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WILCOHESS TRAVEL STOP COMES TO GOOD HOPE

Near $7 Million Investment Leads to Creation of Almost 100 Jobs

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GOOD HOPE – The city of Good Hope is proud to showcase its new truck stop and travel center. This addition is located just off the 304 exit and features a Wendy's, a WilcoHess Travel Center, and a Dunkin' Donuts Express.

"We've been working on this travel center for a little over a year," said Mayor of Good Hope Corey Harbison. "Between the Wilco Travel Plaza and the Wendy's, we created about 100 jobs. It's generated a lot of revenue for the city."

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» The Wilcohess Travel Stop, whose green-lit sign can be seen from the interstate, features a Wendy's, a WilcoHess Travel Center, and a Dunkin' Donuts Express.



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FRESH SEAFOOD

A TASTE OF THE GULF COMES TO CULLMAN

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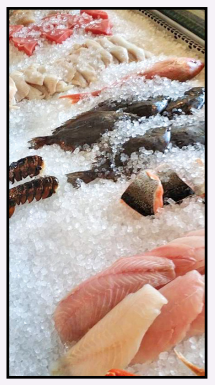
CULLMAN - The people of Cullman and surrounding areas can now enjoy fresh seafood – right in their own homes. Scales Seafood Market, located at 221A 2nd Avenue SE in Cullman, has brought the wonderful flavors of the Gulf Coast to our front doors and our tables.

"Scales Seafood Market became an idea when we, Will Dowdy and I, opened our restaurant, Brothers Kitchen & Pourhouse," explained Dan Stricklin, owner. "We were excited about bringing a new style of food to Cullman and giving it a different atmosphere than anything in Cullman. We talked about how nice it would be if we had a fresh seafood market in Cullman, to do weekly specials that went along with the Cajun feel at the restaurant."

All the seafood sold at Scales Seafood Market is fresh

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» Scales Seafood Market is dedicated to serving local restaurants and individuals fresh seafood from the Gulf.

Seventh Street Baptist Church Welcomes New Pastor Eric Martin

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CULLMAN - Seventh Street Baptist Church is excited to welcome their new pastor, Eric Martin. But Eric isn't just new to Seventh Street, he's also new to Cullman. So as he gets to know our town, let's get to know him, too.

Eric and his wife Sarah are both from Memphis, Tenn., but this pastor is no stranger to Alabama.

"I spent much of my childhood visiting family in Albertville, Huntsville, Pell City, and Birmingham," he said.

Eric graduated from Union University in Jackson, Tenn. in 1998 with a double major in Christian Studies and Psychology.

"I am in the process of working on a Master's of Divinity in Pastoral Studies from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky as well," he added.

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» After being called by God to be a pastor, and much praying, Eric Martin relocated his family and now serves the 137 year old Seventh Street Baptist Church.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPT. TO DEPLOY QUADCOPTERS

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CULLMAN - Drones are becoming the scourge of the nation. Whether they're used for destructive purposes like the ones in the Middle East, or like the ones used for real estate purposes in the Midwest, one thing is the same: most do not like them.

However, should that be the case?

Anti-drone advocates contend that the aerial devices infringe on personal privacy. People in the pro-drone camp say that the remote controlled machines do much more good than harm.

The word drone has some heavy negative connotations and seems to ooze suspicious slime from its long vowel in the center.

But, how does quadcopter sound? Slightly less ominous and much less maligned?

The Cullman Police Department has acquired two drones.

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CAMPER FIRE CLAIMS ONE LIFE

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BERLIN - An early morning camper fire Friday claimed the life of a 48-year-old Cullman County man, according to Cullman County Sheriff Mike Rainey.

"At approximately 6 a.m. Cullman County Fire was notified of a structure fire in the vicinity of 5500 County Road 703, which is located in the Welti/Berlin area. Berlin and Welti Fire Departments both responded," Sheriff Rainey said.

"Upon arriving they [firefighters] determined it to be a travel trailer that was fully involved. The trailer was located next to a residence at 5816 County Road 703."

Rainey said one person was inside the trailer.

"As firefighters were battling the blaze, attempting to put the fire out, they discovered there was one person deceased inside the travel trailer. The victim was identified as James Rodney Partain, 48, who was residing at the address," he said.

Cullman County Sheriff's Office deputies and investigators responded, along with the Alabama State Fire Marshal's office, to conduct an investigation into the fire.

"An autopsy was performed [on Friday], conducted by the Alabama Department of Forensic Science in Huntsville. The autopsy and investigation reports are pending, but as of now, there are no signs of foul play," Sheriff Rainey said.



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» After being notified of a structure fire in the Welti/Berlin area, fire departments discovered 48 year old resident James Rodney Partain deceased while they were attempting to extinguish the blaze.

TWO MIRACLES DOWN, ONE TO GO: AFTER LONG SEARCH FOLLOWING CAR ACCIDENT, LOST DOGS MOLLY AND CLAIRE ARE FINALLY HOME

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CULLMAN - The search efforts that have been happening for around two weeks now, have finally shown results. After the efforts of so many search volunteers, and 4,000 people sharing the story and information on Facebook, Olivia and Seth Hatfield's dogs are finally back home.

The news came in about Molly on Tuesday as social media exploded with joyous comments and a flood of well wishes and love. Evan Thomas, long time friend to the Hatfield's, talked about the rescue.

"Molly had apparently been in this elderly man's yard for about three days," Thomas said. "But he was under the impression that it was the neighbor's dog, because uniquely enough, they also owned a Weimaraner with a pink collar. So the neighbors actually spotted the dog, and knowing it wasn't theirs, called the animal shelter."

After the call, a few volunteers went to check and confirm that the dog was, indeed, Molly. When the news was confirmed that Molly was the dog found, the entire family, team, and 4,000 Facebook followers erupted with cheers of joy and elation.

"We were all literally beside ourselves," said Thomas. "Because we had no official sightings of Molly for about 10 days at this point, and for us to have found her with no official sighting was such a relief."

Compton's Veterinary Hospital staff was already on standby to receive Molly and give her an examination. Luckily, the injuries were very minor, with only ticks, fleas, poison ivy, and a minor leg injury that is healing.

"When we found out it was Molly for sure, Jimmy, Olivia's dad, came to the vet hospital," Thomas said. "It was a very tearful and emotion filled reunion."

Search efforts then turned to Claire, the newly adopted dog of the Hatfield's that had been spotted numerous times, but had yet to be captured. A professional tracker and search teams stayed hard at work and were successful in trapping and bringing Claire home as well.

"Molly was raised by Olivia so she is more domesticated," stated Thomas. "Claire was adopted only a couple of months ago and was captured from the outdoors, so given their personalities, it doesn't surprise us that they may have split ways. Molly, of course, would be trying to find people, and Claire being more comfortable running to the woods and fending for herself."

Claire was found in a humane trap set up by respected animal tracker Jordina Thorp Ghiggeria on Friday, not far from the area of the crash. Another tearful reunion took place for Claire as she was reunited with Molly, Seth, and family.

Evan and his brother Elliot have been working tirelessly to coordinate all of the search efforts to bring their dear friend's animals home. Olivia Hatfield's condition remains stable, but she is still currently in a medically induced coma. Elliot Thomas, coordinator of the search here in Cullman and friend of the Hatfields, gave a heartfelt thank you to all involved on the "Help Find Molly & Claire" Facebook page.



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» Due to relentless search efforts, Molly and Claire reunite close to two weeks after they were separated following an automobile accident.





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» Claire was found in a humane trap set up by an animal tracker not far from the car crash while Molly was found occupying an elderly man's yard for about three days.

"While we give thanks and celebrate our successful effort, please remember and continue to pray for our dear friend, Olivia Hatfield," he said. "Now that our Molly and Claire Mission is complete, we will continue to share photos of their recovery but will mostly focus our energy on being Olivia's best support group! Sincere thanks for being responsible for the collaborative success of our goal! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

CLARKSON COVERED BRIDGE TO GET A MAKEOVER:

HISTORICAL CULLMAN LANDMARK WILL BE CLOSED FOR 100 DAYS

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CULLMAN - Clarkson Covered Bridge has been a local treasure in the area for a century now. A symbol of times past and a favorite place for locals and tourists alike to admire. Over the years, however, weather and time have taken their toll on the historical landmark, but officials are preparing to restore the old bridge.

The renovation efforts have been in the works for some time now, but coordinating efforts with different agencies has led to a delay in the start up. The time has finally come, however, and the bridge was closed to the public on Monday, July 7.

Doug Davenport, director of Cullman County Parks & Recreation, said that the renovations would take some time due to the duration it will take for the shipment of materials to arrive.

"Renovation is for 100 working days, at some point a material list will be made and the wood order, which should take three to five weeks for delivery," Davenport said. "So there will be three to five weeks of no work being done, while waiting on the supplies to arrive."

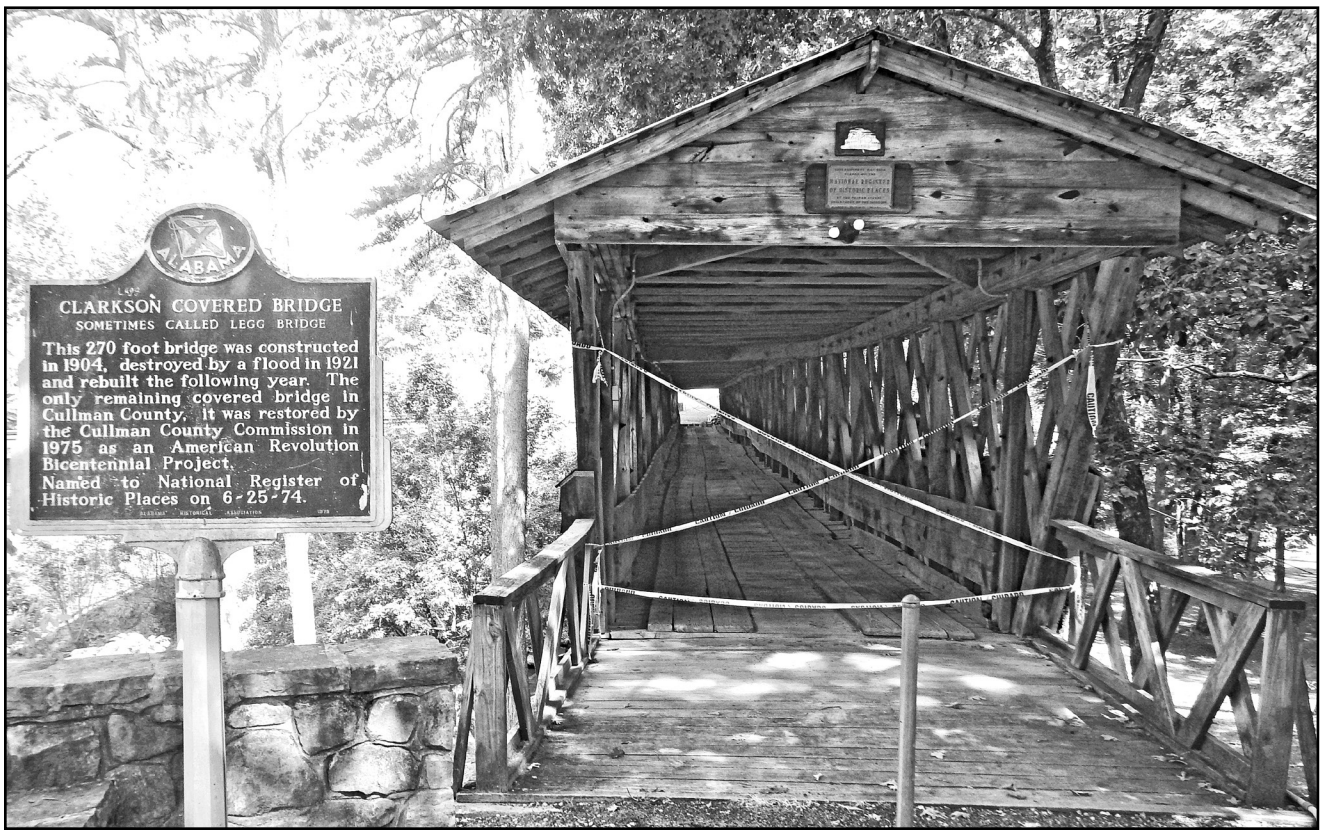
Due to the limited space for parking, and the size of the equipment needed for the project, officials decided to close the park completely until the bridge is completed.

"We had thought about roping off part of the park for the project so that people could visit other parts," Davenport said. "But there just isn't enough space for parking and all of the equipment."

The project will cost around $400,000 and is funded by grant money from the state.

The Clarkson Covered Bridge is right around 100 years old and has been rebuilt once in 1921 after a huge storm tore the bridge in two. It was rebuilt from materials salvaged after the storm.

The intent now is to replace the areas that have been severely worn, while maintaining all the original pieces possible. This should be delicate work for Bob Smith Construction, who won the bid for the project. Davenport explained the process of how the bridge will be reconstructed.



CHELSEA SPARKS/CULLMANSENSE

» The Clarkson Covered Bridge renovation will replace the severely worn areas of the structure, straighten the walls, and add a new roof and will take approximately 100 days.

"The process of the work will be dismantling parts of the bridge, leveling it back to where it should be, and straightening the walls," Davenport said. "The bridge will not be dismantled completely. Along with putting a new roof on as well, it is my understanding that the bridge will be restored back to the original state."

Davenport went on to say that it is his hope that the renovations will bring in more crowds, and will be an even more desirable place for events such as weddings and family gatherings.

"Positive things from the renovation will be that the bridge will be better looking and will be more prideful to represent Cullman County," he said. "When all the visitors stop in, with so many from out of state, there is somewhere around 20-25,000 people yearly that visit the park according to the guest book."

The number of visitors may very well go up after the project is finished. The bridge will be closed for approximately 100 days, and tourists and locals are discouraged from visiting during that time. The wait to visit the old landmark is sure to be well worth it, and the work being done to restore the bridge to its former glory ensures we get to keep it for generations to come.

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PREVENT FOODBORNE ILLNESSES ON HOT SUMMER DAYS

Ron Dawsey
ADPH Contributor

Picnics, backyard grilling, camping, weddings, and outdoor family reunion meals can provide a perfect environment for foodborne illnesses because the hot temperatures of summer create an ideal time for bacteria to grow.

Recent foodborne illness outbreaks that resulted in hospitalizations should remind Alabamians to follow safe food preparation and storage practices.

"We want to emphasize the importance of preventing foodborne illnesses that could make you and your family very ill," Dr. Mary McIntyre, Assistant State Health Officer for Disease Control and Prevention, said. "Cross contamination of food can occur any time harmful germs, such as bacteria, viruses, or parasites are transferred from one food, preparer, or surface to another. As food heats up in summer temperatures, germs multiply rapidly."

Some important food handling tips are summarized below:

Clean

• Wash hands (running water and soap for 20 seconds) before and after going to the bathroom, changing diapers, and handling and feeding pets.
• Wash all surfaces with hot soapy water before and after preparing each food item.
• Use paper towels to clean up kitchen surfaces. If cloth towels are used, select the hot cycle on washing machine to clean.
• Rinse all fresh fruit and vegetables, including those with skins and rinds, under running water.
• Do not wash raw poultry before cooking, because bacteria in raw poultry juices can be spread to other foods, utensils and surfaces.
• Rub firm-skin fruits and vegetables under running water or scrub with a clean brush.
• Clean the lids of canned foods before opening.

Separate

• Avoid direct contact between raw food and ready-to-eat food during transport, storage and preparation.
• Separate raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs from other food in the grocery cart, grocery bag and refrigerator. On the lowest refrigerator shelf, store raw meat to prevent blood from dripping on other foods.
• Use one cutting board for produce and a separate board for raw meat.
• Never place cooked food on surfaces that previously touched raw meat.
• Do not reuse marinades.

Cook

• Cook food to the correct internal temperature to kill harmful germs that cause illness.
• Use a food thermometer to measure the internal temperature in various places.
• Cook ground meat and poultry to the correct temperature, not by color.
• Cook eggs until yolk and white are firm.
• When using a microwave, cover, stir and rotate food for even cooking.
• Reheat sauces, soups and gravies to a boil.

Chill

• Refrigerate or freeze meat, poultry, eggs, seafood and other perishables within 2 hours of cooking or purchasing. Refrigerate within 1 hour if the outside temperature is above 90 degrees F.
• Do not overfill the refrigerator. Cold air must circulate to keep food safe.
• Keep refrigerator at 40 degrees F or below.
• Use an appliance thermometer to measure the inside refrigerator temperature.
• Never thaw food at room temperature. Food must be kept at a safe temperature during thawing.
• Three safe ways to thaw food include: in the refrigerator, in cold water, and in the microwave.
• While marinating, always store food in refrigerator.
• Divide leftovers into shallow containers for quicker cooling in the refrigerator.
• Eat or throw away refrigerated food on a regular basis and pay attention to expiration dates.

Report suspected foodborne illnesses to your local health department. Oftentimes calls from concerned citizens are the way outbreaks are first detected. Phone numbers are found at www.adph.org/administration/assets/countylist.pdf.

If a public health representative contacts you to find out more about an illness you had, your cooperation is important. Representatives will provide their name and a call-back number.

"Minimizing the time foods are held in the hazardous temperature zone will lessen the chance of acquiring a foodborne illness," Ron Dawsey, deputy director of the Bureau of Environmental Services, said. "The time-proven rule of keeping cold foods cold and hot foods hot applies."

People with a foodborne illness may have symptoms such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea (sometimes bloody), nausea, chills and abdominal cramps.

People at a higher risk for developing foodborne illness, include pregnant women, young children, older adults, and people with medical conditions.

By remembering to handle potentially hazardous foods properly, you can help ensure your family and guests have safe and healthful summer season.

Quadcopters (from Front)

Police Department has acquired two quadcopters.

The two sentences sound much differently, but they mean the same thing and they're both true. Due to a federal grant that specified the funds must be used to purchase something not already in the budget, the CPD acquired two DJI 2 Phantom Plus Quadcopters.

Interested in getting one? They're literally available on Amazon.com. After all the accessories and accouterments were added, the total price tag was a little under $1,500.

"The quadcopter should be up and hovering around the county in 3-6 months," says Assistant Chief Craig Green.



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» The Cullman Police Department plans to use its two DJI 2 Phantom Plus Quadcopters mainly for locating lost children and Alzheimer's patients.

"We still have to have time to train with the device and develop a policy for it before we use it," Green continued. "The three main uses for the quadcopter will be to locate lost children, which is something that happens about twice a year. To help find Alzheimer's patients who've wandered off. And we plan to make the device available for assistance with Project LifeSaver, which is a non-profit organization that develops a bracelet for people with Alzheimer's and people with autism to wear so if they've gotten lost, the bracelet is located by a receiver, which can then tell the approximate location. With the quadcopter, we can pin-point that location."

Daniel Hunt, Cullman city's technology coordinator, mentioned that another use for the device's surveillance capabilities would be pre-event planning.

"When I have to make a map in preparation for an event, I end up seeing aerial shots that could be two years old," Hunt said. "With the quadcopter, I can see live images from wherever I need to see them. I can check for potential emergency helicopter landing sights as well as live traffic flow."

The device will have live streaming, photographing, and video recording capabilities.

One of the biggest benefits of the quadcopter for the CPD is its efficiency.

"Sure we have a helicopter, and that has its uses," Green discussed, "but if we found out that someone was missing in a specific area right now, it could take up to an hour before we got the helicopter there."

"But the quadcopter can be up in 10 minutes," Hunt said when referring to the flight time ability per individual battery.

While the policy that will govern the use of the device has not yet been developed, it is certain that if the need arises, Chief Kenny Culpepper can override it.

"I'd say every policy written for us has the caveat, 'As the Chief sees fit' in it," Green revealed. "Don't get me wrong, I don't want to mislead anyone, the device will only be deployed in special situations. But, we will not hesitate to deploy it if an officer is in danger and we feel it can help," he continued.

Though the quadcopter can go up to 750 meters, it is limited by the FAA, which states it cannot travel higher than 400 feet. But, at 400 feet, traveling at 30 miles-per-hour, the quadcopter will have no trouble covering a lot of ground when the need arises.

"The word drone has so much negativity attached to it right now," Green finished, "but as soon as it helps find one kid, or prevents one bad thing, none of those negative things will matter."

Only time will tell if Assistant Chief Craig Green is right about that, but one thing is certain, the drone – quadcopter – will have plenty of chances to prove itself in Cullman.

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IT'S ALL ABOUT GOATS, MAN: HISTORICAL FIGURE LEAVES AN INDELIBLE LEGACY

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I recently went to my parent's house to visit and while I was there, my dad began talking about how wonderful his hands had become recently. Plagued with painful cracked, dry hands for years, Dad had finally found something that had worked miracles for him. Skeptical, I closely examined his brand new hands. As I admired how healthy and pink they looked, I couldn't help but wonder, How in the world did you do this?

The answer was goat milk! Dad had come across a place on the Internet that makes all sorts of soaps from goat milk. After using that first bar of the magical goat milk soap, his hands were completely healed, and he's been singing the praises of goat milk ever since. In his eyes, goats and their milk are wonderful, and he never misses a chance to tell everyone he knows about them.

There was another man, years ago, who roamed these parts that also had a love for goats. His name was Charles "Ches" McCartney, but everyone called him "The Goat Man". The Goat Man was an American wanderer who traveled up and down the eastern United States from 1930 to 1987 in a beat-up wagon pulled by a team of goats whom he lovingly referred to as his babies. Stinky and dirty, The Goat Man covered many a mile with his team of goats, preaching about God and living off the land.

It is unsure when The Goat Man was actually born, but it was around the turn of the century. He grew up on a farm in Iowa, but ran away from home when he was 14 years old and headed for New York. While in The Big Apple, he met a Spanish sword thrower who was 10 years older than him. He later married her and became part of her act as her near-miss target. They were part of a traveling circus until she became pregnant, at which time they tried their hands at farming. Unfortunately, their farm was wiped out by the bank at the beginning of the Great Depression. She up and left him one morning before dawn.

After his wife left, The Goat Man tried his hand in the lumber business. He worked for the Works Progress Administration (WPA) cutting timber, when he nearly lost his life in a freak accident. In the middle of the forest, a newly cut tree fell and landed right across The Goat Man leaving him unconscious and close to death. He was actually thought to be dead until he suddenly popped up, quite alive, on the mortician's table after being stuck with the embalming needle in his arm. Can you imagine the shock the poor undertaker must have felt when this happened? Thankfully, The Goat Man was very alive, but sadly his left arm and hand were left gnarled and twisted.

Unable to work, The Goat Man refused to live off public assistance so he became his own boss. Inspired by the book "Robinson Crusoe", The Goat Man began to dress in goat skins; he put together a rickety wagon and gathered several goats to pull it. Claiming to be an ordained minister in the Pentecostal Church, he was on a mission. Armed with his Bible, his copy of "Robinson Crusoe", and his special helpers – his goats, The Goat Man traveled this way, preaching the word of God and meeting folks.

He survived mostly on goat's milk and by the food he received from the kind hearted. He was well known by vacationers and townsfolk, who would usually feed him or buy some of the oddball things he'd find in his travels. The Goat Man had no difficulty attracting a crowd, even though he smelled awful, as did his goats. He was friendly, chatty and quick to share an inspirational sermon.

Just like my dad, The Goat Man had a special fondness for goats – especially their milk. For my dad, it helped heal his painful hands, but for The Goat Man, it helped him to survive. I never got to meet the old Goat Man, but I know a lot of people who did. For those who remember him, they smile when they speak of him. I wish I could do the same.



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» After running away from home, participating in a traveling circus, and having a near death experience that left him unable to work, the Goat Man decided to travel by goat drawn carriage and preach about God.

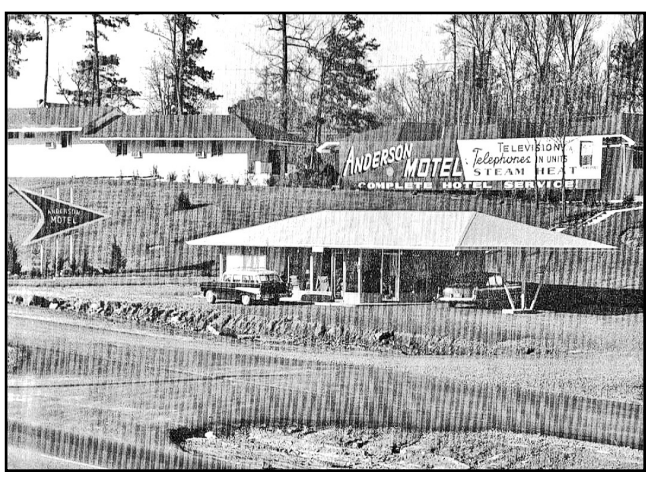
MIRRORING HISTORY: THE ANDERSON HOTEL

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The Anderson Motel was located on Highway 31 North, near Highway 157. The motel sign advertised: "television, telephone in rooms and steam heat."

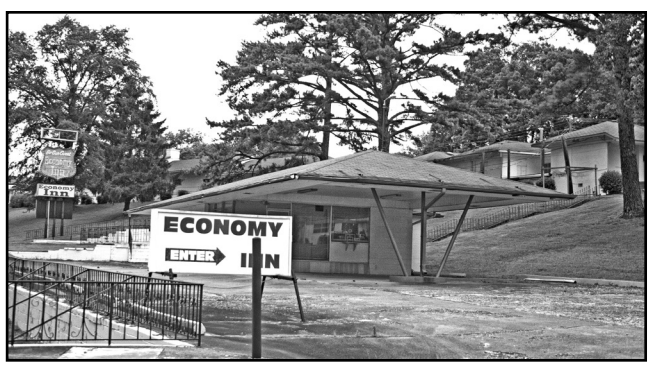
The motel still stands and is now the Economy Inn. The pool that was put in is now filled.

This historical home away from home site continues to be popular today as it was in years past.



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» The Anderson Motel on Highway 31 featured "Complete Hotel Service".



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» The Anderson Motel stands today under a new name: Economy Inn.

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Pastor (from Front)

Eric felt the call to full time Christian service during college.

He prayed about this major life decision before finding the opportunity to serve as a student pastor at a church near his college.

"A few years later, the Lord pressed upon my heart the call to serve as a church senior pastor," said Eric.

Recently, Eric and his wife felt God was preparing them for a change in pastoral ministry, but they didn't know where or when.

They prayerfully waited for His timing. Finally last fall, the Martins became connected with the Seventh Street family.

"As the Seventh Street pastor search committee communicated with us, we began seeking God's will," he said.

"In effort to confirm God's leading us to Seventh Street, we made multiple trips to Cullman to meet with the search committee and meet the church family. During this time frame, God made it very clear to our family He was calling us to Seventh Street Baptist Church and to the city of Cullman."

Eric, Sarah, and their two children, Aubrey and Elijah, recently made the exciting move to our beloved town. Their first impressions are that it's a lively and family friendly town.

"We absolutely love living in Cullman," said Eric, "and we already feel at home. We are excited about the new opportunities in store for our family as residents of Cullman."

Seventh Street has been rooted in Cullman for over 137 years, and Eric is excited about leading this church. His desire is to see Seventh Street be the lighthouse to the city of Cullman that God has called the church to be.

"As a pastor, I desire to see Seventh Street lavish the love of Jesus on the people of Cullman," said Eric.

"My prayer is to see active ministries involved in the community to show the love of Christ to the residents of Cullman."

The Martins are a wonderful addition to this town. If you see this new Cullmanite and his family around town, be sure to welcome them to their new home.

Gulf (from Front)

and comes straight from the Gulf. Each week, a new shipment of delicacies are delivered to the market and placed on ice, ready to be purchased by eager customers.

"We now have a van and make runs to Orange Beach every Tuesday to grab our Gulf shrimp right off the boat," Stricklin grinned proudly. "We also pick up fresh fish, oysters, crawfish, and gator! We bring in whatever the boats are bringing in."

Both beach lovers, Stricklin and Dowdy have found their calling in serving up culinary dishes, as well as fresh seafood, to their hometown community.

"If you are looking for fish, we always change up the menu, from mahi-mahi, amberjack, swordfish, snapper, tuna, salmon, shark, flounder, redfish, grouper, and many more," Stricklin beamed. "We take pride in serving Gulf and domestic products in our market! We believe if we bring the Gulf to Cullman, we can bring back a little slice of the beach to downtown."

The seafood is available to everyone, individuals and local restaurants alike.

Stricklin enjoys making his product available to folks, especially when he can help out fellow restaurant owners.

"If any restaurants are looking for seafood, we would love to deliver to you!" he announced, flashing a warm smile.

When asked if there was anything else he wanted everyone to know about Scales Seafood Market, Stricklin piped up without hesitation.

"We would like Cullman to know we are striving to give Cullman our best," he said, in all honesty.

"We want to ensure that you have a local business for seafood here in downtown. We would like to be your main source for your seafood needs and support your local business!"

Scales Seafood Market is open for business Wednesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Like them on Facebook and check their posts each morning to see what they will have in their display cases.

If you are interested in placing a special order or if you have a specific seafood question for Dan, feel free to give him a call at 256-531-5789 or you can e-mail him at brotherspourhousedan@gmail.com

Travel (from Front)

It was, however, quite a big investment. "It ended up being about $7 million for property and the building," said Mayor Harbison. "But, it was a good investment for job and revenue creation."

Mayor Harbison hopes that the new truck stop and travel center will draw interest from interstate traffic.

"I was coming home the other day and I could see the green lights from the big Wilco sign," said Harbison. "It will definitely bring in some traffic from the interstate."

Manager of the Wilco Travel Center, Ron Dowdell, is excited about the success he's seen so far.

"It's been excellent," he said. "We've had tremendous sales so far. It's definitely been above expectations."

The WilcoHess Travel Stop is a great addition to the city of Good Hope. Be sure to check it out next time you get off exit 304.

"Cullman County is my home. I want it to be as safe as possible not only for your family, but also mine."



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- Require increased accountability for registered sex offenders.
- Be more responsive to the needs of the victims.
- Be accessible to every citizen of Cullman Co.
- Rebuild the partnerships.

Pd. Po. Adv. by Matt Gentry for Sheriff, P.O. Box 655, Cullman, AL 35056

Jim 'N Nick's to Host CRMC Fundraiser

Chelsea Sparks
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CULLMAN - There are many great places to have dinner in Cullman, but how often do you go to dinner knowing your money is going to help the community? On Tuesday, July 22, Cullman residents will have the opportunity to have a delicious meal and help our local hospital.

The Cullman Regional Medical Center (CRMC) Foundation is partnering with Jim 'N Nick's restaurant to hold a fundraiser for the hospital. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to helping the Foundation pay for upgrading patient's rooms, according to Maria Stanford, executive director for the CRMC Foundation.

"We are so grateful to Jim 'N Nick's for approaching us about a charity night," Stanford said. "We are currently in the middle of a capital campaign, where we are trying to refresh patient rooms throughout the hospital. So when we were approached about this charity night, we were eager to involve the entire community."

The concept of the charity night is simple. Ten percent of every drive-thru, take out, and dine in order will go to the CRMC Foundation. Stanford said there is a catch to this wonderful deal.

"Ten percent of the dining, drive-thru and to go orders go to the Foundation," Stanford said.

"But here's the kicker, you have to mention that you want the 10 percent of your sales to go to the Foundation."

The fundraiser will run from 12-8 p.m. on the 22nd. It is a simple idea, which will benefit all patients at Cullman Regional Medical Center.

Just order your food, mention the fundraiser, and help this wonderful foundation make our hospital a better place for patients and their families.







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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.

'Summer Program' at St. Paul's Lutheran School
St. Paul's Lutheran School is offering a 'Summer Program' for ages PK 3 - 6th grade. The program started May 27th and runs until August 1. Daily hours are from 7:45 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be a 'childwatch' session from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. The fee of $120.00 a week includes weekly field trips and daily snacks. Additional information available by contacting 256-734-6580.

Therapeutic Bowling for Those with Disabilities
All individuals with disabilities and their immediate family are invited to take part in the Cullman Parks & Recreation's Therapeutic Bowling program tonight from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Cullman Bowling Center. Cost is $4.00 per bowler and lanes must be reserved by 4 pm on Tuesday. Please call Rhonda Davis, 256-962-2208 or Hollie Guiterrez at 256-734-9157.

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.

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.

Good Hope Farmer's Market
Good Hope Farmers' Market is now open for local farmers to sell their produce from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Thursdays. This market is located in Good Hope's Hathcock Park. Everyone welcome to shop.

American Legion Auxiliary Dinner Meeting
The American Legion Auxiliary Post 0004, Veterans Hall, 112 Veterans Drive, S.E., at 6:00 p.m. If you have a connection to a veteran who served during any war, through your dad, granddad, wife, mother, grandmother, brother, sister, son, daughter, you are eligible to join the Auxiliary. Please come enjoy a night out.

'Root Ministry' at Abundant Grace Church
There is a weekly meeting each Thursday night starting at 6 p.m. 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.

Dulcimer Classes
The Cullman City Parks & Recreation Senior Spirit Program is offering Dulcimer classes beginning July 11th. Classes will be held at the Donald E. Green Sr. Center on Fridays at 1 p.m. and taught by Craig Mann. Cost for the class is $10 for an hour. For more information or to register for the class contact Angie Jochum or Catherine Hasenbein at 256-734-4803.

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.

The Nut Job 'Drive-in' Movie at Nesmith Park
Cullman Park and Recreation will offer a FREE 'drive-in' movie at Nesmith Park, located behind the Jet Pep on U.S. 278 West. The movie will start after dark. This week's movie is 'The Nut Job'. Load up the car and bring the kids out for a great night of free entertainment!

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!

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Looking Ahead

Murphree Reunion
The descendants of Solomon and May Elam Murphree, Blount County pioneers, will hold their annual reunion on Saturday, August 16th at the Porter Center, at Palisades Park, near Oneonta, beginning at 10:00 a.m. A covered dish lunch will be shared at noon. For more information, call Rex Murphree at 205-237-0969 or Stan Murphree at 205-901-4505.

This Week in Local Entertainment

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Monday, July 14

- 79 cent wings at Rodney G's Hickory Grill from 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, July 15

- Eat on the Street at the Festhalle from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Pickin' Under the Pavilion at the Senior Center at 6:30 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.

Wednesday, July 16

- Story Time at the Hanceville Library at 10 a.m.
- Musician Derek Sellers at the All Steak from 6-9 p.m.
- Karaoke night at Grumpy's Italian Grill at 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 17

- Eat on the Street at the Festhalle from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Ladies' Night at Rodney G's at 8 p.m. Half off drinks for ladies
- Trivia Night at Rodney G's at 7 p.m.
- Karaoke night at Cadillac Ron's
- Bike Night at Grumpy's Italian Grill

Friday, July 18

- Ladies' Night at Rodney G's at 8 p.m. Half off drinks for ladies
- Free Drive-in Movie: "The Nut Job" at Nesmith Park at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 19

- Ladies' Night at Rodney G's at 8 p.m. Half off drinks for ladies

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Here Comes Santa. . . Right Down that Slippery Slide? It's Christmas in July at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center

Sharon Schuler Kreps
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» CWAC offered special deals for those who brought in non-perishable food items and also hosted Christmas-esque games such as The Santa Belly Limbo and Polar Bear Plunge.

CULLMAN - The Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center (CWAC) was the epitome of Christmas fun and holiday cheer on Friday as they held a very unique event. The Aquatic Center partnered with Cullman Caring for Kids in an effort to protect local children from going hungry.

CWAC offered half priced day passes and free enrollment on any memberships (a $50 value) when people brought in canned food items. In an effort to provide as much non-perishable items as possible to the food bank, they also gave away a three-month membership to the individual who brought in the most non-perishable food items.

According to Beverly Howse, receptionist for CWAC, the event had been a large success several years ago so they decided to bring it back again this year. Christmas in July 2014 has proved to be the most successful year to date as table upon table literally overflowed with canned goods.

From the moment you walked through the front doors, it felt like a true holiday. Christmas trees were decorated and sprinkled throughout the building. Stockings were hung up with great care while sprays of garland dangled from every available spot. Christmas music played over the loud speakers and delicious festive cookies were given out as special treats.

Both children and adults alike competed against each other as they participated in the many exciting Christmas games that were played throughout the day.

"Our first game was the Frozen T-shirt Contest. We froze t-shirts overnight and the kids had to unfreeze them and put them on. The first person that was able to get a t-shirt on was the winner and got to keep the T-shirt," Maggie Smith, CWAC employee, explained.

"We played Polar Bear Plunge where everyone had to act like polar bears. Whoever made the biggest splash off the high dive was the winner. The Santa Belly Limbo was fun. We had a string of garland, which acted as our limbo pole and the kids had to limbo under it. The last two left had to put something in their shirts and act like Santa with a big belly and shimmy under the garland. Whoever won that part got a prize," she giggled.

"Then we had a snowball fight using giant marshmallows for the snowball, and had a game called Santa's Helpers where we had elves picked who was naughty or nice."

At the end of the day, there was an awesome concert out back. Ally & the Alley Katz played up a storm on the pool deck from 7-9 p.m.

There was dancing, singing and a bunch of happy folks to close out this year's event. Everyone who participated received a special gift - the families who enjoyed the Wellness Center had a wonderful time, and the local families in need will have something to eat.

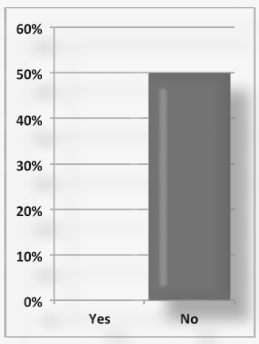
"Cullman Caring for Kids has served the Cullman community in many great ways, taking stances to prevent child hunger and advocate for an end to child abuse," explained Waid Harbison, marketing director at Cullman City Parks & Recreation.

"Many people are thinking of ways to give during the Christmas season, and donations to the food bank are always on an upswing around Christmas time. But July is normally a pretty dry month for food banks all around, with less of an emphasis on giving during the summer season."

For information on joining the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center, you may contact them at 256-775-SWIM. If you are interested in finding out more about Cullman Parks and Recreation, feel free to contact Waid Harbison at wharbison@cullmanrecreation.org.

Poll

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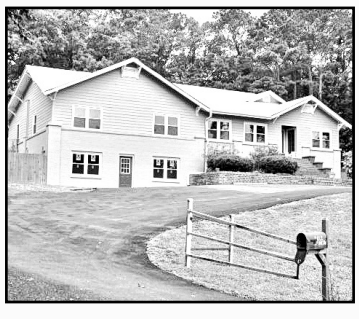
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- **Christmas in July:** Will be held at CWAC June 11, 2014. Free enrollment fee on any membership, and half priced day passes (just $5 each) when you bring in canned food items for Cullman Caring for Kids. Christmas decorations, free Christmas cookies, Christmas games by the pool, and Christmas music will all be part of the event. Members are also encouraged to bring in food items for Cullman Caring for Kids; whoever brings in the most canned items will win a FREE 3 month membership to CWAC! Call 775-SWIM.
- **EvaBank Midnight Run** registration is NOW OPEN at the Cullman Civic Center, all EvaBank locations, and online at active.com. T-shirts and goodie bags will be given to all runners as well as a chance to win great door prizes like a flat screen TV, an iPad, and more. Winners receive $250 cash, masters $200. Medals to top 3 in each age division. Proceeds benefit the programs of the parks and recreation department to better our community. Call 256-734-9157 for details.
- **Eat on the Street:** No Eat on the Street this week due to the 4th of July! Have a great 4th!
- **Laughter Yoga** is a great way to stay in shape, relax, and enjoy a good laugh! This class is held Saturdays at the Cullman Civic Center at 10am Saturday. Donations will be taken, but no charge will be made. Call 734-9157 for details.
- **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.
- **Monday Fundays** are held each Monday at CWAC, $5 admission per person for open swim, games, and more. 6pm to close. Call 775-SWIM.
- **Pickin under the Pavilion:** Summer concert series held at the Donald E. Green Sr. Center, Tuesdays starting June 3 at 6:30pm. Music will include bluegrass, country, oldies & more, call 734-4803. The 313th Army Show Band will be playing this Tuesday, July 1 at this FREE event.
- **FREE Community Concert Series** will start at Heritage Park on Thursday July 10 and be held each Thurs. through July 31. Concerts will be from 6:30-8pm each week and feature country, blue grass, and more. Call 739-9931 for more info.

What's Online

Compton's Veterinary Hospital is Movin' On Up!

Cullman's beloved Compton's Veterinary Hospital will soon make some changes that will affect many pet owners throughout Cullman County. Located on Katherine Street, Compton's has been doing business in Cullman since 1954.



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National Award Given to Cullman County Volunteer Firefighters

On Tuesday, the MedicAlert Foundation and Congressional Fire Services Institute awarded Cullman County's Association of Volunteer Fire Departments with the Excellence in Fire Service-Based EMS Award.

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Under The Microscope: Bionic Pancreas Offers New Hope For Sufferers of Type 1 Diabetes

For sufferers of Type 1 Diabetes, managing their blood sugar can be a constant struggle. An endless stream of insulin injections and various medications are required to keep their blood sugar levels steady.

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WSCC'S EVELYN BURROW MUSEUM HOSTING REGIONAL SCULPTORS EXHIBIT

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE - The Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Ala., is hosting its first Regional Sculptors Invitational Exhibit. Acclaimed regional sculptors, including the world-renowned artist Nall, have lent the museum numerous pieces of artwork that range from metalwork and glass to wood and paper and more.

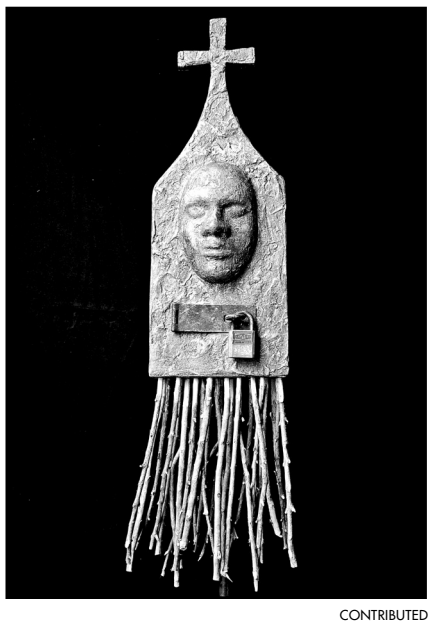
"This is a marvelous show, and one that rivals exhibits at larger museums," said Donny Wilson, director of the Evelyn Burrow Museum.

"We've worked very hard to show a variety of mediums and artistic styles through this exhibit. The caliber of artists we've attracted is amazing and the pieces we have on display will have something to suit everyone's taste. And, if it's not to their taste, they'll definitely have something to talk about."

There are 17 sculptors participating in the exhibit, with most showing four pieces of artwork.

Artists in the exhibit include:

- Everett Cox of Huntsville
- Glen Dasher of Hunstville
- Casey Downing Jr., of Mobile
- Jude Johnston (NovOntus) of Cullman
- Dale Lewis of Oneonta
- Christopher McNulty of Opelika
- Branko Medenica of Birmingham
- Ted Metz of Montevallo
- Scott Meyer of Montevallo
- Larry Millard of Athens, Ga.
- Brad Morton of Birmingham
- Nall of Alabama
- Robin Snyder of Birmingham
- Lee Somers of Montevallo
- Ted Whisenhunt of Young Harris, Ga., formerly of Birmingham
- Emily Williams of Columbus, Ga.
- Rachel Wright of Mobile



CONTRIBUTED

» Ted Whisenhunt of Young Harris, Ga., formerly of Birmingham, has a series called Uprooted Saints on display, which includes this one entitled "Saint Peter Uprooted."

The exhibit will run through Sept. 30. A reception will be held from 4-6 p.m., Tuesday, July 22. As always, admission to the museum is free.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information or to schedule a tour, call 256-352-8457 or visit burrowmseum.org.

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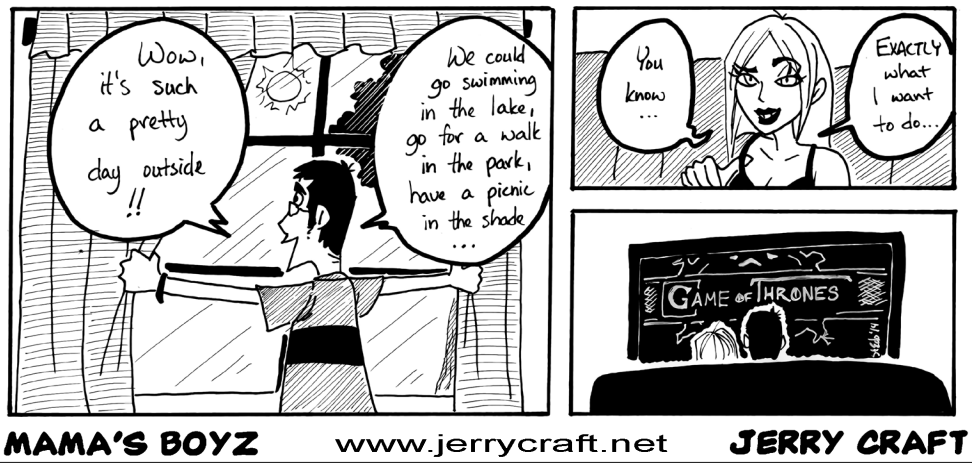
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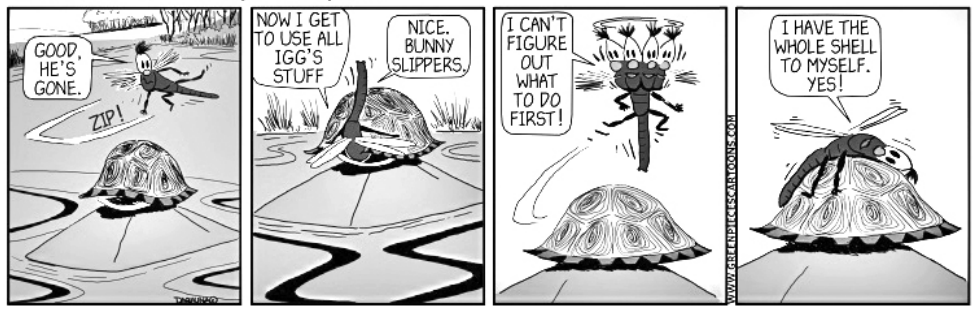
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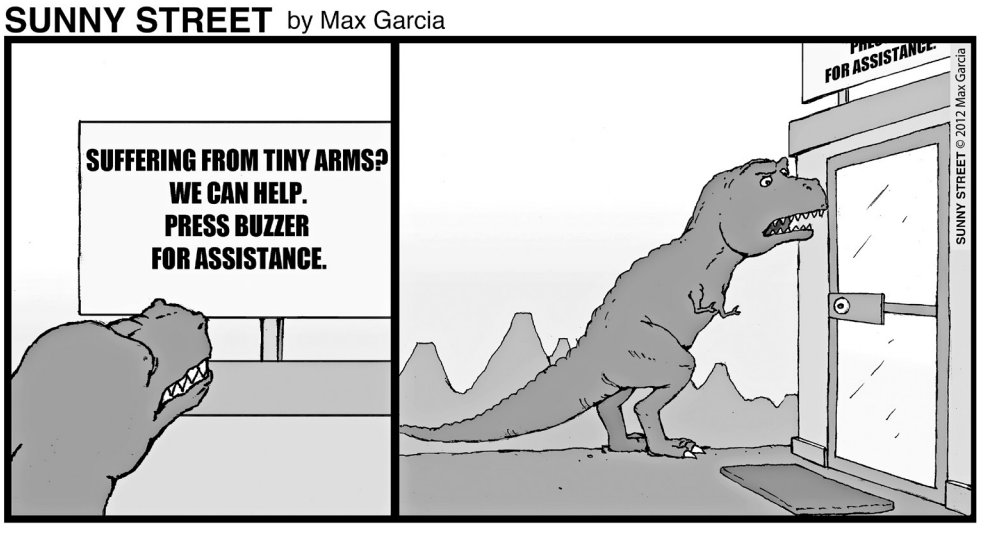
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Pets of the Week

Lila

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Brutus

Hello! My name is Brutus, and I am about 6 years old. I am believed to be a Rottweiler/German Shepherd, and I currently weigh 110 lbs.

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OPINION

LET'S MAKE A DEAL!

Winslow Myers
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My dreams are invaded these days by the specter of methane frozen under arctic ice bubbling up as the ice above it melts, setting up a potentially irreversible cycle: more methane, more climate change, yet more methane, yet more climate change.

A group of us here in our little coastal Maine town are so disgusted with congressional gridlock and so eager to do something that we have formed a cooperative to help our fellow citizens transition off fossil fuels in their homes.

Co-op members walk their talk; outside each meeting it's a veritable pride of Priuses.

For a couple of decades back in the 1980s, I was haunted by a different flavor of catastrophe: I might hear a real jet roaring overhead but believe in my dreams that I was hearing a fleet of Soviet missiles arcing toward our major cities.

But there are many reasons why global climate change and nuclear weapons are really one issue: They both require a level of international cooperation based on transnational shared self-interest.

Even a small nuclear war could cause even more rapid descent into climate chaos. Leaders of great powers have the opportunity to see that, especially because genuine security depends upon resolving the climate challenge, maybe there is a grand bargain to be made to cut international spending for nuclear weapons systems where everybody can win big.

Even if a nuclear exchange somehow remained below the threshold necessary to cause a nuclear winter, far from resolving whatever conflict engendered it, it would only create conditions thousands of times worse than when any given war began.

The weapons, no matter who owns them, are strategically useless. Don't take my word; ask Henry Kissinger, who spends his declining years advocating steps toward abolition.

Yes, there is the nuclear terror issue, but the solution to that is to have fewer weapons and components floating around.

Moreover, all the nuclear weapons in the world won't deter an extremist.

Meanwhile the United States is a case study in the tail of out-of-control defense spending wagging the dog of policy.

Perhaps the most egregious example is the Navy plan to build 12 new Ohio class submarines, six-hundred-foot behemoths of mass destruction.

Professor Lawrence Wittner reports that to build deploy and maintain this fleet, scheduled to be phased in by 2031 and to operate until 2070, would cost about 350 billion in today's dollars—an amount so great that the Navy worries about how it will squeeze other shipbuilding priorities, and the Congress has begun to think about how to fund it outside the parameters of the regular budget.

Of course the U.S. is not alone in its insanity: six other nuclear powers seem to be in the process of expanding or renewing their own submarine hardware.

350 billion dollars would buy an awful lot of solar panels, windmills, fusion research, and desalinization plants for the water-starved in our own country and abroad.

It seems remarkable that no leader has initiated some kind of international conference to address our horrendous misplacement of resources.

Imagine the heads of the nuclear powers realizing that they could divert those hundreds of billions of dollars/yen/rubles/rupees/pounds/Euros presently designated for ultimately useless weapons into projects that would contribute to some genuine increase in peoples' health, like cleaning up the air in Peking or Moscow.

Treaties are especially feasible because our technical capabilities can bypass trust and go right to verification.

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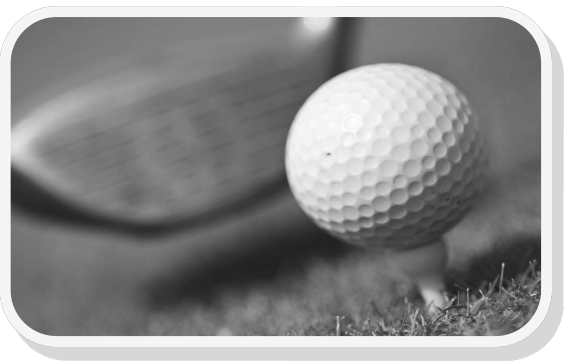
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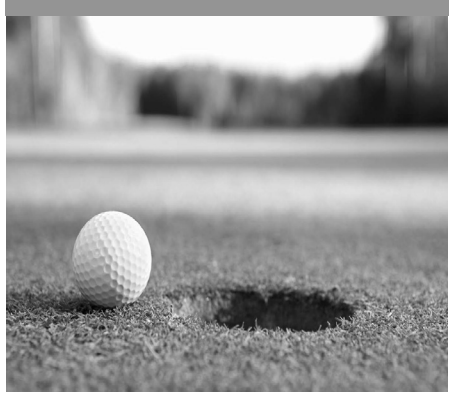
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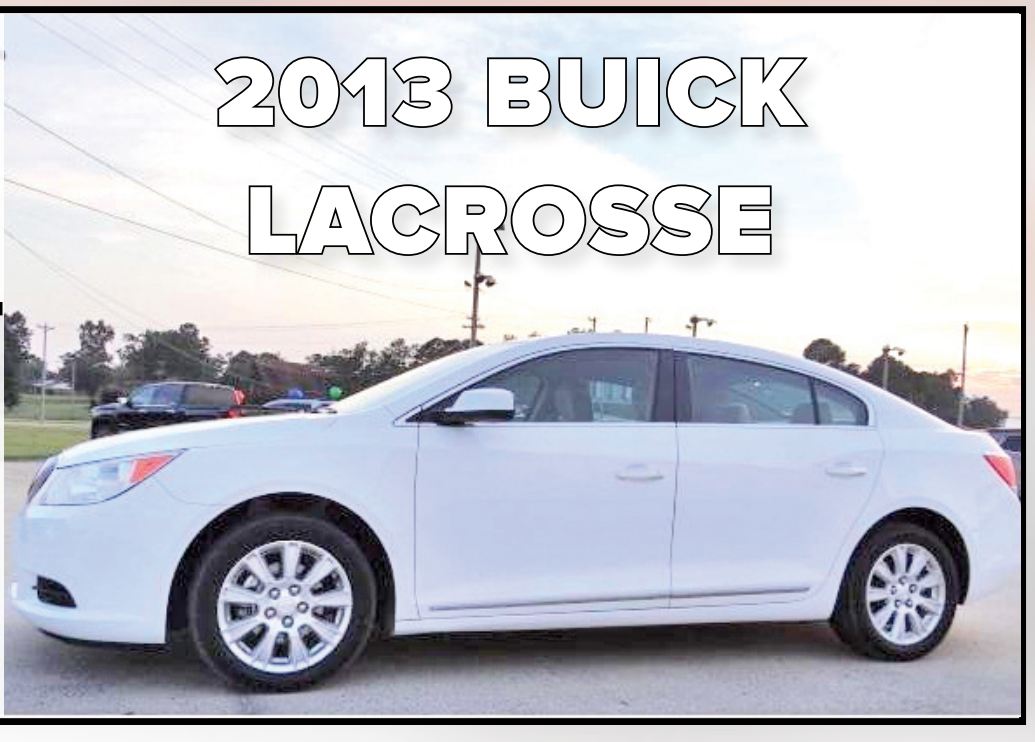
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