and Valerie Yarbrough by the score of 607 to 677.

Yeager, Mullican, Howse, and Rodgers were named to the All-County team.

In the junior varsity, Fairview was the champion with a score of 804, beating out West Point who had an 843 with Hanceville coming in third with a score of 1,030.

Noah Walker led Fairview with a two-day total of 194 followed by Alex Waters with a 197, Cannon Twilley 217, and Hunter McKelvey 196.

Josh Cofer of Good Hope won the individual junior varsity title with a 94 at both courses for a two-day score of 188, beating out Walker by six shots.

Cullman sweeps Athens in first round of 5A playoffs

By: Johnny Thornton
Sports Correspondent

CULLMAN - No. 2 ranked Cullman shook off the rust in playing for the first time in six days. The Bearcats got the job done in beating Athens twice Friday in the opening round of the Alabama High School Class 5A baseball playoffs.

Cullman held off Athens in the opener 8-5 then swept the series with an 11-2 victory in the second game.

Cullman gets to see longtime rival Hartselle in the second round next weekend at Bill Shelton Field. While Cullman swept Athens, Hartselle went to Muscle Shoals and beat the Trojans 12-1 and 3-2 to set up a highly anticipated second round battle.

The Bearcats went up 5-0 on the Golden Eagles in the third inning of game one. Owen Lovell doubled in two runs with Keaton Dean following and drilling a two-run single. A bunt single from Auston Neal produced the fifth run of the inning.

Cullman added three to its side in the fourth as Christian Martinez sacrificed a run on a bunt, Lance Cleveland singled, and Dean drilled a single. Dean would finish with three runs batted in and reached base three out of four opportunities.

Sailing through the first four innings, Cullman starter Jesse Scott ran into trouble in the fifth. He was chased after getting one out in the fifth with Athens scoring four times on four hits.

Jackson Hill cooled off the Eagles for the rest of the fifth and in the sixth. But Hill gave up a double and a walk and a bunt single then issued a walk to Bailey Kornerman in the seventh and Athens was in striking distance, trailing 8-5 with the bases loaded and nobody out.

Auston Neal was called out of the bullpen and responded with back to back strikeouts of Harrison Pressnell and Luke Robinson. The two hour, 37 minute game ended when Neal got pinch hitter Jackson Pettus to pop out to Sam Murphree to end the game.

After a 30-minute break with the seniors being recognized in between games, the Bearcats broke out with a run in the top of the first, scored two more in the second and extended the lead to 5-0 with two more crossing home in the fourth.

Cole Collins led off the game with a single and would later score. He slapped a single in the second that drove home Maison Goodwin and Sam Huser.

A throwing error by the shortstop on a grounder by Cleveland in the fourth scored two more runs and the Bearcats had gained momentum they needed to sweep the series.

Good defense from the Bearcats in the Athens' fourth kept the Eagles from getting on the board. Martinez tagged out batter Harrison Pressnell on a bunt attempt at the plate, threw to Neal at third to pick off Conlin Farmer. Then the final out of the inning came on a pickoff by the pitcher Huser to Murphree at second to pick off Michael Elkins.

Huser allowed six hits in throwing six innings of shutout ball to complete the sweep. He finished with 12 strikeouts, striking out four of the first six batters he faced.

Cullman is now 36-10 after the sweep of Athens. The Bearcats are looking to avenge a second round series defeat to Hartselle last year that was decided in three hard fought games at Bill Shelton Field.

Hanceville fights hard, falls to Winfield

By: Josh McBrayer
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WINFIELD – Although the Hanceville Bulldogs were put out of the 3A State Playoffs in the first round, the Dawgs have nothing to be ashamed of.

Hanceville laid claim to the Cullman County Baseball Championship for the first time since 2005, and on their home field none the less. They were ranked in the 3A Alabama Sportswriter's Association top 10 at two different times in the season and they earned a playoff berth for the first time since 2005. However for Hanceville, they were facing a very good Winfield team.

Alex Smothers took the hill for the Pirates in the first game of the double header and he was about as solid as you can get. Smothers allowed just four Hanceville base knocks and issued one free pass while fanning two Bulldogs and allowing just one earned run.He helped his cause at the plate as well, picking up two hits that included an RBI single. Jordan Williams would add two RBI's, followed by Mason Osborne and Kent Jenkins who added an RBI each.

Christian James got the call for Hanceville on the bump and pitched well enough to win, giving up just three runs and scattering seven hits over his body of work but a single run, Hayden Loggins, was his only support in the 4-1 loss.

Game two mirrored game one. Gamble baffled Hanceville hitters, tossing a one run, complete game. He allowed five hits and whiffed seven Bulldogs. He also added two hits at the dish. Once again the Hanceville starter, this time Isaac Hardin, pitched good enough to win, throwing a complete game himself.

Hardin threw four runs on six hits over his 27 outs but the only run support came from Hardin himself when he belted a solo homer.

Hanceville finishes their 2014 season with 21 wins, falling just eight wins short in their quest of a 3A State title.

Prep Sports Weekly Scoring Recap

Tuesday, April 9th

Baseball

Cullman 4 vs Hartselle 1
Good Hope 14 vs Vinemont 4
Good Hope 12 vs Vinemont 1
Falkville 18 vs St Bernard 0
New Hope 4 vs Holly Pond 5
Hanceville 7 vs Danville 10
Hanceville 6 vs Danville 13

LOCAL HISTORY

Remembering Mavis Ruby Hendrix: A Lady of Good-nature

By: Sharon Schuler Kreps
Local Contributor

"Mavis Hendrix. Address: Cullman, Alabama, Route 6. Honors: Girls' Council; Home Economics Club. Mavis is one of the many members of the class of '33 who never gives any of the teachers any trouble. She brings up her schoolwork in great style. She talks little but knows much. No one around Cullman County High School has seen her the least bit angry or out of harmony with anyone or anything that her class attempts to put over. Mavis' good-naturedness is an admirable trait that will make and hold friends. Mavis is one member of the graduating class who will sometime bring much honor to her Alma Mater."
-The Cullman Democrat, April 27th, 1933

Now that's a pretty neat lady if you ask me. The person who wrote this article about my grandmother, Mavis Hendrix Reid, did a wonderful job. The term "goodnaturedness" fits my memory of her perfectly.

Mavis Ruby Hendrix was born March 30, 1913 in Cullman, Alabama. Her parents were Effie Estelle Brock and Herschell Merrill Hendrix. She had four brothers and one sister. Sadly, her sister died in infancy and Mavis never knew her. Her brothers' names were Robert Brock, Columbus Newton, Luscious Franklin, and William Wiley Clifton. They were a very close and loving family.

Mavis married her childhood sweetheart, Glenn Ray Reid, after more than a 10-year courtship. Glenn had managed to get a three-day pass from the Army one weekend and it was a spur of the moment kind of thing. He drove home to Cullman from Georgia and made Mavis his wife on April 5, 1942. Although she didn't get the fancy wedding that most girls dream about, she was happy and adored her new husband with all her heart.

Mary Glenn, my mother, was the first child born to Glenn and Mavis. I can just imagine him holding her in his arms with the biggest smile on his face and calling her a "Dandy". He often referred to us grandkids as "Dandies", and I'm sure that term started long before we were born.

Three additional children joined the family following little Mary Glenn. They were Benjamin Herschell, Nancy Ruth and Glenn Ray Jr. Being an Army wife, Mavis was often required to pack up her family and move to wherever her husband was stationed.

She was a wonderful mother and raised her children alone from time to time while Glenn was stationed in Korea. She supported her husband in his military career, took his place as Cullman County Circuit Clerk when he was called to active duty in the early 1950s and, later in life, worked side by side with her husband in the real estate business.

Eventually grandkids came along and we all thought the world of Grandma and Grandpa Reid. They were so good to us. In the summer time, I remember watching Grandma working in her yard and Grandpa throwing hay to his cows and thinking nothing would ever happen to them – ever. I was wrong.

Glenn died of colon cancer on October 23, 1985. Throughout his illness, Mavis had taken excellent care of him, even though she had been secretly diagnosed with cancer herself. She put her husband above herself and was with him as he passed away.

As sick as she was in those days, I never heard her complain. She was always glad to see us, even though she felt miserable.

My grandmother died on June 24, 1987. She was the most "goodnatured" person I'll ever know, and I'm so proud that she was mine.



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» After obtaining a three-day pass from the Army and on a whim, Glenn Ray Reid and Mavis Ruby Hendrix pose on their unplanned wedding day.

Mirroring History: Klein Dairy

By: Jessica Norrell
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CULLMAN - In 1948, the Klein Dairy Products building was constructed by Charles Henry Ernest to support his growing dairy business.

Klein was 6 years old when he moved to Cullman with his family from Chicago and grew up working on his father's farm. When Klein returned from serving in World War I, he returned to his home in Cullman. And in 1924, he established the Cullman Creamery.

The creamery drew much success and was producing around 500 gallons a day by 1950 with routes extending to Garden City, Warrior, and Hanceville.

The building used for Klein's Dairy Products was originally Kullman Hall, a site for social gatherings.

It even had a soda shop and meeting rooms on the upper floor.

Though the building sustained damage from the April 27, 2011 tornados, it still stands on Fifth Street Southeast.

Past



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» The Klein Dairy Products building was constructed in 1948.

Present



JESSICA NORRELL/CULLMANSENSE

» The April 27, 2011 tornados significantly damaged the historic Klein Dairy Products building.

Awareness (from Front)

reach in our community alone:

"Sexual assault is prevalent and is the most under-reported violent crime. Just this year alone, VSOC has provided services to over 10 victims of sexual assault," she said.

"Statistically, 1 out of 6 women and 1 out of 33 men in America have been a victim of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime. The numbers are alarmingly high, especially if you consider the incidents that are not reported. "

One of the biggest problems with those that have had to endure sexual abuse or assault is their reluctance to seek help or justice because too often there is not much to be found.

It is entirely too common to see someone who has been found guilty of rape to be out of jail and back in society in no time at all.

For these victims, the thought that their attackers will be put behind bars and that they will receive the support, justice, and peace they deserve can seem like an unrealistic dream.

Jacobs also talked about what family and friends can do for a loved one if they are notified that sexual abuse is happening.

"If you have a friend or family member who has been assaulted, the most important thing to do is believe their story. So often victims don't report a sexual assault because of fear of not being believed," she said.

"If your friend tells you they have been assaulted, encourage them to immediately go to an ER for a forensic exam. The forensic exam is crucial in being able to press charges against the perpetrator but it does not mean you have to press charges. Don't tell the victim what to do, it is best to help them explore their options."

If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual assault, the most important thing they should know is that it's not their fault; that they did not "ask for it" or deserve it, and that there are options to help them through this painful experience.

Victim Services of Cullman has lots of resources and caring individuals ready and willing to help.

"VSOC provides an array of services to victims of sexual assault. Some of the services include hospital accompaniment, court advocacy, emergency shelter, individual counseling for both primary and secondary victims, a support group, personal advocacy, a 24-hour crisis line, and referrals to other agencies as needed. Safe shelter is also available for victims that are in danger or are fearful," Jacobs said of the services their organization provides.

Sexual assault can happen to anyone and at any time.

The more awareness and knowledge is spread on this subject, the more stigmas can be removed from the issue and hopefully more victims will come forward.

Each victim deserves to be treated with dignity, respect, and compassion.

If you want more information on how you can help spread awareness or if you have been assaulted and need to talk to someone, please call Victim Services of Cullman at 256-734-6100.

Autism (from Front)

By: Chelsea Sparks
Local Contributor

CULLMAN - Autism Awareness month is underway and it is a time to educate others and ourselves about this disorder and how it affects so many around us. There are many families in Cullman alone that are raising or living with autism. While life with autism isn't always easy, as many will tell you, it is also filled with moments of joy that most would take for granted.

One local Cullman family, the Watwoods, are no strangers to autism and all the hardships and triumphs that go along with it. Chris Golden is a typical 15-year-old teen. He goes to school, plays the mallets in Fairview High school band, and enjoys spending time with his parents and three siblings. His mother, Michelle Watwood, told about Chris and his amazing spirit.

"Christopher is such a loving child. He stands up for kids being picked on. He is an amazing artist. He actually won an art contest in elementary school and his artwork was displayed at the Cullman County Courthouse and at the Cullman County Board of Education for a year," she said.

Chris has many talents and one of the best things about him, according to his mother, is his sense of humor.

"Christopher also laughs at the simplest things. He has a great sense of humor. He constantly keeps us laughing by things he says."

Many children with autism tend to fixate on certain subjects and objects. Often so much so that they can tell you the smallest details about it.

"Christopher is a huge history buff. If you want to know any facts about the Titanic or Pearl Harbor, ask Christopher. He can tell you any facts you need to know," his mother said.

In addition to his historical knowledge Christopher also has a love for trains, planes, and ships.

"He is also fascinated with ships, trains, and airplanes. I would rather see him obsessed with learning about different ships, trains, and airplanes than being obsessed with video games, which do not interest him."

While there are so many great things about Christopher, his autism does come with many hurdles for both him and his family.

For instance, while in eighth grade, his reading and math skills have been significantly delayed. Luckily, his special education teacher Rhonda Howse has been a huge help to him in school and has made a lasting impact on his educational life.

Christopher has many things about him that some might call "quirky", but Chris's family just sees it as unique and one-of-a-kind. Sure, Chris may like to have things a certain way and he might say "Hi" to you 100 times a day, but he is also the kid who stands up for himself and others and doesn't let a diagnosis or label keep him from achieving what he wants to achieve.

There are so many children and adults that are just like Chris. Parents all over the country are struggling with finding a way to not only deal with the stresses of raising an autistic child, they also have to worry about the outside world and outside influence.

For experienced parents like Michelle, a line has been drawn in the sand on how they deal with people on the outside.

"My greatest advice to parents with autistic kids is that if you haven't been called a name while working for the best for your child, you are not doing something right."

The spectrum is so wide and every child can fall onto a different point. Autism has many faces but all those faces are beautiful and deserve our support and respect. Please remember these families this month and try to reach out to those in our community.

A donation to autism research and therapy is always a good way to show support, but sometimes just offering to give a parent a break can mean the world.

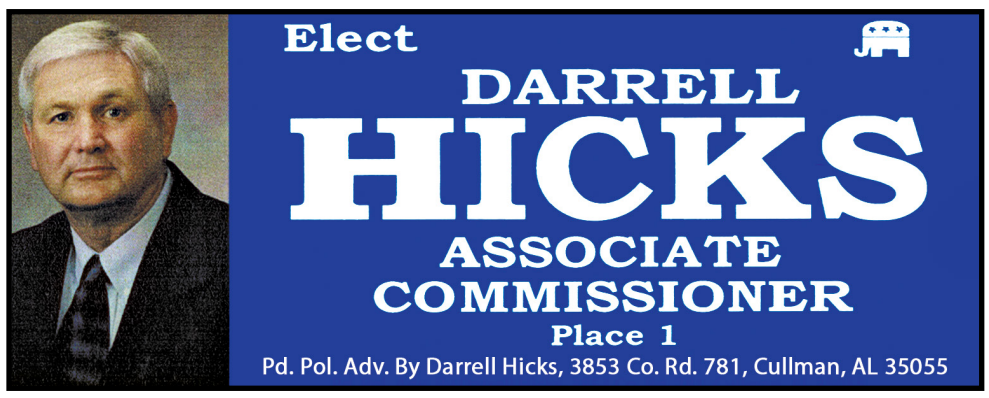
It takes a lot of strength and determination to raise a child with autism but they are loved effortlessly.

Chris and his family take things day by day and each one brings new challenges and triumphs, but no matter what the situation his parents and family are there with him. That is what makes them such a strong and wonderful family.



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» Among his many talents Christopher Golden plays mallets in the Fairview High school band.







Pizza (from Front)

By: Chelsea Sparks
Local Contributor

CULLMAN - Buckle up Cullman, there's a new business in town and it's going to change the way you think about pizza. Sure the big pizza industries like Domino's and Pizza Hut are alright, but if you want a real slice of cheesy heaven then you should give Old Town Pizza a taste for yourself when it pulls into Sticks-N-Stuff this summer.

Old Town Pizza aims to deliver a fresh take on pizza that Cullmanites have yet to experience.

T.J. Hagan, the owner and cook of Old Town Pizza, has spent the past five years tirelessly working to make his dream become a reality.

Now that he has laid the groundwork he is completing the final steps before opening his restaurant on wheels.

The past six months he has coordinated with local growers to ensure that his pizzas have the freshest ingredients possible and plans to begin selling his all-natural pies beginning in July.

Though confined to a small space T.J has found a way to produce culinary excellence using a tool you wouldn't expect inside of a vehicle.

His custom restaurant on wheels was built with a brick oven, a traditional method of baking used in Italy.

"We wanted a new business in the food industry to expand Cullman's culinary palette with a unique dining experience," he said.

"We began by traveling to Italy and saw all the brick oven pizzerias. The pizzas coming out of them were like nothing else we have ever had! I told my wife and business partner, Tiffiny, that when we got back we should buy a brick oven for the house. When we returned, I started looking for different manufacturers and stumbled across Forno Bravo brick ovens. I found a link that was to a company in Boulder, Colorado that built Forno Bravo ovens on a self-sufficient trailer that could travel and had refrigerators, the brick oven, and prep tables inside."

From there, the idea naturally snowballed for the Hagans.

"After months of dreaming of the idea of pulling a trailer to my friends' houses and having parties, I asked myself 'Why can't I make money doing this and be cooking full-time in Cullman?' The idea was transformed into an obsession that led to putting a deposit on the trailer to start the building process and taking a trip to Boulder, Colorado to visit the builder of our trailer to see the ins and outs of the mobile wood fired business."

In addition to their unique baking and delivery methods, Old Town Pizza is committed to networking with other local businesses and serving the freshest ingredients to their customers.

"Our pizza is made from scratch, the dough is based off recipes originating in Naples, Italy striving for the classic Neapolitan crust. All ingredients for our pizzas will be farm fresh and local. Pizza will feature fresh mozzarella, no pre-shredded processed cheese," Hagan said.

"Our sausage will be coming from Brickyard Meats and our vegetables will be out of our garden and locally sourced from reputable vendors. Salad greens are from an organic hydroponic farmer out of Hanceville. He is a wonderful man that takes pride in his products as much as we do and has many varieties. Salads will feature homemade dressing with seasonal fruit from local vendors in the community. Old Town will have weekly seasonal specials and desserts."

Old Town Pizza will be opening this July and will be found outside of Sticks-N-Stuff on Hwy. 31 four days a week.

They will also be present at many area events like Cluck-n-Brew, Smith Lake Bass Tournament, Festhalle Farmer's Market on August 19, and Wallace State in Hanceville on August 27.

T.J. encourages everyone to come eat and experience their food and hospitality for themselves.

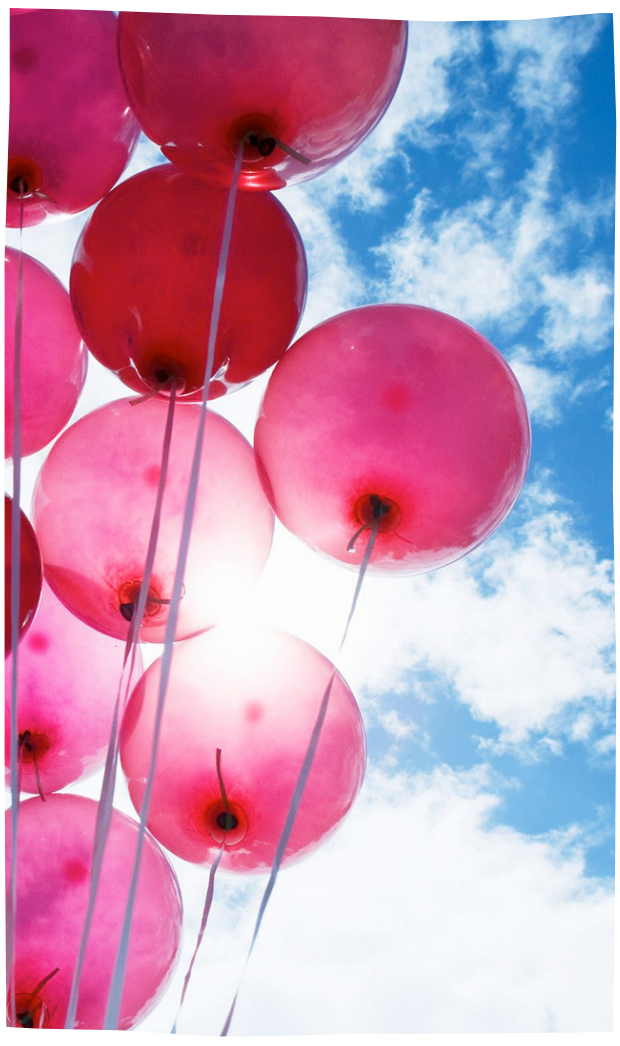
"At Old Town Pizza, we are not just another pizza and when you come to see us you can step away from whatever is troubling you, little or big, and enjoy top quality food and an atmosphere where it's a party from the time you step up to order to the time you leave, but you really don't have to leave. Hang around and watch us throw and stretch the dough and turn the pizza inside the oven with a real wood fire cooking your pizza in under four minutes from the time you order to the time you get your pizza."

Is it July yet? Because I'm craving pizza.

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Monday

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Joanne P. LaGanke MS Group Meeting
Everyone is invited to the Joanne P. LaGanke MS Group meeting which starts with a light snack at 5:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 6 p.m. Guest speaker - Emily Donovan who is a clinical research coordinator at North Central Neurology Associates, P.C. in Cullman. For further info, please call Randy Bennett at 256-531-7841.

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

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

Cornerstone Revival Ladies Prayer Meeting
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Aqua Zumba Classes at CWAC
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Tuesday

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.

Knifty Knitters Weekly Meeting
Members of the Cullman Knifty Knitters group meet each Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Cullman County Library. Everyone is invited to come learn how to knit yarn and needles are free. This group is open to all ages, both accomplished knitters and those wishing to learn the art form. Crocheters also are invited to take part in these weekly meetings. Please call Lesia for more info 256-734-2720, ext. 23.

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

St. Monica's Group
St. Monica's Group for those addicted to alcohol or drugs meets every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Rectory Basement of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. All are welcome to attend who feel the need. For further information please contact Brian, 256-595-0515 or Rita, 256-507-0358.

Manna Meals at St. Andrew's United Methodist
Everyone is invited to attend the weekly Wednesday night 'Manna Meals' at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Sack dinners will be available for carry outs. Please call the Church office for further information 256-735-0444.

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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Thursday

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.

'Stepping Up for Foot Health'
Everyone is invited to attend CRMC's 'Lunch & Learn' seminar starting at 11:30 a.m. in the Colonel Cullmann Room on the hospital campus in POB ll. Dr. Eric Fillinger of Fillinger Foot Clinic will discuss surgical reconstructive issues such as bunions, flat foot, tendon repair, joint replacement and reconstruction for arthritic conditions as well as some of the conservative approaches to treatment of the listed conditions. Cost of the lunch and learn programs are $5.00 for WomenFirst and SeniorChoice members and $8.00 for all others. Please PRE-REGISTER by calling the hospital at 256-737-2600 or register online at www.crmchospital.com. All welcome!

Cullman County Senior Citizens Spelling Bee
Mark your calendars, Senior Citizens, for the Cullman County Spelling Bee which will be held at the Cullman Senior Center beginning at 1 p.m. Cullman's winner will compete in the National Spelling Bee on July 12 in Knoxville, Tennessee. For more information please call the Cullman Commission on Aging at 256-734-1241. Get out your dictionaries and spelling books and help keep your mind sharp at the same time. The winner in Cullman will represent our area.

'Root Ministry' at Abundant Grace Church
There is a weekly meeting each Thursday night starting at 6 pm at Abundant Grace Church. 'Root Ministry' has the aim of radically overcoming obstacles together for anyone with any types of hurts, hang-ups or habits in their lives. Please call 256-739-7091 for additional information. All welcome!! **

Thursday Afternoon Overeaters Anonymous Meeting
Those interested are invited to attend the weekly Thursday afternoon meetings of Overeaters Anonymous which begin at 4:45 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church's Carriage House. For additional information please call 734-376-2124 or 256-352-1143.

Friday

'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.

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild of Cullman
Members of the Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild of Cullman will gather at the Colonel Cullman Museum starting at 9:30 a.m. All interested quilters are invited to attend this meeting.

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

Saturday

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!

Bike Ride for Autism
Everyone is invited to take part in the 'Bike Ride for Autism' which starts at 10 a.m. at Cullman Festhalle Platz. All welcome - come have fun and help support a great cause at same time.

April 'Walking Tours'
Everyone is invited to take part in the annual FREE guided walking tours each Saturday morning during April. Attendees will gather at the Col. Cullmann Museum, across from City Hall, at 10 a.m. each Saturday of April and local community leaders will escort folks through the historic districts and various locations in our hometown, sharing bits and pieces of local history and lore! Put on your walking shoes and get to know your Cullman history and perhaps some unusual 'tall tales from the old days'! Free for everyone!

Next Monday

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This Week in Local Entertainment

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Monday, April 21st
- Final Week of Art Exhibition at Wallace 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Guest Speaker Kurt Heineke, Veggie Tales musician and composer at Wallace State Community College at 9:30 a.m.
- 79 cent wings at Rodney G's Hickory Grill from 6-9 p.m.
- Open Mic Night at Berkeley Bob's from 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22nd
- Happy Earth Day!!
- Final Week of Art Exhibition at Wallace 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Margaret Gill and Shane Bloemetjie to perform with WSCC instructor Mike Sparks in the Burrow Center Recital Hall at WSCC at 12:15 p.m.
- WSCC Softball vs. Calhoun CC (DH) at 4 p.m.
- Square Dancing Lessons at East Point Community Center from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Trivia Night at Rodney G's at 7 p.m.
- Trivia Night at Grumpy's Italian Grill from 7-9 p.m.
- Women's Ensemble 'Cantanti Della Donna' presents their spring program, "There's No Place Like Home" at Grace Episcopal Church at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23rd
- Final Week of Art Exhibition at Wallace 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Story Time at the Hanceville Library at 10 a.m.
- 2014 Spring in the South Luncheon and Fashion Show at the Cullman Civic Center from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- WSCC Softball vs. Columbia State (DH) at 4 p.m.
- Musician Derek Sellers at All Steak at 6 p.m.
- Karaoke Night at Grumpy's Italian Grill from 7-10 p.m.
- Karaoke Night at Cadillac Ron's

Thursday, April 24th
- Final Week of Art Exhibition at Wallace 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
- "Revolution: A Musical Celebration of the Beatles" presented by the WSCC Fine Arts Department at the Betty Leeth Haynes Center at Wallace State at 9:30 a.m.
- Trivia Night at Rodney G's at 7 p.m.
- Bike Night at Grumpy's Italian Grill
- Karaoke Night at Cadillac Ron's
- "Revolution: A Musical Celebration of the Beatles" presented by the WSCC Fine Arts Department at the Betty Leeth Haynes Center at Wallace State at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 25th
- Final Week of Art Exhibition at Wallace 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
- WSCC Softball vs. Snead State (DH) at 4 p.m.
- "Revolution: A Musical Celebration of the Beatles" presented by the WSCC Fine Arts Department at the Betty Leeth Haynes Center at Wallace State at 7 p.m.
- Musician Derek Sellers at Grumpy's at 7:30 p.m.
- Ladies' Night at Rodney G's at 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 26th
- Final Week of Art Exhibition at Wallace 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Arts in April Art Exhibition Artists' Reception from 10-11 a.m.
- April Walking Tours Starting from the Colonel Cullman Museum at 10 a.m.
- WSCC Baseball vs. Central Alabama CC at 11 a.m.
- WSCC Baseball vs. Meridian Mississippi at 5 p.m.
- "Revolution: A Musical Celebration of the Beatles" presented by the WSCC Fine Arts Department at the Betty Leeth Haynes Center at Wallace State at 7 p.m.
- Ladies' Night at Rodney G's at 8 p.m.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MYRLE V. COLE, DECEASED.

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C. Blake West, Petitioner
427 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055

TO: Publisher of The Cullman Sense

ENTERTAINMENT

Curtis & Loretta in Concert at Berkeley Bob's

» Husband and Wife Team Impress with Unusual Instruments and Harmony

By: Paul King
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» After spontaneously meeting, Loretta and Curtis have now been married for 37 years.

CULLMAN - "He used to bark," Loretta says, referring to her husband's finale of an excellent song. Whether you're on your front porch or in the middle of a grand hall, the classical pitch of Loretta's large harp and the lovely acoustic accompaniment of Curtis' elegantly carved, steel accented guitar will create a magnificent sound that will make your heart melt.

In the late spring of 1977, both living in Santa Cruz, a fellow sees a lovely lady walking along the beach at sunset with her long hair blowing in the wind swaying along with the six string; his heart throbbed and he thought, "Nice guitar!" So the story goes as told by Curtis. Although, Loretta comically begs to differ.

Her story? "This guy came along and said 'Hey! I play guitar, too!'"

"Oh, well, that's nice..." replies Loretta.

She adds, "Because, ya never know with these people on the beach. Whether you can trust 'em or not."

But, they hit it off, seemingly without missing a beat. Curtis rushed home, brought back a mandolin, and they sat there on a piece of driftwood log and played "Suzanne" by Leonard Cohen.

That same Friday night, they played a Variety show, which Loretta was a part of at a bar in Santa Cruz. They realized they had great chemistry singing together. So, for the next 10 years they played their hearts out together and the chase of Loretta by Curtis began.

"I practically wore out the knees of all my pants and the patches wouldn't even stay, but we kept playing together and had so much fun I wouldn't dare ruin it," said Curtis. "One day I just came out with it, in 10 degree weather, snowing outside. I said to her, 'Let's just go get married in Mexico.'"

She agreed and so they did. The past 37 years have been what one could call magical.

Loretta from Minnesota and Curtis from Texas found that combined, they played a grand assortment of folk instruments such as the clawhammer banjo, ukulele, steel guitar, mandolin, cello, mandocello, harmonica, and with the largest of the stringed instruments, Loretta's Celtic harp. This jangled mess of strings is well kept by the duo, to say the least. Highly influenced by Irish and deep Celtic roots, they've come to know life and music as one and the same.

"Their music is inspiring and authentic, and their songwriting combines a reporter's eye for detail with a poet's sense of lyricism. While they can sing about something as timely as a headline, there is a timelessness to the things they sing about. Their individual voices may be distinct and strong, but when those voices intertwine, they resonate with love, truth, and meaning," is the perfect description for this serenading duo as depicted on the back cover of their album.

Traveling up and down the east coast and over to the Midwest, they've somehow found their merry way to our cozy town of Cullman, Alabama perhaps they've found yet another home at Berkley Bob's Coffee Shop.

I arrived before the set to be played and spoke with Loretta. She was such a calm and collected individual that I knew right away the music would be heartwarming.

With such infiltrating magnitude on stage, the duet will steal you away from whatever may be on your mind.

Captivating and classically hilarious, the humor to their stories and little tales will have you laughing to keep from shedding a tear.

From coast to coast they've shared their love of music and with little more than simple company, they make one feel more welcome in a hometown than ever before.

It's a wonderful thing when you find something reminiscent of what you've known all your life and yet has been forgotten, only to be revamped and reborn.

The sound of the Irish hill and the waves of Mobile Bay crashing against cotton and wool transport ships are only a part of what you'll find in a grand presentation of Curtis and Loretta's musical set. Props to Berkeley Bob for bringing Curtis & Loretta's collectively magnificent sound to our lovely little town.

RESIDENTIAL RECIPES

Granny's Breakfast Gravy

By: Allison Robertson • Local Contributor

I remember how exciting it was every Sunday morning to wake up and go to my Granny's house to eat breakfast and read the Sunday paper.

She made the best breakfast and it was quality family time on the weekends.

As I would watch her cook, I realized that she never measured anything and I never understood how she cooked without a recipe until I began cooking myself.

I realized when someone asked me how I made a dish, I honestly couldn't tell them. I began cooking like my granny, by feel mostly, I guess; making it up as I go and having the memory to do it the same way next time if it was good.

Now for this purpose, I have to force myself to keep track of my ingredients, measurements, and methods.

And after watching my granny make breakfast all those years, I was able to make her gravy from memory and take joy in the memories we shared in the kitchen.

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons - bacon grease (we always just use the same pan we fry bacon in but vegetable oil is fine too)
- 1/2 cup - flour
- 1 cup - milk
- 1/4 cup - water
- Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions:

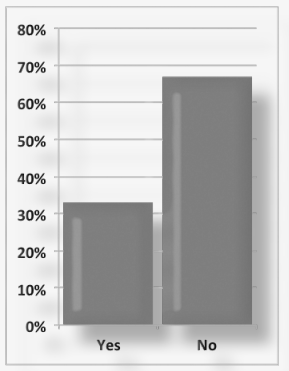
- Start by heating your oil or grease in a skillet over medium heat. Add the flour and stir into somewhat of a paste.
- Keep stirring and watching until the mixture turns a slight brown color. You've got to babysit this and stir constantly because no one likes burnt gravy.
- After it is browned, add in the milk and water, stirring all the while, and you will be able to see it thicken up nicely.
- Be sure not to add too much milk and water at first because you can always add more but you can never take away.
- Season to taste and put on your favorite biscuits. This would also be great on chicken fried steak.

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- **Heritage Park 20 Year Celebration:** Mark your calendar for a day at the park on Saturday, May 31 for the 20 year celebration of Heritage Park! Events will include a 3-on-3 basketball tourn, "Yappie" Hour at the Dog Park, clinics and demonstrations for disc golf, baseball, soccer, and more as well as a kid's zone, craft fair, food vendors, and more. A fireworks show will also take place at dark to close the day. The event will start with an opening sceremony at 10:30am.
- **Kamp Cullman Registration Opening April 1:** Kamp Cullman Summer camp registration will on April 1 at the Cullman Civic Center. Camp will be held with base at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center from June 2-27 and July 7—August 1. Camp will include swimming, recreational activities, field trips, and much more. Camp will be held Monday-Friday, 7:45am-5:15pm. Spaces are limited, so sign your child up NOW! Call 256-734-9157 for details.
- **Xtreme Allstars Cheer Squad Registration:** Want your child to learn the most XTREME cheer skills? Come join one of our Xtreme Allstar Cheer Squads! Evaluations clinics will be held May 6, May 8, May 13, May 15, and May 20 at the Gymnastics & Cheer Academy. Any athletes interested must attend the clinic. An informational meeting will be held on May 1 at 6pm in the CGCA birthday party room. Early bird registration for the clinics is now open through April 14. For more information, call 256-739-6762.
- **Nia Dance & Ageless Grace Fitness Classes:** Includes yoga stretching, anti-aging tips, and more with instructor Ann Caretti. Nia class is held Tuesdays at 10:00am at the civic center, and Ageless Grace is held on Thursdays at 5:30pm.
- **Ballroom Dance Classes:** Ballroom dance classes will be held weekly at the Cullman Civic Center on Thursday nights with beginners at 6:30pm and advanced class at 7:30pm under instructor Mack Wilson. Cost is $10 per person per class. Call the Cullman Civic Center for details at 256-734-9157.
- **Archery Classes:** Archery classes are offered for ages 7 & up on Mondays for beginners, Tuesdays for intermediate shooters, and Thursdays for advanced archers. All classes held at the Civic Center's indoor archery range. 256-734-9157

What's Online

Easter Carnival at Cullman Fairgrounds Equals Faith and Fellowship

Desperation Church of Cullman held its Easter Carnival this past Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cullman Fairgrounds. The Desperation Church staff and events team organized the free event for the community to celebrate Easter.



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Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce was proud to premiere its new lobby last Wednesday morning. The event was held directly after the Chamber's monthly Morning Blend meeting.

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Kid Cudi's Latest is Out of this World

Kid Cudi's shockingly unexpected release of Satellite Flight: The Journey to Mother Moon is out of this world and gives the feeling of soaring out of the atmosphere. Kid Cudi announced the new album only hours before the 30-year-old debuted the digital only album.

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Hops & Shops Cullman

» Monthly event provides unique way to experience Downtown; highlights local shopping, dining, craft brews, and entertainment

By: Kate Mullaney
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CULLMAN - The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce's Retail Committee is eager to announce its exciting new monthly event, Hops & Shops. Every second Thursday of each month, downtown Cullman will come alive with shopping, dining, live music, and craft beverages. This first-time event will begin on May 8.

The monthly event is based on a simple idea: Every second Thursday, you start at the Chamber of Commerce's Visitor Center, pay a cover charge of $10, and then receive a wrist band, a passport, a map, 20 pennies, and a sample glass. After you are setup, start walking to any of the destinations on the map.

Participating restaurants will offer select craft beverages, which you purchase with your pennies, and local shops will be open late, offering drawings, discounts, and deals. This month's brewery is Straight to Ale.

Director of Business & Workforce Development Jackie Moore is eager to spread the word about this once a month event.

"You'll be able to taste about 16 different craft beverages every month and explore your favorite shopping locales with extended hours," said Moore. "We're also encouraging everyone to get their passports stamped at each participating restaurant because at the end of the evening, we'll have a drawing at one of those restaurants for a $50 gift certificate."

It's a very exciting event for shopping as well since several of our lovely and alluring shops will offer discounts and extended hours in honor of the event.

It seems there will be no better time to shop for some birthday gifts, find that perfect spring dress, or just splurge and give yourself or a loved one a gift.

The Chamber will also feature one restaurant each month, which will provide live music at the end of each Hops & Shops evening.

"So, after you're done shopping, you can enjoy a nice meal at our featured restaurant. Live music will be at 8 p.m. and you can stay as long as you want or until the restaurant closes," Moore stated.

This one-of-a-kind event is unique to Cullman and will draw people downtown and create a lively nightlife.

"We're encouraging everyone to explore downtown like they probably never have before and to go in stores they probably didn't even know were open," Moore said. "It's a fun date night, girl's night out, or night out with friends."

But Cullman isn't keeping this new event to itself. The Chamber is heavily marketing to people outside Cullman County as well.

"For the first year or two, we'll market to people who live about an hour away," said Moore, "but after that we'll start marketing to people who have a two or three-hour drive."

This event is sure to be a progressive step forward for Cullman and will further increase awareness of the city's evolving nightlife.

"We're making sure that people who have never thought of Cullman for these kinds of events will realize we're here," stated Moore.

"We're one of those secrets that I kind of wish people didn't keep. But I think when people become aware of our unique finds here, it's going to take us to a new level in relocation, tourism as a whole, and awareness of Cullman. It's a retail event, but it's going to touch every aspect of the community."

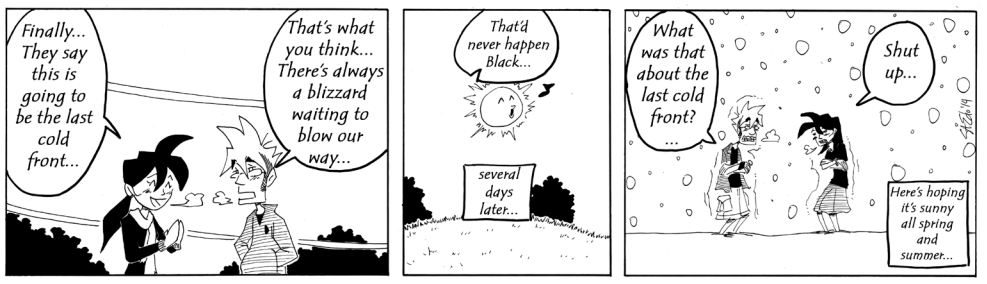
Everyone is ready for Hops & Shops, and for many May 8 can't get here fast enough.

Be a part of the very first event and experience downtown like never before with Hops & Shops Cullman.

For a complete list of participating retailers and restaurants, check out the event's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hopsandshopscullman.

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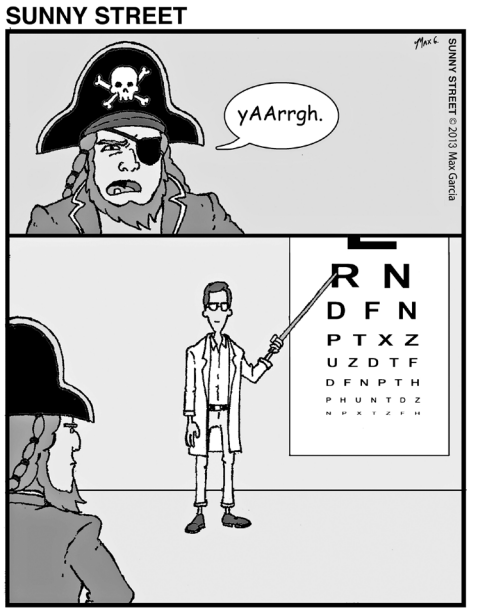
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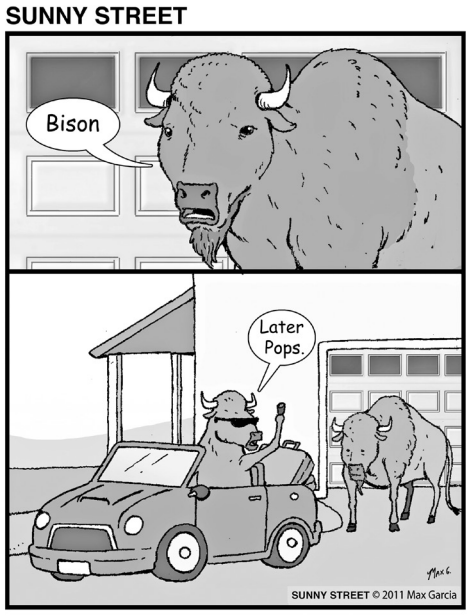
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Bria

Hello! My name is Bria, and I am about 10 months old.

I am a Jack Russell Terrier mix and I currently weigh 28 lbs. I am spirited and I love to play.

I will likely be a medium sized dog, just perfect for inside or out. Please come visit me. I'm ready for my new forever home.



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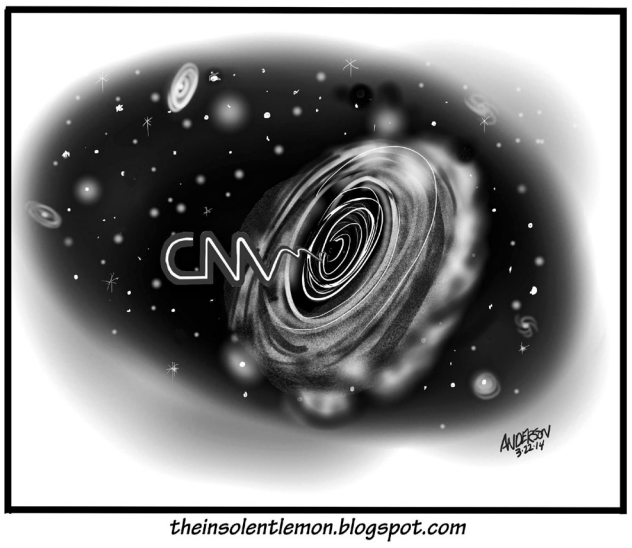
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OPINION

Carly's Law: Facts and Fictions

By: Sage Overton
Local Contributor

On March 20th, the Alabama legislature voted unanimously to pass Senate Bill 174, an amended version of House Bill 207. While not yet the law, the bill is fully expected to be signed by Governor Bentley, marking a historic moment for the state and for the nation. Senate Bill 174, also known as "Carly's Law" makes it legal to use cannabidiol in the state of Alabama. However, those believing this opens the door for widespread marijuana use should probably hold off lighting up in public and thoroughly study the six-page bill first.

The law started off as the pleas and public awareness efforts of two parents in Shelby County, Pelham PD Officer Dustin Chandler and his wife Amy Chandler. Their daughter Carly was diagnosed in February 2012 with a very rare genetic mutation known as CDLK5. The mutation, located on the X chromosome, causes a malfunction with a protein vital in the proper development of the brain.

This mutation was first identified in 2004 and so far has been linked to only 700 cases worldwide, with around 200 of them being in the United States. Carly's condition caused about four seizures a day and has left her with a cortical visual impairment.

She can see but is legally blind. The family has tried at least eight anti-epileptic drugs with no success. Most of these are harsh and included extremely serious side effects, many even with the risk of death.

They have found hope in the medical potential of cannabidiol or CBD oil. CBD oil is an extract from the cannabis plant which has been shown in studies to limit seizures. The research is backed by the Epilepsy Foundation and by Dr. David Standaert, chair of UAB's Department of Neurology.

Cannabidiol is extremely low in tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). THC is the main psychoactive agent in marijuana, associated with getting high. While THC is a proven pain relief agent and antiemetic, it remains illegal across most of the United States. CBD oil on the other hand is an anti-psychotic, usually administered orally.

Carly's Law marks the first time a Republican dominated legislature has approved any use of any part of the cannabis plant. The law is very specific though.

The original version of the law, House Bill 207, had approved the use of CBD oil for wasting syndrome, severe or chronic pain, severe nausea, seizures, and severe or persistent muscle spasms.

The amended version, which became law, only approves the use of CBD oil for debilitating epileptic conditions. Furthermore, the bill also only allows UAB and its affiliates to prescribe the medication or use it for research. Research use is also limited to only the effects of CBD oil on debilitating epileptic conditions. All other cannabis derivatives or uses or possession outside these grounds remains completely illegal.

It is expected that soon after the law's passage that 1 million dollars will be written into the Education Trust Fund's budget for specific use by UAB's Neurology Department for CBD oil research.

Unknown to most people, the department won't have long to work with the drug though. A one-line section written into the bill specifies that all sections of the bill will expire in five years.

Thus, Carly's Law will automatically cease to be the law in five years. So far no major interest groups have spoken out against the law, and no major opposition is expected, especially since the bill limits the THC content of any CBD oil to less than 3 percent. This essentially removes from it all the effects normally associated with marijuana.

OPINION

Time to Fix Government

By: Lee Hamilton • PeaceVoice

In 1965, the chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee, Wilbur Mills, brought legislation establishing Medicare and Medicaid to the floor of the U.S. House. That was my first year in Congress, and I remember vividly the moment Mills came to the Democratic caucus to explain his plans.

Many of us had been swept into office in the 1964 Democratic wave that accompanied Lyndon Johnson's election, and we had an overwhelming majority in Congress. We could pass any bill we wanted. But Mills argued forcefully that we shouldn't. Passing the law was one thing, he said, but what really counted was its implementation.

There are times these days when a story about someone in Washington caring about the government's effectiveness feels as quaint as a tale about knights and dragons. Plenty of good, competent people serve both in Congress and within the ranks of the executive branch, but after years of abject failure — from the response to Hurricane Katrina to the initial rollout of the Affordable Care Act to the cost overruns, delays, and mismanagement that too often characterize federal programs — it's hard to argue that the government is filled with people who know how to make it a model of efficiency and effectiveness.

This is crucial to fix. Not only do Americans want to see better performance from their government, but federal executives — including the President — cannot achieve their policy objectives unless those under them are competent and high-performing. We have to rethink and transform how government does its business: cut the number of political appointees, reduce layers of management, reform the civil service, and rein in outsourcing that costs the taxpayers billions more than they should be paying.

Government today is highly pressured and deals with tough, complicated problems. Unless we deal with these problems, failure is baked into the system. The American people have to demand that the President and the Congress not just enact legislation, but also implement and manage government programs effectively and efficiently.

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