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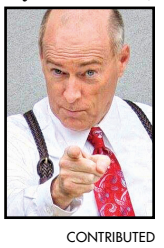
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SPEND AN EVENING WITH JAMES SPANN

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CULLMAN - If you are looking to spend an evening with a state celebrity and hero, then you should be at the Cullman Civic Center on October 10. Sardis Baptist Church has put together an evening to remember with good food, fellowship, and James Spann of ABC 33/40.



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Spann

James Spann is a local weatherman for the area, who has been hailed as a hero for his incredible work on the tornado footage of April 27, 2011. It was with his tireless efforts during this time that saved many lives. He is now being

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GOOD HOPE GETS NEW PHARMACY

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GOOD HOPE - Good Hope Pharmacy is officially open! Located on Highway 69 in north Good Hope, this pharmacy offers a little bit of everything to the citizens of Good Hope and beyond.

This pharmacy is owned by brothers Kiah and Patrick Brown and their father, Keith. This group has owned Specialty Pharmacy, located near Cullman Regional Medical Center, for about two years and recently decided

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KATE MULLANEY/CULLMANSENSE

Good Hope Pharmacy not only sells a selection of natural products, vitamins, and supplements, but also jewelry, clothing, and other gift items.

THE CREATORS PLACE IS NATURALLY DISTINCT

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CULLMAN - The Creators Place held its grand opening last Friday afternoon. This unique store is located in downtown Cullman across from First Community Bank. It carries everything from herbs to jewelry and has some-

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KATE MULLANEY/CULLMANSENSE

The Creators Place offers a selection of culinary and medicinal herbs, bulk teas, handmade jewelry, and aromatherapy and fragrance oils.

VICTIM SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE OF CULLMAN PARTNER FOR SECOND ANNUAL ZOMBIE CRAWL

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CULLMAN - On October 25 in front of Berkeley Bob's Coffeehouse, zombies will take over the streets for the second annual Zombie Crawl. For those not familiar with the concept, the Zombie Crawl is a zombie-themed walk for 5 blocks benefitting Victim Services of Cullman and Mental Healthcare of Cullman.

But there will be more activities than just the walk, or crawl, however.

Leading up to the

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INCREASED PARTICIPATION REPORTED AT LOCAL FLU SHOT CLINICS

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GOOD HOPE - Flu shot clinics have been taking place all around the county this past week, and the public is really taking advantage. In places like Dodge City and Good Hope, pharmacists have seen an increase in participants from last year. That is a hopeful sign for both the individuals, and the public at large.

It is no secret that the flu can be bad news, but many do not realize that the flu can do more than put someone at risk in bed for a week, it can kill them. Last year, the CDC noticed a marked increase in the number of fatalities from the flu. This is why the increased number of locals receiving their flu shots is encouraging. Charlotte Edmondson, pharmacist for Lakeside Pharmacy, was certainly pleased with the turn out.

"This is probably three times more than we had last year," said Edmondson at the Good Hope clinic. "It's been overwhelmingly great. Last year, I think we did somewhere around 10 at this location, and this year we have had 30 or 40. Usually Dodge City is our larger turnout, and this is usually a small one, so I wasn't expecting this many."

Senior citizens filed into the small senior center ready to get their shots. Brenda Wilson, of Trimble, was playing cards with friends during the clinic, and talked about why she was thankful for the clinics.

"It's just so convenient," Wilson said. "I wasn't scheduled to go see my regular doctor until December. It's great that they offer these throughout the county so people do not have to go far."

If you have not gotten your shot yet, there are still some local clinics to check out such as the upcoming clinic at Wallace State. In the wellness center on campus, the Cullman County Health Department will be offering flu shots for $5 on October 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you cannot make it to a clinic at all, then check with a local pharmacy like Borden's Family Pharmacy on Highway 157.

"For patients who do not have any kind of insurance, the flu shot or the flu mist is $35," said Chris Borden, pharmacist at Borden's. "Most insurance like Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans cover it, and a lot of commercial insurances now cover it."

Borden went on to say that the main reason he encourages everyone to get his or her flu shot is for public health as a whole.

"It helps prevent needless sickness and death," Borden said simply. "Nationally, we have several thousand people die from complications of the flu. Children, infants and the elderly are the ones who are usually most affected. So even though I am a healthy adult, I still get one because I do not want to come in contact with someone who is at risk, and give it to them. I view it as my social responsibility."

There are many great reasons to get your flu shot – for your health, your child's health, or just the public at large; there is always a worthy reason to go out and be vaccinated.

If you would like more information on the flu vaccine, you can contact the Cullman County Health Department at 256-734-1030, or Borden's Family Pharmacy at 256-734-7535.



CHELSEA SPARKS/CULLMANSENSE

A patient gets vaccinated at one of the clinics held across the county.

CRMC CELEBRATES 75 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Lindsey Dossey
CRMC Contributor

CULLMAN - Cullman Regional Medical Center (CRMC) is excited to invite the community to come out and celebrate 75 years of excellent healthcare on Sunday, October 19 from 2-5 pm on the CRMC Campus.

"CRMC is excited to welcome the community onto the campus as we celebrate 75 years in the community," CRMC Interim CEO James Clements said.

"We want everyone in the communities we serve to come out and be proud of the excellent healthcare we provide each day."

The event will feature an "official" proclamation and "thank you" event for past and present board members, physicians and community leaders; a celebration of people born at CRMC and Cullman Hospital with birthday cake; free health screenings; kids' activities; tours of the facility and much more.

"Our past board members, community leaders, and physicians put a great deal of effort in to building the wonderful facility we have here today, and we want to thank everyone who has supported and worked to make us stronger and better through the years," Clements said.

"We begin by celebrating and thanking the wonderful staff who works to provide the highest level of care to each patient we serve. Without this dedicated team, we could not do all that."

Cullman Regional Medical Center is a fully accredited 145-bed medical center that covers a six-county service area of 175,000 residents and has been a part of the community since 1939. CRMC is dedicated to promoting wellness by providing excellent healthcare services in the most efficient manner and exceeding the expectations of those we serve.

For more information on the services provided by CRMC, visit www.crmchospital.com.



CRMC

As part of their anniversary celebration, CRMC will host free health screenings, facility tours, children's activities, and more.

FIRE AT UNUSED CONCESSION STAND ON WSCC CAMPUS

Kristin Holmes
WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE - Hanceville Fire Department responded to a self-contained fire at an unused concession stand at the old soccer field on the Wallace State campus Saturday morning.

Wallace State campus police officer Shane Drake noticed smoke from the building at around 8:10 a.m. It is thought that the fire began on the back (westernmost) side of the small wood paneled facility shortly before 8 a.m.

The building sustained considerable damage, with much of the interior and roof completely destroyed by the time the fire was extinguished.

According to Police Chief Tyler Roden, electricity was running to the building, which had been used for storage of files scheduled for destruction and equipment.

At no time was there any threat to students or personnel on campus.

An investigation will be conducted to try to determine the exact cause of the fire.

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Oktoberfest Calendar

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Every Day Schedule

Saturday, October 4 through Saturday, October 11

8am-2pm **Farmers' Market at Festhalle Market Platz 256-590-2003**
209 1st Avenue NE, Cullman
(No Farmers' Market on Sunday)

9am-5pm **Cullman County Museum**
1-800-533-1258
Special hours Sunday

1:30-4:30pm **Weiss Cottage**
1-800-533-1258
Closed Sunday

Every day **Photography Contest**
On Instagram
More info: 256-739-1258

Nightly **Paper Airplane Contest**
Festhalle 256-297-0622

9am-5pm **Heartland Guild Quilt Show**
2nd Avenue NE, Cullman
Free Admission 1-800-533-1258

Varity **Mt Doom Shooting Range**
Both Sat starts at 8:00 am
Wed, Thurs, Fri: starts at 6:00pm

Participating Restaurants

Oct 4th -11th Reg. hours **Rumors Deli & Coffee House**
256-737-0911 Food Cart after Regular hours

5pm-11pm **Grumpy's Italian Grill**
Samuel Adams on tap, music and German food 256-709-2608

Oct 4th, 9th &11th **Rumors Deli & Coffee House**
5pm-8pm German menu only

Oct 4th-11th **Busy Bee Oktoberfest Meals**
Starting at 5pm 256-734-9958
Closed Sunday

Oct 8th -11th **Brothers Pour House** "Bier Fest"
Starting at 6pm-till
256-338-1672

Oct 8th **TP Country Club**
700 Pine Hill Drive, Cullman
256-739-0738

Oct 9th **All Steaks German Buffet**
323 3rd Ave SE
256-734-4322 Live Music

Festhalle Market Platz Entertainment

Stage Sponsor: Mitch Smith Chevrolet

Saturday 4th

9:00 East West Elementary Chorus
9:45 Cullman High School Chorus
10:45-noon Cullman High School German Band
Noon-3pm Wolfgang Moritz
3:15-5:30pm Horizon
5:45-8pm Round 2
9:15-till Rexton Lee

Sunday 5th

1:30 St Paul's Praise Team
2:30pm - 7pm Wolfgang Moritz

Monday 6th

11:30 -1:30pm Wolfgang Moritz
5:30-6:30 **pm** Community Band
6:30-9pm Terry Cavanagh & Alpine Express

Tuesday 7th

11:30 -1:30pm Wolfgang Moritz
6:30-9pm Terry Cavanagh & Alpine Express

Wednesday 8th

11:30 -1:30pm Wolfgang Moritz
6:30-9pm Terry Cavanagh & Alpine Express

Thursday 9th

10:00 -11:30pm Terry Cavanagh & Alpine Express
5:00-7pm Terry Cavanagh & Alpine Express
7:15-9:15pm Will & Kylie

Friday 10th

11:30 -1:30pm Wolfgang Moritz
5:00-8pm Terry Cavanagh & Alpine Express
9:00-till Big Daddy Kingfish

Saturday 11th

8:30am Roy Crawford & Cullman County Bluegrass
10:00 Wallace State Singers
11:00 Wallace State Jazz Band
1:00-3pm Terry Cavanagh & Alpine Express
3:15-4:45pm Ave G
5:00 -7:00pm Burke Buster
7:15-9:15pm Candy Box
9:30--midnight Fly By Radio

Alabama Craft Biergarten

Location: 209 1st Ave NE,
Sat 4th & 11th Noon to 12am
Mon-Fri: open at 5:00pm
Live music/ Alabama Craft beer/ Sports TV
Sponsored by, Cullman Brewers Guild, Cullman Oktoberfest & Alabama Brewers Guild
Game Day TV Sponsored by Cullman Oktoberfest

College Football Viewing

Oct 4th & 11th Saturday Games at the biergarten
Oct 9th & 10th Thurs. and Fri. Games
NFL viewing
Oct 6th Monday Night Football
8:00 pm STEIN HOISTING CONTEST
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No Beer on Sunday

Schedule of Events Around Town

Saturday, October 4

8am-3pm **Oktoberfest Car Show**
At Depot Park- Cruise in Format
Register on site 256-739-1258

8:00- till **Mt Doom Shooting Range**
Depot Park

8am-till **Get on Board with United Way**
Visit the historic Train Depot
Info: 256-739-2948

8:30-10:30 am **Volksmarch** Self-guided tour
1615 Town Sq SW, Cullman, AL 35055
Sponsored by City Park & Rec
256-739-9931/1-256-352-8936

9:00 **East West Elementary Chorus**
9:45 **Cullman High School Chorus**
10:45 **Cullman High School German Band**
11:00 **Opening Ceremonies**
Welcome & Burgermeister Installation
12:00pm **Tapping of the Kegs**
Root beer & Craft Beer

10:00am-1pm **CDMA Downtown Auction**
1st Ave SE by Stiefelmeyer
256-338-8818

12:30-1:30pm **Taste of Germany Food Sampling**
Located Festhalle Market Platz.

5:30pm-7:30 pm **Stories from the Past Living History-Cemetery Tour**,
1St Ave, NE. Tour every 30 min.
Adult: $8.00, 18-6yrs: $5.00
256-734-3327 / 256-734-0383

7:00-9:00 pm **St Paul's Oktoberfest Dinner**
510 3rd Ave SE (school gym)
Contact: 205-490-5797
Entertainment: Wolfgang Moritz

Sunday, October 5

1:30 pm **St Andrews Praise Team**
Music at the Festhalle

2:30 pm **Fashion Show & Miss Oktoberfest Contest** featuring entertainment from: **Cullman Dance Academy, Fairview High School Drama Club, and Wolfgang Moritz**
Models wearing authentic German clothing & modern dress
Festhalle Market Platz

3:00-5:00pm **Oktoberfest Choir Concert.**
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Free Admission & Refreshments
256-338-0432

5:30-7:30pm **Stories from the Past Living History-Cemetery Tour**,
1St Ave, NE. Bus leaves every 30 minutes Adult: $8.00, 18-6yrs: $5.00
256-734-3327 / 256-734-0383

5:30- 7:30pm **Polka Party at the Festhalle**
Live music and dance instructors available for dance lessons

Monday, October 6

5:00-7:00pm **St. John's Oktoberfest Dinner**
512 2nd Ave SE. Cost $10.00,
Music: 1st Baptist Church Quartet
Info: 256-734-0344 / 256-734-0582

5:30-6:30pm 7pm **Cullman Community Band**
Traditional German Music
209 1st Ave NE Cullman

7pm-8:15pm **Candlelight Walking Tour Downtown Cullman**
Free Admission
Register at Festhalle

Tuesday, October 7

5:00pm-7:00pm **German Dinner Cullman Regional Medical Center**
1912 Al Hwy 157 Cullman.
Col. Cullman Room POB II
Adults RSVP 256-737-2600

7pm-8:15pm **Candlelight Walking Tour Downtown Cullman**
Free Admission
Register at Festhalle

Wednesday, October 8

11:00-2pm **TP Country Club Lunch**
700 Pine Hill Drive, Cullman
RSVP 256-739-0738

5pm-7:00pm **Sacred Heart German Dinner**
217 2nd Ave. SE at Family Life Center 256-734-0980

Thursday, October 9

Senior Day at Festhalle Market Platz
209 1st Ave NE Cullman, Alabama

10am-11:30pm **Terry Cavanagh & Alpine Express-** music & fun!

11:30-12:00pm **Senior's Lunch**
Festhalle Market Platz, Free Hotdog Lunch to the first 700 seniors to arrive

12:00pm-until **Senior's Bingo** at Festhalle
Free Bingo for seniors

6:30-9:30pm **All Steaks German Buffet**
323 3rd Ave SE
256-734-4322 Live Music

Friday, October 10

5pm-7pm **Christ Lutheran Oktoberfest Dinner**
424 2nd Ave. SE -256-734-7056
$10.00 Tickets available in advance.

Saturday, October 11

6am-5pm **Sacred Heart Street Sale & German Festival**
112 Second Avenue SE,
256-734-4563/ www.shscullman.net

7am -10am **Oktoberfest 5K & 10K Run**
7:00am Registration
$25.00-5K $30.00-10K
256-708-3971 chrisv@camha.com

8:00- till **Mt Doom Shooting Range**
Depot Park

8am -5pm **Community Arts & Crafts Fair**
Located in Depot Park Arts, Crafts, Food Vendors, and Information
1-800-533-1258

8am-5pm **Kinder Art Park**
Free Children's Art and Craft Activities

8am –till **Oktoberfest Bed Race**
401 2nd Ave NE/ Depot Park
Info: Lion Ron Seybold-Cullman
Community Bed Race 256-531-6075

10:00am -till **Oktoberfest BBQ Challenge**
Depot Park North Lot
256-348-9590 Bama Chapter

8am-till **Get on Board with United Way**
Visit the historic Train Depot
Info: 256-739-2948

9am-4:00pm **Hundfest** - Doggy Events at Depot Park, 211 2nd Ave NE, Cullman
9am- Registration begins
Sponsored By: Dirty Dawg Rescue & Pet Spa and Cullman Kiwanis Club
Registration Fee $10.00 per class

9am-5:00pm **Junior Sidewalk Art Show**
204 2nd Ave NE, 256-739-4321
Sponsored by the Cullman Arts Council www.cullmanartscenter.com

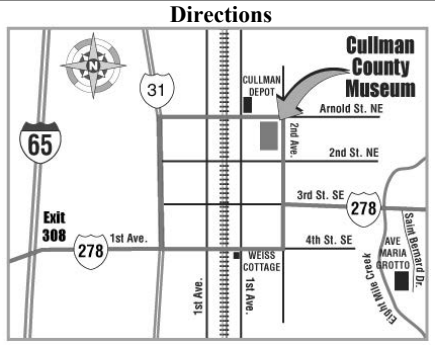
10am-11:30am **Wallace State Show Choir**
Directed by Tiffany Richter
Wallace State Jazz Band
Directed by Ricky Burks

12:30 pm **Bratwurst Eating Contest**
209 1st Ave NE 256-739-1258
Sponsored by Piggly Wiggly

1:00pm & 3:00 pm **Historical District Bus Tour**
209 1st Ave NE Admission $3.00.
Tickets are available at the Festhalle Market Platz. 256-734-3327

7pm-11pm **Burgermeister Ball**
The Loft 212 256-739-1258
Tickets available at door.
General Admission: $10.00
Dinner and Dancing: $22.00

Directions



The Cullman County Museum and Festhalle Market Platz are located Cullman Alabama. If traveling on I-65, take Exit 308(Hwy 278 exit) and turn east. Continue east to 2nd Ave NW (Hway 31N) turn left continue to Arnold Street, turn right (East) go over the railroad tracks, Museum and Festhalle is on the right. If traveling on U.S Highway 31, turn east at Arnold St. NE, go over the railroad tracks, Museum and Festhalle is on the right.

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Saturday, October 4
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256-739-1258/1-800-533-1258

Schedule of Events

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR THE COMING COLD SEASON

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CULLMAN - Fall is a wonderful time of year in Alabama. Temperatures are at their mildest, and it is the perfect time to get some much needed work done to your home. It is also the perfect time to get things squared away for the upcoming winter months. Below are a few tips for winterizing your home to make it more efficient and save you money.

1. One of the simplest tasks you can do for any home is to check for any points of draft. Check around door frames and windows for any signs of air leaking. Even a small leak can cost you a lot of money over the winter.

The good news is that if you find a leak, chances are that fixing it will be a cinch. Weather stripping for doors, and caulk for windows are both inexpensive ways to fix your leak. Make sure to check the weather stripping periodically for signs of wear and replace when necessary.

2. Keep hearth at your home warm and safe this winter by checking to make sure that you do not have a corrosion called creosote, which is a by-product of burning wood.

This is an extremely important practice to keep because a buildup of creosote in your flue or chimney can mean a disastrous fire later. Hiring a professional chimney sweep once a year to do a proper inspection could mean more than a few bucks down the road.

3. An interesting fact that many people do not know is that a central humidifier in your home is good for more than your sinuses. Dry air in the winter can cause fine wood in your home to crack, and therefore increase your chances of problems down the line. Making sure your humidifier is clean will not only keep your family happy, but keep your home from incurring damage.

4. Winter is also known to be a more dangerous time for house fires. With the use of space heaters, electric blankets, more cooking in the home and drier air, it is the perfect set up for fire. This is why it is important to clear out any extra clutter in your home. Old magazines, newspapers, and other flammable materials should be thrown out. In addition, checking the batteries in your fire alarms, and making sure that you have a working fire extinguisher close by are also easy ways to protect your home.

5. The last stop on our list is the probably one of the more dreaded chores of the year, cleaning out gutters. While this is a tedious chore it is an extremely necessary one. Doing a quick check around your gutters, and covering them with a mesh guard can keep the mountain of fall leaves from clogging them. After all, gutters keep your foundation protected from thousands of gallons of water annually, so being kind to them means being kind to your wallet and home.

Fall really is the opportune time to get your home in order. Winter weather can be brutal on any home and cost you thousands in the long run. So in between football games this month, check around the homestead for problem areas to save yourself a huge headache later.

"Cowgirls for a Cause" to Benefit United Way

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CULLMAN - The United Way of Cullman County's 4th Annual Girlfriend Gala "Cowgirls for a Cause" will be held this Thursday, October 2, 2014, at the Cullman Civic Center from 6-9 p.m.

All proceeds from the event will go to United Way of Cullman County.

This year's Gala will be totally different than the ones held in the past and promises to be a lot of fun!

"The Gala is going to be western/country themed this year," said Katelyn Sides, marketing and communications coordinator for United Way of Cullman County.

"It is not going to be your typical gala. People will be wearing jeans and boots and riding a mechanical bull at this one," she giggled.

"It is going to be a more relaxed setting, as well as more fun."

With the Gala having a cowgirl theme, many of the activities planned for the event have been planned accordingly.

"The food is being provided by Jim 'N Nick's and the musical entertainment will be provided by the Winston Ramble Band," Sides explained.

"We will also have a line dancing activity for our guests this year that will be taught by Sherry Boatright," she smiled. "This Gala is going to be a great girl's night out; you won't want to miss it!"

Tickets for the Gala are $60 per person and $65 at the door. Anyone interested in buying tickets can call the United Way office at 256-739-2948.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the United Way office at the number above or e-mail Katelyn Sides at ksides@uwaycc.org.

Pharmacy (from Front)

to expand.

"I graduated from pharmacy two years ago," stated Kiah. "We bought Specialty Pharmacy right when I graduated. My brother Patrick is in his fourth year of pharmacy school now and we knew we wanted to have a new location and expand."

Kiah, along with his brother and father looked at several locations before getting in touch with Good Hope Mayor Corey Harbison.

"He's really interested in trying to grow the area," said Kiah. "When he approached us, we saw this piece of property for sale, and we just went from there. Everyone has been really easy to work with from the mayor to the city council and everyone else."

Specialty Pharmacy's niche is compounding, and the family trio hopes to bring a touch of that to Good Hope Pharmacy as well.

"Compounding is kind of our niche north of town," said Kiah. "We don't compound here but we carry a lot of the same products. We have natural products, vitamins, supplements, and more. We also carry some of the OTC compounds we do up there. Compounding can be anything as small as flavoring something to something bigger like making something into a liquid form if someone can't swallow a tablet."

The Browns offer a wide selection of products at Good Hope Pharmacy.

"We try to be a one stop shop for people in Good Hope," said Kiah.

"If there's something we don't carry that someone would like, we'll definitely be up for that."

The store offers a host of jewelry, clothing, and other fun items that are perfect gifts for others or yourself.

"We just started dabbling in the gift shop items," Kiah stated. "It's been great so far. We're just trying to give people more options of what they can find in Good Hope."

The Browns have enjoyed this new endeavor, and Kiah stated that it has been quite a learning experience, and he's enjoyed it every step of the way.

"Working with people like the mayor and construction companies is something you don't learn in pharmacy school," he said. "I've really enjoyed just meeting different people in Good Hope. People have been really excited about our opening."

Good Hope Pharmacy's building is beautiful. It is olive green in color and features rock and wooden accents.

"We tried to build something people could be proud of," said Kiah. "We really like this style. This building used to be an old auto body repair shop, so the building lent itself to being a big open space with an industrial type look to it."

Additionally, the building is accentuated with repurposed wood.

"My dad owned some property with an old barn that he was tearing down, so we wanted to use its old wood."

The Browns are excited to bring a pharmacy to Good Hope, and will offer a small town experience to everyone that stops by.

"If you come in we'll take care of you and treat you like family," said Kiah. "That's what we want. That small town feel where we know your name when you walk in. If you need us you can call us and we'll take care of you."

Be sure to check out Good Hope Pharmacy located on Highway 69.

Crawl (from Front)

Zombie Crawl itself, which will be at 12 p.m. on October 25, there will be make-up tents for participants to get their faces painted like zombies for $5 and $7, children and adults respectively.

The price of participating in the Zombie Crawl is $13, and there is a $5 cost to enter the brain – gelatin - eating contest.

According to Tommie Sanders, president of Victim Services of Cullman, there will be bounce houses and games, all free, for children to play leading up to, during, and after the Zombie Crawl.

Sanders started the Zombie Crawl event last year in Cullman after she discovered it in Chattanooga, "I just modified it to fit Cullman," she said.

Last year's event was a big success, and Sanders is hoping that this year's event can build off the good fortune of the previous one.

In addition to the Zombie Crawl there will also be a "Thriller" dance class featuring Michael Jackson's megahit. Picture it: a parking lot full of 9-year-old zombies all with their paws, side stepping to the rhythm of Thriller – it will be quite a sight.

Don't miss out on a great event for a great cause, and also a reason to get your face painted on October 25 in front of Berkeley Bob's.

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Program Facilitator needed for local domestic violence intervention program.

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MEMORIES OF SACRED HEART SCHOOL PART 2: THROUGH THE EYES OF A LITTLE GIRL

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CULLMAN - I attended Sacred Heart Elementary School from the first grade through the sixth grade. It was the late '70s and early '80s, and schools just weren't the same. I still look back on those days with fondness and sometimes I even giggle to myself when I think about it. Those were the days!

Everyone wore blue and white-checkered uniforms; the boys wore the patterned shirts with navy blue pants. The girls wore "jumpers" with a starched white shirt underneath. The shirt was the button-up kind and had cute little rounded collars. We always, always, always wore shorts under our jumpers, mainly so we could hang from the monkey bars and protect our modesty.

Something kind of funny I remember about going to school at Sacred Heart was the girl's bathroom. I know – weird, right? But the room was humongous! The walls were painted two different colors. The bottom half was orange and the top half was tan. There were five or six stalls and when we had bathroom break, we'd scamper quickly down the long hallway toward the bathroom, giggling all the way.

Once inside the heavy wooden door, the stalls would fill up quick – except the first one. It was reserved for the teachers – and if anyone, other than a teacher went into that first stall, they got told on. It was considered a serious sin! Thank goodness the rest of the stalls were fair game.

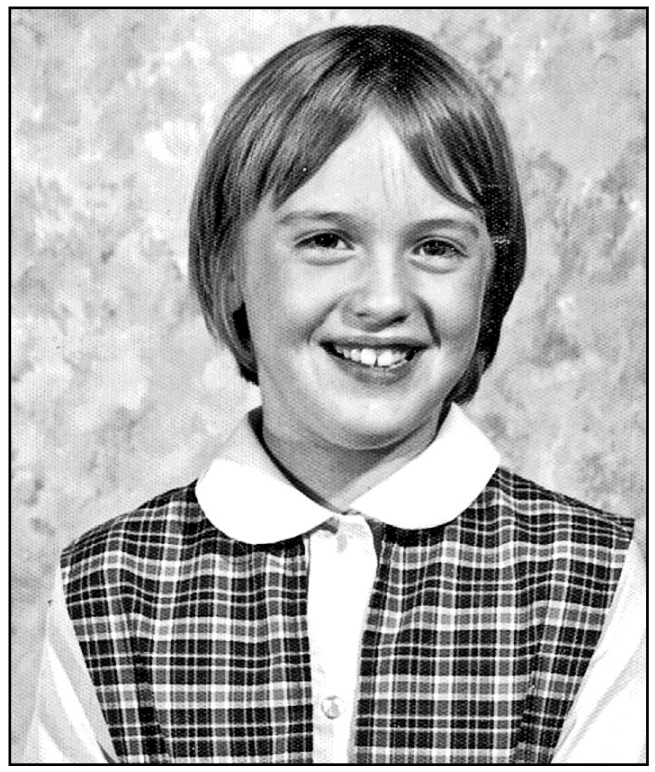
We'd each line up in front of an occupied stall door, staking our claim. Each of us waited patiently, with our legs crossed and jumping around and silently praying we wouldn't wet ourselves. We'd have one hand on the stall door to emphasize the fact that we called the stall next.

After we finished our business, we'd wash our hands in one of the three old white sinks that were on the wall parallel to the stalls. Each small sink had one chipped, chrome faucet that delivered cold water year round.

I never had the pleasure of washing my hands with warm water in all my years at Sacred Heart. As a matter of fact, I got so used to using the cold water back then, I continue to wash my hands with cold water to this day! I don't know why I found that old restroom so neat, but for some reason, I've had several dreams about that bathroom in my adult years! Honestly, I'm afraid to even try to analyze those dreams. What it says about me, I probably don't want to know.

I could ramble on and on about all the little things I enjoyed while going to school at Sacred Heart, but I guess I should wind this up for now. I can honestly say I loved going to school there and I wouldn't trade those days for a million bucks.

I actually consider those boys and girls I shared a classroom with year after year my brothers and sisters. We share a special bond that simply cannot be denied. Even though I haven't seen them in more than 20 years, if I were to see them today, my feelings for them have not changed in the least. They will always have a special place in my heart, and I'll always love them dearly.



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Young Sharon Schuler Kreps created many everlasting memories at Sacred Heart School.

Distinct (from Front)

thing to suit most all ages and styles.

The Creators Place offers unique finds to Cullman. Owners Brenda and Sean McClernan are proud to open this distinctive store.

"The Creators Place is a different kind of store," says Brenda.

"We have handmade jewelry of all kinds. We also carry bulk teas, culinary herbs, and medicinal herbs as well as aromatherapy oils and fragrance oils."

The McClernans believe The Creators Place will offer diversity to citizens of Cullman.

"We're definitely a different store," Brenda says. "Everything from the products to the smells sets us apart."

And she's right. When you walk in this bohemian style store, bright colors will catch your eye while a fresh bouquet of aromas will catch your nose.

Brightly colored jewelry made from stones and sand line the room.

You'll find jewelry for children, women, and men, as well as bohemian style décor for your home, bags, accessories, and an array of teas, herbs, and oils.

The distinct smell of teas, herbs, and oils are what gives this store its character. The aroma is subtle, but definite.

But a nice smell is certainly not the only benefit to these natural products.

"The teas are fresh," says Brenda, "And they have several benefits to them. Green teas contain antioxidants, and one of the ones I carry contains licorice which helps lower blood pressure. I also carry red and black teas."

For those who love to cook, you'll have to check out the fresh culinary herbs at The Creators Place.

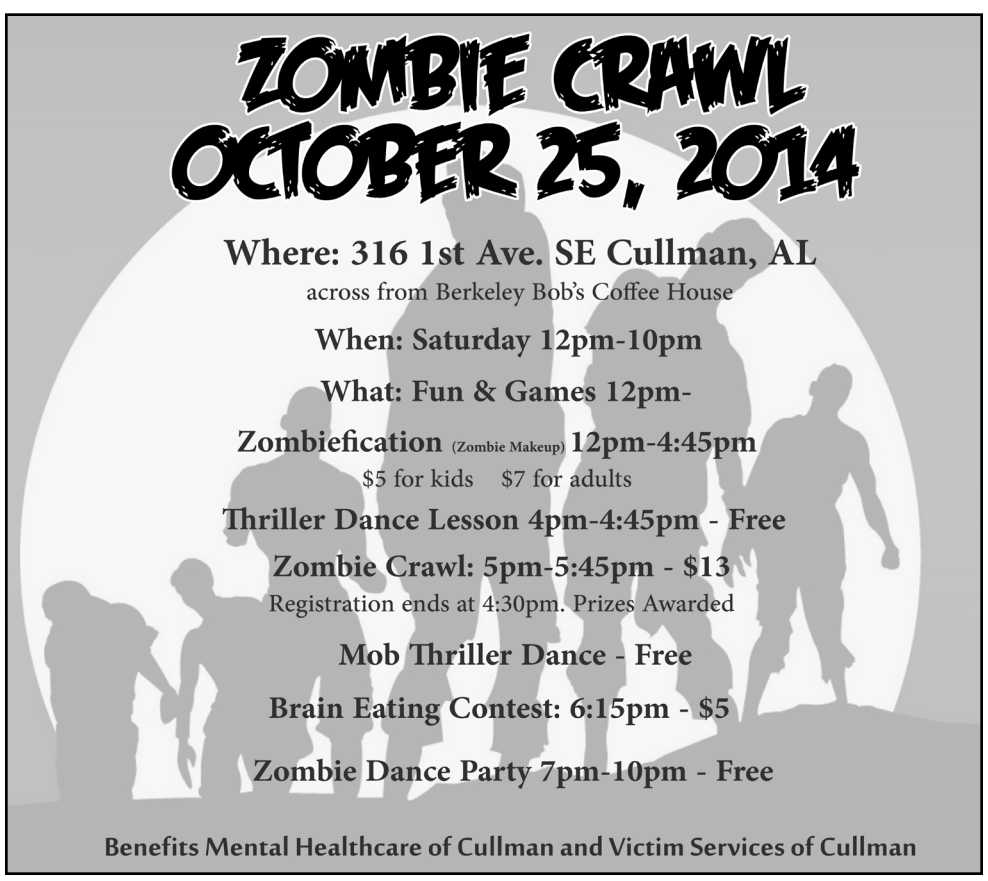
"They are out of this world," Brenda states.

Finally, you can also find a selection of medicinal herbs and oils at The Creators Place.

"If you look at prescription medicine, you'll find a long list of side effects," Brenda explains.

"Our medicinal herbs are the medicine from our grandparents and their parents. The oils we carry contain eucalyptus, which helps treat a sinus infection. We also carry clove oil, which is good for treating tooth aches."

The Creators Place offers something for everyone. Their hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check them out today in downtown Cullman across from First Community Bank.





EVA'S FRONTIER DAYS CELEBRATES 25TH YEAR

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EVA - Big things have been happening in Eva as they celebrated their 25th annual Frontier Days celebration. Frontier Days is a weeklong celebration commemorating the good ole days. From beginning to end, there was down home fun for all ages.

This year, the week began on Saturday, September 20, 2014, with a beauty pageant and a bluegrass festival featuring Fireball Mail from Nashville and Freshwater Creek. On Tuesday, there was a hayride at the Eva Saddle Club Arena with free hotdogs and cokes afterward.

There was a community singing at Eva United Methodist Church Thursday night, and on Friday night there was Music on the Square.

Folks came from near and far to listen to Blue Water Road and Dixie Flavor as they played the night away.

Saturday was the last day of the celebration and was, by far, the busiest day. The whole town of Eva was covered with activities to do.

There was a parade through the middle of town, which kicked things off to a good start.

In addition to the parade, there was an antique tractor and car show, an arts & crafts show, and a baking contest.

The kids enjoyed thrilling rides and exciting games. There was a best dressed contest, a pig calling contest and the Jessie Lindsey Band performed.

The crowd's favorite was the frog jumping contest and the greased pig chase.

Children of all ages competed for the best time as they encouraged their frogs to jump outside a large circle at the ball fields.

Later on, Commissioner Jeremy Oden hosted the greased pig chase where dozens of people, both young and old chased pigs that were drenched in baby oil all over the field.

After lots of scrambling around, the person who finally caught the slick pig got to keep it!

After the greased pig chase, folks were invited to Journey Church for a free BBQ dinner.

The children's area kept the little ones busy as the older group enjoyed the food and fellowship.

After the delicious meal, there was a beautiful fireworks show, which lit up the night sky.

If you didn't make it out to Eva this past week to enjoy the fun, make sure to come out to next year's event. There's always good, clean fun for the whole family, and you'll be glad you came!



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One of the crowd's favorite attractions during Frontier Days was the greased pig chase.

Cattle (from Front)

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CULLMAN - The annual beef cattle show was held at the Cullman County Fair Saturday night in the TriGreen Arena. In such an agricultural county, this competition is a way to celebrate our culture.

Participants were decked out in their plaid shirts and extravagant belt buckles as they proudly displayed their cattle.

Judges looked for the following traits in the cattle: a good head carriage, a broad neck, a long body, and strong legs. The legs of the cattle should be aligned with each other and straight down from the shoulders. The judges also looked for a cooperative cow that walked and stopped when its owner did.

All contestants in each category lined up along the back wall of the arena to show the judge their cattle's profile. They then walked around the arena as the judge inspected each cow before again lining up so the judge could get a closer inspection. Finally, the judge arranged the cattle in order from first place to last place before giving a brief explanation as to why the contestants placed as they did.

In the junior showmanship division, Ace Ashley won first place with Caden Childers in second, Nathan Alexander in third, Drew Conway in fourth, Austin Alexander in fifth, and Caleb Fields in sixth.

In the senior showmanship division, Nick Williams won first place with Reagan Murphree in second, Haley Hector in third, Sydni Benefield in fourth, Payden Smith in fifth, Clay Conway in sixth, and Olivia Benefield in seventh.

Next, the numerous winners of individual breeds and classes were chosen.

Congratulations to all the winners at the beef cattle show last Saturday. Be sure to check out the other events at the Cullman County Fair this week before it ends on October 4!

Spann (from Front)

honored by the Sardis Baptist Church for being a faithful servant to the people of Alabama.

"This is a great opportunity to invite the community to meet our church," said Donny Yarbrough, pastor for Sardis Baptist Church. "It also allows them to see the work we are doing with our mission, and to meet a local legend and public servant, James Spann."

The money raised will go toward funding the church's Written on My Heart Mission Trip to the Philippines. This trip will focus on helping victims of a recent typhoon that has wreaked havoc in the area.

Dinner will be catered by Luna's BBQ. Tickets will be on sale for $20 at the door, and $15 beforehand. You can buy your tickets at Sardis Baptist Church, Luna's BBQ, The Barn, and Basch Brothers. For more information call 256-595-7331.

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GOWNS & CROWNS: LITTLE PRINCESSES SHINE AT FAIR PAGEANT

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CULLMAN - Pageants have become a hot button topic for a lot of parents in recent years. With reality show stars like Honey Boo Boo and her mother, it is easy to see why. The pageant scene has become a 5 billion dollar a year industry. With many people shining a light on the dark side of pageantry, there is a simpler and much less worrisome side that you can see in local pageants like the Cullman County Fair.

On Thursday night, the princesses of Cullman were out wearing their finest formal wear and were hopeful to get the crown for Tiny Miss, or Petite Miss Fair Princess. The contestants were all beautiful and happily sitting with their mothers waiting for their turn to go strut their stuff.

In this simple pageant, there were no hair extensions, spray tans or fake eyelashes. There was only the dress and the girl's personality to get them the crown. Adrian Burtis, mother to last year's Tiny Miss Fair Princess and pageant consultant, says that pageants are a great way to connect with her daughter.

"My daughter loves it," Burtis said. "She has been doing it for a few years now. I have a son as well, and usually we're a pretty sporty family. So it's nice to do this. One day we are doing sports, and then we turn around and we are at our pageants. It's a great way to spend mother and daughter time together."

A lot of preparations go into pageants. There is not only hair and makeup, but also practicing your walk and turns.

"The toughest part for this age is the hair and makeup," Burtis said. "Getting them to sit long enough to get it done, because at this age their attention span is 5-10 minutes. Then there is practicing, and we only do that once or twice a week."

Having judged pageants herself, Burtis also talked about what it takes to take home the crown.

"Onstage presence is really big," said Burtis. "I know when I judge, facial beauty is more of a tie breaker. It's a part of it, but the bigger part is that I want to see someone come out and do their turns whether the judge is smiling or not. If their personality comes out without having to be coaxed, that is a huge thing for me."

On Thursday night, two young girls were crowned Tiny Miss, and Petite Miss Cullman County Fair Princess. Ella Grace Woodard won the Petite Miss Cullman County Fair Princess title, and Brittlee Rebecca Hopper took home the crown for Tiny Miss Fair Princess. Both girls were absolutely glowing, as were their proud parents.

It was a night of beauty, fun and also friendship. Unlike the catty and sometimes cruel world of pageants that you see on TV, the girls and parents at this pageant were gracious and happy for one another.

It was a great night to dress up and have fun, which in the end is what a pageant should be all about.



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Brittlee Rebecca Hopper took home the crown for Tiny Miss Fair Princess.

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4th Annual Girlfriend Gala Oct. 2

Go ahead and be planning your best cowgirl look for the 4th Annual Girlfriend Gala "Cowgirls for a Cause!" benefiting the United Way of Cullman County .

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE for $60. There will be silent auction items, contests among attendees, a country band and of course some good ole country BBQ provided by Jim 'N Nicks BBQ.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, Oct. 2, at 6 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center for a fun country girls night out. See you there cowgirl!

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Bosom Buddies Support Group
The Bosom Buddies Support Group offers support to individuals affected by Breast Cancer. The group will hold its next meeting on Monday, August 18 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Cullman Regional Medical Centers Depot Room in the Community Education Center located in Professional Office Building 2 (1890 AL Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058).

U.S. Disaster Relief Command Meeting
All interested are invited and urged to attend the monthly meeting of the U.S. Disaster Relief Command meeting tonight starting at 6:30 p.m. This event takes place at Good Hope Town Hall and volunteers and workers are needed to help formulate plans for any future disasters which might strike locally. For further info please contact Lt. Col. Dan Raley at 256-347-4732. All welcome.

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

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Aqua Zumba Classes at CWAC
Everyone is invited to take part in the Aqua Zumba classes that are offered each Monday at Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center beginning at 7 p.m. in the center's indoor pool. Please call 256-775-7946 for additional information!

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.

'Women's Community Prayer' Group Meeting
All interested women of all faiths and churches are invited to attend the newly formed 'Womens' Community Prayer' Group meeting which meets at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in their Chapel. This prayer ministry is open to women of all churches and faiths who wish to pray for our families, our city and our country. For additional information please contact Nancy Spurgeon, 256-737-0580. This prayer group also is open to those who would like to participate but cannot attend. They are welcome to join as 'Partners in Prayer'. Please call and get connected.

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.

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.

Senior Day at the Cullman County Fair
It is time 'Senior Day' at the Cullman County Fair. Gates open at 10 a.m. for seniors until 1 p.m. All seniors welcome to attend this special event.

Church Group Wednesday Nights at CWAC
Youth groups, Sunday School Classes and other Church groups are invited to take part in 'Church Group Nights at Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center every Wednesday night from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. Please call 256-775-SWIM (7946).

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.

Promoting Hispanic History Speaker Javier Morales at WSCC
Wallace State Community College alumni Javier Morales will speak on the subject of Promoting Hispanic History at 9:30 a.m. on the campus of Wallace State Community College. For more information, visit www.wallacestate.edu.

'Celebrate Recovery' at Hanceville First Baptist Church
There will be a 'Celebrate Recovery' meeting tonight starting at 7 p.m. at Hanceville First Baptist Church. Childcare will be available. Additional info Church office at 256-352-9150. Open to all!

Ageless Grace Fitness Class
Come join in the Ageless Grace Fitness Class held each Thursday evening starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center. Leader Ann Caretti will show attendees the latest fitness tips available. The event is sponsored by Cullman Park and Recreation Department. Call 256-734-9157 for more information.

'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.

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.

Smith Lake Park Bass Fest Tournament
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Saturday

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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Pumpkin Patch at Farm Kids Club
The North Alabama Agriplex is once again sponsoring their 'Farm Kids Club' programs for children ages 5 and up, as children are allowed hands on learning with this month's theme of Pumpkin Patch. Children must be accompanied by a parent and cost is $5.00 per child or $10.00 per family. Adults are free. The program will take place from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

Karma in Cullman Presents Zombies in Cullman Fun Run
Karma in Cullman Presents Zombies in Cullman Fun Run will be held at Sportsman Lake Park at 5 p.m. We will have three types of runners that can enter as. Humans runners will be $20.00, Zombies runners will be $25.00 or Zombie Hunters will be $30.00.

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Looking Ahead

Christ Lutheran Church Oktoberfest Dinner
Christ Lutheran Church Oktoberfest Dinner will be held on Friday, October 10, 2014. Start serving from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Eat in or carry out. Tickets are $10.00 and will be available at the door. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 424 2nd Ave SW.

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• Kayaking lessons at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatics Center at 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.
• Trivia Night at Rodney G's at 7 p.m.
• Happy Hour at Moe's from 3-7 p.m.

Wednesday
• Karaoke Night at Grumpy's at 7 p.m.
• Musician Craig Edwards at Brothers at 7 p.m.
• Happy Hour at Moe's from 3-7 p.m.
• Karaoke Night at Cadillac Ron's at 7 p.m.
• Ladies' Night at Cadillac Ron's from 5-8 p.m.

Thursday
• Cullman County Fair all day at Sportsman Lake Park
• Hispanic History Speaker Javier Morales at WSCC at 9:30 a.m.
• Kayaking lessons at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatics Center at 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.
• Open Mic Night at Brothers from 8 p.m. to close
• Happy Hour at Moe's from 3-7 p.m.
• Karaoke Night at Cadillac Ron's at 7 p.m.

Friday
• Cullman County Fair all day at Sportsman Lake Park
• German meals at Busy Bee Café at 5 p.m.
• Live Music at Brothers & Moe's
• Happy Hour at Moe's from 3-6 p.m.
• Live Music at Cadillac Ron's from 8 p.m. to close

Saturday
• Beginning of Oktoberfest in Cullman!
• German meals at Busy Bee Café at 5 p.m.
• Farm Kids Club Program: Pumpkin Patch at the Agriplex from 9-10:30 a.m.
• Cullman County Fair all day at Sportsman Lake Park
• Live Music at Brothers & Moe's
• Happy Hour at Moe's from 3-6 p.m.
• Zombies in Cullman Fun Run at Sportsman Lake Park from 5-8 p.m.
• Live Music at Cadillac Ron's from 8 p.m. to close

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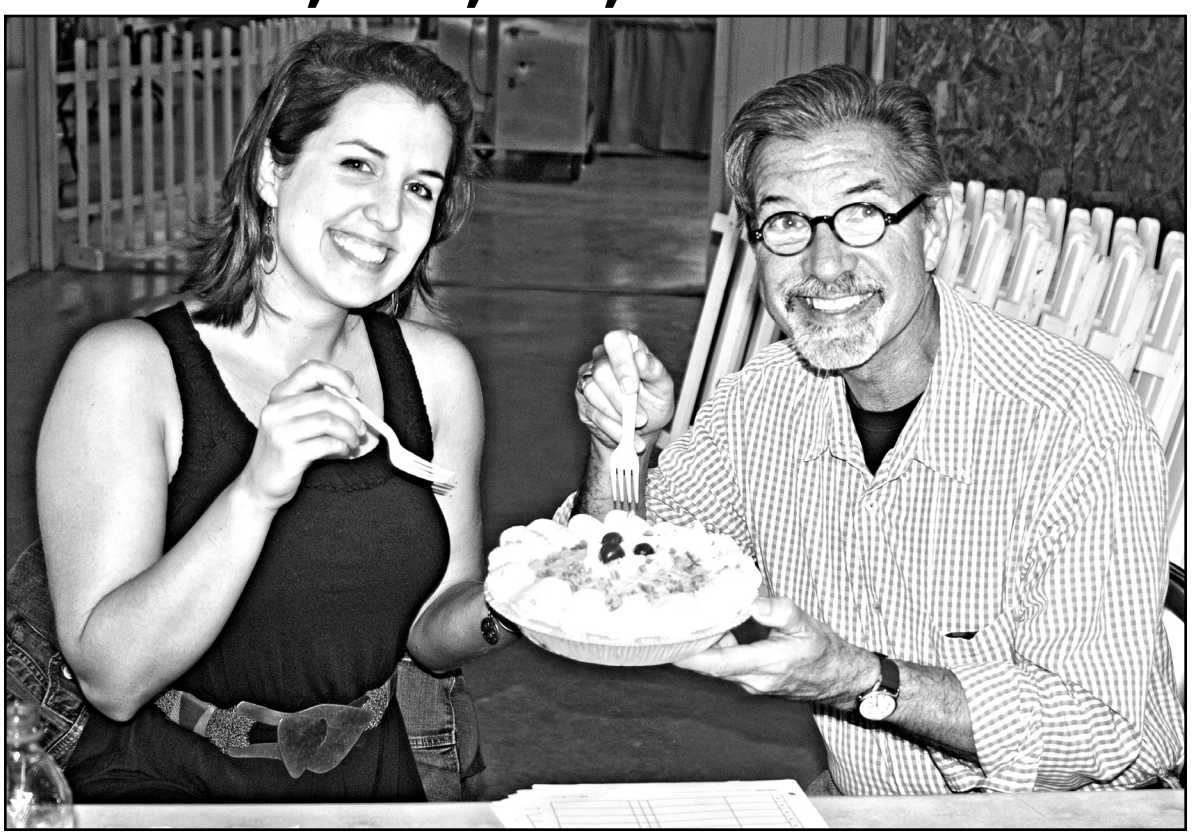
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JUDGING THE FAIR'S CULINARY FOOD EXHIBITS IS TOUGH, BUT, OH, SO SWEET!

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Impartial judges for the Culinary Foods Division sample a variety of cakes, cookies, candies, yeast breads, pies, and quick breads.

CULLMAN - The Cullman County Fair is in town and you know what that means... it's competition time! Yes, people come from near and far throughout Cullman County just to enter their various specialties in the fair. Friendly competition and a deep need to show off just a little is what it's all about, and that is what makes our wonderful county fair something special.

People of all ages and varying talent will compete this year for those coveted blue ribbons. Some folks have spent months either sewing quilts, crocheting afghans, assembling curious handicrafts, or creating beautiful works of art while others have gone out into their gardens and plucked their finest ear of corn, hottest peppers, juiciest watermelons, and biggest pumpkins, all carefully chosen to take to the fair for judging.

The healthiest livestock in Cullman County were ushered into special trailers and driven to the fairgrounds for show.

Each animal was placed in a nice clean spot and given plenty of hay, which had been scattered about for both comfort, as well as food for the creatures to munch on.

There are tons of different fair exhibits, but my newfound favorite is the Culinary Foods Division. Why? Because this year I was able to go behind the scenes and watch the judges as they sampled the many delicious treats to determine the winners!

The task wasn't an easy one, and I could tell the judges struggled as they tasted the handmade pies, cakes, breads, cookies, and other fine treats. How in the world do they ever decide the winning delicacies?

"There are six different divisions: cakes, cookies, candies, yeast breads, pies, and quick breads," explained Beth Self, exhibit superintendent.

"There are youth and senior citizen categories within each division. The food is judged 75 percent on taste and texture and 25 percent on appearance, so if you have two things and both taste good but one of them is more pleasing to the eye than the other, then that would be the tie breaker."

The judges did a remarkable job and should all be commended. They are: Kaitlyn Parker, Pat Hawkins, Ben Johnson South, Cammie Bishop, Fredia Oliver, Nita Brown Betty Woodly, and Bobbie Hawkins. Some of the judges are members of the Walker County Homemakers Club and some are Master Gardeners from Blount County.

"We always get judges that are from other counties so they don't know any of the exhibitors," said Self.

This year the fair was extra special for several students from West Elementary School. Thanks to school counselor, Elizabeth Shaddix, children who had no way of delivering their baked goods and handicrafts up to the fair, for whatever reason, were able to. They, along with the rest of the community, were able to show the world the results of all their hard work.

"Ms. Shaddix is the first teacher that I've ever had that brought student's entries in for them," Self smiled.

"When I talked to her, she said that she has these students that she works with that are really not involved with anything else, that their parents, for whatever reason, whether it be work or some other reason, cannot bring their stuff up here, so she did it for them. I was very impressed!"

The exhibits in the Cullman County Fair are more than just objects.

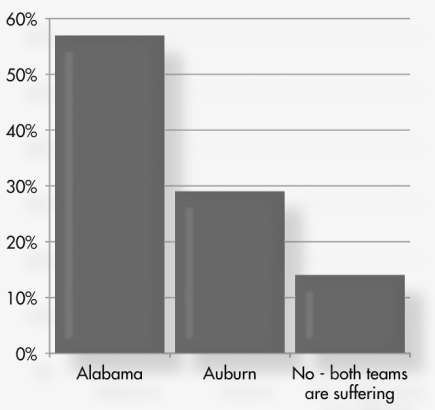
They represent imagination, patience, and skill. Together they display just a small amount of incredible talent that the citizens of Cullman County have within themselves.

But not only talent, they represent people like Ms. Shaddix at West Elementary whose kindness and encouragement goes unnoticed because they care so much for others rather than just themselves.

If you haven't been to the fair yet, you need to go, not just for the rides, games and food, but to witness for yourself Cullman County on exhibit in a way that only happens once a year in the month of September.

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- **Community-Wide Yard Sale & Craft Fair** at Heritage Park, Saturday, September 27 at 7am. 10x10 and 15xz15 spaces will be available for $15, with lots of traffic through the park with tournaments in soccer and baseball during the event. To book your space, call 256-739-9931. Space is limited, call soon to reserve your spot.
- **Youth Outdoor Adventure Program:** Program will be held Saturdays from October 11-November 15 starting at 9:30am each Saturday. Program will explore outdoors with hiking, paddling, rock climbing, rappelling, and more. Cost is $75 for the 6 weeks, which includes all trips in and out of town. Space is limited to the first 30 boys and girls ages 7-14 who sign up. Registration is open now at the Cullman Civic Center. Call 256-734-9157 for more details.
- **Youth Basketball Registration:** October 1-20 at the Cullman Civic Center. Boys and girls ages 4-14. Cost is $90 which includes season, jersey, and end of year trophy. Call 256-734-9157 for more information.
- **Youth Basketball Cheerleading Registration:** Registration will be open Oct. 1-20 at the Cullman Civic Center. Cost is $90 which includes season, uniform, and end of the year trophy. Call 256-739-9931 for more information.
- **Carolina Beach Shag Dance Class** Thursdays in September from 6:30-8pm at the Donald E. Green Sr. Center. $7 per class or $20for 4 weeks.
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Let's All Go To the Fair... The 2nd Annual Cullman County Fair of 1956

The folks of Cullman County were all a buzz with the coming of the 1956 Cullman County Fair. The first Cullman County Fair, held the year before, had been considered a huge success and twice as many people turned out to enjoy the fun than was expected.



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Cullman Fights Hunger

The North Alabama Agriplex recently received a grant for their Food for Life program, which has brought AmeriCorps VISTA participants to serve here in Cullman. These good Samaritans are working with the Agriplex to make Cullman a better place. The volunteers will be serving one-year terms and will receive a living allowance as well as an...

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Cullman District Judge Kim Chaney elected as President of AADCP

Cullman District Judge Kim Chaney was elected President of Alabama Association of Drug Court Professionals at their last conference in Montgomery Alabama. "I am very proud and honored to have been selected to serve this Association and will continue to work to help all...

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JEFF WHITLOW & THE OLD BARN BAND ENTERTAIN AT THE FAIR

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CULLMAN - Jeff Whitlow and the Old Barn Band were the guest performers Friday night at the Cullman County Fair. The Old Barn Band is heading into its 10th year, playing the great older country classics by the likes of George Jones, Merle Haggard, Conway Twitty, and many others.

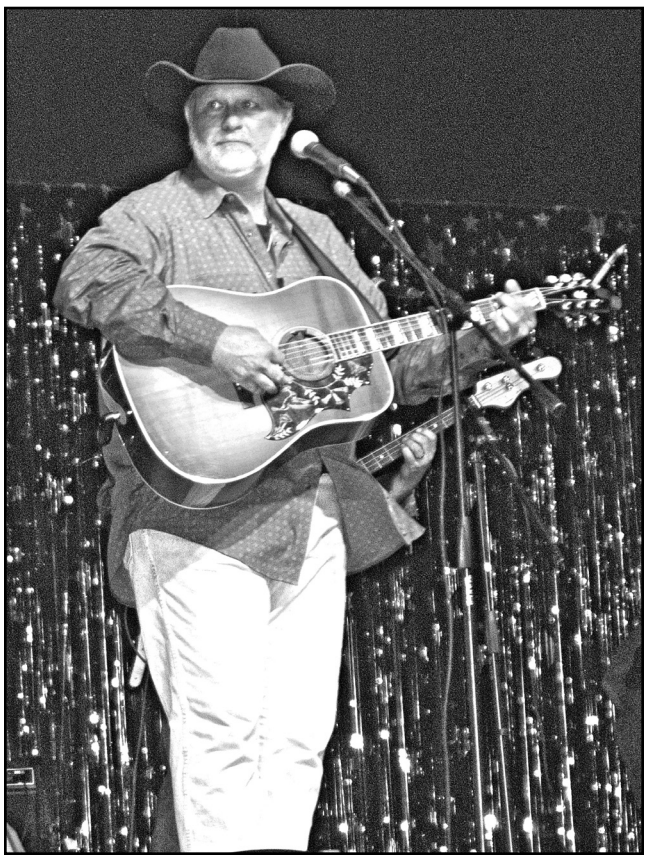
The band consists of Jeff Whitlow - lead vocals, Porter Dutton - rythm guitar, Wayne Reburn -lead guitar, Gaylon Parker - bass and Ryan Gilley - drums.

"We thoroughly enjoy being on stage and it comes across in our shows," said Whitlow.

"We've played all across Alabama and southern Tennessee, but always enjoy coming to Cullman."

If you missed Friday night's concert, you can still see them perform live at their 6th Annual Honky Tonk Country Christmas Show on Friday, December 19, 2014 at the Hartselle Civic Center.

For tickets, call 256-303-8096. You can visit their website at www.jeffwhitlowcountry.com, or find them on Facebook.

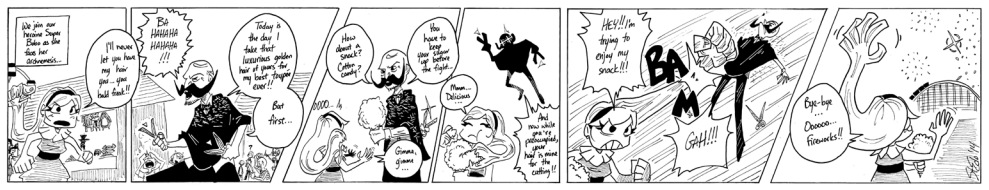


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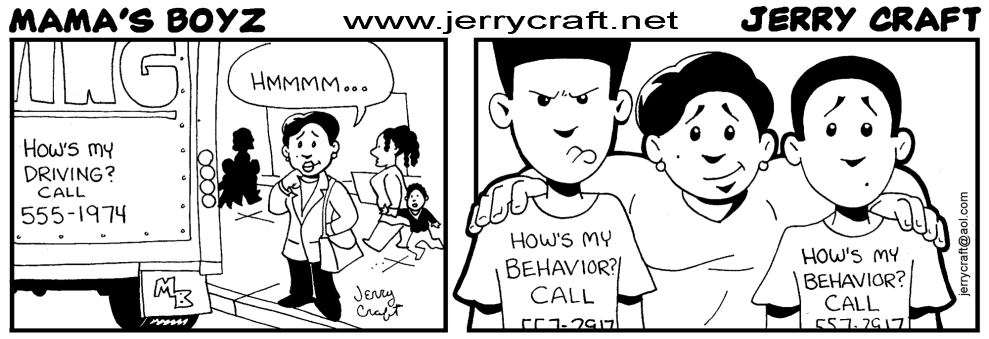
Jeff Whitlow and the Old Barn Band enjoy playing classic country songs.

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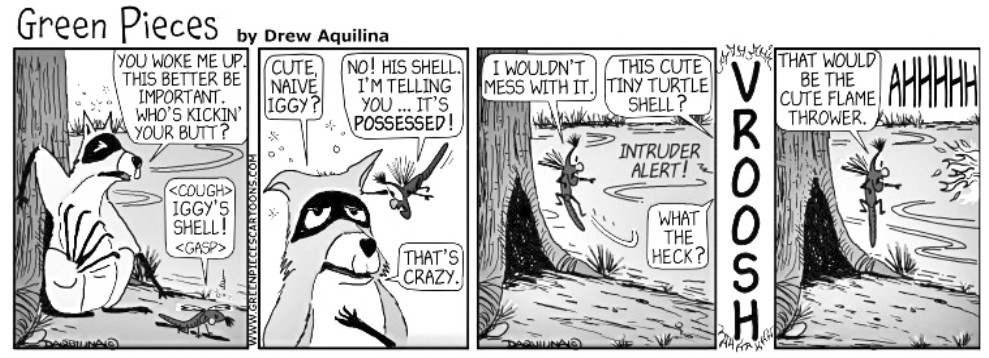
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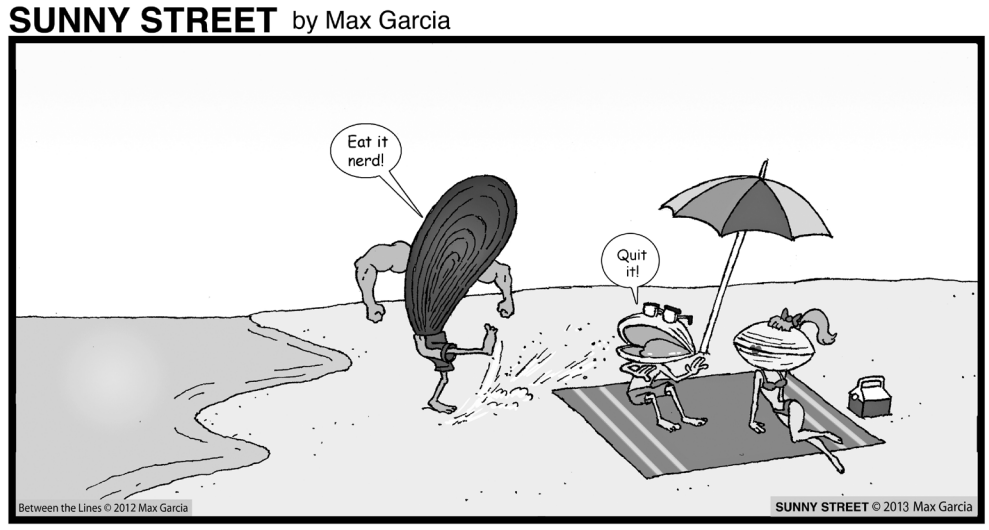
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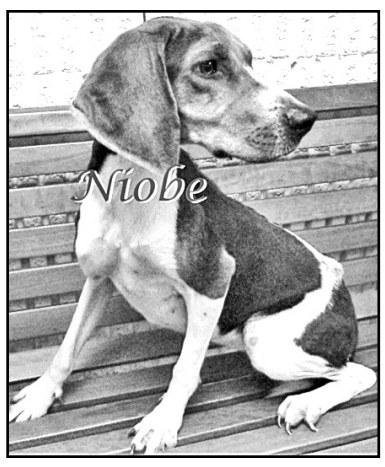
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Egan

Hello! My name is Egan and I am about 1 years old. I am a Terrier mix, and I currently weigh 20 lbs. I am a stray but will be available for adoption on 09/30/14 at 2 p.m. I am full of life and I love to play. I am ready to find my new best friend and forever companion.

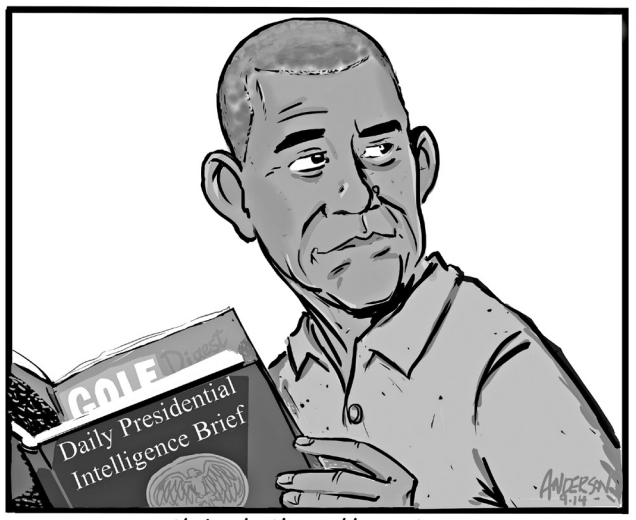


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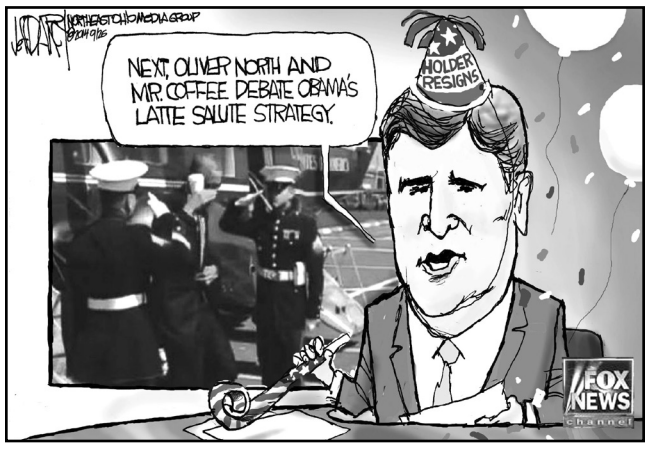
Both of these dogs have an adoption fee of $90 that will include their general exam at the Vet, vaccines, wormer, rabies shot, microchip, spay/neuter, and free 45 days of pet health insurance. Pet Depot will give you a bag of food (you pay taxes) as their way of supporting adoption.

If you know the owner of either dog or if you are interested in adopting one of the dogs, please call 256-734-5448 or come by the Animal Shelter.

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OPINION

THE FUTURE OF CIVIL SOCIETY

Mel Gurtov
PeaceVoice

Scotland's vote for independence fell well short of victory. But pro-independence Scots will surely try again, just as the Quebec Sovereignty Movement has stayed optimistic over many years in its fight for independence. From a practical point of view, perhaps the Scots are better off staying in the United Kingdom. Independence would have raised difficult challenges concerning foreign and defense affairs, oil and the environment, among many others. Yet as we look around the world, we find that governments have become increasingly unable to placate widespread anger and demands for change. The sovereignty and decentralization envisioned by Scotland and Quebec is not just appealing, but a rational response of civil society to ineffective, unresponsive leaders.

What might have been the implications beyond Scotland if it had gained independence? Would the success have inspired others, much like the rapid diffusion of the Arab Spring? Would Scottish independence have prompted a similar movement in Wales? Might Catholics in Northern Ireland have raised demands for union with Ireland? What about Catalonia? Kurdistan? Tibet? Chechnya?

Secessions of parts of a state to form a new one generally are not well received by other countries. An independent Scotland—not to mention an independent Quebec, Kurdistan, or Tibet—does not have support from the US or any other major country, so far as I'm aware. Eastern Ukraine's breakaway only has Russia's support. The general assumption among policy makers is that backing another country's breakup might come back to haunt their country.

Of course there are exceptions. The breakup of the USSR and the split of Sudan into North and South did not seem to arouse much disapproval. But the international approach to Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan is more typical: for all the ethnic, religious and political forces within those countries that are pulling them apart, and that might make the case for division into new countries, no one seems in favor. We might reasonably assume that governments are not concerned with the blowback of supporting secession more than they are with the empowerment of civil society.

We are on the threshold of a new era, the likes of which we haven't seen since decolonization in Africa and Asia after World War II, in which attempts at breakaways will be more common.

Popular dissatisfaction with government is rampant around the world, regardless of the political system. Demand (for services, satisfaction of grievances, regulations or deregulation) greatly exceeds what large centralized governments can supply. And the opportunities for people to display, communicate, and organize their dissatisfactions are also far greater than ever before. Many groups will demand not just greater local autonomy but the right to fully govern themselves.

This possibility should not be surprising. Americans, Chinese, Russians, French, Iraqis and many others are fast reaching the point where it is apparent that units of governing have become too large to accommodate the scope of the demands placed upon their national leaders. It's no longer just a matter of ethnic or religious differences. Climate change and other large-scale environmental problems, rapidly growing rich-poor divides, unemployment, cross-border immigration, migrant workers, tainted food and water deficits, unmanageable public health crises—all these are creating serious protests that challenge the managerial abilities of governments. Central governing units need to be smaller if they are to be responsive, accountable and effective in the public interest.

"We are living in an era of unprecedented level of crises," UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said as a new General Assembly session opened in New York. For how long can these crises be contained or ignored? Will they be handled nonviolently? I'm old enough that it's possible I won't be around when these questions are answered. When they are, I can only hope the Scottish option is accepted as a reasonable alternative to terrible destructiveness. My grandchildren may one day be living in a country called Cascadia (the Pacific Northwest of the US and Canada), and that increasingly sounds like a good idea.

OPINION

PEACE IS BREAKING OUT ALL OVER THE WORLD

Steven Youngblood
PeacVoice

A friend and colleague recently wrote me and asked if I, an advocate for peace, was discouraged by the avalanche of violence that seems to be engulfing mankind. It's certainly easy to get discouraged, or even to abandon the notion that peace is possible, given the new status quo in Ukraine, the Central African Republic, Iraq, Nigeria, Ferguson, Missouri, Mexico, Syria, Gaza, Somalia, and so on. Against this backdrop, the annual commemoration of the International Day of Peace on Sept. 21 seemed futile—like holding a storm awareness seminar in the middle of a category five hurricane.

Yes, the big picture seems awful. But it's not the only picture.

That's why I look at a number of other pictures that show peace breaking out all around the globe.

Several examples of these peace outbreaks can be found in the September 2014 edition of "Building Peace," a semiannual publication produced by the Alliance for Peacebuilding that serves to highlight current peace initiatives and conflict resolution processes from around the world.

One peace outbreak spotlighted in the latest issue is occurring in the Republic of Congo: "Since 2010, a local Congolese organization, Fondation Chirezi (FOCHI), has taken an innovative approach to [accountability, justice, and peacebuilding]. FOCHI's primary focus is to ensure swift, accessible, and free justice to rural village populations. Staff and volunteers work with local communities and within traditional structures to establish community peace courts called barazas."

There are many such successful peacebuilding efforts. I have witnessed many of these efforts, myself. In northern Uganda, real, measurable reconciliation is occurring after a tragic 20-year civil war. In Uganda in 2011, radio journalists joined forces to ensure that they did not fuel violence during the presidential election. I've witnessed productive, cross border dialogue among journalists in Cyprus.

I've even seen Lebanese politicians from opposite ends of the political spectrum do what many believed was impossible—they actually sat behind a table together and agreed on several important policy positions.

Also, the number of organizations succeeding in promoting peace is impressive and increasing, and includes the Alliance for Peacebuilding, Seeds of Peace, the Search for Common Ground and, humbly, the Center for Global Peace Journalism.

So, to answer my friend's question, while it's easy to get discouraged by the deluge of bad news, there are nevertheless always plenty of examples of peace outbreaks around the globe.

It is these outbreaks, these other pictures of the world, which should provide the encouragement and the impetus for us all to continue working for peace.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Mary Hayden Hovater
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I would like to take a moment to thank all the people that made the NASA Week in Cullman and exhibits at the county band exhibition so wonderful.

Without the support from all across this city and county, we could not have shared this part of Cullman and our connection to the aerospace community, particularly NASA.

I am never disappointed by the show of community and fellowship found in Cullman, and that is just another reason I'm proud to call it home.

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