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The event celebrated veterans.

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HANCEVILLE - Hanceville Elementary School presented their "Symbols of Freedom" Veterans Day Program on November 7, 2014. The elementary students sponsored the event and invited everyone to come salute the veterans and thank them for their service.

The symbols of freedom in America presented at the program included the American flag, the Statue of Liberty, the American Bald Eagle, and the Liberty Bell; each symbol was explained by the student council members with a song to follow the description.

Principal Kim Brown said, "The kids did a lot of work. They're great. Each year a grade learns a patriotic song, plus the sign language. They've been working on that since

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NEW DONUT SHOP OPENS IN CULLMAN

DONUT JOE'S SERVES UP HOT COFFEE, FRESH DONUTS, AND BIG SMILES P3



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Donut Joe's serves up a variety of donuts such as jelly, chocolate, and one of their bestsellers, maple and bacon.

STRIDES WALK RAISES AWARENESS FOR DIABETES

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CULLMAN - This Saturday, November 15, the Cullman Community Lions Club is hosting the 3rd Annual Strides Walk at Heritage Park. The walk begins at 10 a.m., however, registration begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Laurita Hogland, member of the Cullman Community Lions Club and chairperson for the event, is very passionate about the Strides Walk. The Cullman Community Lions Club is focused on raising awareness for diabetes, and Hogland has a special connection with the epidemic issue; her grandson is afflicted by it.

Hogland has taken the helm as chairperson for the Strides Walk, which is ac-

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BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT AND LIAISON FOR CULLMAN RETIRES

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After 18 years of Service Ann Mullins Looks Forward to Retirement

CULLMAN - We all need to know when there is a scam in the area, or if and when a business is no longer reputable to do business with. It saves consumers time and money, and helps businesses to proudly display a sterling rating to ease new customer's minds. It is helping both business and consumers that has driven Ann Mullins to do her job at the BBB for the

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH BUILDS TORNADO MEMORIAL PATIO AS TRIBUTE

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CULLMAN - The Tornado Memorial Patio at Christ Lutheran Church is a tribute to the Cullman community's strength following the devastating storms on April 27, 2011. It is open to the public for prayer and reflection.

The idea of the patio originated in Pastor Sandy Niiler's mind. She said that her church family helped build it and added, "People helped me to make it come true." She said that Jason Kreps took the time last year to refurbish

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The Tornado Memorial Patio is a Christian marker that is open to the public for prayer and reflection.

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MAYOR PROCLAIMS OCTOBER "COLONIAL HERITAGE MONTH"

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CULLMAN - On Friday, October 24, 2014, Cullman Mayor Max A. Townson proclaimed the month of October 2014 "Colonial Heritage Month" in the City of Cullman in recognition of the 407th anniversary of the Pilgrims' arrival in Jamestowne, and in honor of those early settlers who sacrificed so much to established this great nation.

Present in the Mayor's Office to accept the official Proclamation were members of The National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century: Carroll Strickland, Jean Harrison, Janice Smith, Margaret Simmons, and Teresa Farris-Dacar.

"I am honored to proclaim the month of October 'Colonial Heritage Month' in Cullman, and I join these ladies in honoring our country's early settlers," said Mayor Townson.

The National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century is comprised of 48 state societies, and one international society in Canada.

There are roughly 11,500 members who share a love and respect for our nation and a common interest in American history.

For more information on The National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century visit their web site at www.colonialdames17c.org.



LEANNE WEST

Pictured from left to right are Janice Smith, Teresa Farris-Dacar, Mayor Townson, Carroll Strickland, Margaret Simmons, and Jean Harrison.

RANDALL SHEDD SAYS GOODBYE TO CULLMAN COMMISSION ON AGING

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CULLMAN - Last Monday, there was a retirement reception in honor of Cullman's Commission on Aging's Director Randall Shedd. Many friends, family, and senior citizens were there to congratulate Representative Shedd and send him well wishes on his retirement.

Representative Shedd has served as the Commission on Aging's Director from 2004 through 2014. To date, his replacement has not yet been decided.

"It's been a wonderful experience; it's been the most awesome thing in my life," Shedd said with a pleasant smile.

"I hope whoever takes my place will take it to the next level."

The place was packed with Cullman's seniors who have gotten to know and love Shedd over the years. Many stood in line to give him hugs and reminisce of their time together over the years.

"Randall will be missed by the seniors of our county and we want to thank him for his years of service and wish him the best in Montgomery as he will continue to help seniors," said Becky Faulk, Commission on Aging's office manager.

Not only will the senior clients miss Shedd, but his coworkers are going to miss him as well.

All the employees of the Commission on Aging were present, mingling with the guests and sharing memories of their time working for Shedd.

"Randall has helped the Commission on Aging accomplish many programs and improvements while serving as Director," said Faulk.

"He has installed safe rooms at the Senior Centers. He has added several additional satellite centers throughout the county. He has also acquired busses for seniors to have for day trips."

Representative Shedd has definitely left his mark in the hearts of many of Cullman's older folks, and he will continue to do so as he takes the State Representative Oath of Office and begins his new career in Montgomery.

RED CROSS TEACHES HOW TO MAKE A DISASTER-READY KIT

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CULLMAN - The American Red Cross is offering free classes and demonstrations in preparing emergency disaster-ready kits for the public. Local churches, companies and organizations are welcome to contact the local Red Cross office to set up a demonstration by calling 256-734-0921.

Disaster Mental Health/ Community Educator for the Cullman area, Denise McClendon, said, "We have community education programs for all ages. It covers emergency kits and other preparedness issues."

The class lasts approximately 30 minutes and Denise is willing to help any type of group.

"We also want to train church groups to be shelter workers. The training can be done in four hours," she said.

She added that if you would like more information on preparing a disaster-ready kit, visit redcross.org and search 'Be Red Cross Ready'.

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TIPS TO KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE THIS WINTER

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CULLMAN - Last winter was one of the coldest on record for Alabama. Multiple polar vortexes caused higher than average snowfall and temperatures were well below freezing. Add to that a wind chill that was in the negatives, and you have a recipe for danger. This type of scenario can happen again, and it is important to remember your pets during these frigid months.

While some breeds of dogs and cats are suited well to colder climates, all animals need a safe haven from the cold bite of freezing temperatures.

Susie Dickerson, DVM at Northside Veterinary Hospital, talked about the temperature at which an animal needs to be brought inside.

"When the temperatures get down to freezing or below it is important to bring your pets inside at night," said Dr. Dickerson.

"If you cannot bring them inside, then they at least need to be in a garage or shed. They need something up off of the ground with bedding or insulation like hay, or cedar shavings so they're not on the ground."

She went on to say that while heat lamps are a good source of warmth, they can also be a hazard if not installed properly.

"Sometimes people will use heat lamps and things like that out," she said.

"But we have had some incidents where a dog has been hurt because they chewed on the cord of the lamp. You have to be careful when you add things like that, because it can be dangerous."

Another local veterinarian, Dr. Steve Murphree of Cullman Veterinary Hospital wants to remind the public of the importance of feeding during the winter months.

"One of the things I think a lot of people forget about, and especially in the winter time, is simple food and water," he said.

"Obviously if the animal is staying outside, then they have to generate their own heat. So they need to consume more calories to generate that internal combustion that keeps them warm. So you have to increase their feed intake, and also when there are prolonged periods of freezing temps we need to make sure that we change out their water if it becomes frozen."

Dr. Murphree stated that he owns several animals that stay indoor and outdoor, but is sure to have insulated shelter for the outside animals in winter time.

He also spoke of cost effective tricks that can help you offer shelter without breaking your budget.

"When it gets down into the twenties or teen temperatures my animals come in," said Murphree.

"For my outdoor cats, we have cat houses on the back porch. We made them out of Styrofoam coolers, and cut a hole in one side, laid down bedding, and they have an insulated shelter. Something that keeps them protected from the wind and elements."

Murphree went on to warn pet owners of the winter danger of antifreeze that is prone to leak in some cars.

Antifreeze is highly poisonous to animals and causes kidney failure, but animals are attracted to it due to the sweet taste and smell.

He also said that checking around your engine is wise when you have outside cats, as they are drawn to the heat.

Our animals deserve our love and care, and all the ways to do it are fairly simple.

Shelter, food and water are their basic needs when the temperatures are at their extremes. Let us all take the advice from the experts and be winter aware for our pets as we head into the cold winter months.

For more advice or information contact your pet's veterinarian, Northside Veterinary Hospital at 256-734-5557, or Cullman Veterinary Hospital at 256-734-2181.



CCBOE MEETING BRINGS OPTIMISM

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CULLMAN - Members of the Cullman County Board of Education met Thursday night where Dr. Ross presented many positive highlights within our education.

Among the optimistic points was Amanda Yearwood. Dr. Ross congratulated Yearwood for being named High School Counselor of the Year by the Alabama Counselors Association. He also announced this year's Cullman County "Most Outstanding FCCLA Member" as Tallie Shafer from West Point High School, while second place went to Kelly Hogeland from Cold Springs High School.

Dr. Ross also reminded everyone that American Education Week is November 17-21. He said, "This is a great time to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education."

He also announced that the State has been reviewing Cullman's Special Education program all week. He said that their statements included that the leadership was exemplary and commended Tiffanye Mitchell, her team and teachers. "I personally would like to thank them for a job well done. Thanks for raising the standards," Dr. Ross said. "I'm proud of what I'm seeing in the schools," he added.

The agenda transitioned to the Organization of the Commission. November is the designated time for election of officers of the Cullman County Commission on Education. At this time, Jason Speegle was nominated and made Board President while Gene Sullins was nominated and made Vice President. Both were approved for office by a unanimous vote.

Speegle has served on the board for four years now. "I was elected last term and I went in unopposed this time, so I'll be starting my new term in January. Basically we nominate a new vice president every year and they go up in the rank to president," he said.

Speegle adds business experience to the board, but said he has learned how the education world works while serving these past four years. "I go and talk to all the principals and over the last four years, I've gotten familiar with the way the education system works, so I know most of the stuff that goes on now," he said.

Board meetings are open to the public. The next regular meeting will be in the central office boardroom on Thursday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. with a work session at 5:30 p.m. On Monday, December 1 at 5:30 p.m., there will be a board workshop to discuss the Fairview School football stadium and on Tuesday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m. there will be a board workshop to discuss Garden City School. Both workshops will be held in the central office boardroom.

Donut (from Front)

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CULLMAN - A new shop has opened its doors to the public recently, and the smell wafting in the air around it is absolutely heavenly. Raymond Earley and his wife opened their doors two weeks ago, and began distributing amazing fresh baked donuts and hot coffee to the masses.

The shop is offering every kind of donut you can think of, and promises that you will have a friend every time you walk through their door.

"We opened our doors around two weeks ago," said Earley.

"This is actually a small, local chain that we came across. There is one in Pelham and one in Gardendale, and we ended up really liking their business and things just went from there."

Being from Hayden, Earley discussed what it was about Cullman that he and his wife found appealing.

"We live out in Hayden right now," he said. "And we have gotten to where we are coming through the Cullman area more, and we started noticing that this place was really booming. I just thought that I would really like to do business here someday, and it just so happened that we came across this franchise at the same time."

For Earley and his family, the decision to become small business owners was not an easy decision, but one that was right for their family.

"I've been a working man all my life," he said. "I was in construction for a long time, but with our little one [Earley's daughter] it seemed like the right thing. It's still hard because most of our time is spent here, but we are still together here."

While donuts were an unexpected business to get into, this family has poured everything they have into it and are dedicated to serving quality products to their customers.

"What sold me on owning a donut shop was the atmosphere," said Earley.

"Most people who walk into a donut shop aren't saying, 'I'm really ticked off, I think I'll grab a donut'. People come into a donut shop in a pretty great mood usually."

Donut Joe's delectable food is something you have to taste to believe.

Fresh, warm, and fluffy, these donuts take deliciousness to the next level. Sprinkles, jelly, cream stuffing, and chocolate flavored treats fill the trays in their display case; as well as one of their bestsellers the maple and bacon donut.

Several different flavors of coffee line another wall giving off their sweet aroma.

Prices at Donut Joe's are reasonable with a dozen large beautiful donuts costing $8.99 and combos like a donut with a small coffee running $2.49.

For this family, they are gaining more than a paycheck through this business; they are gaining community and friends.

"This is a growing city with a small town feel and we love that," Earley said.

"We've put a lot of work into this place, and we are really enjoying meeting all the people. We hope to serve everybody well, and keep smiles on people's faces."

Retirement (from Front)

past 18 years.

Ann Mullins has been helping businesses and every day people navigate their way through the scams for quite some time. Although she says the job came about unexpectedly, she is very happy that it did.

"A friend of mine had started the office for Cullman and Winston counties around 19 years ago," said Mullins. "She asked me to work with her, and after much prayer and deliberation, I decided to try it. I started out part-time as a member representative, and then she was promoted and convinced me to take her place running the office."

Eighteen years later, Mullins has had a wonderful experience as a regional vice president helping others and meeting new people. The Better Business Bureau serves a multitude of different purposes, but primarily helps businesses become accredited, and they help consumers know the facts about a company before they do business with them.

"We don't approve just anybody," Mullins said.

"They have to be approved and go through our board members' approval before I can go talk to them. We want customers to have the information they need, and there really is no better place to find out how a business does business."

Mullins went on to say that the goal is not to hurt a company with a complaint, but to help them make necessary adjustments.

"We don't want to give a company a black eye when they get a complaint," she said. "What we want to do is work with them, and help both parties be happy."

Mullins said that the BBB has grown tremendously in her time there.

More businesses are accredited and more people are seeking answers than ever before.

In addition, the BBB helps to resolve other issues between companies.

"Without the BBB, businesses would be in trouble," said Mullins.

"We keep competing businesses honest by not allowing their competitor to run ads that are false or misleading. Most of the time it isn't intentional, but we help to resolve those kinds of issues."

With Mullins exit coming soon at the end of November, a space will need to be filled, but Mullins was not ready to comment on whom that person would be just yet.

"We are talking to someone right now," said Mullins.

"But there is also a lot of talk about what is going to be best for this area. I feel like they will keep a representative here, and if it is who we are in talks with, then it will turn out great."



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Ann Mullins

Mullins said that she is looking forward to those things to come for her and her family after retirement, but will miss her job and the friends she has made.

"I have met so many nice people when I go into the businesses and see what they do," she said.

"I feel like I and the BBB have helped businesses and residents avoid scams and save their money. It's just time for me to be at home and be with my husband. I'm also expecting a new grandchild so I'm excited to spending time with him."

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AARP TEACHES SAFE DRIVING TO SENIORS

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CULLMAN - First Baptist Church of Cullman hosted a safe driving class for area seniors last Thursday. The class is one of the services provided by AARP, American Association of Retired People, to help older drivers operate a motor vehicle safely in order to maintain their independence and reduce preventable accidents.

"The course covers changes that take place in people as they age," stated instructor Richard Gurley.

"We talk about vision. We talk about hearing. We talk about medication that we take and how it can affect our driving. We talk about our reaction times slowing down and just natural things that happen. And then we really get into our driving and what we can do to compensate for those changes."

Just because a person grows old, it doesn't mean they have to stop driving. By taking the safe driving class, they learn how to cope with the changes in their bodies and continue driving themselves around for a much longer time.

"We have a lot of different things we can do differently such as increase our following distance behind a vehicle, for example," Gurley continued. "Our eyesight's not as good, our hearing is not as good and our reaction time is not as good, so this gives us more time to react."

The class takes traffic accidents very seriously and there is a whole chapter that talks about accidents and the various places they are more apt to occur.

"We also talk about where accidents take place and how we need to be real vigilant, especially at intersections," Gurley smiled. "We talk about how many different ways we can have accidents at intersections."

The final part of the class concentrates on the senior's current ability to drive. It involves taking a good honest look at themselves and allows them to decide if they are still capable of driving.

"We end up talking about where we are right now," Gurley explained.

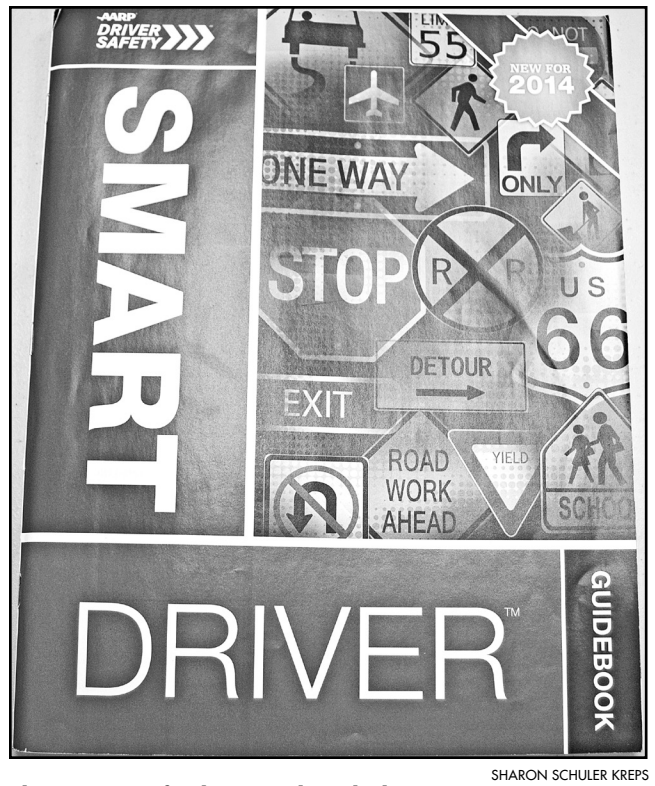
"We go over a checklist about our driving abilities right now. Is there something we need to do different? Last of all we talk about if we need to stop driving? If we do, how are we going to get around, and realizing that when you give up driving, you are giving up your independence because you are dependent on somebody to go everywhere then."

The Driver Safety Program offered through AARP can save lives, avoid accidents, and allow the older generation the ability to drive longer without worry.

Another benefit of the program is a significant discount on car insurance.

Each person who takes the class gets a certificate which they give to their insurance company.

If you or someone you know is interested in taking the AARP Driver Safety Class, contact Mr. Richard Gurley with AARP at home 256-739-9883 or on mobile 256-318-4997. You may also e-mail him at 1stgurley@email.com or find out more information from the AARP website at www.aarp.org/ws/EO/driver-safety-programs.



SHARON SCHULER KREPS

The AARP safe driving class helps seniors learn how to compensate for decreased hearing, vision, and reaction time.

COUNTY JAM TO BE HELD AT AG CENTER ON SATURDAY

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CULLMAN - This Saturday, November 15 at 7 p.m., the Cullman County Parks & Recreation department will carry out its attempt to "fill in gaps" of entertainment in the community by hosting a concert at the Agricultural Trade Center.

Park Director Doug Davenport says this is the first "County Jam," as they're calling it, but could become something as frequent as 2-3 times a year.

"We just wanted to try something different," Davenport explained.

"Park use declines in the winter months and people don't tend to get out as much, so this could be something that generates community enthusiasm."

Davenport says that no particular person is responsible for the idea of having a community concert. Instead, everyone looked at the calendar and realized there were "gaps."

"If someone wants to rent the Agricultural Center out," Davenport said, "they do so about three months in advance."

This time gives the parks department an opportunity to look at the schedule and find out the times that the venue will be vacant. "We try to have something every weekend," he said.

As for the artists that will be playing at the concert, they will be TG Sheppard, Who Shot Lizzy?, and Jonathan East.

Davenport says that, although those artists are from Alabama and the South, he would like to have local Cullman artists performing if the concert should grow to a more frequent event.

As for food, the Agricultural Center will be offering classic concession foods: hamburgers, hot dogs, and nachos. Davenport envisions being able to have restaurants perhaps sponsoring future concerts and having booths with food for potential upcoming events.

As for tickets to the event, which cost $10 for general admission and $12 for floor seats, they are available at the Cullman County Courthouse, Stony Lonesome OHV Park, Cullman County Agricultural Center, and Smith Lake Park, as well as online at CullmanCountyParks.com.

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HARRIETT ELIZABETH (WALDROP) BUSH: A GEORGIA WOMAN WITH MANY CONNECTIONS TO CULLMANITES

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CULLMAN - Believe it or not, even though she was a lifelong citizen of Georgia, this little lady has a lot of grandchildren right here in Cullman County. Harriett Elizabeth Waldrop was born on October 15, 1843 in Henry, Georgia. Her parents were Thomas Greer Waldrop and Sarah Abbel Tomme, also of Georgia.

At the ripe old age of 17, she married the love of her life, Mr. Abraham Posey Bush on July 28, 1861 and together they had a house full of children.

According to one of her great grandsons, Herman Reid of Good Hope, Harriett loved the taste of tobacco and was known to smoke it from a pipe.

"Grandma Bush was known to grow her own small crop of tobacco," said Reid with a smile.

"She would dry her own leaves, crumble them up, put them into her corn cob pipe and then smoke it. She never inhaled the smoke, but she liked the taste of the tobacco. When she died at the age of 94 years old, the family blamed it on the tobacco, the tobacco finally did it."

At 94 years of age, Grandma Bush passed away at her home in Waco, Georgia on August 24, 1937.

At the time of her death, she had 27 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren and five great, great grandchildren. I wonder what the count is today in the year 2014. I'm proud to say that I'm one of the lucky ones around town to call her my great, great, great grandmother.

The following obituary was found in a Bremen, Georgia area newspaper on or about August 26, 1937. It sums up her life very nicely and makes me wish I had known her.

OBITUARY OF
MRS. BUSH, HARRIETTT

Mrs. Harriett Bush: A Pioneer Citizen Paid Final Tribute

Mrs. Harriett E. Bush, 94 years old, died at her home in the Bush Mill Community last Tuesday night following an illness of several weeks.

She was a pioneer citizen of Haralson County and had resided on the same place for 72 years and in the same house for the past 64 years.

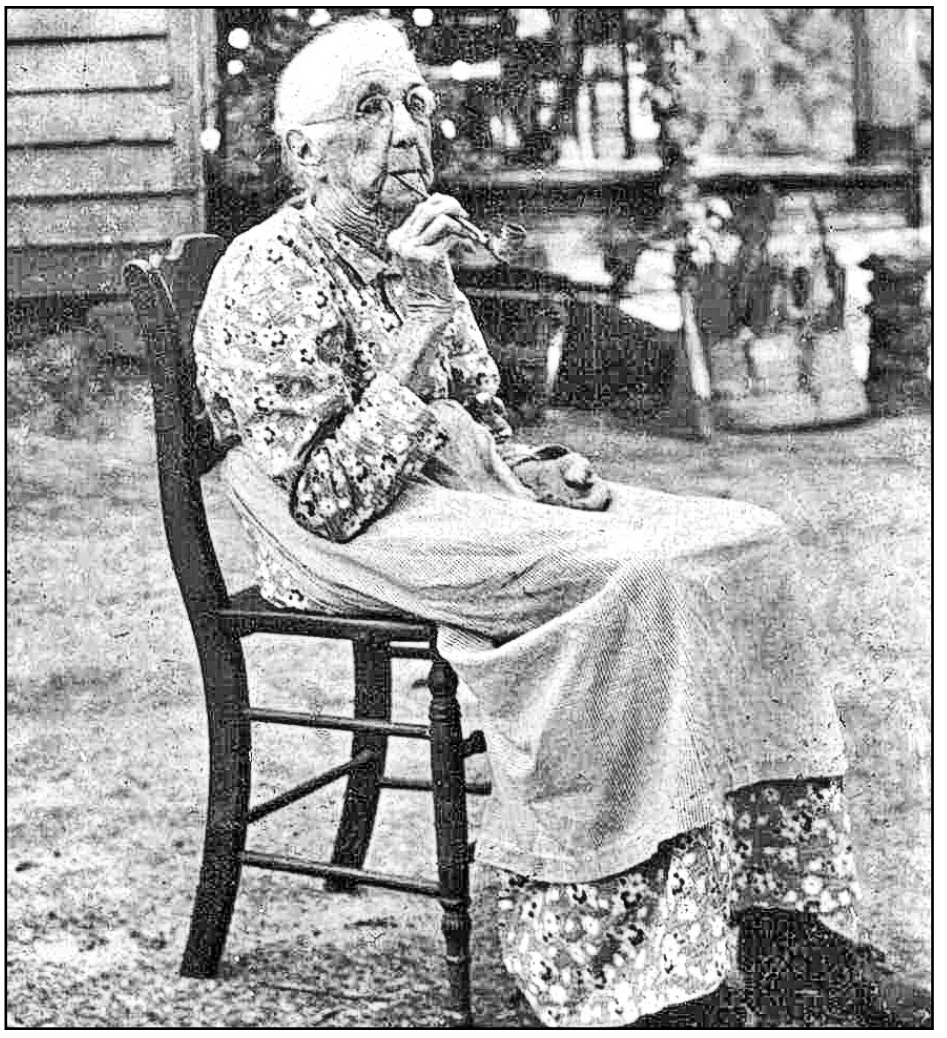
Mrs. Bush was a woman loved by all who knew her and she had a wide acquaintance and many called her friend and sought her advice and council.

On last October 15th Mrs. Bush celebrated her 93rd birthday and was surrounded by her children and a number of relatives and friends. Her death will occasion universal sorrow among those who knew and loved her.

Funeral Services were conducted at the Waco Baptist church last Wednesday by Rev. W. O. Cook and burial was in the Waco Cemetery. Hoyt Kenney was in charge.

Surviving the deceased were Mrs. J. H. Mitchell of Fosterville, TN, Mrs. T.C. Rabun of Bremen, W.C. Bush of Buchanan, and Mrs. M.T. Jarrel of Bremen.

She is also survived by 27 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren, and 5 great great grandchildren.



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Harriett loved the taste of tobacco and was known to smoke it from a pipe.

MIRRORING HISTORY: CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CULLMAN - Christ Lutheran Church, located at 424 2nd Ave SE, Cullman, AL 35055, was formed in 1922. It was made up of over 100 people who left St. John's Church with its former pastor Rev. Henning. One reason the small group left St. Johns was due to the German language that was used in the services.

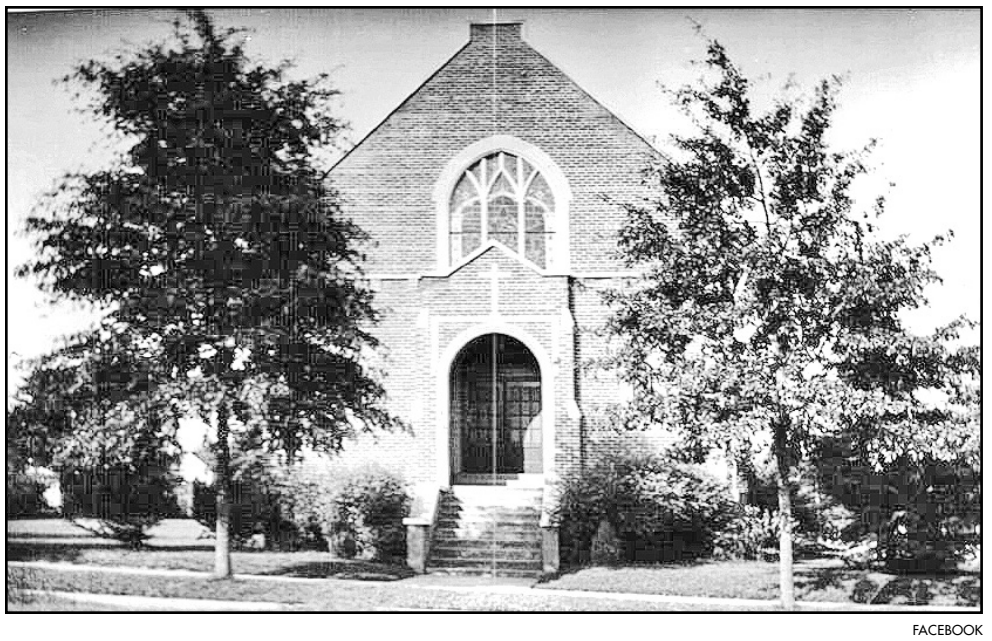
When the newly founded church was built, it was originally named "Christ ENGLISH Lutheran Church" indicating that the English language was used for services.

The church, along with large portions of Cullman County, was completely destroyed in the tornado outbreak of 2011. Christ Lutheran Church has since been rebuilt and is growing by leaps and bounds. The new church was dedicated on Sunday, September 15, 2013.



FACEBOOK

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HOLIDAY BAZAAR STILL GOING STRONG AFTER 42 YEARS: FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FUNDRAISER BENEFITS OUTREACH PROGRAMS

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CULLMAN - The First United Methodist Church in Cullman is one of our older congregations, with its lineage going back to when this town was first settled. Over the decades, they have done great work around town. They help their neighbors, and one of the ways the women of the church do that is with their annual Holiday Bazaar.

The Holiday Bazaar began around 42 years ago, when the church's pastor, Reverend Higginbotham, suddenly passed away. With his widow in need, and raising their children on her own, the women's group of the church held a fundraiser [the bazaar] to help her. Since that time, the church has kept up the event as a way to raise money for their numerous outreach programs.

"We did so well with those fundraisers back then, we just thought we would continue to help more people," said Anne Moore, membership coordinator for the United Methodist Women's group.

The group's President, Sally Brown, says that money raised goes to many wonderful organizations.

"We are now taking the funds and using them for around 13 charities," said Brown.

"We give to Cullman Caring for Kids, The Foundry, and Relay for Life. We also support a missionary in Panama, as well as some things within the church, like our preschool."

The Bazaar was busy and filled with delicious baked goods, a silent auction, and crafts.

One interesting craft booth was filled with crosses made from the wood salvaged from the church after the tornadoes of April 27, 2011.

"We had to do a lot of repairs after the tornados," said Carol McPhee, a vendor at the event.

"These crosses were made from that wood, and they have sold very well. One hundred percent of our proceeds are going back to the mission fund and the church. We have also made cutting boards and other items from cherry wood, and they do well too. It's a great cause to work for."

Another successful booth at the bazaar was a raffle for a beautiful handmade quilt in memory of a member of their group.



CHELSEA SPARKS/CULLMANSENSE

The funds raised from the bazaar benefit around 13 charities.

"We had someone make this in memory of a circle member that passed away," she said. "She loved quilts and loved to quilt herself so we thought that would be a good way to honor her. So we have sold tickets and have already made over $1,100. We were very happy to help our church and community, we are a close group."

According the President Sally Brown, the Bazaar usually raises approximately $10,000.

They hope to have met that goal once more so that they can continue to support these charities.

If you would like more information on the United Methodist Women's group or First United Methodist Church, call them at 256-734-6690 or visit them at 320 3rd Street SE in Cullman.

Walk (from Front)

tually an event that will take place nationwide on Saturday – as November is National Diabetes Awareness month – and is looking to grow and expand the event in the community.

"Our goal isn't so much to raise money," Hogland explained, "but instead to raise awareness about diabetes. To get the word out, you know."

Although the goal isn't to raise money, Hogland said it is her plan to shift the event into more of a money generating event, with all the donations and funds being given to research for diabetes.

"People need to know the seriousness of diabetes," Hogland said.

"You can't take a break from it. And although the new research that was just released is very promising, there is still no cure."

While the event is focused on juvenile diabetes, Hogland made it clear that the event is intended to bring attention to Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, saying "the person who led the walk last year has Type 2 diabetes."

Participants will receive a T-shirt with each $25 donation.

Furthermore, last year's participation was only about 100 people, and this year, more people than even participated in last year's event are registered, according to Hogland.

The walk itself will be 1 mile, and there is also a half-mile course for those that are unable to walk the 1-mile route.

Patio (from Front)

a cross and benches. In addition, Mary Strandlund and Dale Moody decorated it and made it look appealing, welcoming and pleasing to the eye. Pastor Sandy said that everyone in the congregation had the opportunity to submit a passage in scripture that meant a lot to them and that also applied to the memorial patio.

The congregation voted and the winning verse is Psalm 46:1, which says, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Bishop H. Julian Gordy of the ELCA-Southeastern Synod visited Christ Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 2 to bless the patio.

Pastor Sandy said, "Our bishop was coming to worship with us on All Saints Sunday, so I asked him if he would bless it for us after service. It was a great honor to have him there and he was thrilled to be a part of it." She said they got to share with the bishop why the patio was important to them.

"He was away when we had our dedication, so this was a great way he could be a part," she said.

Pastor Sandy has wanted a spot like this for a while. "I've always thought that our country needed places where people can stop and have prayer," she said. After the tornados destroyed their church building, Christ Lutheran met at the monastery for services. She noticed that the sisters at the monastery had different places where people could drive up and walk the grounds or sit and pray. "I thought that it would be nice to have something in the heart of the city to honor God and how He took care of us through the hardships."

She explained that it is not necessarily a historic marker, but instead it is a Christian marker. "It helps to have public places to focus our thoughts in a Godly way. Symbols like this remind us to get our minds thinking right. I think it's a real small way as Christian people that we can witness are faith in God's care; a small way of witnessing what we went through."

If you would like to visit the patio, the address of Christ Lutheran Church is 422 2nd Avenue SE Cullman, AL 35055.

Veterans (from Front)

about September. The kids are all a part of the program, and I think that's really important."

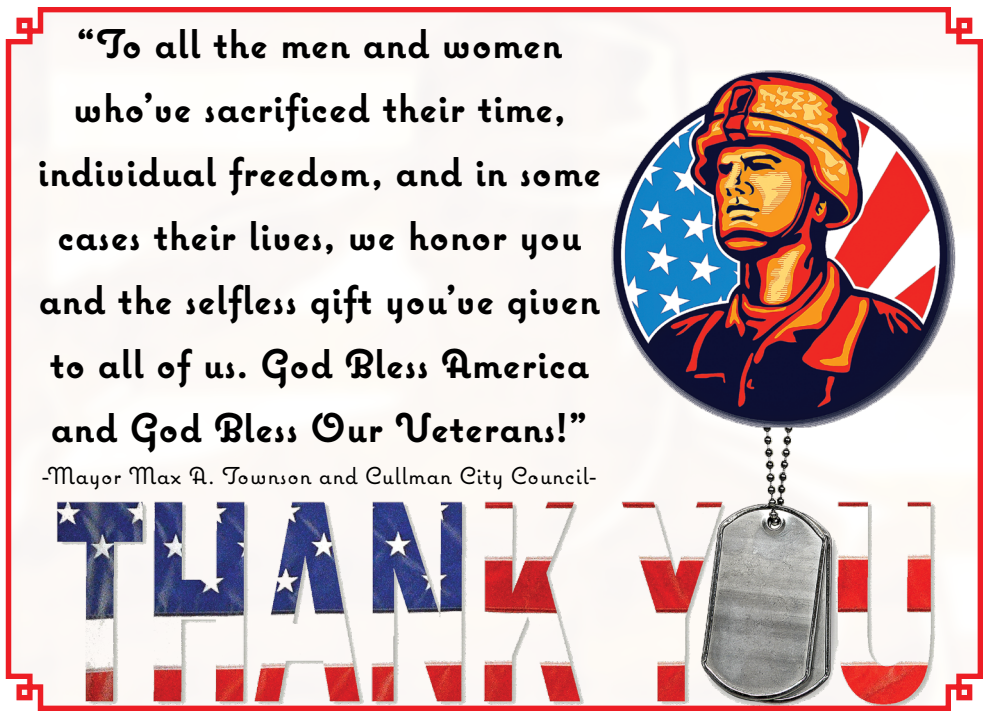
Amy Cornelius, the student council sponsor said that the student council has been in charge of the Veterans Day program for the last several years with the help of Principal Brown. She added that the speaking parts were all done by the student council members.

Principal Brown has been in charge of the Veterans Day program for many years. "I do it for the simple reason to honor our veterans. It's very important, and I want our children to understand what it means to be free and what the symbols of America are," she said. The overall theme of the program also emphasizes the curriculum the students learn about American symbols and freedom.

Brown really cares for the education of the children. She recollected on what she learned about American symbols while in school, and wanted the students to understand it as well as she did. "We started thinking about things that were iconically American. We talked about the American flag, the Statue of Liberty, the Liberty Bell, and the bald eagle. In our eyes, those are American symbols that we wanted to lift up and honor."

For several years, the final song of the program has been "Letters from Home". This year, this song was changed to "God Bless America". Cornelius explained why the final song was changed and said, "It's always difficult for us with 'Letters from Home' because we all get very emotional. We're all very proud of America and we thought the song 'God Bless America' was a better way to end the program this year because it went along with our American symbols theme."

Principal Brown also commented on the changing of the last song. "We have done 'Letters from Home' for at least eight years now. It's a beautiful song and it touches everyone. It shows Arlington and those that we've lost, but when we're talking about symbols of freedom, we really wanted to tie it into celebrating the freedom that we have and the honor it is to live here in America."



REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

By: Sharon Schuler Kreps • sharon@cullmansense.com

STAFF SERGEANT RONALD GIFFORD

United States Marine Corps and United States Air Force
NOVEMBER 16, 1941 – MARCH 26, 2008



PAM DILL

Ronald Gifford was born November 16, 1941 in Oklahoma. He graduated from Tahlequah High School in May 1961 and joined the United States Marines the same year. He went to boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina where he was trained as a Marine Recon. Gifford did four tours of duty in South Korea and served in Vietnam from 1961 to 1964. He returned to Parris Island in 1965 and became a drill sergeant. He remained at Parris Island for three years, training men who were headed to Vietnam.

In August 1968, Gifford transitioned from the Marines to the Air Force and from 1969 to 1974, he was stationed at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Texas.

He was transferred to West Germany and stayed there from 1974 until 1980 where he later returned to Carswell. Gifford retired from the Air Force in 1982 and later passed away on March 26, 2008.

ANTOINETTE FALARDEAU SCHULER

Army Nurse Corps
MAY 31, 1918 – APRIL 19, 1970



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMANSENSE

Antoinette Falardeau was born on May 31, 1918 in Rumford, Maine. She graduated from Stephens High School on June 11, 1936 where she was a member of the National Honor Society.

Upon graduation, she immediately went to school for nursing and completed her training September 15, 1939.

On August 1, 1940, she took the Oath of Office and began her work as a nurse in the United States Army. She was sent to the Panama Canal during World War II and served her country proudly.

On February 16, 1944, she was awarded an Honorable Discharge and began her family. She worked the rest of her life as a private duty nurse until her death on April 19, 1970.

MAJOR GLENN RAY REID

United States Army
JULY 23, 1913 – OCTOBER 23, 1985



CONTRIBUTED

Glenn Ray Reid was born July 23, 1913 in Cullman, Alabama and grew up in the Good Hope community. He graduated from Cullman County High School on April 28, 1936.

After several years of agricultural work, he enlisted in the United States Army on June 26, 1941 at Fort McClellan, Alabama. A career military man, Reid served his country in both Japan and Europe during the Korean War and World War II.

After his military retirement, he sold real estate in his hometown of Cullman. He was married to Mavis Hendrix and together they had four children.

Reid passed away on October 23, 1985 in Cullman at 72 years of age.

CORPORAL BENJAMIN HERSCHEL REID

United States Marines
JULY 23, 1945 – MAY 23, 1968



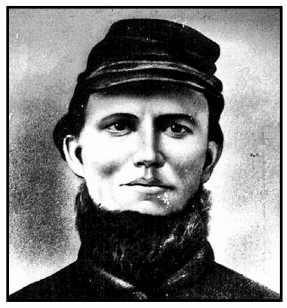
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Corporal Benjamin Herschel Reid was born July 23, 1945 in Cullman, AL. He graduated from Southwest High School in Atlanta, Georgia in 1963. After attending Auburn University for a period of time, he joined the United States Marine Corps on August 25, 1965.

After completing basic training at Parris Island, SC and Camp Lejeune, NC, he served at El Toro Marine Corps Air Base in Santa Anna, CA before going to Vietnam. He was killed in combat on May 23, 1968 in the vicinity of Quang Tri, Vietnam. He was only 22 years old.

PRIVATE JAMES DANIEL BROCK

United States Army
MARCH 30, 1830 TO JUNE 2, 1864



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMANSENSE

James Daniel Brock was born March 30, 1830 in Coweta County, Georgia. His parents were William "Billy" Brock and Temperance "Tempie" Ann Gay. He was one of eight children born to them. On December 26, 1850, J.D. married Frances Rebecca Hogan whom he affectionately called "Fannie" and soon they started a family.

In the spring of 1862, J.D. was called to war. He enlisted into the Army in Newnan, Georgia on May 1, 1862 and had joined the "Newnan Artillery" Company A, 12th Georgia Battalion. On June 2, 1864, J.D. was killed at the Battle of Cold Harbor near Richmond, Virginia. He was struck in the head by a mini-ball and died shortly thereafter. He left behind a young wife who was expecting their ninth child.

PRIVATE THURLOW CECIL RABUN

United States Army
MARCH 2, 1896 – FEBRUARY 14, 1980



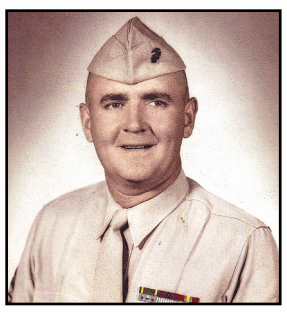
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Thurlow Cecil Rabun was born March 2, 1896 in Bremen, Georgia. He was the sixth of seven children born to T. C. Rabun and Zilpha (Bush) Rabun. He grew up on a farm and later worked as a farm hand in Pueblo, Colorado. He joined the United States Army and was inducted in Pueblo, Colorado on October 29, 1917.

During World War I, he served in France for a year before returning back home to the States. He was honorably discharged from the Army on April 18, 1919. He remained a bachelor his whole life and passed away on February 14, 1980 in Cullman, Alabama. He was 83 years old.

FIRST SERGEANT WALTER REID GINGRICH JR.

United States Marine Corps



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMANSENSE

Walter Reid Gingrich Jr. was born in Cullman, Alabama on August 13, 1934. He went to school at the old Saint Bernard High School and joined the Marines in 1952. In 1953, he served in Korea and later returned to the States and served as primary marksmanship instructor on Parris Island from 1962 through 1965. In 1965, he served in Vietnam for one year and then returned to Parris Island in 1967 to serve as a drill instructor from 1967 to 1968. He then4returned to Vietnam and another tour lasting from 1968 to 1969.

Gingrich was awarded the Purple Heart 1969 for a wound he received from an artillery shell during operation Dewey Canyon in the A Shau Valley. He retired from the Marines in September 1971.

CORPORAL JOSEPH LEON HAYDEN

United States Army



MARY HOVATER

Joseph Leon Hayden was born December 24, 1929 in Mayfield, Kentucky. After graduating high school in Kentucky at the age of 17, he joined the United States Army. During World War II he belonged to the 16th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division (Big Red 1) from 1947 to 1950. During the Korean War he was with the 101st Airborne from 1950 to 1951.

He was an amateur photographer and took many pictures during his days in the Army. Once he was honorably discharged, he moved to Ohio and worked for Cadillac Gauge (which was to become Speedring).

Later he was sent by the owner to set up Speedring here in Cullman in the 1960s.

SERGEANT DAVID BENJAMIN SCHULER

United States Army



CONTRIBUTED

David Benjamin Schuler was born in Cullman, Alabama on December 7, 1979. He attended Cullman High School and graduated in May 1998. He soon married Jennifer Robertson and together they started their small family.

Many years later, in May 2007, when he was 28 years old, he joined the United States Army where he remains in the Veterinary Medicine division.

He performs his job well as a military food inspector on base wherever he may be. While he has served in the Army, he has been deployed three times: once to Korea, once to Japan and once to Cuba.

While in the United States, he has lived at both Redstone Arsenal and Fort Hood, Texas. He currently lives at Fort Hood.

Monday

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Tuesday

Cullman Caring for Kids in Need of Donations
If you are able to contribute to Cullman County's Community Food Band, the 'Caring for Kids' organization, they would be grateful. Non-perishable food items are needed, and of course cash enables them to purchase needed products to fill their empty shelves. Please call 256-739-1111 to see how to help or mail checks or money orders to Cullman Caring for Kids, P. O. Box 698, Cullman, Alabama 35056-0698. Thanks in advance for anything you can do.

Community of Women United In Prayer Meeting
The recently formed Community of Women United in Prayer will hold a meeting at Northbrook Baptist Church on November 11, Veterans' Day, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. This interdenominational gathering will offer special prayers and thanksgiving for all military veterans, both living and deceased, with special intentions for the men and women serving at the present time to protect our country. This group is open to all women who wish to be in prayer for our families, our city and country or for any other personal reasons. If you have special intentions that you would like to have prayers said for, please feel free to join the women today or call Nancy at 256-737-0580. You can also join the prayer group at home if you are unable to attend the meetings.

Cullman Breast Feeding Support Group
Cullman Breast Feeding Support Group will hold its fourth Tuesday of the month meeting from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon. This event will take place at 202 First Avenue SE, Suite M. This is a free support group and is open to all who wish to come. Visit website www.Birthbabyandbeyondcullman.com or call 205-275-9758 for additional information.

'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.

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

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

Aqua Zumba Classes at CWAC
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Thursday

New Vision Support Group
There is a New Vision Support Group which will meet at 10 a.m. and everyone interested in this subject is welcome to attend. The program is at Hilltop Community Center. Additional information is available by calling Linda Estes, 256-739-4653.

'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!

CRMC to Host Survival Guide for Caregivers Seminar
As a family caregiver, you may find yourself facing a host of new responsibilities many of which are unfamiliar or intimidating. At times, you may feel overwhelmed and alone. Despite these challenges, caregiving can also be rewarding. Join Teresa Kyle, Registered Physical Therapist with CRMC Home Care as she discusses tips to make the caregiving process easier for both you and your loved one.
This lunch and learn program will be held from11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Cullman Regional Medical Centers Colonel Cullmann Room. Cost of this lunch and learn program is $5 for WomenFirst and SeniorChoice members and $8 for all others. To reserve your spot, register online at www.crmchospital.com or call (256) 737-2600.

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.

Lions for Diabetes Awareness Walk
Join the Cullman Community Lions Club as they sponsor the 'Lions for Diabetes Awareness Walk' at Heritage Park. Registration starts at 9 a.m. with actual walk beginning at 10 a.m. With a $25.00 donation, attendees will receive a t-shirt commemorating the event. Download registration forms at www.cullmancommunitylions.com or register day of race. For further info contact Laurite Hogeland, 256-531-2298.

Fiesta Dinner and Silent Auction
St. Bernard Preparatory School's Parents League and Senior Class is hosting a Fiesta Dinner and Silent Auction at 6 p.m. Tickets to the event are $25. For information visit the website at www.stbernardprep.com or call 256-739-6682.

Country Jam
Cullman County Parks & Recreation is sponsoring a 'Country Jam' at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center on Highway 31 N. General admission is $10.00 with floor seats costing $12.00. While doors open at 5 p.m. the concert starts at 7 p.m. Come early and claim your special seats for the night of great country music featuring TG Sheppard, Jonathan East and Who Shot Lizzy? Get tickets at the door or prior to the concert at Cullman County Courthouse, Smith Lake Park Office, Stony Lonesome OHV Park, Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. For additional info 256-709-1200 or 256-739-4959. Purchase tickets online at www.CullmanCounty Parks.com. Don't miss out on this special entertainment event right here in Cullman!

Hanceville High School Quarterback Club annual 'Turkey Shoots'
Grab your guns and get ready to win your turkey dinner as the Hanceville High School Quarterback Club sponsors their annual 'Turkey Shoots' each Saturday up to Thanksgiving. Hours of the weekly shoots are from 8 a.m. until 12 noon with meat and money prizes offered to winners. The event will take place on the vacant lot at Johnsons Crossing on Highway 31 S in Hanceville. Club members also are having a $500.00 cash drawing which will be given away on Thanksgiving Day (do not have to be present to win) and the tickets are $1.00 each. Additional information Leann Waldrep, 256-338-0927 or Lanita Long, 256-347-2425.

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Looking Ahead

Sacred Heart Of Jesus In Cullman Offers Annual Spaghetti Supper And Bazaar On Nov. 22
Members of the Altar Society of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Cullman will sponsor their annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, November 22, in the Family Life Center. This annual event, which raises funds for the upkeep of the Church, features homemade spaghetti, slaw, bread, dessert and drink, all for $8.00 for adults and $4.00 for children. Take-out plates will be available in a separate line (no drinks, though). The meal will be served from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

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

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LOCAL BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR PAYS IT FORWARD

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CULLMAN - Donna Barnett was born and raised in Mobile, AL to loving parents, John and Rosamond Boudousquie. She moved to north Alabama when she was a teenager and met her husband of 36 years. They have lived in Cullman for 28 years and have three sons together: Jeremy, Joshua, and Jacob Barnett.

Donna has been a nurse for over 30 years and currently works for USA Healthcare, Inc. During her experience with breast cancer she had people she could count on to keep her lifted up. She said, "My coworkers provided me with great support, love, and encouragement. When I was diagnosed, they wore pink ribbons in my honor, gave me a P.J. party before surgery, visited me in the hospital, sent me cards, and just listened to me when I needed them to. They are special people!"

Though no one in her family had ever been diagnosed with breast cancer, she lost her father in 1996 to small-cell carcinoma and has had other family members pass away from other cancers.

Donna's breast cancer was diagnosed after being noted on a mammogram. "My breast cancer diagnosis was shocking to me and unexpected because I didn't feel sick," she said. She just did the mammogram as a wellness screening.

Donna said she will never forget how it felt to be called back for an ultrasound for suspicious mammogram results. When her results were not good, she was told to pick a surgeon. She said the choice was easy because as a student nurse, she had the privilege of rotating through surgery and seeing several surgeons at work. "I have never forgotten how Dr. Marcele took care of his patients and how he took time to explain things to us as students."

Dr. Marcele advised Donna to have a biopsy. A week after the biopsy, she received a call from him with bad news that her biopsy was confirmed to be malignant. "My thoughts were racing. I was a mess emotionally. We never think these things can happen to ourselves," Donna said. She added, "My husband had major open heart surgery just the year prior and he was strong through his surgery and recovery, so I decided I would be too. Prayers were answered through his illness and I knew my prayers would be heard."

As the surgery date approached, Donna had a lot of questions and did not know who to talk to because she did not know anyone personally who had breast cancer. One of her coworkers referred her to a Bosom Buddy; a breast cancer survivor. This is when Mary Dyer came to visit her. Mary answered questions from a 22 year breast cancer survivor perspective. She also invited Donna to a Bosom Buddy Support Group meeting.

"I had a long recovery from my major surgery and my husband and family were very patient and supportive, but I still needed to talk to people who had been through this," Donna said. This is when her relationship with the Bosom Buddies began. "They have been a great source of inspiration and motivation," she said. After her recovery, Donna wanted to pay it forward so she visited a new Bosom Buddy member while she was in the hospital. "Our group is very involved in helping and supporting others struggling with their cancer battles," Donna explained.

Donna has been cancer free for four years and now sits on the Board for the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation. This group gives a helping hand to cancer patients in and around Cullman. October was breast cancer awareness month. While the month may be over, the cause is still a close issue to many.

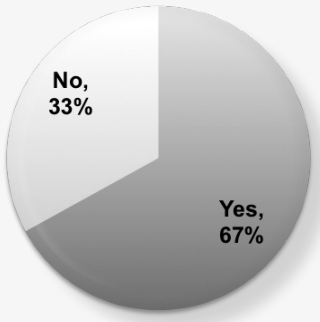


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Donna Barnett is a Bosom Buddy.

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CULLMAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL HOSTS ANNUAL AUCTION

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CULLMAN - The 6th Annual Holiday Auction for Cullman Christian School was held at Loft 212 on Friday evening. This annual fundraising event included a full dinner, live auction, silent auction, and several creative games to play and win excellent prizes. The fundraiser was open to all and was a great chance to support Christ-centered education in the Cullman community.

One of the opportunities to contribute to the school was called From the Heart donations. For this portion, funds were donated by attendees in various amounts of $50, $100, $250, $500 and $1,000. Attendees raised their bid paddles when they desired to donate a specific amount to the fund. This year, From the Heart donations specifically helped to fund the purchase of interactive white boards for the classrooms and shade sails for the playground. The past shade sails were destroyed by the tornados in April 2011. Around $6,000 was raised for this portion of the night.

A popular event to participate in for the evening was the Faculty Treasure Table. Attendees could purchase as many keys as they wanted for $5 each to try to open the locked box to win the table full of gifts. Better than half the attendees stood in line to attempt to win. The Faculty Treasure Table included a beach stay for a week in August 2015, dinner gift certificates, store and manicure gift certificates, jewelry and much more. The table contributions valued over $2,600.

A custom golf-cart was the largest item up for bid at the live auction, selling for $2,900. Upon receiving the golf cart, the owner could choose his or her favorite team and the cart would be customized accordingly. This item along with the other live auction items raised over $8,000 for Cullman Christian School.

Principal Rachael Howze said that Cullman Christian School exists to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by challenging its students to know Him as Lord, to think biblically, and to grow in knowledge and skill that they may serve and influence the world in His name. She said, "We provide our students an educational climate that is academically excellent and unashamedly Christian." She added that by supporting their Holiday Auction, you have joined them in their endeavor.

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- **Annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Show** will be at the Cullman Civic Center on Friday and Saturday December 5-6. The show will feature handmade items only such as jewelry, clothing, wood working, outdoor items, home items, gifts, and much more. The event will be free to attend and hours will be 9am-9pm on Friday and 9am-5pm on Saturday. Call 256-734-9157 for info.
- **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** will be held as part of Christmas in Cullman on December 5, following the Christmas Parade through downtown at 6pm. The Tree Lighting will take place at Depot Park and also include free photos with Santa, entertainment, and more. The event as well as the parade is free to the public.
- **Ten Years Younger classes** held at the Cullman Civic Center every Tuesday at 10am with Ann Caretti. Classes are $45 for 6 weeks. Call 256-734-9157 for more information.
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- **Youth Archery Classes** are held every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at the Cullman Civic Center. Classes are $40 per month and are available for beginners, intermediate, and advanced archers. Bows are provided, or you can bring your own. Register at the Cullman Civic Center or call 256-734-9157 for information.
- **Looking for a place to hold your next birthday party?** Cullman Gymnastics & Cheer offers a party room with large inflatables, slides, and access to fun equipment. Call 256-739-5567.

What's Online

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Area veterans were treated like royalty and honored at Saturday's Veterans Day Celebration at Sportsman Lake Park. The event was bigger than ever before and many came out to pay tribute to all the brave men and women who served our country and fought for our...

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Corey Harbison Looks Forward to New Journey

Corey Harbison was sworn in on Wednesday evening at the Cullman County Courthouse after being elected as the Alabama State House Representative for District 12. Before the official business took place, Harbison said, "I appreciate everybody coming. I look forward to being the representative for the next...

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Applebee's First Week Equals Huge Success and Business Boom for the Cullman Area

Unless you have been living under a rock the past few months, then chances are you have seen or heard about the new Applebee's restaurant that has made its new home in Cullman. Opening at the beginning of this past week...

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NEW WSCC EXHIBIT FEATURES PRIMITIVE CIGAR BOX INSTRUMENTS

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE - The art of creating musical instruments out of common household objects dates back to before the Civil War. Around 100 examples of that art is now on display at The Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville.

The History of the Cigar Box Guitar From the Collection of William J. Jehle will be on exhibit Nov. 4, 2014, through January 30, 2015. Along with the stringed instruments there are also etchings from Edward Forbes' "Life Studies of the Great Army," depicting the lives of Civil War soldiers. At least one of those shows a Union soldier playing a cigar box violin.

The collection is comprised mostly of guitars dating back from the 1920s to present day. Some are considered as toys for children, while others are serious instruments. Some of Jehle's favorites in the collection are a 4-string cigar box guitar that belonged to Rick Springfield; a 4-string Purgatory Hillharp created by musician John Lowe that uses sewing machine bobbins, beer caps, inner tubs, oak dowels and pipe clamps; and a 4-string guitar made from scratch by Jim Ferris and Phil Eggers and with hand-wound pickups made with the help of an electric screwdriver.

Other instruments in the collection include, diddley bows, fiddles, ukuleles, and banjos. Two of the fiddles date back to the late 19th century. One of the ukuleles in the collection is one of 12 made by Sam Kamaka Jr., in the 1960s. One of the banjos in the collection is an early cigar box banjo built using plans dating back to 1886. The cigar box that is used in the banjo dates to between 1910 and 1915. Tony Hyman of the National Cigar Museum first owned the instrument. He sold it to cigar box museum owner Shane Speal, who sold much of his collection to Jehle.



WSCC

This African Guimbri bears similarities to many of the other cigar boxes in the collection.

"There are lots of stories connected to each piece you're going to see," Jehle said of the collection. "There are artifacts from WWI, from trench warfare, made out of anything soldiers had to entertain themselves and lift themselves out of what they were going through."

The Burrow Museum exhibition came about from Jehle's professional relationship with Wallace State Music Program Director Ricky Burks.

After learning about Jehle's collection, Burks brought an idea for the exhibit to Donny Wilson, director of The Evelyn Burrow Museum.

"I thought it would be unique to the area," Burks said of the exhibit. The more rare pieces in the collection will be behind glass, but other pieces will be displayed where they can be studied more closely. Burks plans to have his own cigar box guitar on hand so visitors can strum a few bars and hear what the instrument sounds like.

Wilson said he is pleased to have the exhibit on display. "It's been a joy to go through the collection and see the craftsmanship and ingenuity the makers put in their creations," he said. "The addition of the prints was a wonderful surprise and blend well with the instruments.

"I think those who come see the exhibit will be pleased," Wilson added. "They may event want to try making a cigar box guitar of their own."

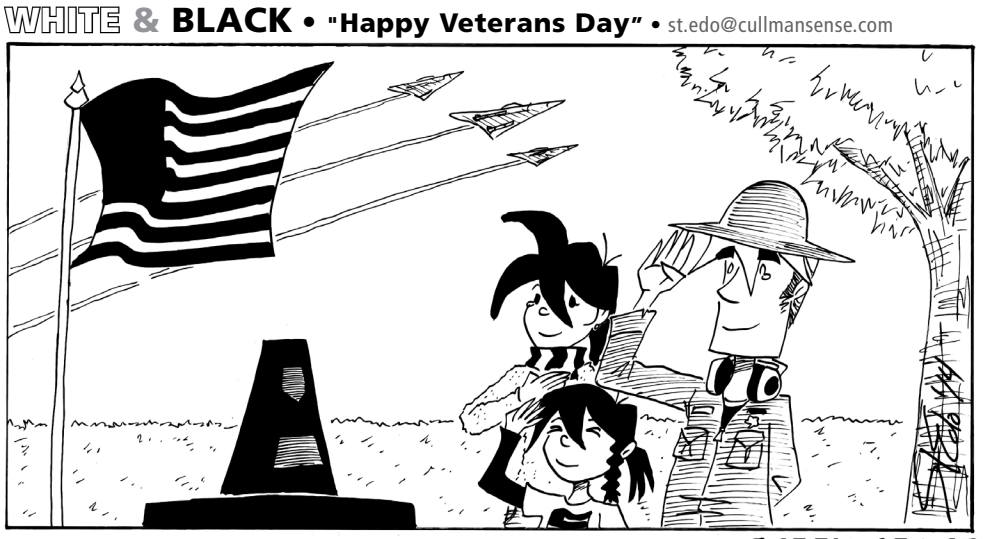
Jehle is expected to visit campus to sign copies of his book "One Man's Trash: A History of the Cigar Box Guitar" and DVDs on how to build cigar box instruments.

Admission to The Evelyn Burrow Museum is free. The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information or to schedule a tour, call Wilson at 256.352.8457, e-mail donny.wilson@wallacestate.edu or visit www.burrowmuseum.org.

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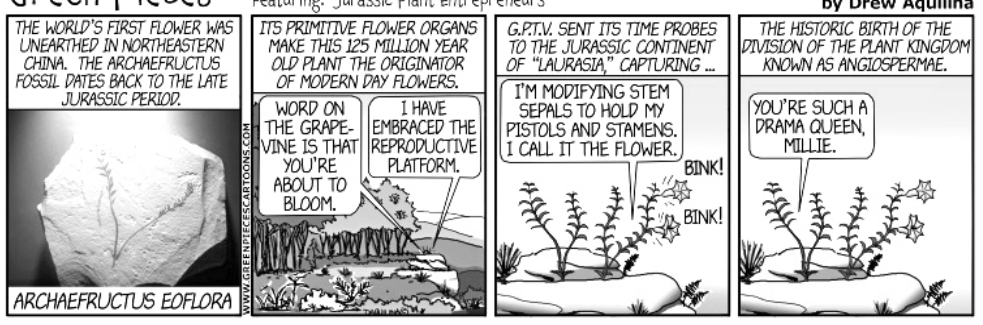
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OPINION

THE JOY OF THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT:

NYC THROUGH THE EYES OF A CULLMANITE

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NEW YORK CITY, NY - They call it the city that never sleeps, but that isn't true. I mean, obviously people have to sleep in New York City, but do the lights ever turn off? And how are the prices on food and stuff? Isn't it super expensive because of Obama? Oh, and does everyone hate everything? Doesn't everyone just walk up to you and push you for no reason and then roll their eyes dismissively when you tell them not to push you? And are you constantly getting mugged and pickpocketed?

New York City certainly has a lot of activity, and there are a lot of stereotypes that can find justification in some of the millions of people who live here. However, these assumptions about the city are vastly overstated, immensely overshadowed by the wonderful things about living in NYC. Except getting mugged all the time. That happens about three times a day.

Firstly, Times Square is really the only place that doesn't sleep. If you have visited New York City, your poor unfortunate soul has probably stumbled under the garish lights of Times Square. With advertising that would make even the most money-grubbing CEO cringe, Times Square is an unfair representative of NYC. In fact, it is probably only because Times Square refuses to be overlooked that it gets the nod as the figurehead of NYC. As for being the only place that doesn't sleep, it's pretty true. All of midtown, where Times Square is located, is the heart of tourism in NYC. There isn't a second to waste on the poor tourists who are willing to pay four times too much on a pretzel that is one-fourth the price three blocks away.

The joy of living in the Financial District, or FiDi as we like to call it, is that I never have to go to midtown, which means I never have to see Times Square. Seriously, after you've been through Washington Square Park in October, Times Square is nauseating.

Now, the FiDi isn't my favorite part of the city by any means. It is full of stressed out men in incredibly expensive suits hurriedly coming out of and entering gray skyscrapers. But, the wonderful thing about the FiDi is that it goes to sleep. When I'm done with my classes at around 4 p.m., I make the 6-minute walk back to my apartment at the end of Wall Street and notice that people are winding down. At about 7 p.m., the lights in the building across from mine turn off and the streets empty out.

Also, it is the 'Financial Capital of the World'. This means that it is incredibly safe. The streets I walk on to get to school, Beaver and Exchange, are basically free of cars because there are roadblocks and check points. I forget that I walk by the New York Stock Exchange on the way to school most mornings.

I wouldn't say I'm jaded; I still just stand and look up and around at the fantastic architecture all the time. It's just that now I know to move up against a building before I stop and look around. New Yorkers are all highly motivated people and are all highly aware of their surroundings. They move quickly and they are determined. In some areas, it's because they're just trying to survive. It just happens that in the FiDi, they're trying to make a few more million dollars.

Plus, I can see Brooklyn through my apartment window. As the sun sets in the afternoon, Jay-Z's home-borough looks nothing short of celestial, and might make St. Augustine reconsider what he thinks is the City of God.

No, I'm not jaded. Not yet, anyway.

Follow Will Hogue's adventures in NYC each week as he takes on the Big Apple while thinking fondly of his hometown here in Cullman. Ever wondered what life was like in the City that Never Sleeps? Will can explain it. Stay tuned for more adventures.

OPINION

MEANWHILE, DOWN AT THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, SOMETHING'S GOING WRONG

John LaForge
PeaceVoice

Weakening radiation standards, a cap on accident liability, reactor propaganda vs improvements, old units running past expiration dates, revving the engines beyond design specs .... You'd think we were itching for a meltdown.

The Environmental Protection Agency has recommended increased radiation exposure limits following major releases. It would save the industry a bundle to permit large human exposures, rather than shut down rickety reactors.

The EPA proposal is a knock-off prompted by Fukushima, because after the triple meltdown started three years ago, Japan increased -- by 20 times -- the allowable radiation exposures deemed tolerable for humans. Prior to the meltdowns of March 2011, Japan allowed one milliSievert of radiation per year in an individual's personal space.

Now, the limit is 20 milliSieverts per year. This is not safe, it's just allowable, or, rather, affordable, since the cost of decontaminating 1,000 square miles of Japan to the stricter standard could bust the bank.

The Price Anderson Act provides US reactor owners with a liability cap and a taxpayer bailout in the event of serious radiation releases. The law relieves utilities of hundreds of $billions in financial risk posed by our ongoing meltdown roulette game. The owners won't be bankrupted by the next loss-of-coolant disaster, but the US might.

Fukushima has spewed more long-lived radioactive chemicals to the air, the soil and the ocean than any catastrophe in history.

But the corporate/government chant heard round the world is: "The dose is low, there's no immediate danger."

Physicians for Social Responsibility produced a report "Health risks of the releases of radioactivity from the Fukushima reactors: Are they a concern for residents of the US?" International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War issued in June 2014, "Critical Analysis of the UNSCEAR [United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation] Report."

Also, there is the Nov. 2012 "Report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to health within the context of the nuclear accident at Fukushima," and Greenpeace's two major reports, "Lessons from Fukushima," and "Fukushima Fallout," The feds would rather you read the UN Scientific Committee's exec. summary which claims Fukushima's effects are "unlikely to be observable." This conclusion was made before any research was done.

The chances of radiation disasters will increase further if the Nuclear Regulatory Commission allows US reactors to run for 80 years. This is what Duke Power, Dominion Power and Exelon suggest for seven of their 40-year-old rattle traps now operating in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and South Carolina.

These seven reactors were designed and licensed to be shut down in the current decade. However, since 1991 the nuclear industry has been granted 70 "license extensions" that have generally added 20 years. Now the owners want to push their units an extra 40 years (or until the American Fukushima, whichever comes first).

Former NRC Commissioner George Apostolakis wasn't apoplectic when the commission considered the idea, but, according to the New York Times, he said, "I don't know how we would explain to the public that these designs, 90-year-old designs, 100-year-old designs, are still safe to operate." The NRC has yet to rule on the 80-year option, but it's never denied a single license extension request.

Captured by the industry it's supposed to govern, the NRC has approved 149 reactor "power uprate" applications and has denied exactly one. Power uprates boost the output of old reactors beyond what their original licenses permit. It's done by packing reactor cores with extra fuel rods and, feeling lucky, running them harder.

Chillingly, 23 operating US reactors are duplicates of the Fukushima-type General Electric Mark 1.

Fifteen of these clunkers have been granted power uprates, and seven of these 15 have been granted a second power uprate. Susquehanna's two 31-year-old Fukushima clones in Pennsylvania were granted a hair-raising three power uprates.

With the radiation industry and the NRC working to deny or delay post-Fukushima safety improvements, how do you feel about reactor operators stomping the accelerator while they run their geriatric uranium jalopies toward the cliff?

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