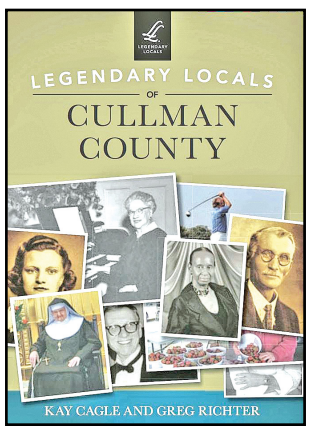
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THERE'S A STORY IN EVERY STITCH: NIMBLE THIMBLE QUILTERS GUILD STRIVES TO KEEP THE ART OF QUILTING ALIVE

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CULLMAN - Throughout history, quilting has been more than an art form, it was an essential skill for families. Cold nights and no central heat meant that families depended on these quilts to keep the bite of winter away. Since those times, it has stayed a tradition through many families, and the Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild intends to keep that tradition going.

The Guild was established in 1992, and has made p3



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Many of the Guild's quilts are donated to charities.

A PIECE OF HISTORY RESTORED

HANCEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FIRST FIRE TRUCK BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE P2



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMANSENSE

Historical tours will be given on the newly restored fire truck during the upcoming Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival in downtown Hanceville.

LOCAL TEEN OPENS CAR CLEANING BUSINESS

Katie Dansby
Contributor

CULLMAN - At 17 years old and a junior in high school, Nathan Haynes has operated his own business, 278 Auto Wash and Detail, since July of this year.

As a former employee in fast food, Nathan said, "I like being my own boss."

While most high school students went to the fair, Nathan said he would probably be working until 8 p.m. that night cleaning cars.

He is in advanced classes at West Point High School, volunteers as an athletic trainer for the football team, and helps out at the ticket booth and concession stand. He stays busy with homework and projects and is active in various clubs at school.

Nathan said that the start-up of his car cleaning business was difficult at first because p6



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Nathan Haynes

CULLMAN COUNTY BOSOM BUDDIES AWARDS GERALDINE JAMES FOR SERVICE

Heather Roberts
CRMC Contributor

CULLMAN - Geraldine James received an award from the Cullman County Bosom Buddies for her service as Director/Coordinator of the Reach to Recovery Program at Cullman Regional Medical Center (CRMC).

Ms. James volunteers in the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation Helping Hand Foundation and also manages the Reach to Recovery Program in Winston, Blount, Bibb, and Cullman counties.

Reach to Recovery is one of the many activities overseen by the Bosom Buddies Support Group. In this program, volunteers contact individuals who have been recently diagnosed with breast cancer. All information and visits are confidential and help to encourage and assist patients through their journey.

The Bosom p6



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Geraldine James

OCTOBER 20 DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION APPROACHING

Tamara Cofield
Contributor

MONTGOMERY - Secretary of State Jim Bennett recently reminded Alabama residents that October 20 is the deadline to register to vote for the November 4 General Election.

Eligible non-voters may download a registration form online at www.alabamavotes.gov to mail to their local boards of registrars' office or visit the registrars' office in person during their office hours.

"Alabama has almost 3 million voters but we would encourage even greater participation," Bennett said. "Sometimes only a few votes can decide who wins or loses an election."

Bennett also urged current voters who have moved since the last election to update their addresses with registrars. A form for that purpose may also be downloaded at http://www.alabamavotes.gov.

Some voters may find they have been moved to another polling place or their legislators may have changed due to redistricting.

Bennett said this will also be the first General Election where Alabama's new photo ID law will be in effect. The requirement has already been used for the Primary and Primary Runoff elections earlier this year.

"We want everyone that does not have a driver's license, non-driver ID, or any other government or state-issued photo identification to get one for free at their local boards of registrars," said Bennett. The Secretary of State's Office is also sending out mobile photo units across the state to make the process accessible.

A voter may receive a photo voter ID at any point during the time leading up to the election, even on Election Day.
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MINI RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT PLANNED AT WALLACE STATE

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WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE - A Mini Relay For Life event will be held at Wallace State Community College, hosted by the WSCC Relay For Life team. The Oct. 25 event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Tom Drake Coliseum.

The event is planned as a way to give those who may not normally get an opportunity to participate in the annual May event a chance to take part in fundraising for the American Cancer Society. There is no registration fee to participate and everyone is welcome to attend.

"We wanted to give members of the community another opportunity to take part in Relay For Life," said Gail Crutchfield, sponsor of the WSCC Relay For Life team. "We thought a fall event would give them that chance, and it doesn't commit them to participating in the big event in May, though we'd love to see them then, too."

Teams who wish to participate in the Mini Relay For Life event will be provided a space in the coliseum to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

"There is no minimum limit as to how much they raise for the event, as every little bit helps," Crutchfield said.

"We will provide a table and two chairs and teams can decorate their space as they wish."

The Mini Relay For Life will include the ceremonies traditional to Relay, including the Survivors' Lap and the Luminaria Ceremony.

"Any luminaries purchased for Mini Relay For Life will be saved to be used at the main Relay For Life event in May," Crutchfield said. Plans are in the works for entertainment, fun and games during the event.

Everyone in the community is welcome to attend, with cancer survivors, their caregivers, family and friends receiving a special invitation to drop by during the four-hour event.

For more information or to register your team, call Crutchfield at 256.352.8064 or e-mail her at gail.crutchfield@wallacestate.edu.

Restored (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE - Hanceville's Fire Department welcomes an old friend: their very first fire engine. The 1950 model fire truck served Hanceville well for many years before it began its travels in and around Cullman County. Two years ago, the engine was donated to the City of Hanceville and the restoration began soon after.

"The truck was sold to Battleground around 1980," said Kenneth Nail, Hanceville's Mayor. "Battleground had it for several years before it left there and went to Sardis. It was at Sardis for several years before it went to Jones Chapel. Two years ago, I called Buddy (Fowler) at Jones Chapel and asked if he still had the old fire truck, and he said yes."

"So I went out there and I said I'll buy it and give it back to the city of Hanceville, but he told me to wait. About two weeks later he called me and said the Jones Chapel Volunteer Fire Department voted to donate it back to the city of Hanceville – It was in terrible shape. We restored it and that's what it looks like today," he said, pointing to a color picture of the old truck.

The truck has been on display in car shows and in parades. The older folks always seem to gather around the bright red beauty and admire it, thinking back to the days when most all fire engines looked just like it.

Though the old truck has had a few changes it has retained the overall look that it had when it first arrived in Hanceville.

"On the back of the truck, the tank has been taken out of it. We put cherry wood in the back and added two benches," Nail explained proudly.

The 5th Annual Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival will be on Saturday, October 18, 2014 in downtown Hanceville, and the Mayor has big plans for the old red fire engine that day.

"We're going to have the truck at the Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival," Nail said with a big grin. "P. H. Kinney, who named Hanceville and was Hanceville's first postmaster, is going to give tours on the back of that truck. People will be able to ride to the historical houses and P. H. Kinney is going to tell them about those houses in costume."

If you love antique cars and trucks and you'd like to come take a ride in the old Hanceville fire engine and learn a little bit about the history of the city of Hanceville, come out to the 5th Annual Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival on October 18.



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The original 1950 model fire truck was used by the Hanceville Fire Department for many years.

The event will be located throughout downtown Hanceville and will have a wide assortment of crafts and activities. Admission is free, and will last from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. All proceeds will go to Hanceville Schools.

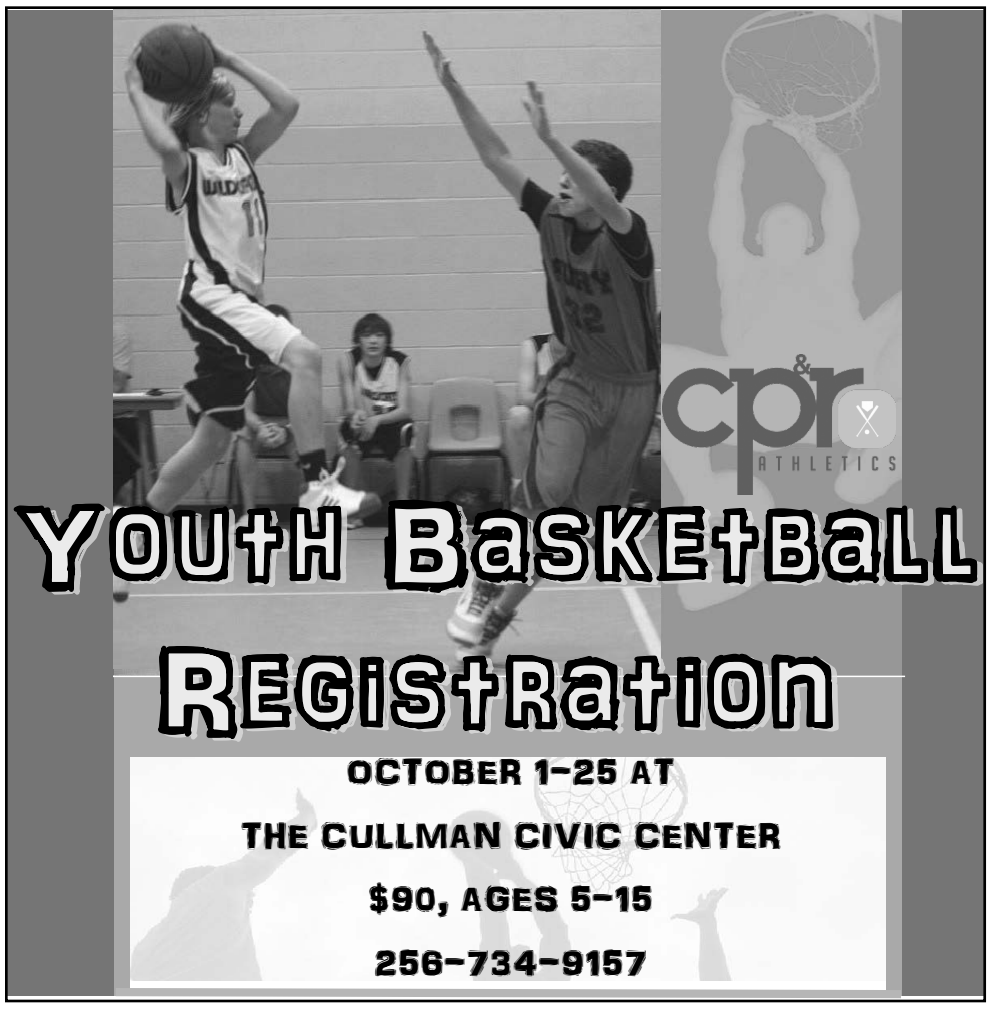
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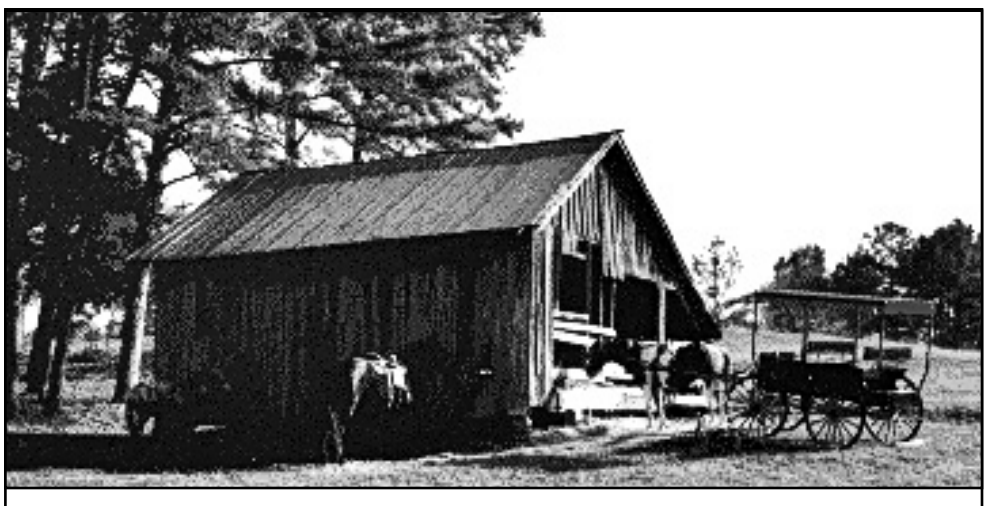
required to vote a provisional ballot due to lack of a photo ID, the voter has until the Friday following the election to get a photo ID and provide it to the board of registrars.

For voters who will be out of town on Election Day or otherwise qualify for an absentee ballot, the deadline to make an application is October 30th. Absentee voter applications can be obtained by contacting the Absentee Election Manager in your county.

Voters can view sample ballots at www.alabamavotes.gov and also click a link to the Fair Ballot Commission website where they can read more about the five statewide Constitutional Amendments which will also appear on the ballot November 4.

To learn more about registration or absentee voting, please visit www.alabamavotes.gov. To learn more about the photo voter ID requirements, visit http://www.alabamavoterid.com or call 1-800-274-VOTE.





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GHOSTS IN CULLMAN? SPOOKY STORIES FROM THE CROOKED CREEK CIVIL WAR MUSEUM TOUT STRANGE NOISES AND GHOST SIGHTINGS

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CULLMAN - This story is not for the faint of heart or the easily spooked. Have you ever felt a presence when you were alone? Or do you feel gusts of eerie winds while you're in the dark? Have you ever seen – dare I say it... a ghost? Chances are you have, because we have a haunted area in this town. That's right, there are ghosts in Cullman!

The Crooked Creek Civil War Museum and Park is located in beautiful Vinemont. Years ago it was home to a battle in the Civil War. It's stunningly preserved and spookily scary.

Aside from being an incredibly interesting piece of history, this place is scattered with ghosts of Civil War soldiers who can't seem to leave the place they died.

Upon stepping foot onto these haunted grounds, you'll see an old timey guest cabin that creeks and cracks. You'll see a museum that houses old Civil War paraphernalia found right there on site.

You'll see miles and miles of an old battlefield scattered with gun pits and bullet holes. And, you'll see unmarked graves – mounds of earth denoting a subtle, yet undeniable cemetery.

Park Manager Fred Wise didn't know about the battle when he first bought the property, but quickly found out about it, and about the spirits who linger there.

"The Ghost Hunters of Southern Territories came here and decided to investigate," Wise said.

The Ghost Hunters of Southern Territories, or G.H.O.S.T., came up with tons of pictures of, you guessed it, ghosts! The Crooked Creek Civil War Museum is haunted!

Robert Simone, co-founder of G.H.O.S.T., is a paranormal investigator.

He is an expert in this field and has been practicing paranormal investigation for 25 years.

"We've investigated Crooked Creek several times in the last few years," stated Simone.

"It's an interesting place to go. While we were there one evening, we were inside the building when a bullet went whizzing past one of my team member's head. We heard a big clang, and when we went looking for what it could be, we found a big bullet head in the middle of the room. When we watched the video, it looked like the bullet was coming from two different directions."

G.H.O.S.T. has also captured shadows and outlines of Civil War soldiers and people from that era through photographs.

"We've also heard voices while we were there," said Simone.

"A lot of time you can't understand what they're saying, but only that they're voices. But, every time we go, we find something that's just unexplainable."

Unexplainable, of course, except that what these paranormal investigators were experiencing were ghosts.

But G.H.O.S.T. isn't the only ones who have found spirits at Crooked Creek.

"There have been hundreds of visitors that have seen ghosts here," said Wise. "Some come to camp here just to look for them. There was an elderly lady that stayed in one of our cabins here, and she saw a ghost come through the door and get in bed with her. She came back and stayed five times after that."

As for Wise himself, he says he's never seen a ghost.

"But I hear noises sometimes," he added. "If I hear any unusual noises I just turn up the TV."

That's right, ghosts call Cullman home, just like the rest of us. So the next time you're lying awake in bed and you have an eerie sense or feel a spooky wind, it could be a ghost... BOO!



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There have been hundreds of reports of ghosts at the Crooked Creek Civil War Museum and Park.

Guild (from Front)

it their goal to educate and pass on their love of quilting to as many people as possible. Women, men, and children are all welcome to come learn about the beauty of quilting.

"We meet on the second Friday of every month at about 9:30 a.m. in the morning," said Regina Hays, president of the Guild.

"We always have food available, and we have the room in the basement of the Colonel Cullman Museum until 4 o'clock."

Classes for beginners are offered, as well as classes for the more advanced quilter. Materials are supplied for beginners until ready to start their own quilt.

Beautiful quilts of every style were on display at Oktoberfest this year, including some group projects for deserving causes.

"We bring in our own projects a lot," she said.

"And we also work on civic projects. A few of the quilts on display here are going to chemo patients. We always donate quilts to the oncology department. We also have quilts that are going to Children's Hospital. We had a lady in today in fact that has a 3 year old that is having a bone marrow transplant, and she told us what her daughter likes so now we will be starting that project first thing."

In addition to charitable acts, the Guild also focuses on building a community within itself.

Events are planned for members, as well as trips together. There is also work done to extend that community to other quilting guilds in the area.

"We want to keep quilting alive," Hays said.

"There are two other guilds in Cullman that work in the community as well. We will work with them sometimes to bring in a special teacher that is called a master quilter. We share the cost so that everyone can enjoy the guest speakers. We all just want to see the art carry on for many more generations."

Hays also spoke about the real meaning behind quilting, and the legacy that can be handed down through this art.

"Quilting has always been a mainstay of families," she said. "It brings families together. Most importantly, there are stories in these quilts. There is history in every stitch. A lot of us have quilts from our great grandmothers and great-great grandmothers, and now I have one from my grandson that he made when he was only five. Every strip in that quilt has a story from the fabric of my mother's dresses or baby clothes, and it is something our family can cherish forever."

If you would like more information on participating in the Guild, and learning how to make memories that will last a lifetime, please contact Regina at 256-347-5146.

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MULTIPLE FIRES KEEP CREWS BUSY SUNDAY EVENING

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CULLMAN - Two separate fires taking place in a span of less than two hours had emergency crews spread across the city Sunday evening just as the bad weather descended on the area.

A fire that involved a tractor-trailer that originated on I-65 Southbound just before the 310 exit began shortly after 5:45 p.m., according to Cullman Fire Chief Edward Reinhardt.

"Emergency personnel were called to the scene at 5:45 p.m. where they found the trailer on fire," Chief Reinhardt said. "We were able to tow the trailer up the southbound exit ramp to an empty lot, where we had access to a fire hydrant."

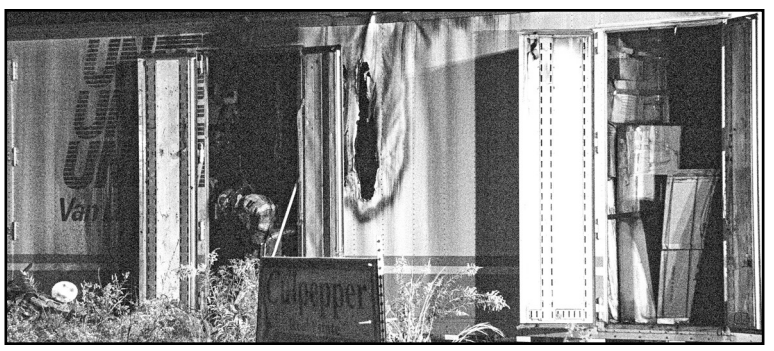
Crews were able to extinguish the fire inside the trailer once it was secured in the vacant lot.

No injuries were reported however one firefighter was checked out by EMS personnel for possible dehydration or overheating.

Reinhardt said a second fire was ignited by lightning at an abandoned barn, located on Hwy 278 East, around the same time as the first fire call.

"It was an old, abandoned barn or storage shed that had a main level and an additional two basement areas," Chief Reinhardt said. "No one was inside the building and no one was injured."

Crews were able to extinguish the flames at both locations without any damage to surrounding property.



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Emergency personnel extinguished a tractor-trailer fire after towing the unit to an empty lot with access to a fire hydrant.

LITTLEVILLE BLUE ANTIQUE SHOP FEATURED AS STORE OF THE MONTH

Katie Dansby
Local Correspondent

CULLMAN - This month, Hops & Shops partnered with Cullman's annual Oktoberfest and featured Littleville Blue as the store of the month. Littleville Blue hosted the shopper's drawing at 8 p.m. where the winner received a basket filled with items to fit the Oktoberfest theme. The basket included an Oktoberfest mug and T-shirt, a German dinner for two at Busy Bee Café, and many other festive goodies. Outside of Littleville Blue was street performer, Mike Pellem, who impersonates the legend Waylon Jennings.

Littleville Blue is a decades-long held dream of owners Rena Haga and Teresa Duffey who have been friends for 30 years.

They both love to reclaim and repurpose things and give them a whole new, beautiful life.

"Things like this have a story behind them," Rena said.

Littleville Blue has been an antique store in Cullman for almost two years. It is a place where you can find an eclectic mix of items with a European influence.

You will also find a lot of neutral colored items including many wood pieces as well as silver pieces. This means that there are unique and decorative items that will suite any home.

The majority of their items are $50 or less and they carry many gift items that are unusual to other stores in the area.

Littleville Blue attracts shoppers from all over the southeast and even has regular customers from Nashville, Birmingham, and Huntsville.

Rena and Teresa find things from all over to reclaim and sell in their store. Most of the items remind Rena of her grandfather.

"You never know what things can be turned into that may uplift somebody," Rena said. She gave the example of the crosses they make from pieces of wood and metal.

These materials are things that others may typically throw away. They use them to design and create crosses and then sell them to their customers. Rena agreed that it is a good feeling to know that your work is appreciated by others enough that they will spend money on it and place it in their homes.

Littleville Blue can be found at 202 1st Avenue SE in Cullman. They can also be found on Facebook and by visiting their website: littlevilleblue.wix.com.

Be sure to check out their weekly Facebook posts to see the special items they choose to feature. You can also contact Littleville Blue by phone at 256-347-7439 or 256-652-9189.

GET CREATIVE WITH PUMPKIN CARVING THIS FALL

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CULLMAN - It's finally the time of year when leaves change colors, the weather gets cooler, and pumpkins get... faces? That's right, pumpkin carving is autumn's favorite hobby, so create a pumpkin masterpiece for yourself with these tips.

First, you have to find a pumpkin. It doesn't matter the size as long as you have enough room to carve a silly or scary face. Check all around the pumpkin to make sure it has no bruises. Don't forget the bottom! It will be best if your gourd has a flatter bottom so it doesn't try to escape you. Also, make sure the stern is sturdy and strong. This is the sign of a healthy pumpkin.

So, you found the perfect pumpkin, now you need the right tools! You need a strong knife for cutting a hole in your gourd – pumpkins are tough! You'll also need pokers for intricate designs and small holes, scrapers for removing the goo, and knives in various sizes. Find what you can around the house or simply buy a pumpkin carving kit.

Okay, you're ready to get started, and the first thing you must do is make the initial hole in your gourd. The traditional way is to cut off the top and replace it later. If you want the pumpkin to look untouched, you can also cut a hole in the back or the bottom and work from there. If you're cutting off the top of your gourd make a cone shape. This will make the removal process much easier.

Now for the slimy part. Time to scrape out all the guts! Use a flat scraper or an ice cream scoop and get out all the flesh, pulp, and seeds. Make sure the inside of your gourd is pretty clean by the time you're done.

A good way to do this is by scooping and leaving the gross stuff in the pumpkin, then dumping the insides into the garbage and repeating until you're done!

Finally the fun part! Creating your pattern. If you're going to free hand your pattern, use a dry erase marker. This allows you to correct your mistakes and wipe off the remaining pattern when you're done carving.

There are several types of patterns. If you want to create a traditional jack o' lantern, simply draw the eyes, smile and nose. Get creative and make it as silly or scary as you want.

You could also make a silhouette pattern. Draw out a shape, maybe a ghost, and carve out the negative space around it.

Cut out details in your creature and you'll have accents that light up!

Stencils are also available in pumpkin carving kits and provide an easier option to pumpkin carving.

Bonus: an alternative way of pumpkin carving allows you to skip the cutting and scraping all together.

Keep your pumpkin intact and engrave a pattern into your gourd using an X-Acto knife. Don't carve too deep, though!

Pumpkin carving is easy enough for most ages (do the knife work for the kiddos, though) yet intricate enough to show off your creativity. Let's decorate Cullman this fall. Grab a gourd and start carving!

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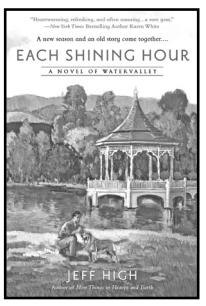
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COLD SPRINGS WINS ITS FIRST CULLMAN COUNTY VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Johnny Thornton
Sports Correspondent

FAIRVIEW - Cullman County High School volleyball has been dominated by Good Hope with eight county championships since 2000. The Lady Raiders came into the 2014 tournament as the No. 1 seed and had prevailed over the rest of the county competition from regular season play.

But a changing in the guard took place Thursday night at Joe Shults Gymnasium.

Cold Springs Lady Eagles claimed their first every varsity championship in defeating the Lady Raiders in three thrilling games in the title round.

It was special for Cold Springs.

The tournament has a new name to it. It is now the Samantha Perdue/Cullman County volleyball tournament.

The event honors Perdue, a former Cold Springs player and coach who unfortunately was a victim of cancer last year.

She had just coached Good Hope's junior varsity to the county tournament crown when she lost her life to cancer not long afterwards.

The county coaches voted to name the tournament in Perdue's honor. Also, the Samantha Perdue award has been created with the inaugural winner being Celina Dillard of Good Hope.

Cold Springs got Good Hope in the winner's bracket final. The Lady Raiders took the first set 25-20 then it was time for Cold Springs to get control of the match.

Coach Cantrice Voce's Lady Eagles claimed a 25-23 win in game two and pulled out of the victory, claiming the third set by the score of 15-13.

The personnel who keyed the Lady Eagles into the championship match were Brittany Hopkins with her kills in the front and back line, the serves and sets by Keegan Johnson and good play from different areas of the floor by Hanna Wilson, Jillian Keeton, Kelsey Hester, and Kaleigh Merring.

Sent to the loser's bracket, the Lady Raiders had to fight for their lives against Fairview. Down 8-0 in the first set, the Lady Raiders battled back and eventually won it 27-25.

Good Hope was led by outside hitter Kaylee Maddox, who was playing with tendinitis in her rotator cuff on her right shoulder.

She was able to overcome the pain and led the comeback. Giving her support was Hannah Smith at setter, Hannah Clay, Dillard and Alyssa Harlan.

The Lady Raiders swept the Lady Aggies by winning the second set 25-23.

Getting back to face Cold Springs, the Lady Raiders took it on the chin in game one, losing 25-10.

Johnson got it going on serve as the Lady Eagles led 8-0 before Good Hope scored. The Lady Raiders were never able to recover and went into the second set with their confidence very shaken.

Then with Maddox giving everything she had, the Lady Raiders followed to her performance and posted a 25-18 triumph to send the championship match into another third game.

Once again, Cold Springs was in front early behind Johnson and Hopkins with the score at 7-2 as Good Hope rallied and trailed 10-6 on a service point by Hannah Clay.

Hopkins ended Good Hope's momentum with a kill and it was 14-9 Cold Springs. A solid serve by Keeton ended the match and the No. 4 Lady Eagles in the current 2A state rankings, celebrated with their record now at 38-6.

The All-County coaches team was announced after the tournament. Hopkins was named the MVP and was joined on the team by Cold Springs teammates Johnson and Wilson.

Good Hope was represented on the team by Maddox, Smith and Clay. From Fairview, Melody Manasco, Taylor Edge, and Dalys Mullican. Jeri Beasley and Cassie Mariano were selected from West Point, Abby Gambrill and Kaitlyn Stephens of Holly Pond, Zoe Thomas of Vinemont, and Braylah Anderton of Hanceville.

CULLMAN CHRISTIAN LIONS STORM PAST CHILTON CHRISTIAN

Johnny Thornton
Sports Correspondent

WEST POINT - One half was all the Cullman Christian Lions needed Saturday night against Chilton Christian Academy in an Alabama Christian Education Association game.

Having to play at West Point Stadium with their normal home, Cullman City Youth Stadium unavailable, the Lions adjusted to the different setting for a home game and romped past Chilton 52-6.

The game was called at halftime as a severe thunderstorm warning was in effect for Cullman County. The warning was issued by the National Weather Service at 8:25 p.m., right at the time the Lions had scored on the final play of the first half in a game they dominated from the start.

A player for Chilton Christian was injured on the final play and taken to Cullman Regional Medical Center for further examination.

The Lions scored on four possessions in the first quarter and had 236 yards of offense by the time the period ended. They led 32-6, jumping out to a 24-0 lead by the 4:37 mark.

Brett Perry accounted for the first three scores for the 6-1 Lions. He ran for a 32-yard score on the first series, took it 48 yards to the end zone on the second drive and caught a 68-yard pass from Will Sigenthaler to complete the third series when the Lions had the football.

Following a touchdown for Chilton Christian, the Lions finished the first quarter with Perry taking it in from the two.

Sam Vermillion was perfect on four extra point attempts in the opening quarter as the rain began to arrive at the stadium with Cullman Christian ahead 32-6.

Three more touchdowns were added to the Lions' side of the scoreboard in the second. Sigenthaler scored on a 25-yard run, threw a 33-yard TD pass to Perry and ended the half with a 48-yard bomb to Vermillion.

As the teams left the field for halftime, the West Point rescue squad treated the injured Chilton Christian player. A call was made for an ambulance to come and take the athlete to Cullman Regional.

The decision was made to end the game at that point with Cullman Christian well in front and storms in the area.

Lightning could be seen near West Point Stadium, but not close to send the players off the field during the second quarter.

Coach Cantrell reported that gives the Lions second place in the conference standings in which they will host a playoff game on October 30.

Defending champion Victory Baptist from Millbrook currently leads the ACEA with a 7-0 record. The Lions are second at 6-1 with Faith Academy and Cahawba Academy tied for third with 5-2 records.

The top four teams make the playoffs with the No. 1 & No. 2 seeds hosting a semifinal game.

The Lions made the playoffs last year as a No. 4 seed, falling to Victory Baptist in the semifinal round 44-27.

JV VOLLEYBALL: WEST POINT TAKES COUNTY JUNIOR VARSITY TITLE

Johnny Thornton
Sports Correspondent

FAIRVIEW - On a day with the top two seeds being eliminated in the semifinal round, West Point rose to the top and claimed the Samantha Perdue/Cullman County junior varsity tournament championship Monday night at Joe Shults Gymnasium.

It was an accomplishment by the Lady Warriors who had to overcome 1-0 deficits in the semifinals, then in the championship round.

West Point defeated Fairview two games to one, taking the second set 25-20 and the tiebreaker 15-12 following a 25-15 loss in game one.

The No. 3 seed Lady Warriors had lost to No. 2 Cold Springs in the semifinals 25-21 in the first set then came back with a 25-19 victory and claimed the match by winning game three 15-12.

Coach Beverly Jenkins' Lady Warriors relied on the play of Taylor Willingham at the net and good serves from Jordyn Kimbrell and Caroline Thompson to overcome a 5-0 deficit in the second set and win it to send the championship into a third set.

Lexi Farley also delivered at the service line when needed in which she scored three straight to send West Point ahead 17-13.

The Lady Warriors won it on a serve by Kimbrell making it 25-20 and bringing the crowd at Joe Shults Gym to their feet.

A fast start by the Lady Warriors featured Sarah Wright serving well and Willingham with three kills and a volley for a 9-3 lead.

Then Fairview answered behind the serves of McKinna Yearwood and net play featuring Alexus Lindsey, Abbi Taylor, and Kaycee Wright.

A serve from Lindsey evened the score at 11-11 before a net foul on Fairview put West Point back in front to stay at 12-11.

Farley got the final three points for the Lady Warriors with Fairview being penalized for 4 hits on one serve and letting the ball drop through defenders on match point.

Fairview earned a berth to the championship in stunning No. 1 seed Good Hope 25-13, 25-17 in the semifinals.

The Lady Aggies opened the afternoon taking care of Holly Pond 25-13 25-23.

Before beating Cold Springs in the semis, West Point claimed a sweep of Hanceville 25-13, 25-10 in the quarterfinals.

Farley and Willingham were named to the All-County team following the match for West Point with Fairview being represented by Megan Marks, Lindsey and Taylor.

Good Hope's All-County performers included Abby Burnette, Jamie Stinson and MaKenna Thomspon.

From Cold Springs, Reagan Garmon was selected based on her season coming into the tournament along with Presley Marks of Holly Pond and Mattellan Rusk of Hanceville.

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: LADY RAIDERS CAP OFF SEASON BY WINNING CHAMPIONSHIP

Johnny Thornton
Sports Correspondent

FAIRVIEW - Coming in as the No. 1 seed in the middle school division, the Good Hope Lady Raiders capped off a fine 2014 campaign by winning the Cullman County Tournament Monday evening without dropping a set in three assignments.

Good Hope downed Vinemont in the quarterfinal round 25-14, 25-11 then put Cold Springs out of contention in winning the semifinal assignment 25-11 and 25-9.

That set up the championship match with the No. 1 seed and the No. 3 seed Fairview Lady Aggies.

Fairview had stunned No. 2 West Point in the semifinals 25-23 and 25-10.

Fairview was down 22-17 in the opening set when the Lady Aggies went on a run and finished off the Lady Warriors to gain momentum for the rest of the match.

Good Hope served well in getting the lead to stay at 8-7 in the opening set. Four consecutive points on serve from Makailey Speegle extended the lead to 15-9.

A pair of points on serve by Chrissi Smith moved the score to 18-10.

Then the attack was finished off by two aces from Bridgette Rollins, a service point from Sabrina Peek and Speegle scoring on a volley to close out the set by the final of 25-14.

Five points in a row by Rollins sent the Lady Raiders to a 10-2 advantage in the second game with Fairview desperate to stay in contention.

Alee Tucker got her chance to display an accurate serve and did as she tallied seven consecutive points and the lead grew to 17-4 for the Lady Raiders.

Kyler Hembree accounted for a block and a kill on the front line during Tucker's time serving with the Lady Raiders on their way of taking home the championship hardware.

Smith and Speegle earned All-County honors for the Lady Raiders, coached by Devonna Calvert.

Katie Bell and Jordan Moore were selected from Fairview, Selena Clark and Olivia Ball of West Point, Laney Burgess of Hanceville, Marissa Donohoo of Parkside, Kyleigh Merring and Emily Williams of Cold Springs, and Sydney Dunkin of Holly Pond.

"MONA LISA IS MISSING" COMES TO WALLACE STATE

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HANCEVILLE - As part of Wallace State Community College's Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers, "Mona Lisa is Missing" was shown to a packed theater this past Thursday at two separate times, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. The documentary is about the 1911 theft of Leonardo da Vinci's most famous painting, the Mona Lisa.

The showing was part of the college's Learning Communities courses, which offer WSCC students learning experiences outside of the classroom.

"Mona Lisa is Missing", by Joe and Justine Mestichelli Medeiros, tells the story of how a simple Italian house painter shook the art world when he stole the Mona Lisa out of the Louvre in Paris.

Vincenzo Peruggia, the painter, then hid the painting in his dingy tenement room in Paris for more than 2.5 years.

The film also follows Peruggia's daughter as she mourns the father she never knew and helped solve mysteries surrounding the art theft of more than 100 years ago.

"I stumbled on the story in 1976," said Joe Medeiros, "and I always wanted to make a fictional film about it but could never get a handle on who the thief was, his character, his motives. Anything I wrote sounded made up."

In 2008, Medeiros found out that Peruggia has an 84-year-old daughter, Celestina, who was alive and living in Italy.

"You've been after this story for so many years, why not do it as a documentary?" said Joe's wife and producer, Justine Mestichelli Medeiros.

The dream came alive and Joe knew what needed to be done from there and the next thing he knew, he and his wife, along with their crew of three traveled to Dumenza, Italy to interview Celestina Peruggia.

"She was a wonderful, charming woman," said Joe Medeiros.

"The perfect Italian grandmother I wished I'd had. She welcomed us into her home and shared what she knew about her father. We just fell in love with her."

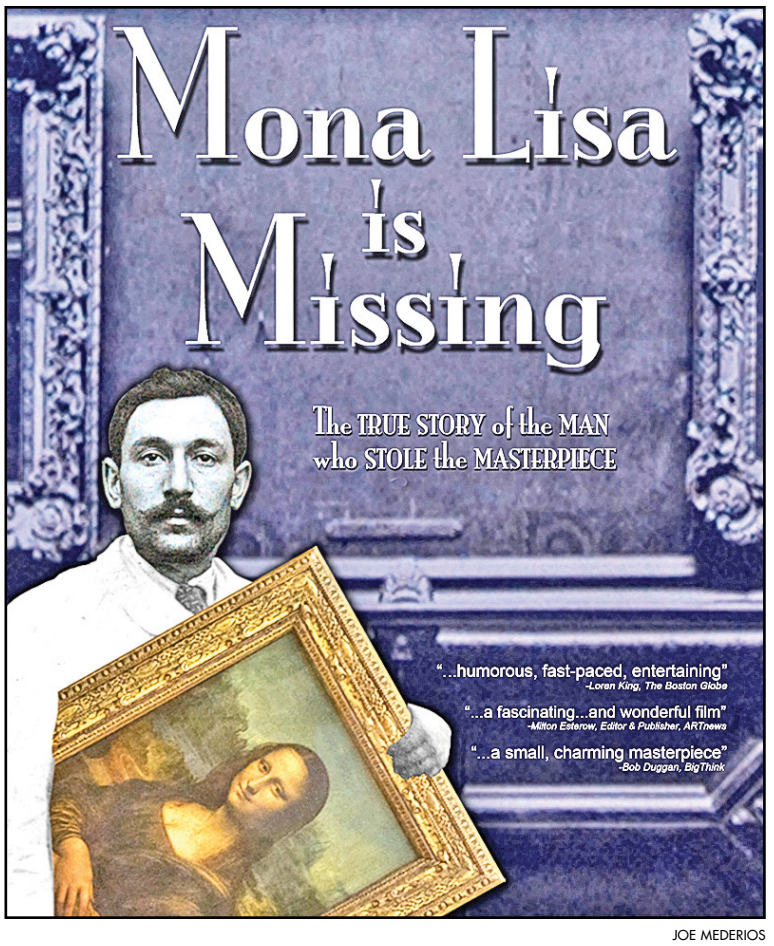
Unfortunately, Celestina knew very little of her father because he had died when she was just a toddler.

Embarrassed and ashamed over the theft, the family spoke very little about Peruggia. Once the Medeiroses realized this, it became their mission – to find the truth behind Peruggia's theft for both the film and Celestine.

With the help of Celestina's son, Silvio, and her daughter, Graziella, the Medeiroses, their crew and a small team of researchers set out to discover everything there was to know about Vincenzo Peruggia and how he, a simple laborer, was able to pull off a robbery at one of the world's greatest museums.

The film has received numerous awards at film festivals around the United States, including Historical Best Documentary at the San Antonio Film Festival, Best Documentary at the Amelia Island Film Festival, and Audience Choice Award at the RSSM Underground Film Festival in Austin, Texas.

If you are interested in seeing the video or would like more information about it, visit the film's website at www.monalisamissing.com or see the trailer at https://vimeo.com/81444814. You can also keep up with the film on Facebook.



JOE MEDERIOS

"Mona Lisa is Missing" documents the theft of Leonardo da Vinci's most famous painting.

FLYING TO VICTORY: OKTOBERFEST PAPER AIRPLANE CONTEST OFFERS FUN TO LITTLE ONES

Katie Dansby
Local Correspondent

CULLMAN - Every night of the eight day long Oktoberfest celebration, at approximately 7:30 p.m., children participated in the Paper Airplane Contest.

Participants could sign up at the retail tent under the Festhalle with no entry fee required.

The number of contestants grew each time with the participants reaching to about 80 children one night.

After the contestants constructed their personalized airplane using the provided paper, they competed in categories such as longest distance and accuracy.

Each night the categories were judged by Colonel Cullman himself.

The winners from each night had a final competition on Saturday, the last day of Oktoberfest, to determine the 2014 Oktoberfest Paper Airplane Contest champion!

You can find the winner's information at cullmansense.com.



KATIE DANSBY/CULLMANSENSE

Longest distance and accuracy were among the categories that children competed in at the Paper Airplane Contest during Oktoberfest.

Service (from Front)

Buddies Helping Hand Foundation is a locally established foundation. All funds raised by the foundation help local community cancer patients who are in need.

The Bosom Buddies Support Group meets the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in CRMC's Ave Maria Room located in the Community Education Center in Professional Office building 2 (1890 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058).

For more information visit www.crmchospital.com or call CRMC's Marketing Department at 256-737-2600. For a complete list of upcoming events or support group meetings, visit our Calendar of Events at www.crmchospital.com.

Cleaning (from Front)

he had to prepare and clean the building where he would be working, as well work out his notice at his current job. However, during his second week he made about $500 after working only two to three days. The last few weeks of the summer, Nathan was cleaning cars almost 24/7.

Since business is going so well, some may wonder if he will continue cleaning cars after graduating from high school.

Currently, his plans are to graduate from West Point High School in 2016 and attend Wallace State Community College for two years. He will then attend the University of Alabama with further plans of attending Palmer College in Florida in pursuit of becoming a chiropractor. He said that if his business expands enough, he will get someone else to run it for him.

He is expanding his advertising by getting a sign made by C&C Graphics. While this sign will be his largest, he also plans to put out a few road signs. He will eventually be advertising with Channel 2 of Cullman, as well as the The Community Shopper's Guide. For now, advertising through his business's Facebook page has been the best way to promote his services. Nathan hangs flyers around town and receives a lot of business by word of mouth from his friends, and even his teachers, at school. He has even cleaned Coach Farley's car, the football coach at West Point.

The 278 Auto Wash and Detail cleaning packages are as follows: Kustom Kleen, Middle of the Road, and Komplete Detail. The services vary from each package, but can include an outside wash, tire and wheel scrub, an inside clean, vacuum, carpet scent, cleaning door jams, cleaning windows, debugging, tar removal, carpet shampoo, upholstery shampoo, fine comb clean, headlight restoration, hand wax, leather conditioning, and chrome shining.

Nathan enjoys what he is doing, likes meeting new people, and has no complaints yet.

"I'm a people person," he said, "and I like cleaning cars."

He will tell you that his mother helps him a lot and he gives her credit for helping him come up with great ideas. One of her ideas was to put 10 blank boxes on the back of the business cards to check off each time you use their services. After 10 services, you will receive the next service completely free.

Nathan would like to thank Cullman County and his parents for helping and supporting him.

He also wanted to share that this year marks the 25th anniversary of Arrington Transmission.

"I want to thank my grandfather, Jim Arrington, for allowing me to use his facilities."

To keep up with the current specials, be sure to like 278 Auto Wash and Detail on Facebook. For more information about how you can Ride in Style, call or text 256-595-1281. Bring in this article for a special deal!



PARSLEY, SAGE, ROSEMARY, AND THYME: NORTH ALABAMA AGRIPLEX TEACHES HOW TO COOK WITH HERBS

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CULLMAN - Recently, the North Alabama Agriplex held an informative and very delicious program, which taught all about herbs. The eager participants learned about many different herbs, but focused mainly on stevia, lemongrass, basil, and oregano. Director Rachel Peinhardt Dawsey of the North Alabama Agriplex sent plants home with the students. She also shared savory recipes, demonstrated how to prepare them and offered everyone present a taste. Participants also created their own tea bags, using various herbs, which had been cut and dried as well.

One of the herbs talked about was lemongrass. Lemongrass was something with which most of the group wasn't familiar.

They were given lemongrass infused water and lemongrass tea to try and many were impressed with the flavor!

"Lemongrass grows a nice big plume on it," Dawsey explained. "The part you actually use in cooking is the stalk. The leaves are used for tea. When cooking with the stalk, you have to get the back of a knife or a small hammer and crush it. By doing this, you release all the essential oils, which are really strong."

Ms. Alice St. John, a volunteer for the Agriplex, gave an excellent demonstration using many different herbs and spices to create mouth-watering salsas and dips.

The flavorful concoctions she made and served were simply amazing! Everyone in attendance wanted seconds and thirds!

The North Alabama Agriplex has hosted many interesting farming and agricultural events in the past and they promise to keep the good stuff coming in the years to come. They educate people of all ages and are a tremendous help to the community.

If you or someone you know would like to visit the Agriplex, they may do so by stopping by any time. The Agriplex is located at 1714 Tally Ho Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055. Call them at 256-297-1044 or www.visitagriplex.org.

WARM DRINKS FOR THE COMING FALL WEATHER

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CULLMAN - The weather is starting to cool, so it's time for your favorite fall drinks. Get creative this fall with the best warm drinks and enjoy them all day.

How do you start your mornings? Sometimes, there's nothing better than a steaming cup of black coffee to wake you up. It's a scientific fact: coffee is better in the fall. If you're tired of Folgers, try Eight O'Clock Coffee. They have tons of varieties and offer a nice balanced cup of joe.

Another delicious brand is Café Bustelo. This Cuban coffee's motto is "El sabor que no se detiene" or "a flavor that doesn't hold back". This rich espresso is delicious brewed as coffee or espresso. Put a tablespoon of sugar at the bottom of your espresso cup before pouring in your brew. This will give you an extra boost of energy and a delicious sweet surprise in your shot. Yum!

By the afternoon, you're probably ready for a warm pick me up. For coffee lovers, try a Starbucks Pumpkin Spice Latte. These delicious drinks have a sweet flavor with a kick of spice. For a more classic pick me up, try a vanilla latte from Berkeley Bob's. This local coffee house knows exactly how to make a latte with a perfect balance of rich coffee and that warm vanilla flavor.

If you're not a coffee lover, try a warm cup of green tea. Drink it plain, add sugar, or add warm cream for a delicious green tea latte. This is great for morning and afternoon. Tazo Tea has heartwarming green tea as well as a host of other tea varieties.

Host a party this fall and feature your favorite warm beverages! Offer your guests traditional hot chocolate with whipped cream and marshmallows as well as apple cider with cinnamon sticks.

But, for those who want to try something a little stronger, make a Hot Peppermint Patty. This is a fresh cup of hot chocolate with mint and cocoa liquors. Top it off with whipped cream and chocolate shavings to impress your friends!

Finally, by the end of the day, you're ready to relax with a warm drink. Chamomile tea is a delicious way to relax, but mix it with peppermint, and you have a drink that will relax you and clear up those seasonal allergies. This perfect mix is ideal at bedtime!

Fall is a time for warm drinks. Cozy up this fall with your favorite. Enjoy!







Monday

Cullman Kiwanis Club
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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.

Cornerstone Revival Ladies Prayer Meeting
A Ladies Prayer meeting is conducted each Monday night at 7 p.m. at Cornerstone Revival Center. For additional information call 256-796-2899. All interested women are invited to attend.

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.

Adult Luncheon at Northbrook Baptist Church
All are welcome to attend the monthly Adult Luncheon which is held in the atrium of Northbrook Baptist Church each first Tuesday of the month. Please contact Wade Maynard for further information at 256-734-6401.

'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.

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.

More Things in Heaven and Earth Book Signing
From 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m . (ONLY ONE HOUR!) Jeff High, author of More Things in Heaven and Earth will be signing copies of his second book Each Shining Hour at Deb's Bookstore, 207 3rd Street SW. Jeff's book has been selected as a fall OKRA Pick (the best of Southern writers, fresh off the vine). For more information or to reserve your copy, call 256-736-2622.

'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.

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.

'Gourds Take Flight' Show
The annual Alabama Gourd Show with the theme 'Gourds Take Flight' at Cullman's McGukin Civic Center. Saturday hours are from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., with Sunday hours are from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is $3.00 for adults, with kids under 12 getting in free when accompanied by an adult. Decorated and raw gourds will be available for sale and kids can decorate their own gourd for free. Workshops offering painting, carving, wood burning, working with clay, embellishments, and coiling rims for gourds. Free demos throughout both days with artists demonstrating different techniques. Over 70 categories for competition for ribbons! (www.alabamagourdsociety.org)

Hanceville 'Mud Creek' Arts and Crafts Festival
Make plans to attend the Hanceville 'Mud Creek' Arts and Crafts Festival. Free admission with arts and crafts, locally grown produce, kids' activities, a judged art show, historical tour of homes, churches and buildings, entertainment all day, historical civil war encampment, snack foods and refreshments, a German lunch served in front of Hanceville library starting at 10:30 a.m. All proceeds benefit Hanceville Schools. To participate as a vendor or to enter the art competition please contact Michele Allen, 256-352-1214, ext. 20. Also thru email Hanceville251@yahoo.com.

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LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT
Sponsored by Busy Bee Café

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

TUESDAY
- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- 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
- Live Music at 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
- German meals at Busy Bee Café at 5 p.m.
- Live Music at Brothers
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HALLOWEEN ON A BUDGET: A SPOOKY COSTUME DOESN'T HAVE TO SCARE YOUR WALLET

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CULLMAN - Fall is close at hand, and that means jackets, beautiful foliage, and Halloween is nearly upon us. Everyone loves a great Halloween costume, but not everyone has the money in their wallet to pay for a costume from a retail outlet. A costume from a party shop can run anywhere from $30-60. That is not to mention make-up, wigs, and accessories. So what is a person on a budget to do?

For starters, to save money on a costume and still look great, you are going to have to be willing to dig around and be creative. One great way to save money is to get your costume from a thrift store or consignment shop. There are always great finds to be had at establishments like this one. The clothes are not brand new, but businesses like Bubble Gum & Blue Jeans in Cullman always quality checks their items to ensure you get the most for your money. This is such a success for many families, in fact, that Stacey Howard who owns the store says they are already receiving inquiries.

"I couldn't believe it, "Normally we don't start putting out until early September, and that is still a little early. This year though, people started asking really early. This first Halloween costume went out the week school started, because we already had so many people asking for it."

While there are some out there who will only buy something brand new, Howard says people should take another look at their Halloween costumes.

"I use to be that person that wouldn't buy it used," Howard said with a laugh. "Not because I thought I was too good, but it was just easier to me when I didn't go shopping around a lot. You would be crazy not to come in and take a look if you have the time. We have it all separated out, and you are going to get great stuff at a way better price."

If even going to a consignment shop sounds like it will be too much, then why not try a do-it-yourself costume.

Be creative and have fun with it. For example, if you have some red party cups, some red paint and a cardboard box then you can be a lego block for Halloween. It's fun, it is different and you paid next to nothing to make it.

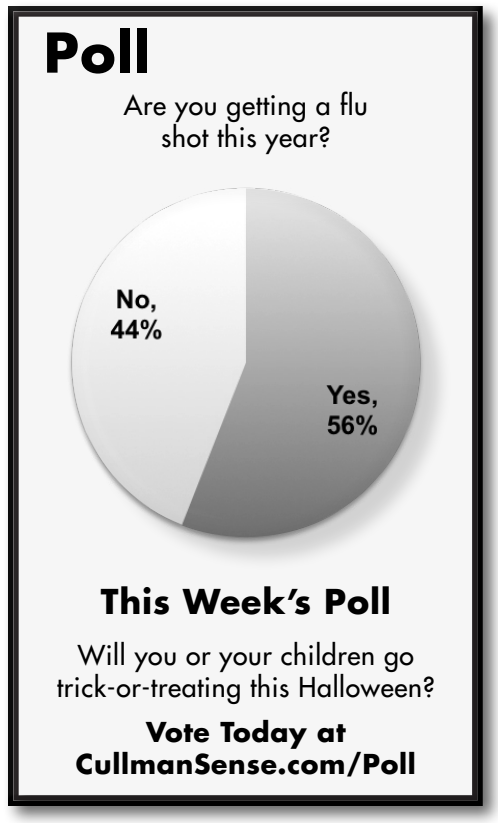
Want an outfit a little more modern? Why not dress up like a character from your favorite show? Ladies can throw on a blonde wig, find an orange pair of scrubs, and suddenly you're Piper from the hit TV show "Orange is the New Black".

Everyone, no matter their monetary status, can look great this Halloween, and be the hit of their school or the office party. Do not let the stress of saving some cash keep you from having a fun filled Halloween. All you need is a little bit of time and imagination, and your kids can be bringing home the candy.



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Consignment shops such as Bubble Gum & Blue Jeans offer significant savings on merchandise.



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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.
- **A Nashville Christmas Sr. Spirit Travel** will take place Nov. 19-20, payment due October 1. $350/dbl. or $400/single. Home of stars tour, theater, shows, 3 meals included, motor coach transportation, and more. Call 256-734-4803 for more information.
- **Latin, Swing, and Ballroom Dancing Classes** at the Cullman Civic Center, Thursdays at 6:30pm for beginners and 7:30pm for advanced classes. Register at the Civic Center or call 256-734-9157 for more information.
- **Rock Climb at Hurricane Creek Park!** Come join the 1st Time Rock Climbing program, Saturday mornings at Hurricane Creek Park. Group rates are available, and no experience is required! Call ahead to reserve your spot at 256-734-2125.

FALL RECIPES: CAMP STEW & SWEET POTATO POUND CAKE

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CAMP STEW

When the chilly nights of fall are upon us, there is nothing better than a bowl of hot stew. Beef stew is a usual favorite in the cooler months, but for those that want a change of pace, camp stew is the way to go. It is a recipe handed down to me from my mother and is always a favorite in our house. Sweet, tangy, and filling, this recipe is sure to keep you warm when things get cold.

Ingredients:

- 2 Cans - tomato sauce
- 1 Cup - Ketchup
- 2 Tablespoons – Vinegar
- 1/2 Cup - chopped onions
- 1-2 Cans - corn (depending on the size of the pot you're making)
- 1-2 Cans - sweet peas
- 4-6 Potatoes, cubed
- 1/2 Cup - granulated sugar
- 1 Tablespoon - salt
- 1 1/2 Teaspoon - pepper
- 1 Whole chicken

Instructions:

- Place your chicken in your stockpot and stew until chicken is thoroughly cooked.
- While chicken is cooking, peel and cube your potatoes. They will need to be added to your stock first since they will take the longest to cook.
- Remove chicken and place on dish or in a pan to cool.
- Add ketchup, vinegar, sugar, salt, pepper, and tomato sauce to stock. Stir vigorously for one minute.
- Add your potatoes to boiling stock, and let the potatoes cook for approximately 5 minutes.
- Debone and shred chicken.
- Add onion, peas and corn to the stock, then add in your chicken.
- Let that stew for another 10-15 minutes. Make sure potatoes are tender.
- Serve with saltine or oyster crackers if desired.

SWEET POTATO POUND CAKE

Is there any food more fall than sweet potatoes? From pies, to fries and everywhere in between, sweet potatoes are a staple in any home come Thanksgiving. It is with that in mind, that I give you the sweet potato pound cake. It is a fun twist on traditional sweet potato desserts for the upcoming season.

Ingredients:

- 1 Cup butter, softened
- 2 Cups of white sugar
- 2 Cups of mashed sweet potatoes
- 1 Teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 4 Eggs
- 3 Cups of all-purpose flour
- 2 Teaspoons of baking powder
- 1 Teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ Teaspoon baking soda
- ½ Teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ Teaspoon of salt
- 1 Cup of sifted confectioner's sugar
- 5 Teaspoons of orange juice
- 2 Tablespoons of grated orange zest

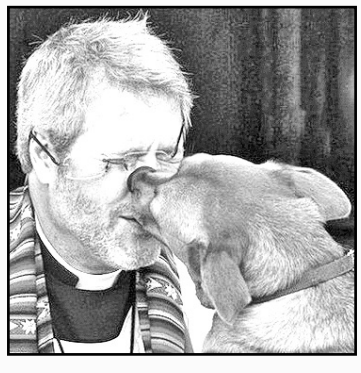
Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour a 10-inch tube pan. Sift together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg, and salt. Set aside.
- In large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add mashed sweet potatoes and vanilla. Beat until well blended. Add eggs, one at a time (the batter will look curdled). Add flour mixture to potato mixture. Beat on low until combined.
- Pour batter into 10 inch tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees for about 1 hour and 20 minutes, or until a wooden toothpick inserted into cake comes out clean. Cool cake for 20 minutes in the pan, then invert onto serving plate.
- To make the glaze: in a small bowl, combine confectioners' sugar with 3 to 5 teaspoons orange juice to achieve drizzling consistency. Spoon over warm cake and sprinkle with orange zest if desired.

What's Online

Get Your Pets Blessed!

Grace Episcopal Church will hold its annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday afternoon, October 5, 2014 at 2 p.m. This is open to the public and all those with pets are invited to attend. Be sure to bring your cats, dogs, birds or any other small animals by the church so they can receive their blessing. Along with special blessings, there will also be...



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The Creators Place Offers Natural Remedies in Downtown 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 certainly has something for all ages and styles.

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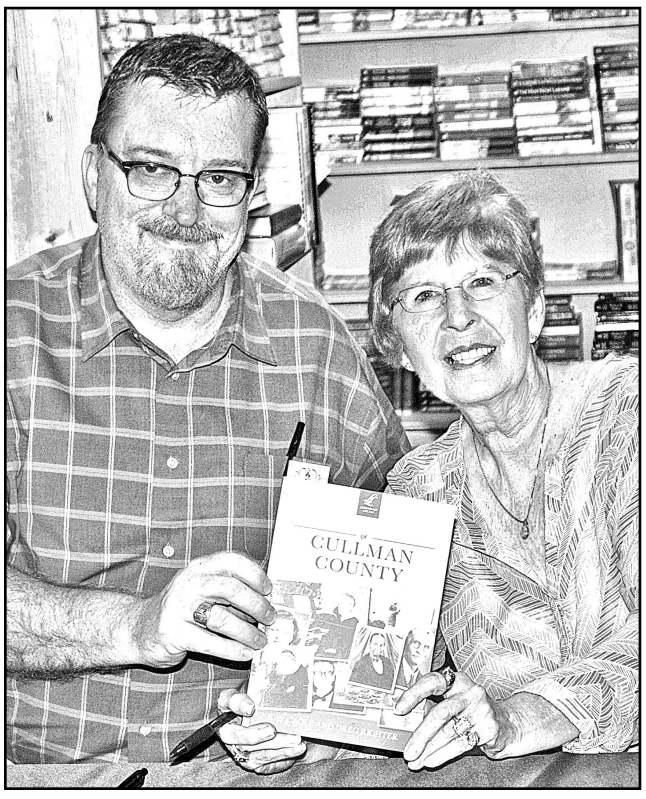
Rope 'Em, Cowgirl!

Recently, the ladies of Cullman donned their best boots and cowgirl hats for the 4th Annual Girlfriend Gala. This year's theme for the gala was Cowgirls for a Cause and was hosted by United Way of Cullman County at the Cullman Civic Center. The fun theme, great prizes and atmosphere of the event led to a successful night that everyone...

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"LEGENDARY LOCALS OF CULLMAN COUNTY" DOCUMENTS LIVES OF NOTABLE CITIZENS

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"Legendary Locals of Cullman County" examines the lives of prominent people from the past and present.

CULLMAN – Cullman has a rich history, and to help spread knowledge of our grand history, a new book has been written. "Legendary Locals of Cullman County," written by Kay Cagle and Greg Richter, takes a look at many notable people from Cullman, both from the past as well as the present.

"Arcadia was looking for someone to work on a book about Cullman as part of a series," explained Richter. "They contacted Deb (Laslie), who knew Kay, so she brought it up to her. Kay contacted me because I was President of the Historical Society that year. When she called me up, she asked if we could meet and maybe I could help her out finding some of the older pictures and people. So then we were meeting she said, 'Well, actually I wouldn't mind having somebody help me write it, would you be interested?' I thought about it and then told her I would."

"My part in writing the book was organization and knowing who to get in contact with," smiled Cagle. "Greg and I really worked well together – we didn't kill each other," she giggled.

The duo held a book signing at Deb's Bookstore on Friday from 3-6 p.m. Both were excited to sign copies of their book for the many fans that showed up wanting copies of their own. Some folks even bought extra copies to give as Christmas and birthday gifts. As an added bit of fun, Colonel Cullmann, also known as Larry Rowlette, made an appearance at the bookstore. Because he is one of the people featured in the book, he signed a few books as well.

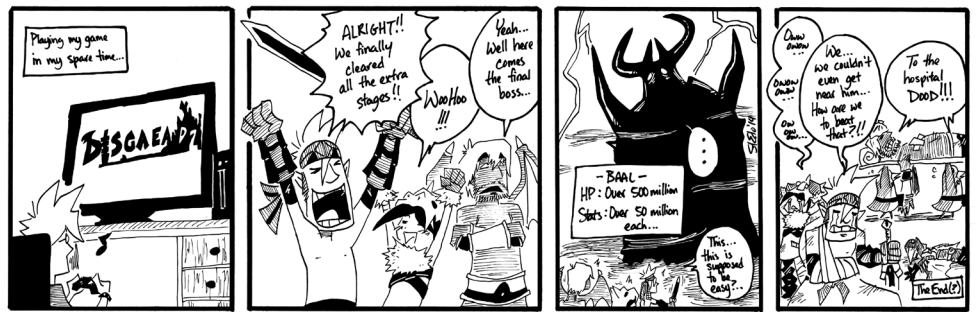
The following was taken from the back of the book, "Legendary Locals of Cullman County".

"In search of opportunity and freedom from oppression, European emigrants boarded ships, leaving behind their ancestral homes. They carved new lives from the unknown wilderness in the American South. The Speegle family settled in what would become southwest Cullman County, and the Brindley family claimed lands to the north. From the historic Streight's Raid exploit of the Civil War to the agricultural and social development of this region of northern Alabama, these early pioneers marched into history. In 1865, Col. Johann G. Cullmann, who was disillusioned with the anarchism in his native Germany, also sought new opportunity in America, eventually settling in Alabama. After being enticed by Colonel Cullmann's descriptive words of the area's virgin timber and fertile soils, five German families joined him. Encouraged by what they found, optimism flourished, word spread, and Cullman County's destiny was set. Its growth has been constant, and, today, its expansion is propelling the area to new heights of economic prominence."

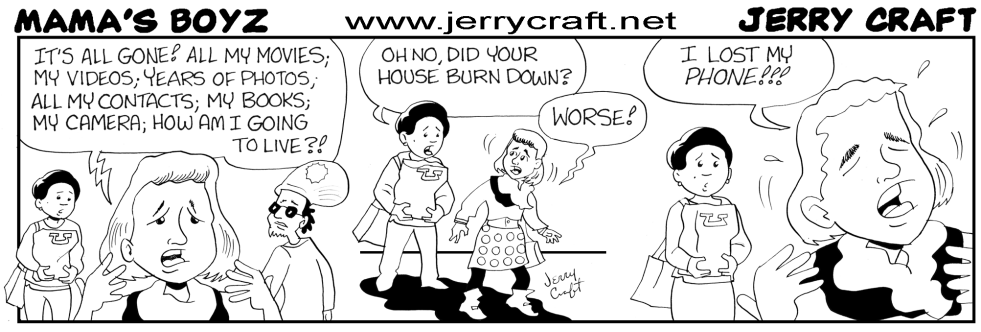
If you are interested in purchasing a copy of your own, you can find them at Deb's Bookstore located at 207 3rd St SW in Cullman. Feel free to give Deb a call at 256-736-2622 if you have any questions or comments about the book.

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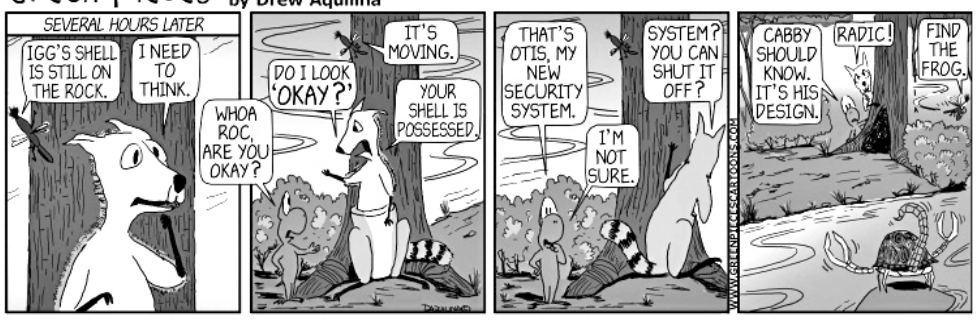
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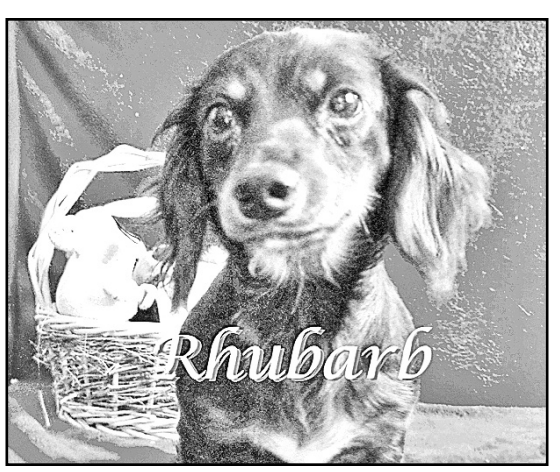
Elias

Hello! My name is Elias, and I am about 1 yr old. I am an Anatolian Shepherd or a mix thereof, and I currently weigh 79 lbs. I was a stray but no one claimed me so now I am available for adoption. I am full of life and I love to play. I can't wait to meet my new best friend and forever companion!



Rhubarb

Hello! My name is Rhubarb, and I am about 2 years old. I am a Long Hair Dachshund or mix thereof, and I currently weigh 11 lbs. I am spirited and enjoy company. I can't wait to have a forever home and family to love and call my own.



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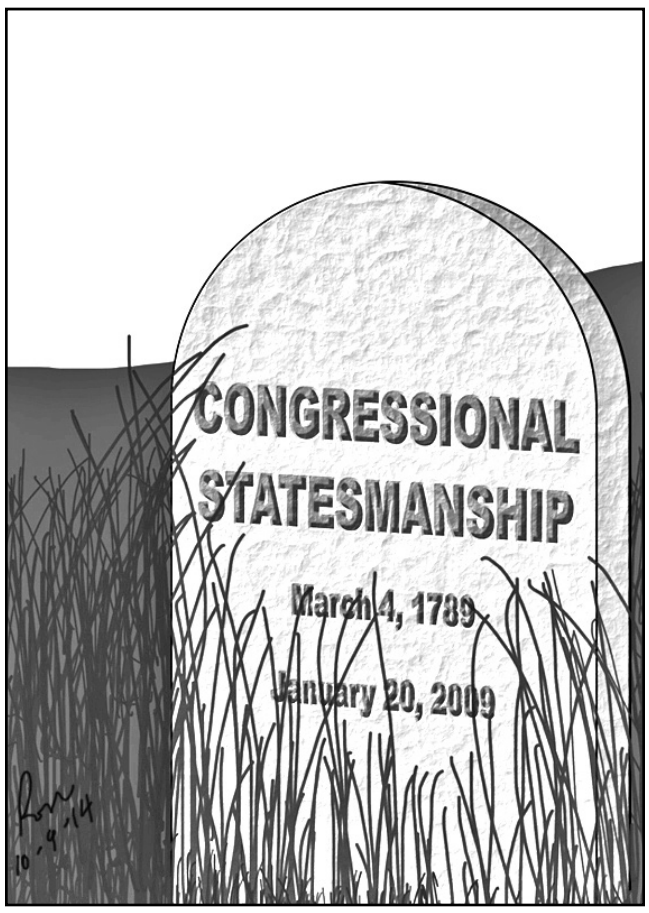
Both of these dogs have an adoption fee of $90 that will include their general exam at the Vet, vaccines, wormer, rabies shot, microchip, spay/neuter, and free 45 days of pet health insurance. Pet Depot will give you a bag of food (you pay taxes) as their way of supporting adoption.

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

HONG KONG ON THE BRINK – UMBRELLA REVOLUTION OR TIANANMEN?

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The tense situation in Hong Kong is at a critical juncture. The protesters have made plain that they are there to stay, though their numbers are dwindling. They are demanding that the Beijing-appointed chief executive, Leung Chun-ying, resign. They want China to live up to its promise that elections in 2017 will be freely contested, not constrained by being limited to Beijing-approved candidates.

Hong Kong's student leader Joshua Wong recently called for international support in forcing Beijing to participate in negotiations for universal suffrage. The British and American governments have expressed "concern" and sympathy for the demonstrators, but Beijing will easily deflect such "interference in China's internal affairs," as the criticism will be called. Already, as happened in June 1989, the Beijing press has seen "the hand of Western powers" in the demonstrations, insisting that the Western media invented the term "umbrella revolution" just as it invented "color revolution" and "jasmine revolution." But, will the outcome be an "Umbrella Revolution" or another Tiananmen?

An ominous sign of a potential police crackdown is use of the word "chaos" in Renmin ribao (People's Daily, the official newspaper) to describe Hong Kong events.

"Chaos" (luan) was the word used in the spring of 1989 to signal the Beijing leadership's unwillingness to let the protests at Tiananmen drag on indefinitely. The word has a particular resonance in China: Its tumultuous modern history is replete with failed efforts to unify the country and prevent the formation of secret political cliques and factions.

In the lead up to the Tiananmen crackdown, top leaders signaled through the press that the students were causing chaos and that "turmoil" would not be tolerated. Although Premier Zhao Ziyang met with students in the square, earning 16 years under house arrest, supreme leader Deng Xiaoping convinced his colleagues that the demonstrations were a threat and had to be put down. Martial law followed.

Beijing is following the same script today. Editorials on October 1 and 3, 2014 in Renmin ribao's online editions dwelled on the demonstrators' "illegal assembly" and "absurd and crazy kidnapping" of law and order. The protesters are being called an "extremist opposition group" that is not only breaking the law but also threatening to disrupt years of prosperity and stability.

The editorials scoff at the protesters' talk of democracy and freedom, saying, "freedom without order isn't real freedom, and will lead to social disharmony and instability." Far from suggesting a path to compromise, the editorials are a warning of potential use of force.

Beijing's chief concern is the domino effect of lending legitimacy to the pro-democracy forces. Even if it does not concede on the election issue, it no doubt wants to avoid appearing weak in the face of a popular protest. Beijing knows people in Taiwan, Tibet, and other parts of its self-proclaimed realm are watching for signs of flexibility, and successful demonstrations in Hong Kong might be followed by more of the same elsewhere in China, just as happened in 1989.

While Beijing has apparently ruled out concessions, it has authorized Hong Kong's executive secretary to meet with some students. But to meet does not signify when or what to negotiate. Finding a face-saving formula will be extremely difficult, particularly since the demonstrators have no leaders, no common program, and no agreed-upon end game.

Should talks fail, or not be held, the opposition will face a choice: Go home, hang on and risk losing public support, or escalate pressure such as by seizing an official building or office.

Beijing will do whatever is "necessary" to bring the Hong Kong situation under control. But will this be another Tiananmen? Hong Kong's people have numbers, drive, and access to information technologies not available in 1989.

Beijing will not be able to erase the "umbrella revolution" from national memory or discourse; social and new media will widely broadcast even the smallest slip-ups. And if the students and others do go home, chances are they'll be back another time—and another. If Beijing wants to save face in the long term, it should honor its commitment to free elections and not interfere in the nomination process or the outcome.

OPINION

VICTIMS OF US FOREIGN POLICY DESERVE OUR VOTES

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The 2014 general elections are around the corner and candidates are walking political tightropes in hopes of earning our votes. But, what if candidates had to earn the votes of all the people whose lives would be directly impacted by their appointment?

Imagine the speech Sen. Lindsey Graham would need to give the citizens of Syria in order to earn their votes, particularly those who spent a year dutifully working nonviolently for democratic transformation in the face of brutal repression only to see their efforts begin to quickly degrade with every US arms transfer.

Graham was one of the first US politicians to openly endorse arming Syrian rebel factions.

He's now endorsing an American commitment of 10,000 boots-on-the-ground in Syria and Iraq to fight ISIL, because the airstrikes that have killed more than a dozen civilians and sent hundreds of thousands more refugees to Turkey aren't helping enough.

This is our 13th year of war in Afghanistan. What if Afghan citizens were allowed to vote? Would candidates address the 77 percent of Afghans who said they fear encountering international forces, as recorded in the December 2013 Asia Foundation survey, "Afghanistan in 2013: A Survey of the Afghan People."

Would it be enough for Afghans that candidates addressed their top national and local concern – insecurity – while ignoring close second and third concerns – unemployment and corruption? It's difficult to imagine how our candidates might appeal to the 68 percent of Afghan respondents who would be afraid to participate in a peaceful demonstration – for fear of foreign forces.

If our government continues to authorize and implement violence against global citizens in our name, on our behalf, through claims of democracy, then it is our duty to vote on their behalf.

But, let's not confine ourselves to representative democracy.

Our representatives get the gigs with votes, but also with major obligations, as reported by the New York Times on Oct. 10, 2014, to the secret donors paying for more than half of fancy general election advertisements.

What's in order is some good old-fashioned direct democracy; our government's misconduct around the world must be met with civil resistance at every possible opportunity.

Majority rule should never trump human rights. Citizens in Afghanistan, Syria and Iraq don't get to vote, but they certainly feel the full weight of any results.

It's our obligation to the disenfranchised recipients of violent US foreign policies to use our supreme powers of disruption and disobedience to degrade every sector and institution until justice is served – for democracy's sake.

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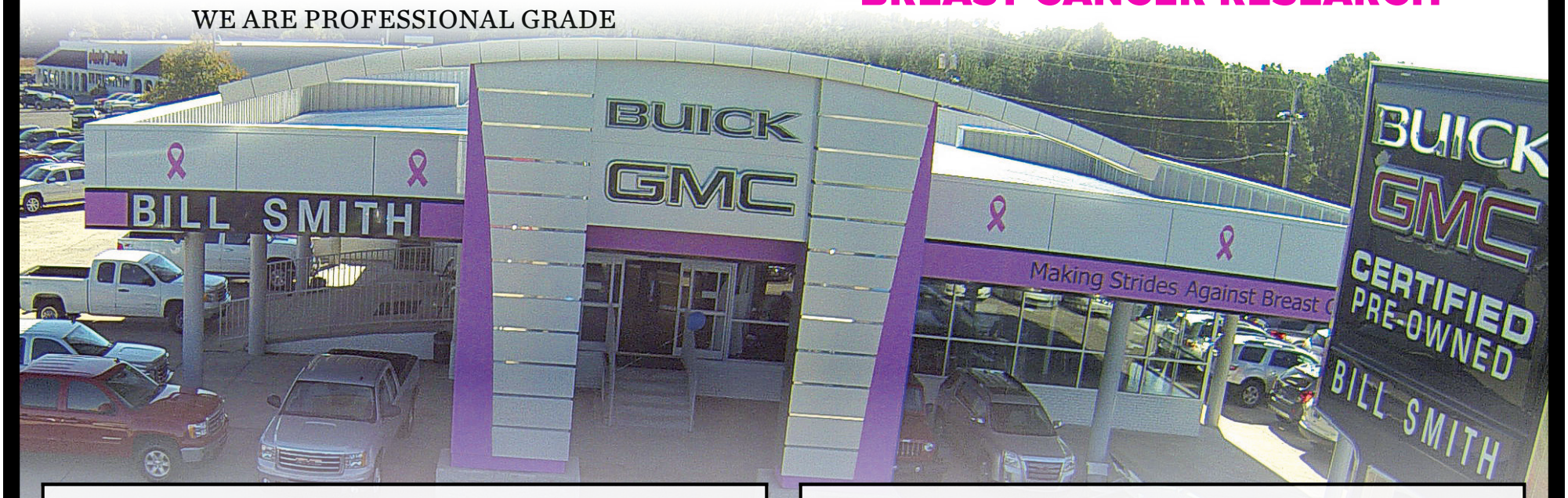
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