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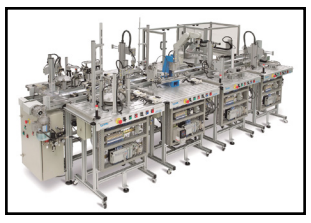
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» After her husband was senselessly killed by a distracted driver in May, Suzette Kendall knew she needed to do something to try and save the lives of others.



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ARCHERY CAMP FOR CHILDREN HELD AT HERITAGE PARK

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CULLMAN - Our town is home to the ASA Classic. That's one of the seven Archery Shooters Association Pro-Ams that occur every year, and nearly 2,000 different marksmen from all over the world will be in Cullman this Friday, loosing their arrows at St. Bernard. Don't worry, they will be aiming at targets, not St. Bernard itself.

Former Cullman Parks & Recreation Director John Hunt had envisioned Cullman as the place that people will go to in order to find out how to grow their archery programs in the future, but first, Cullman had to grow its archery program.

So, last summer, he embarked to do just that, starting an archery camp for kids ages 7 and up at Heritage Park. Bringing in professionals from nearby, the children learn the basics, and more experienced shooters learn more advanced techniques.

The camp had two different opportunities for kids to attend this summer: June 11-13 and this week from July 28 through August 1. Robin Green, in her first summer as a leader with the camp, said the June portion went perfectly.

"It was awesome," Green said. "We had 39 kids and the only complaint was that it was hot."

Green mentioned that the camp supplies bows and arrows for the kids, but explains that once they each get their own bows one day, those will be special for each individual person,

"A bow isn't like a gun," Green explained. "I can shoot your rifle, and you can shoot mine, but a bow is specifically tailored for each person."

For the completely novice at the camp, she helps them learn how to hold the bow and all the basics. For the more advanced students, they get to go right to target practice on 3-D foam animal targets to simulate hunting.

"The more advanced stu-

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Dr. Garlan Gudger Roast to Benefit Victim Services

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CULLMAN - Dr. Garlan Gudger will be honored Thursday, July 31 at TP Country Club during the 3rd Annual Fundraising Roast sponsored by Victim Services of Cullman. The festivities will begin promptly at 6 p.m. with a Meet and Greet, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The actual roast will start at 7 p.m. sharp.

Most folks fondly remember Dr. Garlan Gudger Sr., as being a former high school coach for both Cullman city and county high schools. Others know him from the days when he was the Dean at Wallace State Community College.

More recently, Dr. Gudger is known as the man who founded Southern Accents Architectural Antiques in Cullman, which is now one of the largest architectural antique salvage businesses in the nation.

But what everyone around here knows is that Dr. Gudger is a wonderful man who is totally deserving of being honored with a roast.

Victim Services of Cullman is a not-for-profit organization that offers a host of services for victims of domestic vio-

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FORGETTING SOMETHING... SOMEONE?

CHECKING THE BACKSEAT CAN EQUAL LIFE OR DEATH

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CULLMAN - Waiting in a hot car at the gas station while your spouse, parent, or friend fills the tank up with gas can be absolutely miserable, especially during the summer time. Even if the windows are all down, the stagnant heat that surrounds a person can be enough to bring on a good sweat, as well as a bad headache. Thankfully, most of us can hop out of the car and go inside to cool off with an ice cold Coke or a big ole Slurpee. Unfortunately, children who are strapped into car seats, as well as the family's dog or cat, aren't able to escape a hot car as easily.

"Heat in-

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CULLMAN AREA CAREER CENTER ANNOUNCES MECHATRONICS PROGRAM

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CULLMAN - The Cullman Area Career Center is excited to announce its new Mechatronics Program beginning this fall. This program will be coinciding with Wallace State Community College's similar program and will be a new and helpful option for our young people.

Mechatronics is a program, which concentrates on pneumatics, hydraulics, robotics, maintenance, and systems engineering in an industrial setting.

Funding for the mechatronics program at the Career Center was obtained through the 21st Century grant.

Because this program is working closely with WSCC, students will be able to dual enroll and earn credit toward an associate degree in mechatronics.

The Career Center has collaborated closely with local legislative delegation, Cullman Economic Development and other businesses and industries in addition to Wallace State.

This has led to the exciting kick off of this top of the line program.

"Cullman Economic Development traveled with WSCC representatives and Cullman Career Center representatives to McMinnville, TN to see a mechatronics program in operation," stated Dale Greer, assistant director of the Cullman Economic Development Agency.

This group viewed the equipment in action at the local college and talked with the instructor.

They also spoke with administrators and teachers from a local high school as well an existing industry utilizing the mechatronics program.

"Everyone was extremely pleased with the program and praised the skills of the current students," said Greer.

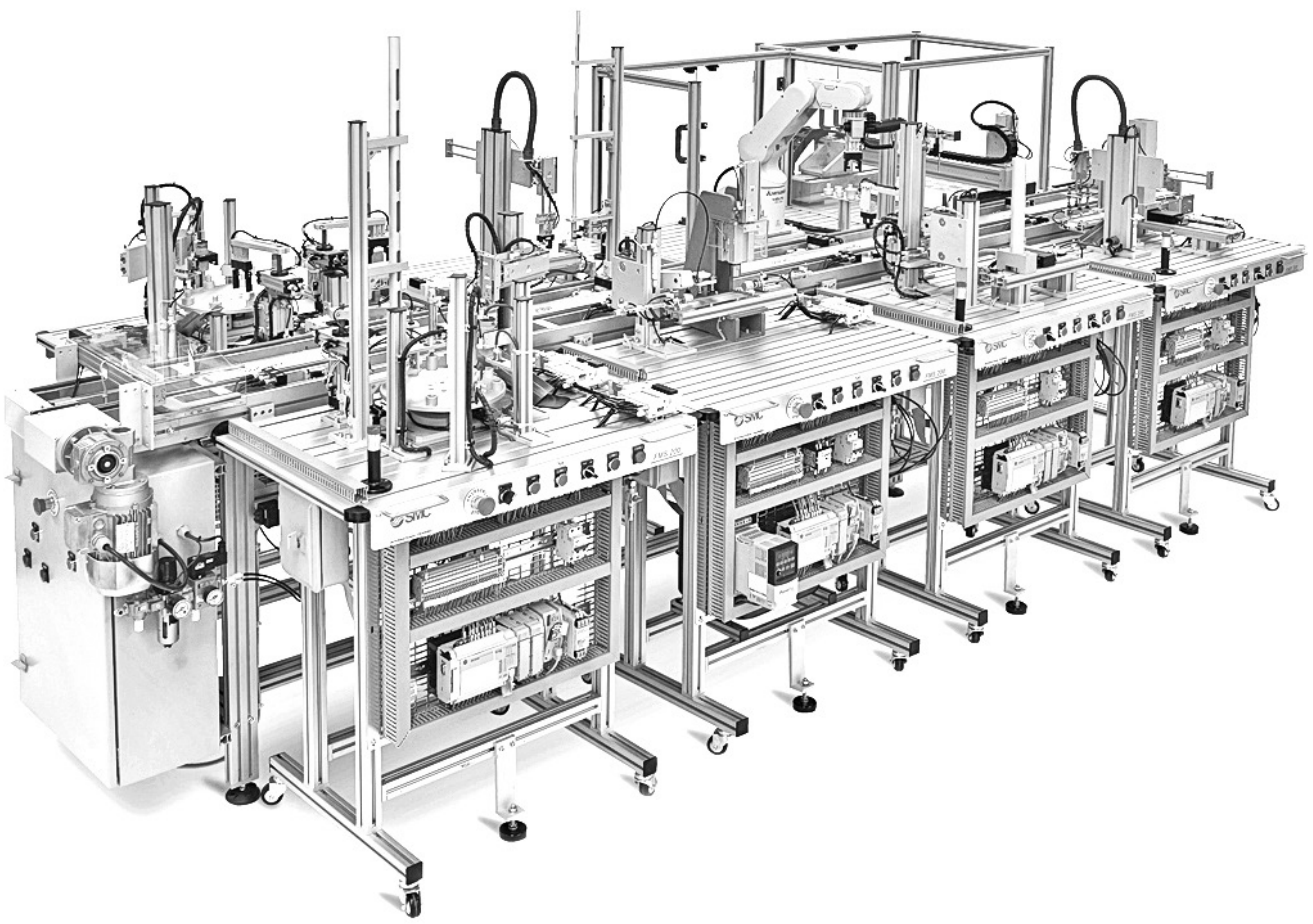
Mr. Ray Brauer will be the instructor for this new mechatronics program at the Career Center.

He has years of industrial experience as a systems engineer and trainer. He will work closely with Joe Hendrix, the mechatronics instructor at WSCC.

These institutions will work together on a curriculum that will cater to the needs of our local industries.

"We're going to concentrate more on a systems approach in all of our classes related to maintenance," stated Hendrix.

"We're hoping to follow the Seimens certification in mechatronics."



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» The mechatronics program concentrates on pneumatics, hydraulics, robotics, maintenance, and systems engineering in an industrial setting.

This program is a great addition to Cullman, which will benefit students as well as our existing businesses and industries.

By educating young people, we're building the future of Cullman.

Backseat (from Front)

side a car can impact a child in just a few minutes," stated Jeff Byars, EMS officer for the Cullman County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments. "A child's body temperature warms faster than an adult, up to five times faster. Their body is not as efficient at regulating temperature as an adult."

The heat affects animals too. For example, dogs do not perspire like people do. They can only release excess body heat by panting, which does not cool them off as well as sweating. They also have a lot of fur, which tends to keep in warmth.

If left in a hot car, they aren't able to open the door or lower the window down. They depend on us to keep them safe and away from danger.

During the summer, whether it is a person or an animal trapped inside a hot car or even just outside playing in the yard, they can still become victims of the heat.

"Just being outside in the heat can cause problems," Byars explained.

"Keeping hydrated is key to avoiding heat related problems." By heat related problems, Byars means either heat exhaustion or heat stroke – both are very similar, but not quite the same. Seek medical attention as appropriate for heat related symptoms or conditions.

The typical symptoms of heat exhaustion are lightheadedness, dizziness, weak pulse, profuse sweating, nausea, and cool and clammy skin. If a person is having a heatstroke, they will most likely become flushed, have dry skin (sweating has stopped), their body temperature will be very high, and they will be either semiconscious or unconscious.

"If a person feels they are becoming overheated, they should take a break from what they are doing and get to a cool place," Byars said emphatically. "They should shed excess clothing if possible to allow their body to cool. If they catch it before they become nauseated, drink plenty of fluids."

Animals can also suffer from heat exhaustion and stroke. They have different symptoms than humans do, so please watch them carefully while out in the heat. If you notice that your dog is panting excessively, has pale gums, an increased heart rate, is drooling thick, ropey salvia, or is vomiting, he/she is probably having a heat stroke and you should take action.

Without delay, take your dog (or other pet) inside an air-conditioned house, under a shaded covering, or place him/her in front of a fan. Completely wet your pet with cool (not ice cold) water. Do not force your pet to drink water. Soak his/her footpads with alcohol. Monitor his/her temperature with a rectal thermometer, if possible. Once your pet cools down to a safer temperature (102-103 degrees), place wet towels on him/her and take straight to the veterinarian.

Summer days are meant to be filled with lots of fun and many memories. They are supposed to be happy and safe. While traveling on vacation with family or just enjoying the outdoors with friends this year and next, please remember to keep an eye on children and pets. Everyone is susceptible to the heat, but these guys will suffer quicker than the rest of us – and sadly, they aren't able to protect themselves, they are totally dependent on us.

Victim Services of Cullman

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POTENTIAL SUBDIVISION FOR SMITH LAKE IN THE WORKS

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CULLMAN - The disadvantage to having a lake house is that homes on the lake, as opposed to homes in subdivisions and in town, are isolated, and any sense of community is lost when at the lake.

Stephanie Wood and her husband, Andrew, have purchased property on Smith Lake hoping to change that. They have lived in Blount Springs Village in Hayden, Alabama, and wish to create the same community atmosphere for Smith Lake.

"The benefit for people in Cullman is that the lake is right down the street for them," says Stephanie Wood.

The idea is still practically in its embryonic stages, but it is quickly maturing and seems to be turning into something truly spectacular.

This Thursday, there will be a meeting with certain members of Cullman to decide what people would really enjoy in the new community that's in the works.

"We'd like to have a coffee shop, a restaurant open to the whole lake, and there's even been talk of an amphitheater," Wood continued.

"The community will have a pool and a beach," and because the property is a peninsula jetting out into the lake, a beach would seemingly work perfectly, along with proposed boat docks and customary things of that nature.

The beauty of this project, however, is in the Woods' ultimate goal: "This is a project for His kingdom," Wood assured.

"We really have a heart for the Lord and will be giving the proceeds to charity."

There have even been talks of perhaps letting the homebuyer choose from three different charities and pick which one to donate the funds to.

"The community will benefit from the lake, and the lake will benefit from the community," said Wood.

Agriplex Offers Sewing Day Camp

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CULLMAN - The North Alabama Agriplex has some very exciting news. Beginning this Monday and going through this Friday, August 1, they will be offering a Sewing Day Camp for children ages 5-10 years old.

The five-day program will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day, and will teach children the basics of hand sewing and promises a different project they can take home with them each day.

With a registration fee of $25.00, the children will be provided with all materials they will need for camp, plus a sewing kit to keep.

Please note: An adult must accompany children 5 and 6 years old.

If anyone has any extra fabric, ribbon, or sewing notions lying around, the folks at the Agriplex could definitely use it for the Sewing Camp.

If you would like to donate sewing supplies, you can bring them by the Agriplex at any time.

The North Alabama Agriplex promotes agriculture education and heritage by offering educational programs, such as the upcoming Sewing Day Camp, Touring Farms for Kids and Living Landscapes. If you have a child interested in attending the Sewing Day Camp, please visit the Agriplex, located at 1714 Tally Ho Street SW in Cullman or call Rachel Dawsey at 256-297-1044.

You may also e-mail Rachel at cullmanag@gmail.com.

Roast (from Front)

lence or sexual assault.

They are a nonprofit organization funded by United Way of Cullman County, grants, and other community contributions.

All funds raised at Thursday night's roast will go directly to both Victim Services of Cullman and Harbor Haus, which is a shelter for battered women.

If you or someone you know is interested in attending Thursday night's roast and learning more about the life of Dr. Gudger, please call Victim Services at 256-775-2600 and reserve your seat.

Tickets are $40. Keep in mind, that just by attending the event, you will be helping a wonderful charity and giving the battered and abused women in our community a second chance for a better life.

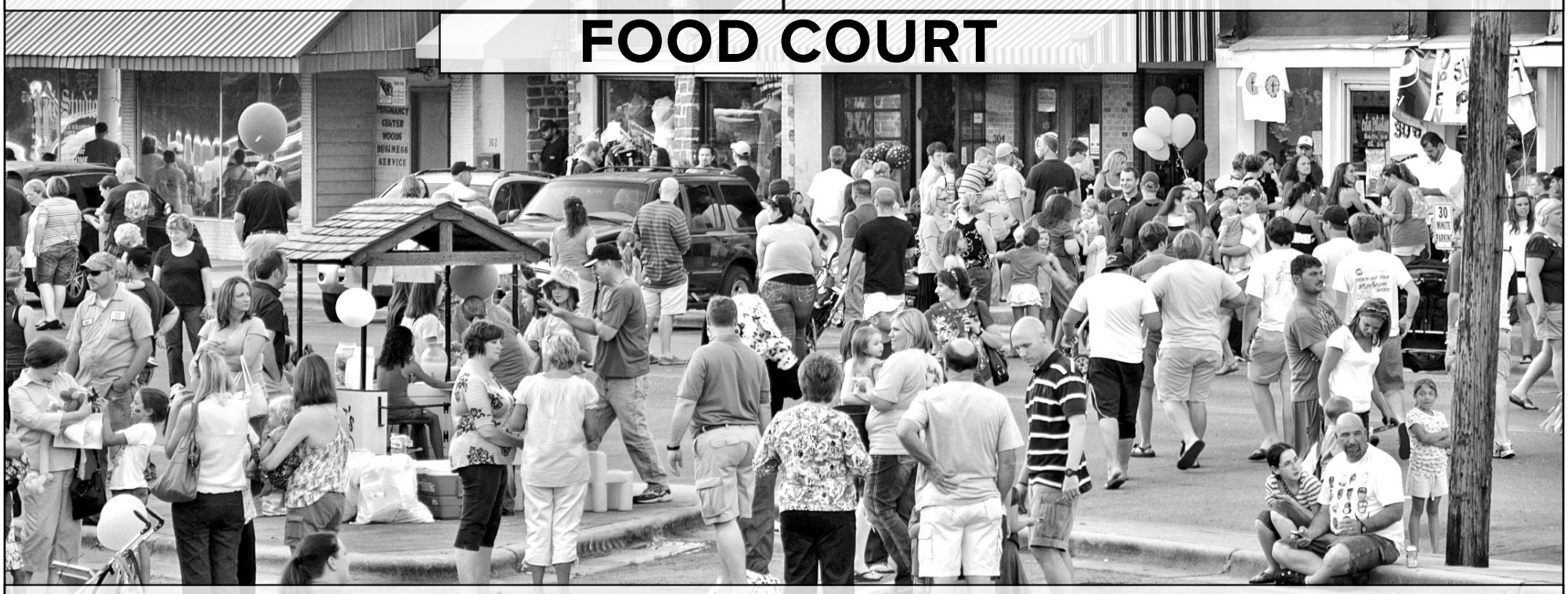
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AREA PLAYERS CONTRIBUTE TO NORTH VOLLEYBALL VICTORY

Johnny Thornton
Sports Correspondent

MONTGOMERY – Addison's Jessy Taylor knows about winning and knows about how to deal with adversity.

Taylor and her North teammates were given a test to overcome a 1-0 deficit against the South Thursday afternoon in the Alabama High School volleyball all-star series at Faulkner University.

The North shook off the nerves and came back to claim the series, winning three in a row by scores of 25-16, 25-12 and 25-9. The South claimed game one by the margin of 25-15.

Taylor, coming off a junior season in which Addison took home the 1A state championship, played a role in the comeback, especially in the fourth set with the opportunity of claiming the match on the line.

The 5'9" middle blocker got credit for a block off a serve from All-Star teammate Erin Shockey of Bob Jones that sent the North to a 20-7 lead.

Then moments later, Taylor returned a South serve over the net for a tremendous kill which was scored a point and it was the North up by a margin of 24-9.

Julia Smith of Mountain Brook scored the match winner when her serve was mishandled by the South's backline and the North prevailed in an hour and 23 minutes on the Faulkner University court.

Another player known to this area is Danville's Sydni Shelton. The 6'0" outside hitter who has signed a scholarship with Kennesaw State University in Georgia, got her game moving in a positive way with consecutive kills in the fourth set that helped the North lock down momentum.

The kills from the Danville senior assisted the serves of Blessing Dunn from Jacksonville and extended the lead for the North to 13-4.

For several times in the match, Shelton was working the frontline from her outside spot with Taylor patrolling the middle.

Shockey collected the MVP for the North with five kills in the match and a match high of 31 assists.

Haley Hop of James Clemens was efficient on serve in the fourth set with five consecutive points that allowed the North to gain an 8-2 lead and force the South to call a time out.

Others that had their moments to make it a team effort for the North were Kathryn Cather of Hoover, Breanna Jones of Hazel Green, JoLee Dobbs of Walker, and Jeneva Salter of Bob Jones.

It was sweet revenge for the North after the South defeated them in the 2013 classic.

The North has controlled this sport from the beginning, leading the all-time series 13-5.

Taylor will now head back to Addison to prepare for the upcoming season in which the Lady Bulldogs look to win another state crown. This season Addison has gone back to Class 2A and is in an area that includes Cold Springs, Tanner, and Falkville.

Area teams honored, recognized by the AHSAA

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Sports Correspondent

MONTGOMERY - A total of 100 schools across the state were recognized and honored by the Alabama High School Athletic Association Friday for going through the 2013-14 athletic year without being fined or having a player or coach ejected.

"Emphasizing sportsmanship must be an ongoing, daily focus, "AHSAA Executive Director Steve Saverese said. "We are very proud how our schools are to promoting sportsmanship and the best what educational athletics has to offer."

Several local teams were part of the awards luncheon at the Renaissance Hotel Friday afternoon.

St. Bernard Prep School has set a standard in not being fined or getting anyone ejected since the 2009-10 season.

The prep school was joined locally by Cold Springs in Class 2A, Hanceville and Vinemont in 3A and West Point in 5A.

Paint Rock Valley School, located in Jackson County, has gone through five consecutive years of no penalty according to reports from the AHSAA.

Class 1A, which consisted of St. Bernard and Paint Rock Valley, was joined by 26 other programs statewide in having the most penalty-free schools from the past athletic season.

Class 2A experienced 20 including Cold Springs, the 3A classification had 17, a total of 15 in Class 4A, 17 from the 5A classification and three in Class 6A.

Some programs that displayed good discipline in the field of competition, also achieved the greatest success in winning state championships.

Among the schools that were penalty free for the past season with state titles include Tanner (2A football), Pickens County (1A football), Shades Valley (6A girls basketball), TR Miller (3A girls outdoor track), and John Carroll Catholic (5A girls soccer).

Also, state champions in each of the sanctioned sports by the AHSAA were recognized. Locally, Addison in 1A volleyball, Falkville in 1A boys outdoor track, Good Hope in wheelchair track and field, Hartselle in 5A softball, Oneonta in 4A football and girls basketball, and Arab in 5A wrestling.

Hoover High School claimed the most state titles of any program, six. The Bucs were 6A champions in football, girls golf, boys and girls indoor track, and boys and girls outdoor track. This was fitting for Athletic Director Myra Miles, who retired in June after being in charge of the program for a long period of time. Her replacement has a connection with Wallace State Community College. Andy Urban played baseball for Randy Putman in 1992 & 1993 with the Lions winning their first ACCC title in '92 and finishing in the top five in the Juco World Series.

Practice for fall sports begins on August 4 as the AHSAA waits for another banner year of competition. Football, volleyball, and cross country can start that day with the first games of the regular season to be played around the later end of the month.

Gambrill is part of winning tradition in the AHSAA All-Star game

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Sports Correspondent

MONTGOMERY - Holly Pond senior to be Meg Gambrill contributed to the North All-Stars as they kept their winning ways in the 18th Alabama High School Athletic Association All-Star basketball game.

Gambrill knocked down her first field goal, a three-pointer in the closing seconds of the third quarter that gave the North a commanding lead enroute to defeating the South 58-46 Wednesday night at Alabama State University.

The shot by Gambrill pushed the margin to 50-27, the largest of the contest at that point. It concluded a 23-5 domination by the North in the third as the defense allowed the South one made field goal and kept them scoreless for the final 3:00 of the period.

The Holly Pond standout appeared on the floor for the North for 12 minutes, converted two of six attempts, gathered three rebounds, and picked up four steals.

It was close after the first half with neither side able to develop a consistent offensive attack. The North was up 13-8 after the first period and clinged to a 27-22 advantage when the game went to the half.

But the North opened with a 9-0 run to begin the third as they stretched the margin to 36-22. A three-pointer from MVP Shaqueria Wade of Huntsville made the score 39-25 with 4:12 to go in the period.

Gambrill finished up in a reserve role and landed the three from the top of the circle as the final seconds ticked away in the quarter. The North was on its way to its seventh straight victory by a 50-27 advantage.

Team North has won 16 of 18 meetings in this mid-summer classic. The North led 57-31, its largest cushion of the contest with 5:29 to play. The South held the North to a free throw the rest of the way and scored three field goals in the final 3:51 to reduce the large margin down to a dozen.

Wade had 16, scoring 14 of her points in the third period that earned her MVP honors.

Following the game, Gambrill joined her family for a trip to New Orleans in taking part in a basketball recruiting showcase titled, "The Battle in the Bayou." Gambrill will lead a young Holly Pond team in the upcoming season that lost starters Rachel Finley and Natasha Holcombe to graduation. The Lady Broncos have won more than 60 games the past two years and appeared in consecutive AHSAA Class 3A state championship games.

Gambrill was introduced to the crowd at the Acadome before game time and accompanied by her uncle, Dale Gambrill. Gambrill is the assistant coach for Holly Pond. Head coach Scott Adams was unable to attend due to a prior engagement at his church in Holly Pond.

Adams did spend Tuesday in Montgomery watching Gambrill go through a two and a half hour workout at Faulkner University.



AUTOGRAPH BOOKS CREATE LASTING MEMORIES

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When I was a little girl, I received a small blue diary for my birthday. It had a little, shiny lock on the outside and everything – I loved it! But I was way too young to even know what to write in it, so Mom suggested I turn it into an "autograph" book.

"Autograph books were all the rage when I was a girl and they were really big back when your Grandma was a teenager," Mom smiled as she explained.

It seemed like a lot of fun and before long, I got down to business and vowed to have all the pages in my new little book filled with autographs. Even though I really didn't understand what an autograph was at that age, much less a diary but heck, I had something that neither my brother nor my sister had, which made the whole thing incredibly satisfying!

Once I had finished pestering everyone I could think of, I had a total of 8 people's signatures - and lots of blank pages left. But considering my age at the time, I was proud. I sat and admired those autographs for a long time and made sure I showed them to everyone. Those that had graciously signed it were my parents, my siblings, Grandma and Grandpa Reid, my uncle Glenn J, and a friend of Grandma and Grandpa's.

His name was Frank Livingston and he sold all sorts of marbles down at the "trade day" on weekends. Looking back at that small blue book these days – to me, it has become priceless!

As an adult, I now have my mother's old high school autograph book as well as my Grammy's autograph book. Grammy was my dad's mother, and her book is missing both the front and back cover. Some of the pages are missing large chunks of paper, but the signatures and silly sayings are all still very much there. She grew up in Rumford, Maine and as I ran my fingers over the old, old writing I couldn't help but wonder what sort of things she did with all those young and happy kids.

My mother's old autograph book is filled with the same sort of old signatures from the many friends she had in school back in the late 50s and early 60s. It reeks of flat tops and poodle skirts, but that's okay. That was a time in history that can never be replaced. I love flipping through the pages and smirking at all the clean humor and innocence it embraces. I also get a kick out of pestering my mom about the boys who signed her book and asking what she and the girl on page 10 liked to go out and do for fun.

Once I became a mother, I found the idea of my children owning an autograph book of their own brilliant. I wanted to pass the tradition on down another generation. When all three were in elementary school, we had the opportunity to go to Disney World with the Cold Springs High School's Royal Blue Band. As soon as we got off the bus that first day, I made a bee line straight towards one of the many souvenir shops and purchased three colorful autograph books. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, and Peter Pan, just to name a few, signed the kid's books on that trip.



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMANSENSE

» Autograph books are a fun way to create memories that can be passed down through generations.

I remember watching them on that long bus ride home, flipping through their books, smiling and comparing signatures with each other.

Autograph books are a wonderful way to preserve special memories of those you love. I really enjoy the old ones with their fancy writing and formal wording. I admit, I go to antique stores and scrounge around on eBay in hopes of finding one I can purchase. It doesn't matter that I don't know the person whose book I purchase; it's the happiness, nostalgia and history I am looking for. It's one way I choose to preserve such precious things of our past.

REMEMBERING SCHOOL DAYS BACK IN OLD HOLLY POND

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A new school year is just around the corner and whether kids want to admit it or not, it will be here before they know it. Parents will be spending all kinds of money on school supplies, clothes, and those fresh back-to-school haircuts. The little ones at Sacred Heart Elementary School will be trying on freshly starched uniforms, while other children in town are jumping around in their new tennis shoes. It's a typical scene here in Cullman these days, but it wasn't always this way. Take, for example, the very first schools in Holly Pond. The kids back then had things completely different than the children of today.

The first people to officially settle in the area of what would become Holly Pond were newly-weds Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hart. They had come from Murphree Valley over in Blount County looking for property to homestead around 1875. Stopping to camp just off the old Blountsville road, they fell in love with a small pond, which was surrounded by beautiful, lush holly bushes. After scouting out the area and seeing how nice the lay of the land was, the young couple agreed - they had found their new home.

It wasn't long before the Harts began having children and other folks came along and joined them in the brand new settlement of Holly Pond. Before long, happy little children began making their arrivals, which eventually brought a need for a schoolhouse, which would double as a church, and a teacher to the area.

Before 1899, there wasn't much state support for public schools, which meant the local citizens were responsible for their children and their neighbor's children's educations. So, back in those days, the adults in the community gathered together and built a schoolhouse.

Most school buildings back then began as small, one-room buildings with dirt floors and a wood fireplace for heat. The students sat on large split logs, which laid in rows across the floor. This is so much different than today's schools, huh?

These days, the school term is around nine months, allowing breaks around Christmas and in the spring. Back then, the school term was usually only four months, as decided by the parents and school trustees. In the spring and fall months, children were needed to plant and harvest crops, which meant no school. This continued as late as the 1950s in Cullman, which allowed the schools to close for a period of time for cotton picking.

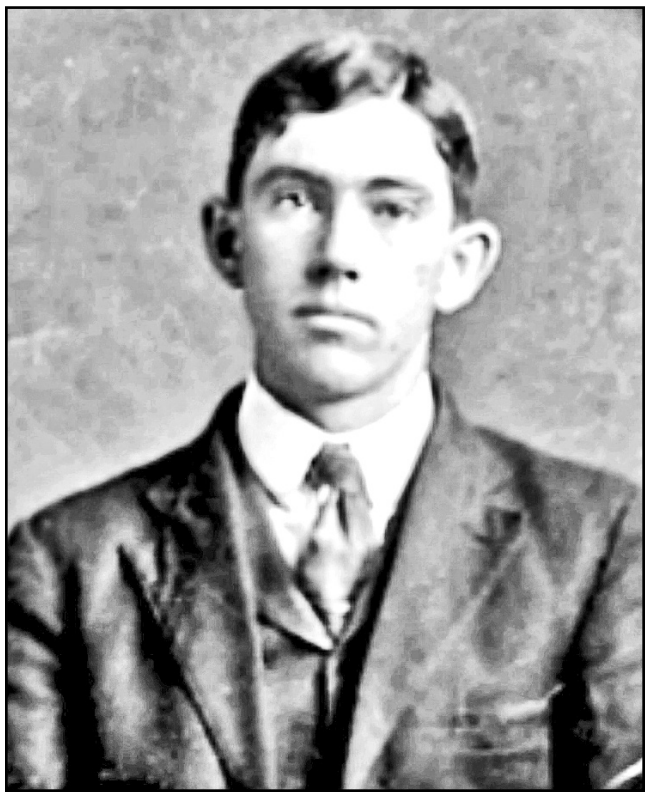
How many of you have heard your parents and grandparents talk about picking cotton over the years? How do you think today's children would like being out of school only to pick cotton out in the fields?

The first recorded schools in the Holly Pond area were Pine Grove School south of Holly Pond, Holly Pond School at Holly Pond and Isabella School at North Walter. Each of these schools was operating in the 1890s.

Teachers for these early schools were in high demand. A college degree and formal training were not required. All a person interested in being a teacher had to do back then was pass a state examination and then he or she received a Teaching Certificate. My great grandfather, Herchell Merrill Hendrix, taught school when he was a young man, and I have his Teaching Certificate from 1909. I'm not sure where he taught, but I'd like to think he was in an old one-room schoolhouse just like the ones I mention here.

Teachers of that time were usually around 16 or 17 years old, and only made between $45 and $55 dollars per month. Not only were they expected to teach the children, but they were also expected to be role models for their young charges as well as for the community. One early teacher was dismissed at Holly Pond School for "riding a wagon and swinging her legs off the back." Can you imagine?

Times have certainly changed over the years, and schools are no different than the rest of the world. Sometimes I wonder which is better, the way things were back then, or the way they are now. Both have their good points and their bad points, I suppose. I'd like to hear your thoughts. If you are interested in sharing your opinions of today's schools versus the schools of yesteryear, please feel free to e-mail me at sharon@cullmansense.com.



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» Herchell Merrill Hendrix taught school when he was a young man and received his Teaching Certificate in 1909.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Program Facilitator needed for local domestic violence intervention program.

Full time, BS degree required. Send resume to: vsoced@vsoccullman.org



Ride (from Front)

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CULLMAN - On May 21, 2014, a family's life was forever changed, and a community was given a hard look at the consequences of distracted driving. Now, a mere two months later, Jay Kendall's birthday was marked by a rally in his honor to bring attention to an issue that has cost so many lives.

Outside the Cullman County Courthouse, many friends, family, and concerned citizens gathered to pay homage to a man and the issue that unfortunately took his life. Jay Kendall would have been 59 years old on July 27, but his life was cut short when Jay was hit by a 2002 GMC at the intersection of Highway 31 and Golf Course Road.

"My husband had been talking for a long time about this issue before the accident," Suzette Kendall, wife of Jay Kendall, said.

"He was always talking about how distracted people are here when they're driving, and it was just so ironic that this was how he went."

A pre-rally event was held with close friends and family at the couple's family business, J&S Karaoke. Laughter, tears, and music filled the room in remembrance of a great man. A cake was presented and candles lit as Suzette Kendall sang an emotional song in memory of her husband. Jay's two grandsons blew the candles out for their grandfather.

"It's only appropriate that Jay's grandsons blow out his candles," said Kendall through tears. "He would have wanted that."

The rally, held later in the evening, was not something that Mrs. Kendall wanted to do, but something she felt needed to be done.

"I got fed up," Kendall said. "And I wanted to do something. I don't want my husband's death to be for nothing, because he is such a good person, and he helped anyone he could. He never met a stranger."

Prominent members of the Cullman community, as well as neighboring communities showed their support by speaking at the rally. Matt Gentry, Cullman County Sheriff-Elect spoke, as well as Deputy David Lawrence from Jefferson County.

The message was a clear one; no text is ever worth someone's life.

"A couple days ago, when Lisa and Suzette contacted me and asked me to come speak, it was an honor," Gentry said. "And as I've got to meet them and talk to them, it shows the true character that their family has. And I was reading and it says Jay's last ride, and I don't believe that. This is the beginning of his first ride. What will happen here today will live on forever, and I believe that with all my heart and soul."



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» A pre-rally event to remember Jay Kendall was held with close friends and family at J&S Karaoke.

A cell-free walk was held along with a "Don't Text and Drive" public service announcement contest.

The winner of which will be able to star in their original PSA produced by Fox 6 WBRC and will appear on Fox 6 at noon on July 30.

The end of the evening was concluded with a candlelight vigil for Jay and all those who have lost their lives so senselessly.

"I don't want anyone in the same boat I am," Kendall said. "I don't want them having rallies and memorials and looking back on something that could have been prevented. I want them to prevent it before it gets that far. Not to have to go through everything my family and I go through now. Waking up without him, going to bed without him, because it's senseless and it is a nightmare."

Jay Kendall's death is and should be a wakeup call to everyone in Cullman and beyond these borders.

This can happen to anyone at any time, but it can be prevented by simply putting away the distraction while on the road.

Jay Kendall's story and legacy lives on with all the people that remember him. As a husband, father, grandfather, veteran, friend, businessman, postmaster, or umpire, his loss is felt by so many in different ways. Distracted driving can be prevented. Like the PSAs say about texting and driving, it can wait.

Quick and Easy Steps to Improve Your Snapshots: Orientation & Composition

Summer Crook
Contributor

In the last article, we discussed how to improve lighting and went over how this element affects the look of images. For this second segment, we will discuss how the orientation and composition of the scene can play an important role in creating more dynamic snapshots.

There are many different ways to compose an image that is aesthetically pleasing to the viewer's eye. Orientation plays an integral role. What you are snapping a picture of should determine whether you use a landscape or portrait layout.

For most pictures of a single person, or possibly two people, using a portrait orientation is usually the most appealing.

Portrait orientation is when the width of the image is shorter then the length. This works best for capturing images of a single person because it eliminates more negative space around the subject than using landscape orientation would.

There are times when negative space can enhance an image and help draw the viewer's eye to the most important aspect of the shot. This is where personal artistic vision and making creative decisions should be applied.

This is also when using the composition rules mentioned later in this article will come into great use.

Learning to view the entire content of a scene before snapping the picture will help to better frame the images you capture over time.

If the image is not of a person or people, or the main subject of the image is a landscape or nature scene, using a landscape orientation will likely work best.

For this orientation, the width of the picture is longer than the length. It is worth noting that using landscape orientation isn't only for landscapes. If the image will be of a large group of people, it is likely that this orientation will be needed to fit the entire group in the shot.

Now that we know whether to shoot our layout in portrait or landscape, we can move on to where subjects should be placed in images. There are many different theories on what makes the best compositions for photos. The most common are the "rule of thirds", the "golden ratio", and the "diagonal method". There are other methods and variations on these methods depending on the orientation used.

Each rule is intended to offer a guideline in which to place subjects within shots that appeal to the viewer's eye. These methods use invisible lines that our brain subconsciously creates and determines these areas as interesting and aesthetically pleasing points of an image. There is no one perfect method for every landscape or portrait image. However, it is likely that in order to create the most dynamic image possible, at least one method will be used.

Reading more about these methods, such as the "rule of thirds", will help to understand why placing the eyes of a subject in a portrait on the upper dissecting line will draw the viewer in much more than if the eyes were centered in the image.

Have you ever noticed that in many landscape pictures of sailboats or lighthouses, they are never centered in the scene? They are almost always placed in the upper right hand corner or along the right side of the image. This is because our subconscious finds these areas of a scene more visually pleasing and dynamic.

Orientation of an image and placement of content within the frame can create mood and interest and help tell the story that was intended. Be deliberate with every shot taken, and the resulting images will be much more visually appealing.

Archery (from Front)

dents require less supervision, because they've been around these bows and they understand the seriousness of the danger," Green assured.

"Obviously we still watch after them and supervise, but we don't have to watch them as vigilantly as the totally inexperienced."

The camp isn't all about shooting, however, because according to Green, "If you shot all day, your arms would fall off."

So the kids have free playtime, and they have a craft each day that they create.

Green mentioned that there are scavenger hunts and that this week they will have a guest speaker teaching tree-stand safety. The camp is something fun and a little different from the generic old summer camps, and who knows, maybe the next Legolas or Robin Hood will attend and discover a passion for archery.

One thing is certain, if Cullman wants to be the go-to place for other parks' departments to learn how to grow their archery programs, starting with the youth is the perfect place to begin.



July Community Luncheon Welcomes Superintendent Dr. Craig Ross

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CULLMAN - The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce held its monthly Community Luncheon Friday at the All Steak. The event sponsor was The Cullman Times and the presenting sponsor was Mickey Parrish from Mickey Parrish State Farm Insurance & Financial Services. The guest speaker was Dr. Craig Ross.

Dr. Craig Ross is the newly appointed Superintendent of Cullman County Schools.

He gave a brief presentation after the meal was served. He spoke about his family, his upbringing, and how he defines leadership. He also spoke about what he plans to do as the superintendent of the Cullman County School System.

He looks forward to all the possibilities he has in his new position.

"The first year in a new position you spend trying to gather as many ideas as you possibly can," stated Ross.

"You have to make those things happen, and what I've found is that great ideas very rarely come from leaders, it's just up to them to organize and implement them. The best ideas I've ever had are actually from students. It really empowers students and teachers when you listen to them, so I look forward to meeting the teachers, meeting the students, listening to their ideas, and trying to make them happen."

Dr. Ross spoke much about transparency. He stated that he is passionate about making sure there is a clear understanding about where the Cullman County Schools are going.

"Everyone needs to understand what the state of the schools are, why the capital projects haven't been done, what the finances look like, and where the money is going," he said.

"I should be able to answer that to the taxpayers because it's their money. They deserve to know exactly where our money is going and how we're spending it."

Dr. Ross was also very passionate about having an open door policy.

"My e-mail is out there," he said. "I welcome parents to e-mail me and come to me with ideas about how I can make the Cullman County Schools better."

After Dr. Ross spoke, Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce President Leah Bolin gave some brief announcements about upcoming events at the Chamber, before giving away door prizes provided by The Cullman Times.

Be sure to check out next month's Community Luncheon.

Tickets are $15 for members and $20 for non-members. Register online today at www.cullmanchamber.org or by e-mailing info@cullmanchamber.org.



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» Newly appointed Superintendent of Cullman County Schools, Dr. Craig Ross, is passionate about having an open door policy.

Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A Helps Local Dance Academy

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CULLMAN - Cullman Dance Academy has some big plans in the works, and they needed some help making those plans become a reality. That is where our local Chick-fil-A stepped in to help. On Thursday, a spirit night was held to help the school achieve its goals.

During the spirit night, a portion of the proceeds from everyone who mentioned the fundraiser went to the school. Courtney Dennis, co-owner of Cullman Dance Academy, gave details about where the money from the fundraiser was going.

"The proceeds from the spirit night go to our Elite competing dancers," Dennis said.

"We are attending two conventions this year where our dancers will be taking classes from world renowned dancers and choreographers."

Names like David Moore from the film "Step up 2", and Nancy O'Meara from "High School Musical" will be just a couple of the famous instructors present.

"That's just a taste of the amazing instructors we provide to our Elite dancers, in addition to our experienced and educated staff at CDA," said Dennis proudly.

Dennis went on to say that the dancers will also be attending three dance competitions. It is their hope and dream to be competing nationally this summer.

The Elite dancers range in age from 5 to 18, and they work extremely hard to perfect their art.

If the amount of cars in the parking lot were any indication, the spirit night was a huge success. A full parking lot and drive-thru will hopefully give the school and dancers the money needed to achieve their goals. According to Courtney Dennis, a few more fundraisers are on their way, from selling cookie dough to a full on dance-a-thon.

Keep your eyes open for these opportunities to support these talented dancers.

Cullman Dance Academy, INC.

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» The money raised from the spirit night benefits Elite competing dancers.

For more information about the Cullman Dance Academy, visit their website at www.cullmandanceacademy.com.

Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon Opens this Thursday

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CULLMAN - Here in the city of Cullman, we as a community pride ourselves on showing up for our neighbors and supporting their efforts to better our town. On July 31, the Arts of Dixie Theatre company asks you to come show support for the youth of our town and have fun in the process.

Tickets are now on sale for the first production of the Arts of Dixie program in Cullman.

The play, "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon", will be making its debut this Thursday at 7 p.m.

The theatre group for this play consists of kids ages 8 to 19 and was free to all the children that wanted to participate. The play is directed by Deborah Waldrop, and co-directed by Charline Kimbrel, who said the kids were eager to show off their new acting abilities.

"The play is a comedic version of the fairytales all combined into one," said Kimbrel. "We are having a blast, and the kids are so excited."

She went on to say how hopeful she was that a great crowd shows up to commemorate the kids' hard work.

"I really hope we get lots of people there," said Kimbrel. "So we can showcase what these children have done, because they really have done amazing. We had two of our 8-year-old kids, who didn't know if they wanted to do it at first, ask when we were doing another one because they couldn't wait."

Tickets are on sale now at the Cullman Civic Center or online at www.theartsofdixie.com for the price of $8.

These kids and staff have put a lot of hard work and love into putting this show together for everyone. Purhase your tickets today, and bring your friends and loved ones to a fun, family friendly show that is sure to please.



Monday

Cullman Kiwanis Club
The Cullman Kiwanis Club invites all local men and women who are interested in taking part in community service along with great fellowship, fun, networking, and learning to attend their weekly luncheon meeting at 12 noon each Monday at the All Steak. Come see what Kiwanis is all about and enjoy a great luncheon meal as well.

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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.

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 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.

Kids 'Summer Fun in the Park' in Dodge City
All kids are invited to take part in the Town of Dodge City's 'Summer Fun in the Park' from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. This event will feature water features, inflatables, organized games and hotdogs and drinks, all FREE. Come to Ray Park for fun. More info from Tawana Canada at 256-736-3298.

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

Girls & Boys Club at Spirit Life
Spirit Life Church will host a Girls & Boys Club meeting for those 12 and under every Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. at the church. All are welcome. Please call the church for further info 256-739-3326.

Aqua Zumba Classes at CWAC
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Thursday

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.

The Roast of Dr. Garlan Gudger
Dr. Garlan Gudger will be the recipient of many jokes and memories at TP Country Club during the 3rd Annual Fundraising Roast sponsored by Victim Services of Cullman. The event will begin with a reception from 6 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. followed by the dinner and roast at 7 p.m. Dress is business casual. Funds raised will benefit Victim Services of Cullman and Harbor Haus battered women's shelter. Tickets available from any VSOC Board Member or by calling 256-775-2600. Tickets are a $40.00 donation. Come enjoy the fun and learn a little more about Doc Gudger's life over the years. Promise you'll have a great time and so will he!

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.

'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.

4th Annual 'Celebrate Cullman' Festival in Downtown Cullman
The fourth annual 'Celebrate Cullman' Festival takes place from 2 p.m. until 12 midnight in downtown Cullman. This event began after the tornado ravaged the downtown area of Cullman. The celebration highlights the efforts of the downtown community to make a comeback from the devastating weather occurrence of April 27, 2011. Events scheduled include food, free live music and free kids activities. Everyone is invited to head 'downtown' for this great evening of fun and excitement.

3rd Annual 'Back-to-School' Bash in Good Hope
There will be a 'Back-to-School' Bash at Good Hope Municipal Park from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sponsored by the City of Good Hope, this event will feature free food, activities for kids, prizes. T-shirts also will be available for $1.00 each so bring the kids on down and enjoy a festive evening. For additional info please call city hall office at 256-739-3757. This is the third such event sponsored by Good Hope and all residents are invited and welcome to attend.

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.

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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3rd Annual Circle of Hope's Dancing with the Stars
Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Dancing with the Stars event sponsored by the Circle of Hope organization. This event will take place at Wallace State Community College starting at 7 p.m. with local celebrities serving as guest dancers. Tickets, if purchased before the night of the event are $20.00 but will be $25.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at J. Drake Salon, Holston Gases or Listerhill Credit Union. Musical entertainment for the night will be provided by a jazz band both before the show and after the show for all dancers to take to the floor with their dancing shoes! Funds raised will benefit the Bruno Cancer Center of St. Vincent's Medical Center in Birmingham. Everyone welcome to attend this special evening of entertainment.

Laughter Yoga at the Cullman Civic Center
Everyone is invited to take part in 'Laughter Yoga' classes each Saturday morning starting at 10 a.m. Donations accepted but no set fee is charged. Come start your weekend out with some great 'laughs'! Please call 256-734-9157 for additional information.

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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

Sponsored by Busy Bee Café

Monday, July 28

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

Tuesday, July 29

- Eat on the Street at the Festhalle from 11 a.m. - 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 30

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

Thursday, July 31

- Eat on the Street at the Festhalle from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Community Concert at Heritage Park from 6:30-8 p.m.
- Trivia Night at Rodney G's at 7 p.m.
- Ladies' Night at Rodney G's at 8 p.m. Half off drinks for ladies
- Karaoke night at Cadillac Ron's

Friday, August 1

- 4th Annual Celebrate Cullman Downtown Festival in Cullman from 2 p.m. - 12 a.m.
- Ladies' Night at Rodney G's at 8 p.m. Half off drinks for ladies

Saturday, August 2

- Arts & Crafts Trade Days at Sportsman Lake Park from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Ladies' Night at Rodney G's at 8 p.m. Half off drinks for ladies

Sunday, August 3

- Arts & Crafts Trade Days at Sportsman Lake Park from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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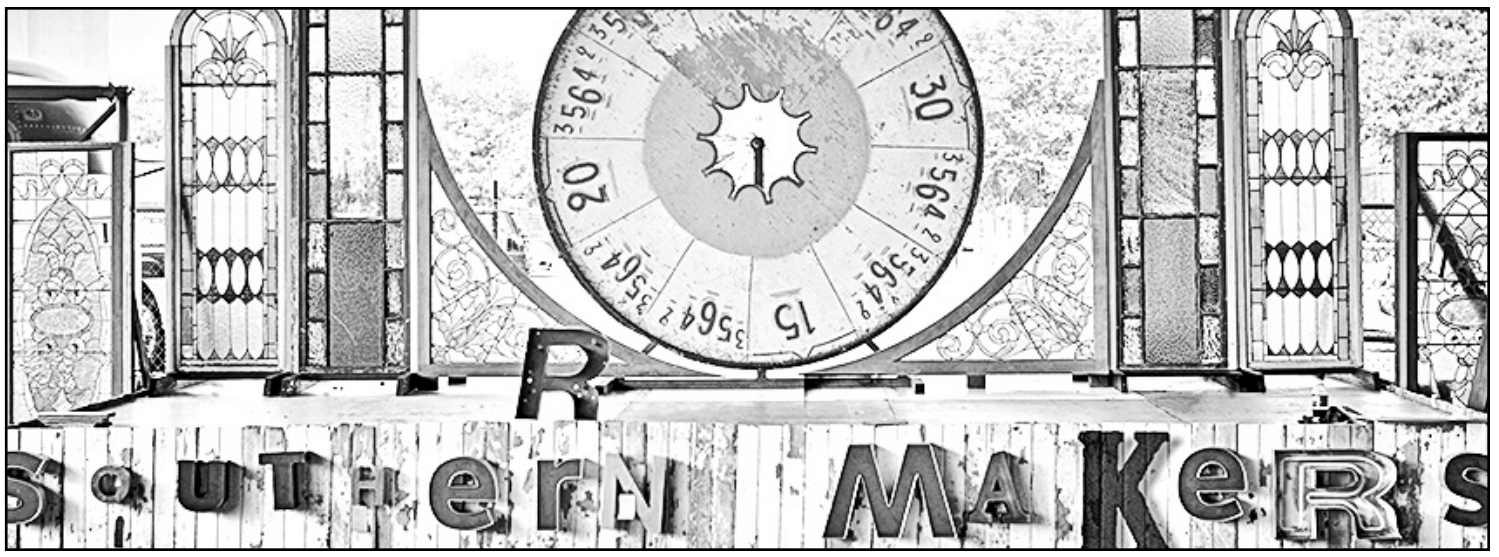
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» Started in 1969, Southern Accents Architectural Antiques specializes in items that can be built into homes.

SOUTHERN ACCENTS WINS BEST OF BAMA AWARD 2014 FROM ALABAMA MAGAZINE



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CULLMAN - Southern Accents Architectural Antiques recently won an award, again. This timeless treasure is a destination hot spot to the Cullman area.

The local store, owned by Garlan Gudger Jr, has built up a reputation throughout Alabama, and the whole southeast, as one of the best antique stores in the region. It only makes sense that the store would win the Best of Bama Award 2014 from Alabama Magazine in the category of antiques.

"But the word antiques is like an umbrella," said Gudger.

"And you have multiple different kinds underneath: pottery, furniture, and architecture. We specialize in the architectural kind; doors, fireplace mantles, things that you can build into your home."

Southern Accents started in a garage and has grown to be one of the top architectural antique stores in the southeast.

"We started in 1969, and have been downtown since about 1980," Gudger stated.

Gudger and his store have won many awards, but the one he is most proud of, he says, is one he won in 2012.

"We collected debris from about an hour drive radius around Cullman and then sold the pieces that could be used back to people who were trying to rebuild their homes at a discount."

He was runner up to College of Building Arts in Charleston, S.C. for the Heroes of the New South Award by Southern Living magazine.

Along with being highly opportunistic, Gudger believes all the good press and attention surrounding his business is good for all of Cullman.

"What all the awards and the featured articles in national and regional publications do is give credibility to our business at Southern Accents. And once we have that reputation for being worth the hour drive here to Cullman, once people get in the store, we tell them to go try Moe's Original Bar B Que, or some of the other restaurants in the area, or even shop around some of the other antique shops," Gudger explained.

Cullman, Alabama may be one of the only towns in the nation in which the local antique store is one of the biggest attractions, and it's quite alright to be proud of that.

Daystar Church's Kidfest to Feature Door Prizes, Entertainment, Costume Contests, and Worship

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GOOD HOPE - Daystar Church in Good Hope will have their annual Kidfest 2014 beginning July 27 and ending July 30. The admission is free and everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the fun. This year's special guests will be Big Al, Aubie, and the creative ministry of Tim and Amanda Cowles.

Kidfest 2014 is fun ministry for the entire family. Each nightly program includes comedy, dance, amazing special effects, puppetry, crazy characters, music and worship, tons of door prizes and much more!

One of the favorite things about Daystar's Kidfest is the costume contest. Each night there is a different theme and those with the most creative costumes will receive prizes and special seating.

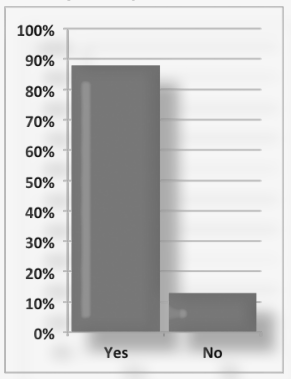
This year the nightly dress up theme is as follows: Sunday Night – Favorite Superhero; Monday Night - Tropical Island/Pirate Night or Auburn Gear Night; Tuesday Night - Favorite Toy Story Character Night or Bama Gear Night; and Wednesday Night - Neon Night or Favorite Video Game Character Night.

Parents and teens are encouraged to attend but they do not need to pre-register. All children ages 12 and under must pre-register only once for the week or register once at the event. Check-in begins at 5:30 p.m. nightly, with doors opening at 6 p.m.

If you or someone you know is interested in going to Daystar Church's Kidfest 2014, please give them a call at 256-737-0800, or stop by the church located at 200 Daystar Drive, Cullman, AL 35057. Feel free to visit their website at www.daystarchurch.tv.

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Do you prefer cooler July temperatures?



This Week's Poll

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- **EvaBank Midnight Run** registration is NOW OPEN at the Cullman Civic Center, all EvaBank locations, and online at active.com. Race will be held on August 15, 2014 at 11:59pm. 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.
- **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.
- **Eat on the Street** will take place each Thursday in July at the Festhalle Farmer's Market from 11-1pm. Come eat, shop, and relax with us and support your local farmers!
- **Fall Baseball & Softball Registration** will be August 1-20 at the Cullman Civic Center for ages 7-8 and 9-12. $90 per individual or $400 per team. Call 256-734-9157 or 256-739-9931 for more info.
- **Coed Kickball League** registration will be August 1-20 at Heritage Park. Teams will be $350 to register. Season will include 12 games and a single elimination tournament. Call 739-9931 for details.
- **Fall Men's League & Coed Softball** registration will be August 1-20 at Heritage Park. Cost to register is $400 per team. 12 games with a single elimination tournament. Call 256-739-9931 for more details.
- **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.

What's Online

Artistic Ambitions: Local Artist Justin Shubert Impresses with Unique Pieces

Over the past few years, Cullman has seen significant progress in bringing more art and culture to our great county. Art galleries, festivals and shows have opened many doors for local artists to spread their wings. Justin Shubert, 29, may be a young...

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Camp Cullman Offers Big Adventure

It's always hard to adjust your schedule and keep the kids entertained during summer break. Many parents have trouble juggling work and kids when school is out, but here in Cullman there are always options. An option that many parents agreed to this year was the 2014 Camp Cullman.

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Rumors Deli Plans Big Changes

Talk of Rumors Deli opening a bar has turned out to be, well, a rumor. Sad but true, owners Ralph and Annette Harris have decided to postpone the project. This news is unfortunate, and several people were looking forward to the addition of a Rumors Deli bar. But, the Harris's are reevaluating everything...

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"BECOMING COLONEL CULLMANN" TO BE SCREENED AT SIDEWALK FILM FESTIVAL

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CULLMAN - The entire city of Cullman joins together in congratulating Larry Rowlette, Laura Axelrod, and Greg Richter for their movie, "Becoming Colonel Cullmann", which was recently selected to show at the Sidewalk Film Festival. It will be screened on August 24, 2014 from 4:40 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Alabama School of Fine Arts Recital Hall in Birmingham.

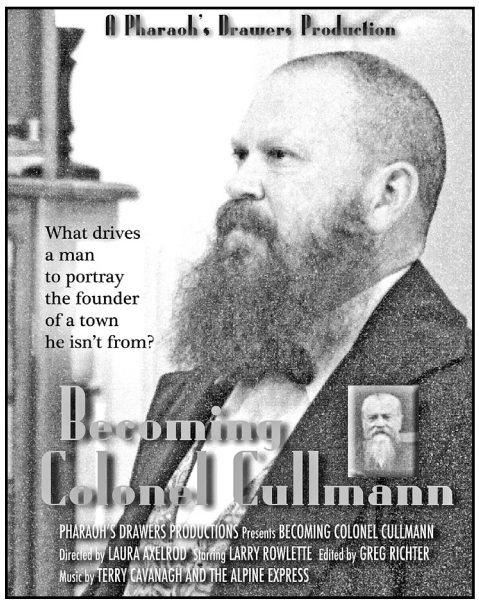
"Becoming Colonel Cullmann" is a movie about Larry Rowlette, the man behind the infamous Colonel Johann G. Cullmann image we all know today. Even though Rowlette is not from Cullman, Alabama nor does he currently live here, he spends countless hours year round portraying the founder of our great town. Whether he's hosting numerous Oktoberfest activities, eating strawberries by the handful at the annual Strawberry Festival, or just yuckin' it up at Festhalle, Larry Rowlette, a.k.a. Colonel Cullmann, is one of our town's favorite sights to see.

"I'm very pleased that our film is being included in the festival," explained Director Laura Axelrod. "I moved to Cullman in 2006. I think I first saw Colonel Cullmann that year at the graveyard tour. Greg told me about him and I thought... how strange. Why would someone dress up as the town founder? When I went to other events in town, I kept seeing him," she giggled happily.

"As a newcomer, his presence was very comforting. It's unique to have someone do what he's doing. I'm originally from Connecticut, but have lived in many places across the country. I had never seen someone dress as the town founder."

The movie promises to be lots of fun with familiar faces and delightful music from none other than Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express.

Best of all, it answers the burning question most of us want to know: "What drives a man to portray the founder of a town he is not from?"



CONTRIBUTED

» Larry Rowlette, Laura Axelrod, and Greg Richter's movie "Becoming Colonel Cullmann" answers why a man would portray the founder of a town he is not from while also highlighting the community.

"It was a real thrill for me that we were selected for the Sidewalk Festival," said Greg Richter, cinematographer and editor. "I have been going to the Festival since the first year. I've only missed a handful of them. It was a lot of hard work but really worth it because I think Larry's story is really worth telling."

Rowlette, who is quite used to being the center of attention, was somewhat taken aback by his newfound fame. After hearing about the movie being selected for the Sidewalk Film Festival, all he could do was smile real big and blush just a little.

"After seeing the trailer, I have to admit I was humbled by the kind words," Rowlette said with a smile. "It tells me my portrayal of Colonel Cullmann is still accepted and appreciated and that feels really good inside."

"I'm really glad the movie made the final cut," Rowlette chuckled with gusto. "Laura and Greg have done an awesome job putting it together. We are a very unique community," he continued. "I hope people view this film and see it as just one more reason to visit Cullman."

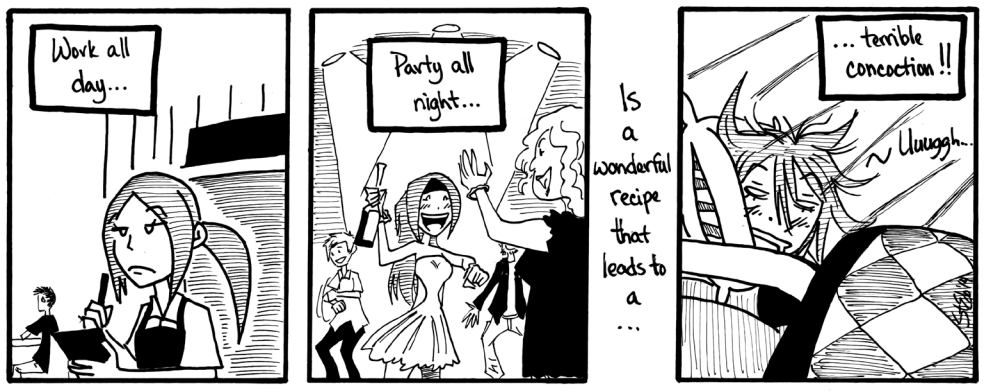
This is an amazing opportunity to see the city of Cullman shine, especially it's very own star, Larry Rowlette, and his excellent depiction of our beloved Colonel Cullmann.

For an enjoyable time, please make sure to come out and show our local talent some love and support on their debut day.

Tickets for Sidewalk Film Festival may be purchased at sidewalkfest.com.

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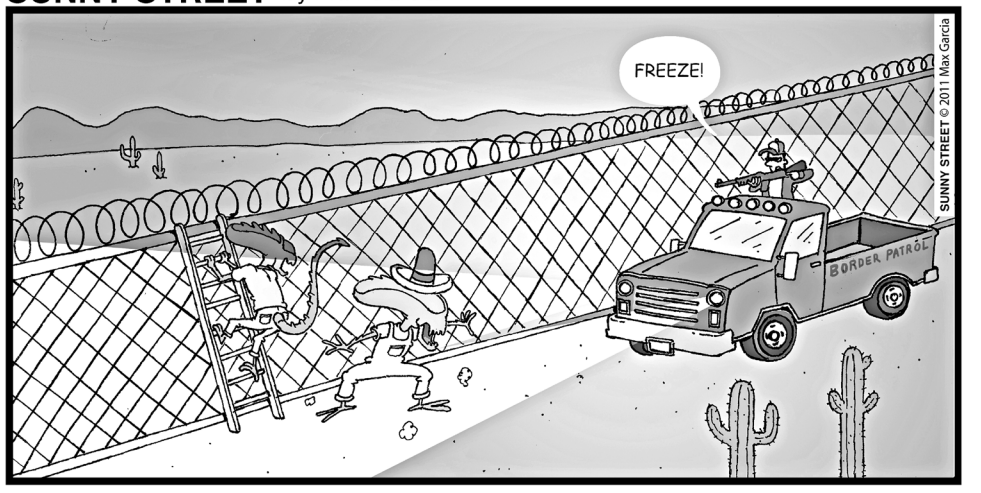
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I am an Aussie mix and currently weigh 58 lbs. I am spirited and enjoy company. I am ready for my new forever family!

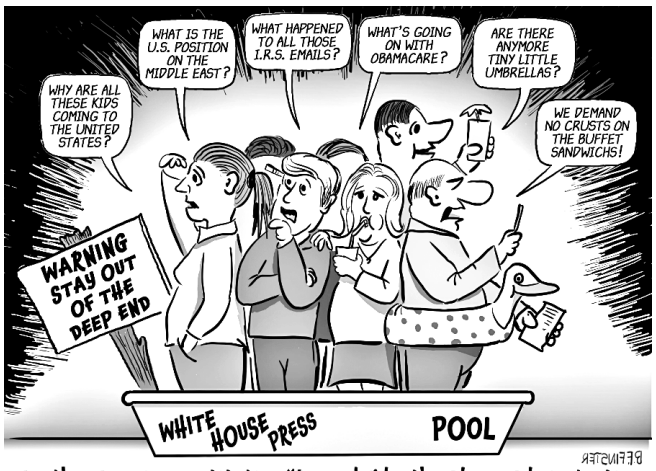


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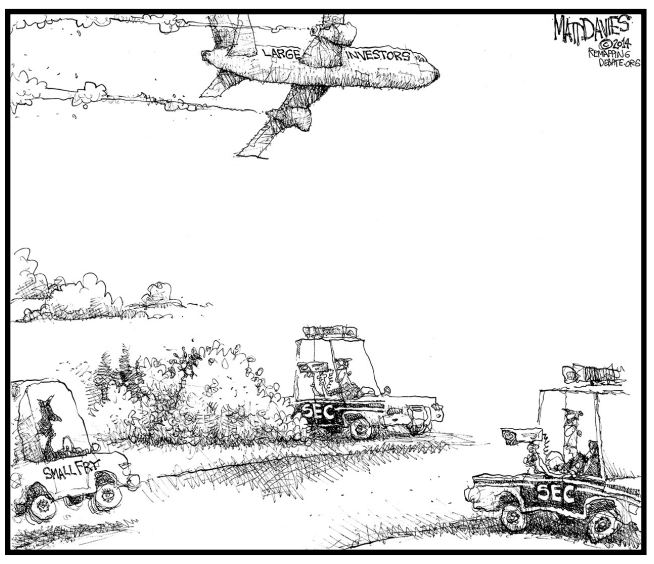
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US VOTERS HOLD KEY TO PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST

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More than any other time in the history of the conflict over the tiny ancient land we call Israel and Palestine, voters from a land across the sea hold unused power to change the basic course and outcomes of that conflict. At this time, those voters--who are also largely taxpayers--are keeping the conflict hotter and more bloody by their failure to prioritize the issue.

Polls are interesting to politicians. As of July 18-20, according to a CNN poll, a 57-34 percent majority of Americans side with Israel in the current conflict, calling Israel's violent efforts to root out and destroy Hamas's capacity to attack Israel "justified." Four days later, Israel knowingly bombed one of the very rare sanctuaries from its missiles, a UN school in Gaza packed with women and children. The UN had been entirely forthcoming with precise coordinates of the location of the school in an effort to be sure that the highly sophisticated, precision guided Israeli Defense Force missiles would never hit the school. Instead, the IDF apparently programmed those specific coordinates into multiple missiles and struck the UN school in the lowest blow so far. The IDF has also cravenly bombed several hospitals in Gaza, with tired claims about Hamas storing weapons "nearby."

When Hamas and other terrorist organizations were sending suicide bombers into Israeli pizza parlors or onto Israel's campuses to inflict intentional damage to young Israeli civilians, the world, including American citizens, reacted with general horror and disgust, and rightly so. This level of incorrigibly blind hatred is clearly absolutely morally bankrupt. Satire service The Onion has captured the sick symmetry the best. Hamas fires impotent rockets insanely straight into Israel's missile-destroying Iron Dome, stupidly targeting civilians and giving Israel a military justification for attacking Hamas, but nothing can give anyone any excuse for what Israel has done to hospitals and the UN school shelter. Nothing.

So Israel has officially joined this bloody dive into the moral cesspool, and American voters hold a huge piece of the responsibility for this, supplying the IDF with much of its war materiel and a massive amount of general military aid every year, $121 billion to date, according to the US Congressional Research Service report of April 2014. No other country gets this much and no other country ever gets the "no strings attached" beneficence awarded and afforded Israel, even including huge outlays of my money and yours to give straight to Israel's war profiteering corporations to use as they see fit. This means Israel is funded to do military research that even puts it ahead of US war profiteering corporations and the US military in some respects. Wow. And there are no human rights expectations on that money, nor is it required that Israel follow internationally accepted rules of engagement, laws of war, or laws prohibiting crimes against humanity.

Let's help Israel. Stop all aid. They would become much better neighbors and world citizens if we could muster that domestic political will to require it of our elected officials. Start with our US senators, who passed a unanimous resolution supporting Israel's bombing of Gaza, Senate Resolution 498, as soon as Israel attacked. No US Senator voted against this, remarkably and shamefully, and Rand Paul even called for further US action, to cease the relatively small amount of US aid to the Palestinian Authority until they kicked Hamas out of the unity government. Perhaps Senator Paul has a small point, but the larger point, by far, is to end all US aid to the IDF. That is the single biggest step toward peace anyone could take right now and if you are an American voter, you have a say-so in this. Let's start saying so.

OPINION

GAZA IN THE LIGHT OF THE STARS

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PeaceVoice

There is a solution to the difficult problem of war, but it is evolutionary. That feels bizarre to us humans, uncongenially abstract. No, we cannot grow new brains and hearts. But we can evolve how we think—and feel. We can become more responsive to what reality keeps screaming at us at the top of its lungs: a global population of seven billion and rising, along with nuclear weapons, asserts a grand limit, where the destructive potential of our sheer numbers and our weapons is bigger than the delicate natural systems that support life. Meanwhile we go on applying the hammer of war to ancient grudges that war itself will never solve, instead of expanding the spaces where it feels safe to engage each other from the heart.

When we boil them down, the great religions all offer variations of the same message: do unto others as we would want others to do to us. Don't use violence to resolve conflict. Learn to want what we have, not have what we want. Be as good as our word, real, honest, truthful. Be present, for this moment is our taste of eternity. Be inclusive, even to the point of including the perspective of our supposed adversary, for he is a sibling from the same tiny region of a vast gene pool. Be cooperative—especially with "strangers," because strangers are potential friends. Act as if we share responsibility for the good of the whole, because we do.

This implies both a humbling and an expansion which has seemed, up to now, impossibly difficult: the realization that being a good person involves something more fundamental and "less than" being a Jew, a Christian, a Buddhist, a Democrat, a Republican, a Shia, a Sunni. Those identifications can be supportive of our goodness, but often put us in violently dysfunctional conflict with others. So we need to know that we emerge from a common context that transcends those labels. We are the outcome of 13.85 billion years of evolution of the universe. We are just like everyone else—and we are a preciously unique expression of all that process. Our true identity is both less than the thought-forms of nationalism/religion/race/class and much more than those seemingly crucial but ultimately petty attributes.

In the record of our cultural development, there are some hints that we already get this: the native American understanding of how we are part of the great web of life; the Arab tradition of hospitality to strangers; the pan-religious perspective of the contemplative tradition that run through all religions; the insights of poets that tell us that if we could fully understand our enemy he would no longer be our enemy; even the clarifying rigor of the modern scientific method.

All of these glorious achievements point toward a potential greater glory: the end of war on this tiny planet. They help us to see reality more clearly and act upon that clarity for good of the whole. Many call this reality God, but it doesn't matter what we label it.

Life on earth is a vital, moving, ever-changing process to which we must learn to adapt and evolve, by seeing what all humans have in common: the same naked birth and death; the same hopes for each other and our children; the same suffering and the same compassion that suffering calls forth from doctors and nurses and teachers and public servants.

Does this mean that we cannot practice the rituals of our religions, rituals which give the stages of our lives order and meaning, the rhythm of initiation and work and rest and meditation? Does it mean that we are looking at a future in which there will be no more nations or religions or even separate races as we know them?

Of course not. If all sects and rituals were magically swept away, we would renew them as a comfort against the terrifying chaos of life. And there will always be differences among us, more conflict than ever, which will require the administration of boundaries and the exercise of compromise. But the conditions of life today, where all our most important problems transcend religious and national borders—climate change, feeding billions of people, finding clean water, preserving the health of the oceans and rain forests—suggest that while we may go on thinking of ourselves as Israeli, a Palestinian Gazan, Socialist, Brazilian, our primary identification must be as responsible citizens of one small planet.

This amounts to no less than a deep evolutionary shift. Already it is bringing about new political structures, such as revised constitutions that give rights not only to people but also to natural systems like rivers.

The Gazans and Israelis enduring another futile round of eye-for-an-eye thinking are understandably disinclined to look upward and feel their connection to the creativity of the spiraling galaxies out of which they emerged; they are desperately focused upon day by day survival. So it is up to us living in greater security to promote—and model—the planetary expansion of identity that will make their agony obsolete.

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