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The Junior ROTC Program teaches sophomores, juniors, and seniors in high school the qualities of citizenship, leadership, responsibility, and physical training.

GOV. AWARDS GRANTS TO ADD BRIDGES, TRAILS IN DUCK RIVER RECRECATION AREA

Russell Sellers
Contributor

MONTGOMERY - Gov. Robert Bentley has awarded grants totaling $300,000 to build two pedestrian bridges and extend trails around Duck River Reservoir, now under construction.

A $100,000 grant awarded to the Cullman County Commission will help construct an 85-foot bridge south of the reservoir's proposed dam, while an additional $100,000 grant to the city of Cullman utilities board will fund a 100-foot bridge at the north end of

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AGRICULTURAL LITERACY IS ALIVE AT PEINHARDT FARM

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CULLMAN - Peinhardt Farm, settled around 1900, according to the farm's website, will be holding a Living History Farm Day this Saturday, October 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The farm, which will be offering a shuttle ride service from Seventh Street Baptist Church on Saturday, exists to provide a program that serves to help fill the void in children's experience that is creating an agricultural illiteracy.

For the program, the children will experience old time woodworking - hewing, splitting, cross cut sawing and old tools; mules, horses and wagon rides, along with other experiences to relay the rustic nature of farm life.

Kids at the farm can also see a sawmill and a black smith, where horseshoes will be fastened.

The cost of admission is free for everyone under 4 years of age, $5 for ages 5-12, and $7 for everyone 13 and up.

These prices are incredibly low for a lifetime of memories.



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This year's Living History Farm Day will be held October 25.

"EACH SHINING HOUR" BOOK SIGNING HELD AT DEB'S BOOKSTORE

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CULLMAN - Jeff High, author of The Watervalley Book Series, was in town signing copies of his new book, "Each Shining Hour" at Deb's Bookstore. The event was held Thursday evening and drew a large crowd of fans. Warm and talkative, High entertained his fans with tales from his southern upbringing.

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SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMANSENSE

Tennessee born Jeff High stands with Deb Laslie of Deb's Bookstore at a recent book signing.

NEW THEATRE GROUP HOPES TO GROW WITH HELP OF WALLACE STATE

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HANCEVILLE - When Virginia Murdoch came to Cullman, she was determined to make the best life possible for her and her son. When she and her son came to the area, she made a promise to bring a program to their new hometown – theatre. A theatre program for those with special needs that Murdoch says has helped so many grow and thrive.

"We moved to Lakeland, Florida some time ago and became involved with a theatre program there," said Murdoch.

"And my son has been a part of many great programs and therapies. He has been riding therapeutic horses since he was three,

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CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS APPROVAL FOR BODY CAMERAS AND TAHOES

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CULLMAN - The Cullman City Police Department will be receiving approximately 35 body cameras and six Chevrolet Tahoes following an approval for their requests by the Cullman City Council Monday evening.

Police Chief Kenny Culpepper requested to purchase body cameras with video management, storage, and a docking station from Taser, Inc. in the budgeted amount of $32,989.65. The purchase will be paid for by local tax dollars and is an investment that could save the city millions of dollars.

Assistant Chief of CPD, Craig Green said, "Body cameras are the latest trend and technology available for police departments." He added, "Last year we approached the mayor and the council and they gave us the okay to order three cameras; we tried them and liked them." Green said that the cameras capture the officer's interaction with the public and tell the original story of each instance.

The three current cameras were assigned to patrol officers since this department has the most interaction with the public. The new Axon Flex cameras will fit underneath the officer's shirt collar and stay on with magnets.

There is a 45 to 90 day turnaround time to receive the cameras from Taser, Inc. In addition, the docking station will have to be installed, including an internet line. The department will have training sessions for each shift of officers regarding capturing and downloading footage. Officers will then begin wearing the cameras when the camera policy is approved. Director of Information Technology for the City of Cullman, Daniel Hunt, will guide the officers through the class and will issue each of them his or her own camera.

If an officer has interaction with the public, they must have their camera turned on. At the end of each shift, the officers will have to place their cameras on the docking station which will then charge the camera and download its footage.

The footage cannot be altered by anyone at the police department. Since storage space is limited, footage received from simple traffic stops will only be kept for 30 days while footage from arrests and more serious encounters will be kept longer.

"When people are under stress, there are things they can't remember," Green said, "They can watch the video and see everything that happens in the officer's line of sight." Green said the cameras have the ability to prove wrong false claims and testimonies. "It's a safety thing. It's safe for us. It's safe for the public," Green said.

The footage from these cameras will not necessarily be released or be available for the public to view unless it is in the public's best interest. Police Chief Kenny Culpepper will always have the discretion to release the video. "We have to protect the victim," Green said. The camera footage will be considered as evidence that cannot be open to the public for obvious reasons.

The department will also be working on getting a camera mounted on their police dog. If the dog handler has a smart phone, the camera can be linked with the phone so the officer can see what the dog is seeing. CPD is trying to come up with a bracket that is durable enough to ensure that the camera is secure.



CPD

Once deployed, CPD's Axon Flex body cameras must be turned on any time an officer has interaction with the public.

In addition to the body cameras, CPD requested and received approval for the purchase of six 2015 Chevrolet Tahoes from Donohoo Chevrolet on the State of Alabama bid list for $171,538.00.

CPD has always used Crown Victorias as their standard vehicle, but had to transition when Ford discontinued their production. The Tahoe offers durability and acceptable fuel mileage compared to other vehicles, according to Wesley Moore at the Cullman City Garage.

The Tahoes will arrive based on the 90 day state bid list process. The vehicles will then have equipment installed which could take up to 30 days. CPD will then have about 15 Tahoes.

COMPTON'S VETERINARY CLINIC SETTLES INTO NEW HOME

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CULLMAN - On Highway 31, there is a house that has been a home and place of business to establishments like the Candle Garden for many years. Recently, however, new ownership has transformed this beautiful building into a sanctuary for the pets of Cullman by Compton's Veterinary Hospital.

Compton's has been a trusted name in the business of animal healthcare since 1954. Dr. Compton served the Cullman area for decades before retiring in 1990. Since then, his business and legacy has carried on, and is now under the ownership of Dr. Rebecca Durham who purchased the practice in 2010.

With the expansion of Cullman Shopping Center, the old location of Compton's was no longer an option. Durham and her team knew that they needed to find a new and more permanent home. Luckily, they found that home in quick order, and have transformed the house on the hill off Highway 31 into a haven.

"We did not own the other place we just leased," Durham said. "So we had to find a place quickly, and I grew up here so I have always seen this house and thought it was an attractive location. It just worked out really well that it needed to be bought when we really needed a place."

Upon driving up, you are greeted with beautiful flowers and landscaping surrounding the entrance. Stepping inside, you see the finished product of months of hard work that paid off.

The ambience of the waiting area is one of warmth and relaxation; with soft lighting and beautiful portraiture. An added waiting area allows for separation of well and sick animals Durham says.

"We added this area on for extra seating space, and it also allows us to separate an animal that might be sick or contagious," she said.

In addition, an old closet in the extra waiting area was transformed into a shadow box case, which houses a lot of the history from Dr. Compton's old equipment and personal items.

"There was also an old closet in this room that we have turned into a shadow box to display things from Dr. Compton. We even have his original veterinary license from 1948," said Durham.

The house was a lot of work for the staff being completely renovated and decorated by them and their spouses.

"Our [the staff's] husbands did all of the renovations," said Durham. "And then we also did all of the painting and decorating. We knew what we wanted to do with it."

Every exam room is clean and orderly, but homey, and quite the opposite of the usual cold clinical look. Beautiful artwork donated by clients decorates the rooms and hallway, and gives the area a more personable atmosphere.

Another new feature of the bigger space is the additional boarding that Compton's is now able to provide, along with grooming, and one unexpected feature that no other vet's office in the area offers.

"We have separate boarding for our cats and dogs."



CHELSEA SPARKS/CULLMNSENSE

After months of renovation and decoration Compton's Veterinary Hospital moved into its new home on Highway 31.

"It's nice to own this place so that we can do whatever we need to. Like with our boarding, we want to make an outside play area. We also are able to provide a drive-thru pharmacy window so that you can just drive up, ring the bell and get your medications."

With time, patience, love and a real devotion to their clientele, Compton's has truly made their new home a wonderful place for any pet. Their continued efforts to offer every patient top notch care has truly shown through in the love put into every aspect of the building.

"We are just happy that our facilities are up to par with our goal of providing compassionate care."

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2014 MUD CREEK ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL CELEBRATES COMMUNITY, HERITAGE, AND GOOD OLD FASHIONED FUN

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HANCEVILLE - The weather was perfect for outdoor activities this past Saturday and made the day exceptionally pleasant for Hanceville's annual Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival. Located in historic downtown Hanceville, folks came from miles around to enjoy what small town Hanceville has to offer, which is a lot!

Hanceville is a close-knit community who comes together as one entity to accomplish many great things. The Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival is one example of the town's commitment in taking care of their own, as all proceeds from the event will go to Hanceville schools.

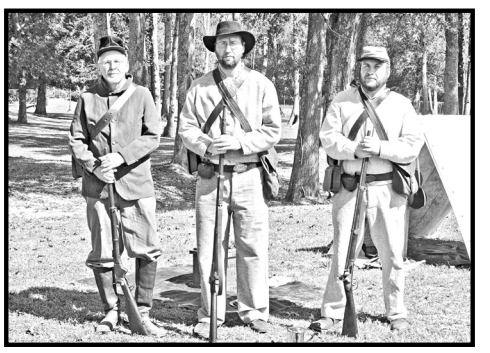
"This town has really come together," said Margie Knight, a community volunteer. "We've got a lot of people that have really put a lot of time and effort into building this town into what it is. Rusty Fields and everybody in the street department have really worked themselves to death on our haunted house and in getting things ready for today's festival. They have worked day and night trying to get this thing together. They have put the stage together, they've put all this stuff together," she says, pointing at the festival, "and they will be here when it's all over, cleaning everything up. They do a lot around here and I don't think people realize how much they actually do."

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., arts and crafts vendors lined the streets, displaying their beautiful and unique wares. A delicious German lunch was served in front of the library. It consisted of huge bratwursts, German potato salad and red cabbage. The desserts were homemade and out of this world! As people ate their lunches, art shows, bluegrass music and children's games were sprinkled throughout the town, ensuring something fun and entertaining for all ages.

One of the most notable activities of the day was the historic tours of Hanceville. Folks loaded up in the back of Hanceville's first fire truck and listened intently as Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail, who was dressed as Hanceville's namesake, Hance Kinney, talked about the major historical places around. The tours were especially entertaining because at each stop, kids from Hanceville High School's Leo Club played short scenes depicting notable citizens from Hanceville's past.

The tour's final stop was at Veteran's Park where a group of men, dressed in authentic Civil War attire, reenacted the daily life of a Civil War soldier.

"We're here to represent Hanceville's part of the Civil War history," said Richard Jesse, Civil War reenactor. "Streight's raid came through here, although at the time it wasn't Cullman County, it was Blount. At the time, Hanceville was known as Gilmer and the place was very remote and rural at the time. We're here to portray that and helping people have a mind for their history. The Civil War was the bloodiest war in American history and in American lives. It was sad because it put brother against brother, but the South has survived and is doing pretty good."



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMNSENSE

Actors portrayed Civil War soldiers as part of the historic tours during the Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival.

From face painting to German food to historical demonstrations, the Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival was definitely something to remember. If you didn't make it out this year, you need to make plans to attend next year. The festival continues to grow bigger each year, but the folks remain just as friendly as always.

To keep up with all the good things going on in the City of Hanceville, feel free to visit their website often. It is located at www.cityofhanceville.net.

Theatre (from Front)

and has participated in swim teams. Then we found the theatre program, and I have never seen him light up like he did when we started with that."

The program promises to be a huge asset to the community when all the pieces are in place.

For the moment, Wallace State has agreed to allow Murdoch to begin a theatre pilot program using their facilities with the intent to expand to a full program.

To get the program to full capacity, the group needs to have 401 3c non-profit status, a full slate of volunteers, donations and policies and procedures in place.

The pilot program will be in need of volunteers who can commit to helping one night a week to make the program a success.

"We are currently in need of committed volunteers," Murdoch said.

"I need to find volunteers in college and high school, and I need to train them on how to interact with those with other abilities. We'll meet on Mondays from 4:30-6 p.m."

Murdoch went on to talk about the importance of these buddies for those with special needs in the program.

"The main goal of the program is socialization," she said.

"The play is the big bonus. We will be doing a lot of theatre exercises to help everyone interact with each other, and to help them come out of their shell. The result is that they will connect with each other, and with the volunteers, or buddies."

While this program is intended for any age and diagnosis, Murdoch says that for now things have to start small, and will hopefully grow rapidly.

"For now this is a pilot program," she said.

"Because we cannot take in a large group yet. We have to first get our volunteers, and we have to train them. We also need to get non-profit status, and a board of directors in place. There is a lot to do, but hopefully we can get things going soon."

Wallace State promises to be a beautiful home for the program with their state-of-the-art facilities, and Murdoch couldn't be happier to partner with them.

"They are so nice and gracious," she said speaking of the college.

"I just feel like the college setting will really inspire a lot of excellence in our students. I am just overwhelmed by the response I have gotten so far, and I hope we can make it into something special for everyone."

If you would like more information on volunteering, or signing your loved one up for the program, then please e-mail Virginia Murdoch at cullmantheatrepeople@gmail.com or like the Facebook page, Cullman County Special Needs Theatre Program.

JROTC (from Front)

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CULLMAN - The Junior ROTC Program at the Cullman Area Career Center has taken off in just its third year. Colonel Bud Jones and Sergeant Chad Ullery teach sophomores, juniors, and seniors in high school the qualities of citizenship, leadership, responsibility, and physical training.

The vision of the JROTC program is to provide a quality citizenship, character, and leadership development program, while fostering partnerships with communities and educational institutions. This program is one of the many options for high school students to consider at the Career Center.

Their main focus is to teach young people to be better citizens and instill confidence. "These kids are being given an opportunity to mature and are learning responsibilities," Col. Jones said. "It's a hard thing to teach, but it's very rewarding," he added. Responsibility is taught by holding the students accountable with leadership positions within the classroom.

The class also holds fundraisers for veterans and attends veteran's day ceremonies and programs. They enjoy bringing in recruiters and veterans to speak to the class on occasion.

The lab portion of the program includes marching, an Olympic style of air rifle marksmanship, lots of sports, running, push-ups, and sit-ups. Col. Jones mentioned that they would like to add rappelling to their curriculum.

The class portion includes leadership, citizenship, first aid, history, map reading, health and nutrition, and basic math application. "The curriculum is quite varied," Col. Jones said.

Senior Joy Ude from West Point High School said, "I like learning about the constitution." She feels that compared to everything else, it benefits her future the most. She also enjoys the first aid and nutrition lessons.

Joy said that a lot of the hands-on class activities get her out of her comfort zone. This program made her try something new and grow as a person. "It teaches us leadership and how to work as a team," she said.

She added that they do a lot of fun activities, but that marching is her favorite. Along with her appreciation for the constitution, Joy can see that this program is beneficial to her future because of the simple manners required of her and her classmates. "They teach us respect," she said.

During her second year in the program, Joy had the responsibility of teaching the first year students. She is quite the encourager. She enjoyed lifting up her classmates and seeing their confidence build throughout the school year. Joy wants to go into the Army and attend college to be an ultrasound technician.

To get the students on track for their future, Col. Jones and Sgt. Ullery assign the sophomores a specific task that will then move them on to the next step as a junior, and finally the last portion during their senior year.

Sophomores are required to figure out what they like to do, juniors are required to come up with a plan, and seniors are required to act on that plan.

These steps guide each student in their career path upon graduating from high school.

About 100 students from the Cullman county and city schools make up the JROTC program at the Career Center. Col. Jones noted that a wheelchair bound student participated last year.

"Some students join with a military background in their family and some join just because they are curious," Col. Jones said.

About 80 percent of their seniors choose to go into the military upon completion of the program. The class contains a lot of athletes, cheerleaders and band members. "With all these athletes, we could have some great sports teams," Col. Jones said.

The program is currently in the middle of the Career Caravan to recruit other students. They do this by sending two of the JROTC students in uniform to speak to all the middle schools in Cullman.

Col. Jones added that these speaking engagements are just one more way that the students can gain confidence and leadership ability within the JROTC program.



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LOCAL MUSICIAN DREAMS BIG: ASPIRING SINGER/ SONGWRITER CHUCK RICHARD ROCKS OUT

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CULLMAN - Charles (Chuck) Richard, 22, has always been an entertainer in one form or another. From his days of thrilling a stadium full of people in his football career where he helped his team earn three regional championships to another form of entertainment that he has always had a passion for – music.

"I started playing guitar at age 18," Richard said. "Music and lyrics always made a lot of sense to me at a young age, and music always helped me through the good and bad times. At 18, when I chose to play and sing, I was connected from day one. I worked hard to learn as quickly as possible."

While he now plays for crowds every weekend with little reservation, it wasn't always that way.

"At times, I was over anxious to get in front of friends and family," said Richard. "Being 22 now with countless guitar lessons with Scott Miller and Mala Patterson every week, twice a week, for the past 4 years, and also playing many shows and venues the past year, I have gotten better and I am very happy with my progress. I really enjoy the songwriting aspect of it."

Richard is now booking shows not only locally, but all across the state. He says that he is happy wherever he plays, big or small, but has big aspirations.

"When I decide to do something in my life, it's always been 110 percent or don't do it at all," said Richard. "Sometimes I can be stubborn but that's not the worst thing you can be. When I dream, I dream big, but really I want to be an established songwriter, pitching my songs to 'Big Time' artists in the next five years. But playing shows every weekend night for those five years also, and then see where that takes me."

A special local performance for Richard was the country showdown at the Cullman County Fair, a show that he was reluctant to do at first, due to his grandmother being ill and in the hospital.

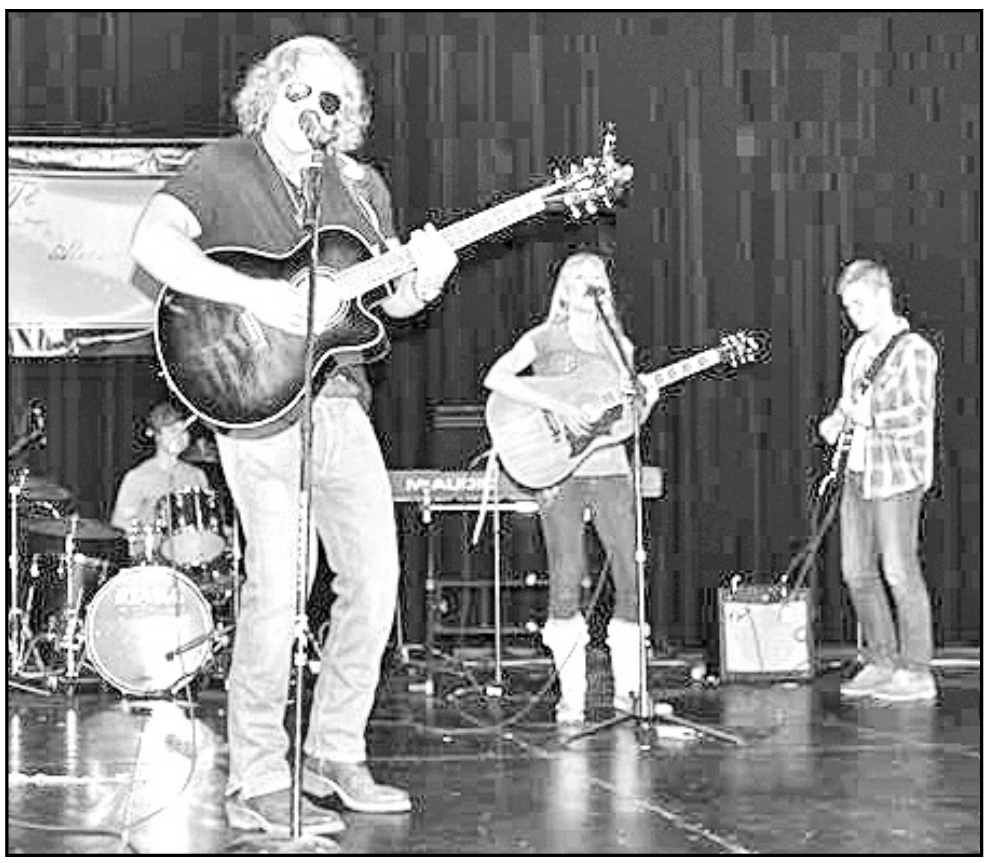
"I honestly had been booked for the showdown for months but I really did not want to play or sing that day one bit," Richard stated. "As a matter of fact I did not pick a string until I took the stage that night. My Aunt Linda, who teaches band at Cullman Middle School, had a talk with me in the elevator of the Cullman hospital and asked me, 'What song are you going to play tonight?' At that moment I broke to tears and told her I wasn't planning on going. But Aunt Linda gave me a huge hug and inspiring words saying, 'Charles, Grandma wants you to play.' My grandmother was and still is a huge fan of my music."

With that inspiration and a lot of determination, Richard came out of that competition in the top three, and made his grandma proud.

"She passed a week ago," he said. "But I made her proud by finishing that night in the top three by singing an original song I wrote called "Haulin' Hay", and for my second song, I played another original called "Good Boy/Bad Reputation". The Ben Parker Project was well deserving to be the overall winner. Ben Parker and his band did a heck of a job."

With musical influences like Waylon Jennings, Hank Williams Jr., and Johnny Cash. Richard says that he wants to bring back that old style. What he affectionately calls "outlaw music". His dreams are big for a guy so down to earth, and he knows who to thank for getting him this far.

"In too many people's eyes it looks out of the question," said Richard. "But I wouldn't be doing it if I didn't feel in my heart that I have a chance. Every time I am out on stage that dream is being played. No matter how big or how small the venue is, I'm 100 percent happy when I take the stage. I want to help people when I sing. I sure hope they can get something out of it."



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At 22, Charles Richard's musical influences include Waylon Jennings, Hank Williams Jr., and Johnny Cash.

Signing (from Front)

"The Watervalley Book Series are literally a love letter to the life I knew growing up," he explained. "I grew up in a small town in Tennessee, which is really pretty much like growing up anywhere in the south. It's about the rugged individualism, the love of the soil, the incredible unsparing generosity of the community I grew up in."

High grew up in rural Tennessee and later obtained college degrees in both literature and nursing. He lived in Nashville for many years and traveled all over the country as a travel nurse. Eventually he returned to his original hometown and works as an operating room registered nurse in cardiac surgery. He became serious about his writing after winning the poetry and fiction division of an annual writing contest held by Vanderbilt Medical Center three years in a row. In speaking of his books, High had the following to say...

"My books will probably always be PG, because my mother reads them - and that's okay with me," High laughed. "I love southern gothic which is Faulkner, Flannery O'Connor, Thomas Wolfe, and those guys. I really do love their work but it tends to kind of focus on the depravity of the south. Now here in the south, we all have our stories, there's no doubt, but there's also a really positive upside to southern life - and that's what I love to write about."

"Each Shining Hour" is the second book in The Watervalley Series. The first book is "More Things of Heaven and Earth" and there is a third book in the works. Heartwarming, gentle, and at times, very witty, each precious book in the series will leave you wanting more. High just has a way of making people feel good through his writings.

"I guess I'm just a glass half full kind of guy," he reflects. "I always like to think that, at the end of every story there's always a harbor at voyage end. There's always a redeeming aspect to life - Sometimes you have to look for them, sometimes you have to be patient and sort of look at the long view. But ultimately I like to think there's a redemptive capacity to the stories I write and hopefully "Each Shining Hour" definitely reflects that; that in the fullness of time things have a way of working themselves out."

If you would like to pick up a copy of Jeff High's books, they are available at Deb's Bookstore, located at 207 Third Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055. Call Deb at 256-736-2622 if you have any questions or comments you'd like to share about the books. You can also visit www.watervalleybooks.com and order the books or keep up with the latest happenings in Watervalley, TN.

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WKLN 92.1 ON THE FM DIAL: "CULLMAN'S GOOD MUSIC STATION"

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CULLMAN - WKLN 92.1 first came over the airwaves in September 1967 and instantly became known as Cullman's Good Music Station. The radio station was the result of lots of time, patience and hard work from a man by the name of Kenneth E. Lawrence Sr.

Lawrence, a 1944 graduate of Cullman High School and Saint Bernard Jr. College, went on to graduate from Alabama School of Trades at Gadsden where he set a record for completing his course of study in the earliest amount of time for that school. He obtained a license in radio and television engineering. After finishing trade school in Gadsden, he was employed as a radio engineer at WFMH radio station until 1952.

The process of starting up a radio station is not an easy one. Lawrence had to file proper paperwork with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), requesting a FM frequency to be assigned to Cullman. Filling out paperwork sounds simple, but there was a lot more to it. Lawrence had to show the FCC, on paper, that Cullman's population and trade area was large enough to support the additional radio frequency assignment, and to complicate matters even more, a FM radio frequency assignment. He did this successfully and the FCC assigned Cullman another frequency.

WKLN was located on the Stiefelmeyer block, just a couple doors down from Duchess Bakery. Its music, blasted with 3,000 watts of power, could be heard by all who walked up and down the sidewalk in front of it. Even though the station was authorized to run 24 hours a day, seven days a week, it only broadcasted from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the weekdays, and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays. WKLN was proud to offer its listeners community announcements, the latest news, weather and sports. It also provided good ole easy to listen to music.

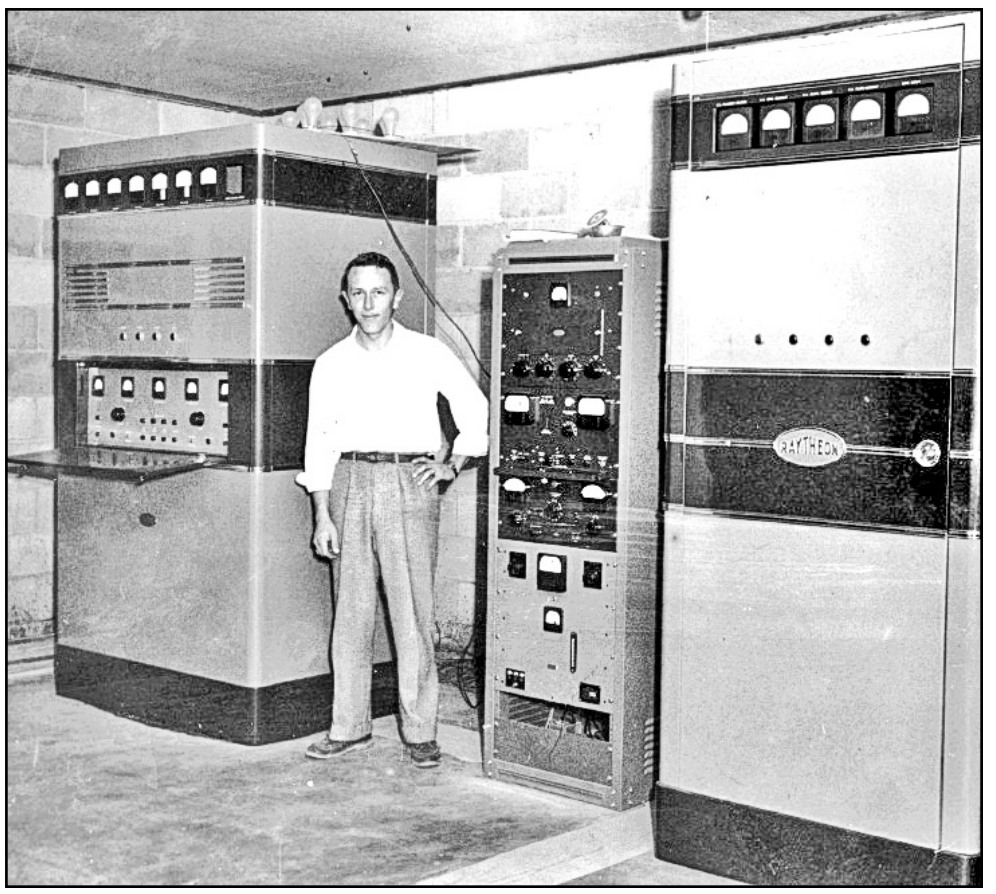
Mr. Lawrence enjoyed his many roles at the station. He was the owner and general manager, chief engineer and part time announcer. Because it was family owned and operated, Kenneth Lawrence Jr. and Chuck McMeans were the staff announcers, and Mrs. Evelyn Lawrence acted as the secretary. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence sold advertising and did all their own copywriting.

"I was a disk jockey from ninth grade (1971) until we sold the station," said Eddie Lawrence, son. "Those were some breaking times for our family. My dad gets all of the credit. He started with nothing and you see where the station has gotten to today."

In the late 1970s, Mr. Lawrence sold the radio station to the Jonathan Christian Corporation and it wasn't long before the call sign was changed to WKLN-FM on January 21, 1982. Six years later, on February 1, 1988, the call sign was changed once more to WKUL, which is what it remains to this day. WKUL is still located in its original location but the programming has changed a bit.

Now country music, talk shows, syndicated programs and high school football games fill the air, as well as stereo speakers all over town.

Mr. Lawrence passed away on October 9, 1991 at the age of 67. He left behind a large, loving family and many very dear friends. But he also left behind that old radio station – still a few doors down from the Duchess Bakery. Times have changed, but the memories of the Lawrence family will forever remain hidden inside those four walls.



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMANSENSE

Created in 1967, 92.1 WKLN broadcasted from a 3,000 watt radio transmitter.

MIRRORING HISTORY: HURRICANE CREEK PARK

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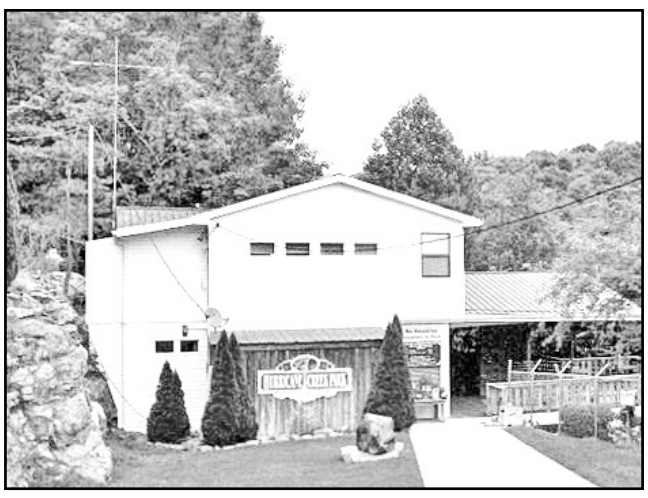
VINEMONT - Hurricane Creek Park boasts of more than 67+ acres of heavily wooded forest area. It is located deep within a 500-foot canyon in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. Hurricane Creek is full of trails, streams and natural rock formations that offer families hours of hiking and picnicking opportunities.

The park was founded in 1961 by William "Buddy" Rogers. He ran the park as a day-hike/picnic area for 40 years.

In 2003, he donated his beloved park to the Alabama State Lands Division.

Today, the City of Cullman Parks and Recreation runs the property and many upgrades and changes have been added.

Hurricane Creek Park is located at 22600 US Highway 31, Vinemont, AL 35179, and they are open year round Friday - Sunday.



HURRICANE CREEK FACEBOOK PAGE

Today the City of Cullman Parks and Recreation manages Hurricane Creek Park.



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Living History Farm
FARM DAY
Saturday, October 25, 2014
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(Event closes at 4 p.m.)

Antique Tractor Show • Blacksmith • Tools • Splitting
Museum Open • Surrey Rides • Cross-cut Sawing
Hewing • Wagon Rides to Pumpkin Patch • Farm Animals

Children 4 and under FREE
Ages 5-12 $5 • 13 and up $7

This is a walking tour with limited accessibility.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Call 256-734-0850 • E-mail bjohn781@aol.com

GET THE HOME OF YOUR DREAMS AT DREAM HOME OUTLET

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CULLMAN - If you are looking for the home of your dreams, you may want to take a short drive out to the new Dream Home Outlet. Locally owned and operated, Dream Home Outlet offers you the best in manufactured homes at a price that is simply.... a dream!

Les Sandlin, Wendy Korshak and Moe Korshak, owners of Dream Home Outlet officially opened their new manufactured home business on September 27, 2014.

The three are local folks, from both the Cullman and Good Hope area, with tons of combined experience in the business.

"The three of us decided to get out of the corporate structure and provide a better quality house with a better price for everybody," said Moe.

"The market seems to be finally making a comeback, so instead of working for somebody else, we thought we'd do it ourselves," he smiled proudly.

Dream Home Outlet sells only the best in manufactured homes.

"We carry Fleetwood Homes, which is a huge name in the manufactured home and recreational vehicle business," Moe continued.

"We picked them because they have been voted Manufacturer of the Year for the last five years. They make a really good quality house at a really good price. And when we eliminate the corporate fees and the commissions the sales people make, we're delivering a much better house at an incredible price."

Having a nice, fine quality home is great, but having that same home beautifully furnished is a dream come true. The people at Dream Home Furnishings know that and they are prepared to help you in any way they can to make your new home look amazing.

"We have a deal worked out with Dream Home Furnishings here in town," Moe explained.

"We don't have any interest in their company and they don't have any interest in ours but we've partnered together so they are furnishing our houses and helping us decorate them and we're going to push their merchandise so it gives them another show or avenue for some more exposure. There are a lot of people buying new houses and wanting new furniture to go with them. It really works well for both of us."



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Manufactured homes come in all shapes and sizes. They are beautiful and spacious and lots of people live in them. But when it comes to tornados and stormy weather, are manufactured homes considered safe?

"As far as safety is concerned, we take these homes apart – then pull them from the factory and we deliver them from here," Moe began.

"A lot of times they're going down the interstate at 70 miles per hour and they don't lose any structural stability. They do not lose the shingles or the siding. So structurally they are perfectly sound," he grinned.

"When we set the house up and anchor it to the ground, it's actually anchored to withstand up to 70 mile per hour winds. If you get toward coastal areas, they anchor them a little heavier for hurricanes – up to 130 mile per hour winds. Let's face it; if you have a direct hit from a tornado, it doesn't matter if you're in a solid brick building, it's going to be destroyed."

Manufactured homes have come a long way over the years. Today's home can be anything you want it to be.

Beautiful, safe and affordable, they have the potential to be a dream come true.

If you or someone you know are looking for a new home or would like more information on today's manufactured homes, feel free to go to www.dreamhomeoutlet.com or visit the gang in person. They are located at 660 County Road 437, Cullman, AL, 35055. You can also give them a call at 256-775-8794.

BOSOM BUDDIES PINK 5K HAS SUCCESSFUL 1ST YEAR

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CULLMAN - It was the perfect fall day, cool and sunny. It was a great day for being outside, and taking a short stretch of legs by running 5 kilometers. The Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation and supporters could not have asked for a better day to come together to raise money and awareness.

Not only was the weather ideal, but participants were also able to enjoy running around one of Cullman's most scenic parks, Sportsman Lake. Mary Dyer, head over the foundation was happy with the turnout and support for their first year.

"It was sort of a rushed put together this time around," said Dyer. "At our board meeting, we had decided not to do anything at first. I went outside to see another member in tears and she said 'Mary, we have to do something for October', and I knew she was right so we ended up putting the 5K together."

Approximately 43 runners participated in the 5K, with the youngest participant being only 6 years old. T-shirts were given as part of the $25 registration fee, and Dyer said that she thinks that this might help them achieve their goal of $10,000.

"I am hoping we will raise close to 10 grand," she said. "We are looking really good. We got over $6,000 dollars in sponsorship."

With several generous sponsors like the Cullman Power Board, Cullman Electric Cooperative, Lucas Auto Repair, Sherriff Mike Rainey and Peoples Bank of Alabama, Bosom Buddies was able to pull the run together and add to their funds.

One of the points of pride for the group is their dedication to making sure that 100 percent of all proceeds go back to those undergoing treatment in the community.

The first runner to cross the finish line Saturday was 17-year-old Colton Teelios from Holly Pond with a time of 21 minutes and 16 seconds. Colton runs for his school's track team, and saw a pamphlet at school for the run.

"I saw the pamphlet and thought it would be a fun run, and it's for a good cause," he said.

Coming up in second place was Cullman's own Dr. Jeremy Stidham with a time of 23 minutes and 13 seconds. Stidham, in addition to treating the people of Cullman, is also an avid runner.

"I participate in probably 10 5K runs a year," said Stidham.

"It was perfect weather, lots of good people and refreshments. It was a good day."

The Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation is doing wonderful and important work in our community by helping those undergoing treatment get what they need while they are battling cancer.

Dyer, a 26-year strong breast cancer survivor, says that no one should have to worry about a light bill while going through treatment.

"We just really want to help people," she said. "No one earns a penny from this organization except those people that really need it – the patients. We are just trying to make a difference in their lives."



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Of the approximately 43 runners the youngest was six.

Grants (from Front)

the reservoir. A third $100,000 grant will enable the city of Cullman to complete 8.5 miles of natural-surface trails for walking and biking.

Part of the planned 21-mile Duck River Multi-Purpose Recreation Trail, the new bridges and trail will surround a $100-million reservoir being built to provide more water for the rapidly growing region. The first phase of the trail system was recently completed and 3.5 miles are now open to the public.

"Providing easier access to outdoor recreation areas should encourage more Alabamians to take advantage of these resources," Bentley said. "The bridges and trails around Duck River Reservoir will open up new recreation opportunities for residents and attract additional visitors to the region."

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grant from funds made available by the Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program. ADECA manages an array of programs supporting law enforcement and traffic safety, economic development, energy conservation, workforce development, water resource management and recreation development.

Bently notified Cullman Mayor Max Townson, Utilities Board Chairman Wayne Fuller and County Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker that the grants had been approved. The city of Cullman is contributing $123,000 to the project, Cullman County is contributing $41,482 and the Utilities Board is providing $85,000.



MINI RELAY FOR LIFE TO BE HELD AT WALLACE STATE

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CULLMAN - This Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wallace State Community College will be holding a Mini Relay for Life event.

Gail Crutchfield, communications and marketing coordinator at Wallace State, hopes that this event will be a good alternative to the larger version of Relay for Life, which is normally held in May.

"We hope this brings more community involvement," Crutchfield said. "We also hope this can give people who aren't able to attend the main one in May a chance to attend."

This is the first time Wallace State has held a Relay for Life event.

There looks to be plenty of fun things to see and do at the upcoming American Cancer Society event, such as a Cupcake Bar.

"It was a big hit at the main event back in May," Crutchfield said about the Cupcake Bar.

"Customers can choose the cake flavor, the frosting, and the toppings that go on the cupcake," she explained.

Wallace State students are also taking initiative and joining to help raise cancer awareness, as multiple student groups are signed up to contribute to the event, such as the nursing students and the diagnostic imaging students.

When asked about how much money she expected to see raised from the event, Crutchfield said, "We're just playing it by ear."

"Even if we don't raise much money, we hope to raise awareness and the increase in early detection for people," she continued.

As for whether or not Wallace is committed to having more Relay for Life events in the future, they're playing that by ear as well.

"We just want to wait and see how this one goes," Crutchfield said.

If you are interested in having a booth at the event, call Gail Crutchfield at 256-352-8064 for more information.

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SPOOKY FUN AROUND TOWN

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CULLMAN - Even though it's early September, Halloween will be here before you know it. If you're like most folks, the crisp weather and all the bags of candy corn just seem to bring out the monster in you. Have you figured out what your Halloween costume will be yet? Better yet, have you marked your calendars so that you'll hit every single spook house, haunted trail or corn maze within a 50-mile radius? If so, we'd like to help! Below are just a few of the many local activities that guarantee good times and scary thrills.

4D FARM
7066 County Road 703
Cullman, AL 35055

www.4dfamilyfarm.com
4DFarmFun@gmail.com
256-775-2924

From September 27 to November 1, enjoy down home fun for the whole family at the 4D farm. 4D Farm is a family owned farm located right here in Cullman, Ala. Owners Beth and Rusty Daniel open their farm to families and school children as a way to offer good, clean fun and happy times. 4D Farm has a corn maze and pumpkin patch in the fall and an egg hunt in the spring.

Adults and kids alike will have a great time on all of the thrilling, fun activities such as the jumping pillow, play barn, 80-ft slide, cow train, rubber duck races, tire mountain, hay jump, pig races, pedal carts, barnyard ball zone, corn box, and more!

STEELE ORCHARD'S BOOGEY MAN'S BARN
1695 County Road 1141
Cullman, AL 36067

www.steeleorchard.com
SteeleOrchard@gmail.com
256-734-5249

Whether you have a hankering for good ole southern fried pies, homemade jams & jellies, or even fresh apple butter, the folks at Steele's can hook you up with a smile. But during the month of October, the orchard will also deliver thrills and chills as you go deep inside the Boogie Man's Barn!



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Spooky attractions such as Steele Orchard's Boogey Man's Barn bring terrifying delight to children and adults alike.

"In the fall, during the whole month of October, we do something called the Boogie Man's Barn," said Linda Steele, owner. "It is a spook house that has a vortex tunnel and then a maze that you go through. You also get to sit in the Boogey Man's closet and things happen to you while you are sitting in there," she giggled and winked.

HAUNTED TRAILS OF TERROR
336 County Road 590
Hanceville, AL 35077

www.facebook.com/hauntedtrails.ofterror
256-531-2853

This year the Haunted Trails of Terror has been getting ready for a whole new season of ghosts and ghouls with a completely remodeled haunted house. Everything has changed and is nothing like it was the previous six years. If you are a fan of blood, guts and gore, go check them out! If you have already been there before, I double dog dare you to go again this year and see the new and improved changes! They also have a hayride that has become very well known in the community on Friday and Saturday nights. Haunted Trails of Terror will open October 1 through November 1 this year. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays they will be open from 7-10:30 p.m. and on Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Whether you like to be scared out of your mind or just enjoy wearing cozy sweaters and picking out pumpkins and getting lost in corn mazes, Cullman County has exactly what you're looking for. Please keep in mind though, whatever you decide to do this year, be safe.

There are lots of good, clean fun out there, but just remember, you never know what else could be lurking in the shadows. Go in groups and please don't let your children be out without a responsible adult.



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OCTOBER 25, 2014
We'll start taking reservations on September 3rd at 8:00 a.m.
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Monday

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Cornerstone Revival Ladies Prayer Meeting
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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.

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.

'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.

CRMC Auxiliary Fall Book Sale
The annual CRMC Auxiliary will sponsor their Fall Book Fair, which will run from 7 am until 4 pm. This event takes place in POB ll and will have great items for sale books, cookbooks, seasonal toys and gift items, and other great deals for the shoppers! Further info 256-737-2600.

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.

5K Pumpkin Run at Parkside School
Parkside School is sponsoring a 5K Pumpkin Run today with registration starting at 8 a.m. This run starts at the school at 9 a.m. and ends at Baileyton Town Park. Awards given for overall winners and winners in different age groups. There is a $20.00 fee if paid in advance and a $25.00 fee the day of the race. All ages welcome to join in the fun. Funds raised will be given to help education related needs for both students and teachers of the school.

Peinhardt Living History Farm 'Farm Day'
Everyone is invited to attend the annual Peinhardt Living History Farm 'Farm Day' from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Children 4 and under are FREE, with ages 5-12 $5.00 and 13 and up at $7.00. Walking tour, antique tractor show, blacksmith, surrey rides, wagon rides to Pumpkin Patch and Farm Animals too!! For additional information please call 256-734-0850 or email bjohn781@aol.com. All welcome!

Zombie Crawl
Join the Zombie Crawl fun in downtown Cullman (across from Berkeley Bob's Coffee House) from 12 noon to 10 p.m. Fun and games, Zombification (zombie makeup) from 12 noon to 4:45 p.m. ($5.00 for kids, $7.00 for adults); Thriller Dance Lesson from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (free); Zombie Crawl from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. ($13.00 each - registration ends at 430 pm) with prizes awarded; Mob Thriller Dance which is free; Brain Eating Contest ($5.00) starting at 6:15 p.m.; Zombie Dance Party from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. (FREE). A proceeds benefit Mental Healthcare of Cullman and Victim Services of Cullman. Come join the 'ZOMBIES" as they prowl through Downtown Cullman this afternoon and nite!

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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
- 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
- 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
- Live Music at Brothers
- Live Music at Moe's
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- Live Music at Cadillac Ron's from 8 p.m. to close

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HANCEVILLE'S HAUNTED HOUSE SCARES THE COMMUNITY FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

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HANCEVILLE, AL FACEBOOK PAGE

The funds raised from Hanceville's Haunted House will benefit City Parks & Recreation.

HANCEVILLE - Deep in the heart of Hanceville something very strange, utterly bizarre and downright creepy is going on. Down on Commercial Street, behind the old Armory, spooky things are going on inside that will make your hair stand on end. Ear piercing screams can be heard all over the neighborhood and if you look closely, you just may see a ghost covered in blood or a zombie, half mutilated, dashing through the parking area looking for fresh meat. If you haven't already figured it out, I'm talking about Hanceville's Haunted House!

"I would say it's scary," said Sabrina Nail, haunted house creator. "I try to get scenes from all the newer movies in there, but it's more or less for fun, and to try and keep the kids off the street. We have some really good actors and stuff like that, and that really helps pull it off. All we've received is compliments on it," she smiled happily.

"So far we're progressing each time and all the money we raise will go to the City Parks & Recreation and more things that we could put on for kids. It's just a lot of fun."

The haunted house looks rather small from the outside, but once you go inside, you get the feeling it will never end!

The path through the place twists and turns in all directions. Mirrors are everywhere and add the perfect amount of confusion to its many thrills, chills and surprises.

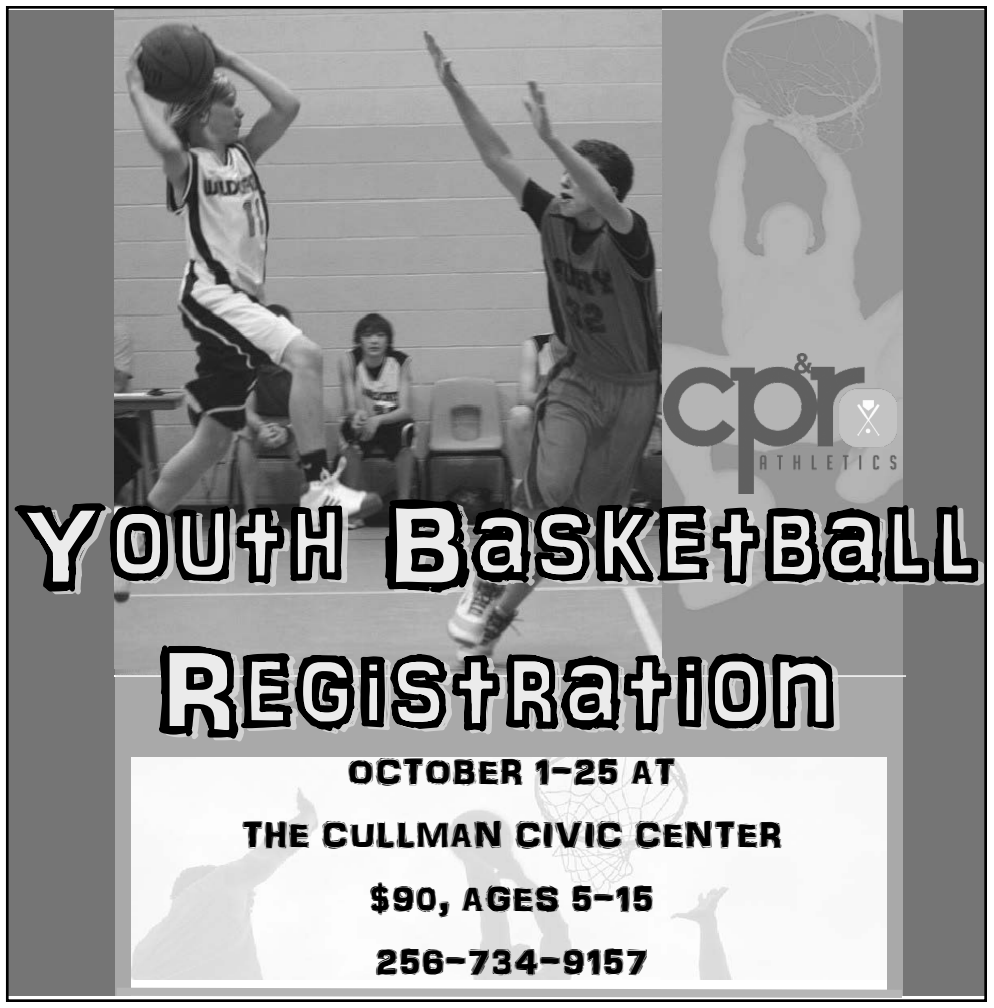
"This will be our first full year," explained Nail. "We only did it one weekend last year, but we had such a good response, we had to build on that. So yeah, this is our first year and we plan to keep adding to it in the years to come. If you come, prepare to be amazed and scared!"

The haunted house is not for the faint of heart. Those who go must be the bravest of the brave – the cream of the crop. It's not for children 6 years old or younger.

Those with a heart condition better stay away.... Its way to scary to even think about!

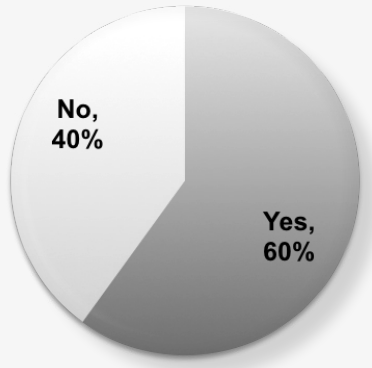
"Sabrina has done an immaculate job on the haunted house – that was her brain storm," said Margie Knight, community volunteer. "There are a lot of rules we have put down for certain age groups here at the haunted house to protect the younger children from getting too scared," she smiled mischievously.

Hanceville's Haunted House is open every Friday and Saturday night in October from 6-10 p.m. Admission is $5 per person. Remember, no children under the age of 6 are permitted inside. The haunted house is located at 902 Commercial St. NE, Hanceville, AL 35077. Keep in mind, all proceeds from the house go right back to the community, so go out and have a great evening. And watch out for the guy with the chainsaw!



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Will you or your children go trick-or-treating this Halloween?



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- **Yoga Classes** are offered at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center 7 days a week with classes including Buti-Yoga, Stand-up Paddle Board Yoga, and more. Check the front desk or call 256-775-SWIM for class schedule and times.
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Hanceville's First Fire Truck Returns Home

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Legendary Locals of Cullman County

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.

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UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME GLEE CLUB TO PERFORM AT ST. BERNARD PREP

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CULLMAN - They are coming for the Ave Maria Grotto, but they will stay for the orange rolls – or is it the other way around? Either way, the University of Notre Dame's Glee Club will be performing a concert at St. Bernard Prep School Saturday, October 25 at 7 p.m.

Joyce Nix, head of Marketing and Public Relations at St. Bernard, said that the university's glee club was planning a visit to Cullman and noticed they had been at St. Bernard before.

"The glee club called Father Joel Martin and asked about doing an event," Joyce explained.

"They've been here before and, we had a boy graduate here at St. Bernard and participate in the glee club there," she continued.

Besides that, Jay Johnstone, who grew up in Birmingham, is currently in the glee club at Indiana University in South Bend, Indiana.

"Johnstone is also the drum major in the marching band," Nix was careful to point out.

Tickets for the event are $50 each, and include a dinner and the concert afterwards.

The glee club consists of 80 Notre Dame students, and they will put on an hour and a half concert in the Abbey Church on the campus of St. Bernard.

"If we have a lot of people buy tickets, the dinner will be held in the athletics center," Nix said.

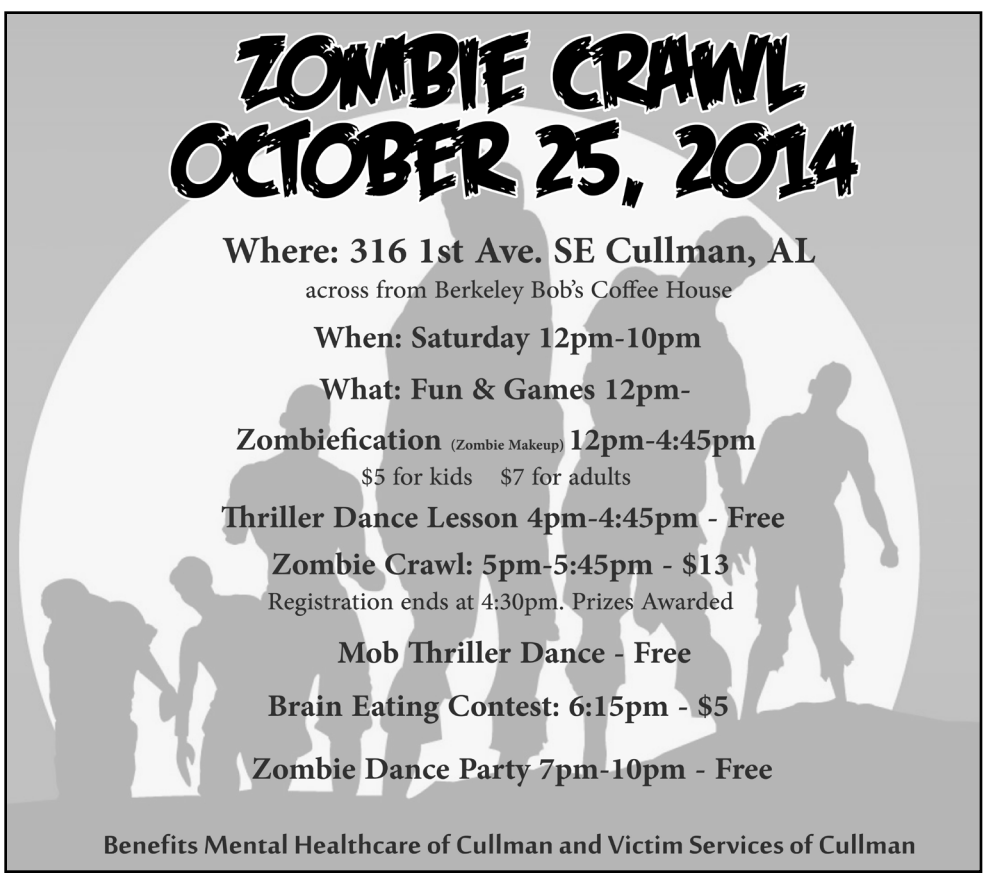
"But if there is a smaller audience, we'll move the dinner to a different location, and then move to the Church for the concert.

The Abbey Church at St. Bernard can hold 300 people comfortably, according to Nix.

While St. Bernard has no plans to have other universities' glee clubs performing in the future, Nix says that the school is always open to the idea.

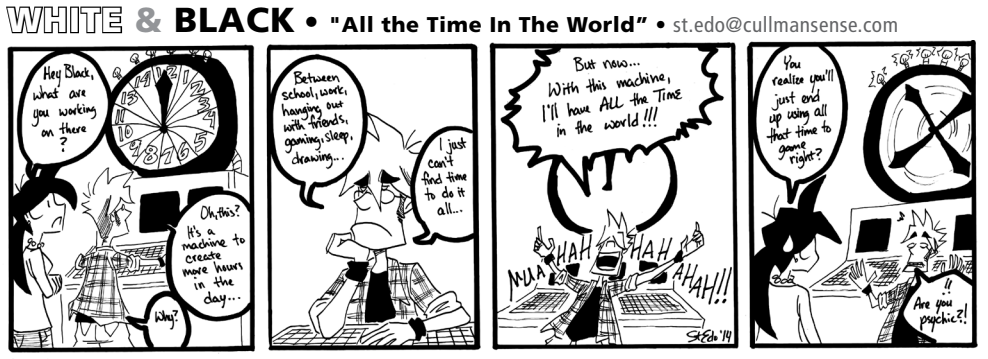
After all, they didn't reach out to Notre Dame for the concert, Notre Dame contacted them.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the school office at St. Bernard, or online at StBernardPrep.com.



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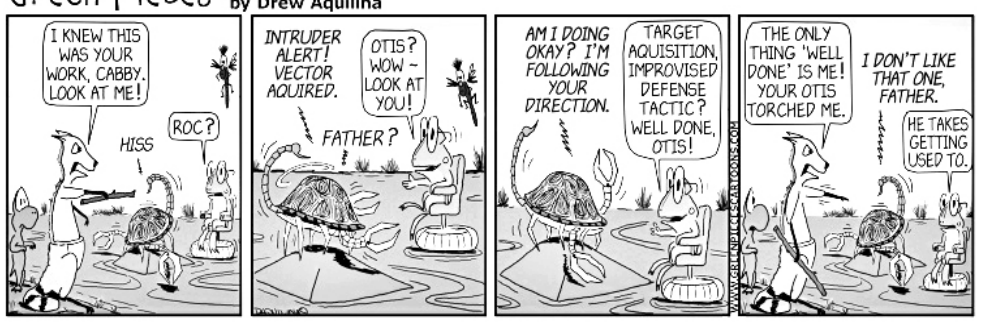
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Egan

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 spirited and enjoy company. I can't wait to have a place to call home with my new forever family.

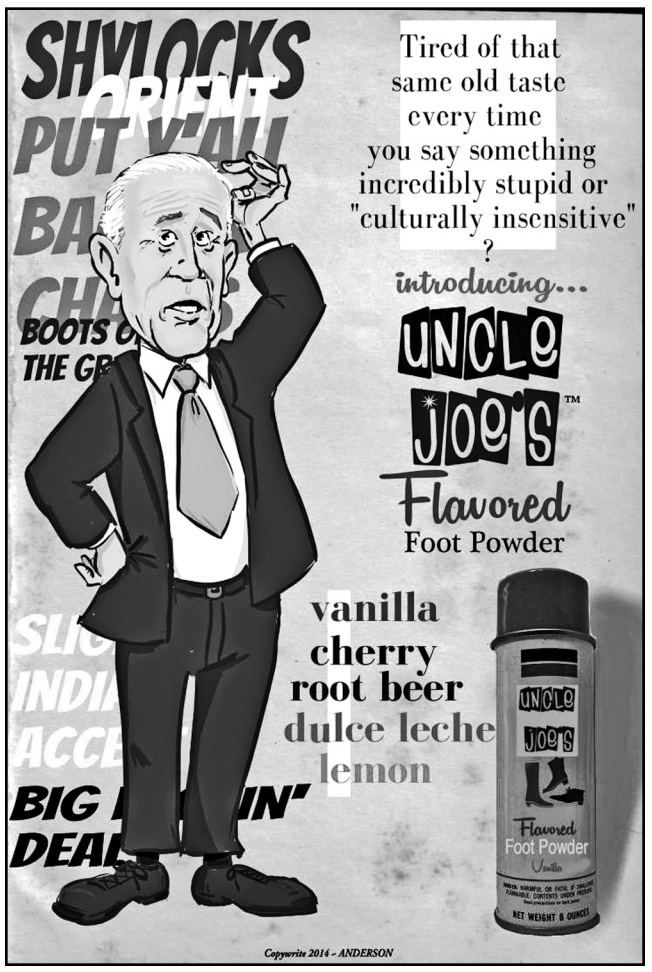


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OPINION

KILLING FOR PEACE

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Since 9-11-01, the United States, by any objective assessment a globe-girdling military empire, has been sucked into an ongoing global civil war between brutal extremists (often fighting among themselves) and those, including us, they perceive as their mortal enemies. We are rightfully outraged by cruel beheadings videotaped for Internet distribution. The beheaders and suicide bombers are equally outraged by our extensive military presence in their ancestral homelands and drone attacks upon weddings.

Meanwhile, though the government of our mighty empire can read our emails and tap our telephones, the worldwide nonviolent movement to bring about positive change somehow flies completely under its supposedly all-seeing radar screens. The peoples of the earth are overwhelmingly against war, and they want their fair share of the earth's resources and the possibilities of democratic governance. Academic studies (e.g., Chenoweth and Stephan, Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict) have proven that, overall, nonviolent movements are more effective for reaching such goals than violent military ones.

Our media narrows discourse and fans the flames by only allowing U.S. citizens to see through the narrow lens of exceptionalism, polarization and violence. Fear mongers, legion in our culture, insist that adherents of ISIS are hardly human. But we should keep their humanity in our hearts even as we abhor their acts, just as we ought to abhor our own descent into torture and extra-judicial killings. People do not do what those ISIS fighters do without having been rendered desperate and callous by some painful sense of injustice. As Auden wrote, "Those to whom evil is done/do evil in return." The question for us is how we can best respond to evil without rationalizing our own evil behavior.

Setting aside the blurry distinction between the sadism of beheadings and the supposed good intentions of those who control the drones, our side and theirs share the conviction that the only solution to this great conflict is killing. If ISIS can kill enough of its enemies, a Caliphate can be established from Lebanon across to Afghanistan, obliterating the despised arbitrary borders created by the colonial powers after World War I. Conversely, if the West can only assassinate enough terrorist leaders in Afghanistan and Yemen and Syria, moderate elements will emerge from the slaughter to renounce the vain and presumptuous notion that Islam is destined to conquer a pluralistic world.

But the presumptions of both present American empire and possible Muslim empire are equally vain and closed-minded in their separate ways.

Continued mass killing by either side will never resolve the underlying cultural disparities, and so unless we think in new ways, this planetary civil war will continue, multiplying recruits to terror faster than they can be exterminated—a perpetual motion meat-grinder of violence.

We can't just leave the various extremist groups to fight it out among themselves. We have to lead, but why not lead in a new direction? Amid all the hand wringing about least bad options, there is a good option: change the game. Admit that the U.S. occupation of Iraq led to some unforeseen outcomes. Call an international conference that includes representatives from as many parties that are willing to consider how to contain and end the violence. Agree to embargo the arms pouring into the region.

The possibility that we are already fighting a third world war, having forgotten the lesson of how little anybody wanted or expected to get into the first one, suggests the need to call upon the spirit of figures like King and Dag Hammarskjold, that world ambassador for peace. As we look down the time stream, it becomes harder and harder to guarantee who will and who will not be able to possess nuclear weapons.

Even now some disaffected Pakistani general might be transferring a warhead to some non-state actor with malign intentions. It is equally possible that someone in the U.S. military could go rogue with a nuke, initiating catastrophe.

Is a third world war leading to total destruction the intention of either the Christian God or the Muslim Allah? The opportunity is for all parties to accept this possibility and build agreements based in a common desire for human survival—listening at last to the pleas of millions around this small planet who desperately want the madness of endless war to cease.

OPINION

MORE THAN GOOD KARMA: WOMEN MUST NEGOTIATE SALARY AND RAISES

Laura Finley
PeacVoice

Evidently, only men are supposed to ask for raises. Women who do will only annoy their bosses and instead should simply have faith in the system and hope for good karma. This is what Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella recently stated. Although he later apologized for his "inarticulate" response, the fact remains that his initial answer serves to mask the gender wage gap that still exists. It also reinforces dangerous beliefs about workplace communication, which research has found already differs in ways that generally disadvantage female workers.

It is very clear that women's wages still lag behind men's in most every industry. In 2013, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) found that full-time, year-round female workers earned 78 percent of what their male counterparts earned. In the technology industry, women earn, on average, $6,358 less than their male counterparts, and women with at least one child earn $11,247 less than all other workers, according to a study by the American Institute for Economic Research.

The AAUW found that female engineers made 88 percent of their male counterparts' salaries, while women in the financial services industry earn $14,067 a year less than men, according to the American Institute for Economic Research.

Although there are many factors that explain the gender wage gap, one of them involves exactly what Nadella denounced: negotiating salary and raises. Linda Babcock and Sara Laschever reported in their 2007 book Women Don't Ask: The High Cost of Avoiding Negotiation and Positive Strategies for Change that men are eight times more likely than women to negotiate their salary.

Another factor that likely impacts the wages women receive from the start of their employment as well as through raises is the way that we are socialized to communicate. According to linguistics scholar Deborah Tannen, women are taught to seek praise, to apologize for issues that are not their fault, and to vent about problems rather than immediately begin "solving" them.

While Tannen emphasizes that these are differences not necessarily disadvantages, when workplaces continue to be dominated by male leaders, as is the case with the tech, finance, and engineering fields, these stylistic differences may indeed result in challenges for female workers.

If male bosses see women venting, or hear a woman constantly say she's sorry, the impression they may have is that she is less capable than her male counterpart. If female workers constantly need praise whereas males simply do the work, it may be perceived as excessive neediness. Again, the problem is not that females' communication styles are bad, but that they are used in the context of a male-dominated setting and thus may not be understood appropriately.

As the National Women's Law Center points out, closing the wage gap would significantly improve the finances of not just women but families as well.

They found that if women made an additional $11,608 per year, it would be enough to pay the median cost of rent and utilities for 13 months, with $400 to spare, to feed a family of four for 13 months with $300 to spare, or to pay 18 months of full-time childcare costs for a four-year old with more than $300 to spare.

So, Satya Nadella, it is essential that women learn to communicate with their bosses and to successfully negotiate their salary and raises!

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