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Workers prepare a Nativity scene for a previous light display.

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CULLMAN - Holiday time is just around the corner and folks all over town are getting ready. Christmas presents are being purchased, Thanksgiving turkeys are being bought, and decorations can be seen across the county. Wreaths are attached to light posts, and shop windows are p9

CULLMAN POLICE DEPT.'S DRUG DROP OFF BOX OFFERS SAFE WAY TO DISPOSE OF UNNEEDED MEDICATION P3



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Since the end of September 24.4 pounds of prescription drugs have been collected at the Cullman Police Department's drug drop off box.

LITTLEVILLE BLUE ANTIQUE SHOP FINDS NEW HOME IN WAREHOUSE DISTRICT

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CULLMAN - If you are looking for one of a kind items and antiques, then look no further than Littleville Blue. Their work and eye for seeing the hidden potential in old items is something you need to see for yourself. They recently made their new home in the Cullman Warehouse District.

"We just moved a block over from Lombardo's and it is a great location because of foot traffic," said Teresa Duffey, part owner of the shop. "There are a lot of people out here just p6



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Shop owners Teresa Duffey and Rena Haga create their works from seemingly everyday items.

FREE THANKSGIVING MEALS: AREA CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES JOIN FORCES TO FEED THE HUNGRY

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CULLMAN - Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and many families are buying their groceries and planning their meals. It's the time of year folks reflect on the things for which they are thankful. Thanksgiving is a time for sharing, caring, and loving each other by sitting around a dinner table and eating with friends and family. Unfortunately, there are many people in our community who, for whatever reasons, cannot afford to have this special meal. There p7

WINTERIZING YOUR CAR: ADVICE FROM LOCAL EXPERTS TO KEEP YOU GOING ALL WINTER LONG

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CULLMAN - It's that time of year again, time to drag out the coats and sweaters and hunker down in a nice warm place. Hot chocolate sales are through the roof and children are wearing all sorts of toboggans, gloves and scarves. Most of us know how to take care of ourselves in the cold weather, but how many know how to take care of their automobiles and keep them running as the temperature continues to drop?

"When the colder weather arrives, you want to check your antifreeze," said Mary White, AutoZone employee. "Most vehicles want you to have at least a 50/50 blend between antifreeze p4

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CRMC EARNS 'TOP PERFORMER ON KEY QUALITY MEASURES' RECOGNITION FROM LEADING ACCREDITOR

Meredith Easterwood
CRMC

CULLMAN - Cullman Regional Medical Center recently announced it has been recognized as 2013 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in the United States.

"Delivering the right treatment in the right way at the right time is a cornerstone of high-quality health care. I commend the efforts of Cullman Regional Medical Center for their excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions," said Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president and CEO, The Joint Commission.

Cullman Regional Medical Center was recognized as part of The Joint Commission's 2014 annual report "America's Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety," for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, and surgical care.

Cullman Regional Medical Center is one of 1,224 hospitals in the United States to achieve the 2013 Top Performer distinction.

"We understand what matters most to patients at Cullman Regional Medical Center is the quality and safety of the care they receive. That is why we have made it a top priority to improve positive patient outcomes though evidence-based care processes," said Dr. Bill Smith, Chief of Medical Staff, Cullman Regional Medical Center.

To be a 2013 Top Performer, hospitals had to meet three performance criteria based on 2013 accountability measure data, including:

• Achieving cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures;

• Achieving performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure where there were at least 30 denominator cases; and

• Having at least one core measure set that had a composite rate of 95 percent or above, and (within that measure set) all applicable individual accountability measures had a performance rate of 95 percent or above.

"Cullman Regional Medical Center is proud to be named a Top Performer as it recognizes the knowledge, teamwork and dedication of our entire hospital staff," said James Clements, Interim CEO, Cullman Regional Medical Center.

For more information about the Top Performer program, visit http://www.jointcommission.org/accredidation/top_performers.aspx.

3RD ANNUAL STRIDES WALK A BIG SUCCESS: CULLMAN COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB RAISES MONEY AND AWARENESS FOR DIABETES

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CULLMAN - A cold, but sunny morning greeted the participants of the 3rd Annual Strides Walk hosted by the Cullman Community Lions Club. Teams and supporters braved the cold to raise money for a disease that affects approximately 26 million Americans today. High spirits and a good turnout made this walk a success.

Diabetes can hit a person of any age or gender; it knows no discrimination. It can take a lot from a person. People across the country lose limbs, sight or even their lives to this disease. While it is manageable in most cases, it is still a struggle and a serious issue that demands more research for a cure. On Saturday, groups rallied around their loved ones with diabetes to show their support.

"I know its cold but the main thing today is that we have so many warm hearts out here," said Ron Seybold, president of the Cullman Community Lions Club.

"Our club provides diabetic supplies to all 23 schools in the county. We are glad to do that so that if a diabetic child has a need attending school, we can meet that need."

One team in attendance called themselves Super Heroes.

They raised a great sum of money for the cause, and were all smiles as they walked for themselves and their loved ones.

"We have a diabetic of 23 years on the team and then we have three insulin dependent diabetics from Fairview School," team organizer Cindy Westmoreland said.

"We just wanted to support them. We raised $764 with friends and family, and we need more walks like this because it is not recognized enough."

Jerri Lee is also on the team and has been battling diabetes for 23 years; she believes that education is the key to success.

"It's manageable and you can live normally," she said.

"But it needs to be recognized and people need to be educated. In the school systems, they treat you differently, and it's awful. Also, I think it would be helpful if younger children were educated as well."

The opening ceremonies were heartwarming and emotional for many as the grand marshal for the walk was announced.

"Bob and Donna Johnson joined our Lions Club after attending our family fun day," said Seybold.

"As we got to know them, we found out some special things about their family. They have four children: Bobby, Charlie, Teigan and Memphis. Teigan is now 6 years old, and she was diagnosed when she was 3 and a half years old."

Teigan, the precious little girl, stepped forward on the stage where she was announced as the grand marshal for the walk.

In addition to the title, a small tiara was placed on her head for the occasion. Donna Johnson, Teigan's mother, then took to the stage and gave an emotional statement.

"She was diagnosed when she was 3 and a half, and the night before I took her to the hospital she was going to the dishwasher, filling the cups up with water to drink and then throwing the water right back up. I never dreamed that she would have diabetes, and it is has just been a struggle," Johnson said through tears.

Before the walk began, Seybold stated that their efforts had thus far raised $7,200, and were expecting more to come in before it was over.

"Our Lions Club will be 4 years old in January," Seybold said.

"And when we formed, we decided that we wanted our main focus to be on diabetes. Mainly, because it is one of the leading causes of blindness, and that area is underserved in our community. We are just trying to make a difference and fill that gap."

For more information on the Cullman Community Lions Club, visit their website at www.CullmanCommunityLions.com.

TRAUMA PREVENTION PROGRAM EDUCATES TEENS ON RESPONSIBLE DRIVING HABITS

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CULLMAN - A program that was formed by the partnership of Cullman Regional Medical Center and the Cullman County District Court Offices in an effort to educate teen drivers about the risks of driving recklessly has come to a close for 2014. The Trauma Prevention Program will resume on February 7, 2015.

The program is usually court-appointed to teen drivers who have received a minor traffic violation, but is also open to community teens who want to become better educated about the significance of safe driving. Since 2010, more than 300 participants have completed the half-day training class at CRMC. The program will be going into its fifth year in February of 2015. There are typically five classes per year, and they are held on Saturdays from 7:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The program is an interactive educational experience that focuses on educating teenagers on responsible driving habits while reinforcing the consequences of irresponsible driving. Upon successful completion of the program, teenagers with first-time tickets of minor driving offenses can have them removed from their driving records after paying court costs. The class is held in the Colonel Cullman Room in Professional Office Building II at CRMC.

Perrie Elrod, Education Coordinator for the program, said there are several people that volunteer their services with the program and she is grateful to them for their devotion. She listed the key players of the program as Dwight Davis, Director of Surgical Services at CRMC; Tony Tidwell, Pastoral Services at CRMC; Adriann Basch, Surgical Services Manager/Educator; and Tonya Dunn, ER Manager/Educator.

Elrod also thanked the efforts of Stacy Osborn with the Cullman County District Court who works from the courtside to get the participant list along with many other responsibilities required to get everything in order.

Adriann Basch said that she has always had a passion for serving others. When she chose the nursing profession, multiple doors opened for her with one of them being the chance to volunteer her time with the Trauma Prevention program.

"This educational program informs and empowers young adults to make better decisions, such as decreasing their speed while driving and being aware of their surroundings. I am personally inspired by their willingness to listen, learn, and grow. My hope and prayer is that through the Trauma Prevention program, multiple lives will be saved and tragedies will be avoided."

Along with Basch, there are other volunteers who spend their time with the program, including three trauma survivor speakers: Philip Mahler, Charlie Pollard, and her boyfriend Brandon Hayden. The judges that make a presentation are from the Cullman County District Court. The judges involved are Judge Kim Chaney, Judge Greg Nicholas, and Judge Rusty Turner. Elrod said that the program would not be successful without all of these resources and she appreciates their help.

She said that the program funds itself. The judges decided that the participants are required to pay a $50 fee for the program.

CRMC employees are allowed to send their children at no cost. The money is used to provide drinks, snacks, purchase equipment, and any other needs. Excess money (by group decision) may be utilized by request for special needs such as paying for the ER nurses to have Trauma Education certification. "We are now in the process of trying to save for a new "sims" manikin. We would appreciate any token donations toward this purchase as this is a very expensive piece of equipment. The manikin would also be utilized for education of our clinical staff," Elrod said.



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Though typically taken by court-appointed teens who have received a minor traffic violation, the Trauma Prevention Program is open to all teenagers.

Elrod has a degree in respiratory therapy. "Through the years I cannot express how many times I watched families be broken when their loved one was involved in a car accident." She said that whether the event caused a death or trauma, the family has to face a long recovery period and their lives are changed forever. "I am devoted to the program and love the group I work with. We feel that if we change one participant's outlook, the program is a success!"

The Trauma Prevention Class Dates for 2015 are as follows: February 7, May 2, July 11, September 5, and November 14. Everyone is welcome to bring a friend and spend a morning learning important, possibly life-saving information. Call CRMC for more information at 256-737-2000.

WILLINGHAM'S GENERAL STORE: WEST POINT'S OLDEST BUILDING

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WEST POINT - Willingham's General Store has been a part of West Point for over 100 years. The grand old building has been perched on the same exact corner the whole time, continuously greeting folks in the community with its beauty and charm. If walls could talk, this place would have some interesting tales to tell.

The store has been traced back to 1897 when brothers Jim and Ebb Morgan first built it. It had everything – clothes, shoes, food, sewing notions, and anything else that was needed. Back in those days, these old stores were considered the community because that's where everyone went to purchase the food and supplies they needed. Shopkeepers watched young babies grow into adulthood over the years and their mothers exchanged local happenings with each other as they shopped. The men compared farming notes and whittled their hunks of wood while sitting out front, drinking R.C. Colas and chewing tobacco.

The old place is currently owned by Wayne and Lisa Willingham, who purchased the store in March of 1991 and just like back in 1897, it continues to provide a vast array of necessary merchandise the folks of West Point may need. They have grocery items, hardware supplies, and farming supplies, such as salt blocks and feed. And just like 1897, the store still has the old appearance. Just walking into it brings to mind memories or ideas of how things used to be over 100 years ago.

"The original store sat closer to the road until the mid 40s when it was picked up and moved back some," said Wayne. "I guess they probably moved it because cars were becoming more popular then. When I first bought it, you couldn't drive around behind it like you can now. Back when it was moved, they had just dug into the bank and plugged it right into it. Then they dug a ditch for the water to drain and that was it," he smiled shaking his head.

In speaking of the historic store, he continued.

"It has evolved a lot over the years. There was an old man from the community who passed away five or six years ago; I once asked him what the store looked like back when he was a kid, and the man just grinned and said, 'Just like it does now except there used to be an old pot bellied heater in the back.' The old man also said they used to show movies on the side of the building on Friday and Saturday nights when he was a kid."

Thankfully the Willinghams continue to run the store without changing the classic, old time atmosphere. People in the community know they can find just what they need there without making the long drive into Cullman.



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Built in 1897, Willingham's General Store continues to stock common goods.

"It's a dying breed; you just don't see stores like it anymore. It's the way all the stores used to be though. When I was a kid you could go to a store like this and get anything you needed. It's just not that way anymore since the big box stores have come along. We try to keep stuff handy so people won't have to go all the way to town – the hardware part of the store has really grown a lot the last few years."

If you haven't been to Willingham's General Store in West Point, it's well worth the ride out to check it out.

Once there, you'll notice a couple tables and chairs just inside the door. You will probably also see a handful of local folks sitting around, sipping a cold drink and talking up a storm. The establishment continues to be a huge part of the community and to this day the Willinghams continue to watch young families as they grow and hear the local talk about town. It's part of the general store business that has carried on for so many years, and hopefully for many more to come.

COMMISSION ON AGING READY TO HELP WITH MEDICARE SIGN-UP

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CULLMAN - The Cullman County Commission on Aging is helping those who are looking to join or change Medicare Health and Drug coverage plans.

With staff on hand five days a week, the COA can help individuals enroll, which started nationwide on October 15.

The enrollment period will only last until December 15, so stop by the COA as soon as possible if you are interested.

If you want to take advantage of this opportunity, you must go to the COA during their hours, which are 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Along with making sure you visit the COA while they are open, you'll also need to bring your Medicare card, and a list of your medications, or even your medicine bottles themselves.

The COA is located at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman, Alabama.

If you have any further questions, call the COA at 256-734-1241.

Box (from Front)

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CULLMAN - If you have some old prescription drugs stored away at home, be sure to take advantage of the drug drop off box at the Cullman Police Department to dispose of unneeded, unused, or outdated medications.

Sergeant David Nassetta said that the way the box originated was through a grant. "We obtained it through a grant done by CVS Pharmacy. We applied for the grant and they did a little background research." Nassetta said that the closest drug drop off boxes to Cullman were south of Montgomery and even as far as Scottsboro. "We didn't have anything like that in this area. They provided the box and some of the advertising. We provide the collection point," Nassetta said. The drug drop off box is located in the breezeway between the investigation and administration buildings at the police department.

The medications collected at the drop off box have to be stored in the evidence room at the Cullman Police Department until they are picked up by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be incinerated. Twice a year the DEA has a nationally advertised program for people to turn in unused or unneeded medication. Instead of waiting on these two days out of the year, now the community has a local drug drop off box that can be used at all times. "Now it can be done at any time which is a lot more convenient for the community," Nassetta said.

The CPD has had the drug drop off box for a couple of months. They got it around the end of September and so far a total of 24.4 pounds of prescription drugs have been collected. Each time the department empties the contents of the box, they weigh it and add it to a separate storage container in the evidence room. "The box can only be emptied by a sworn in officer. It is controlled and locked up in the evidence room, then turned over to the DEA to be incinerated," Nassetta said. It is stored for about 6 months and incinerated twice a year by the DEA.

Anyone can drop off any prescription medication and over the counter medication; however, the CPD asks that you do not drop off syringes, needles, or anything in large glass bottles and containers. Also, Nassetta said that pharmacies have called to see if they can drop off their out of date items; however, it is not a receptacle for pharmacies or commercial waste.

Nassetta encourages the use of the drug drop off box. "We don't want the unused medication sitting around in homes. Sometimes people keep medication longer than they need it because they paid money for it or think they might need it for future use." Unfortunately this could result in the medication getting in the hands of children. It also has the potential to fall into the hands of abusers. With the drug drop off box, these dangerous situations can be avoided. "If you aren't using it, don't save it," Nassetta advised. For questions regarding the drug drop off box, call the Cullman Police Department at 256-734-1434.

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ST. PAUL'S PASTOR JOHN BUSSMAN HELPS ESTABLISH NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION TO REBUILD AFRICAN VILLAGE

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CULLMAN - Pastor John Bussman at St. Paul's Lutheran Church has recently started a nonprofit organization called The Ends of the Earth Foundation. It is in its infancy stages with plans of growth in the near future. "It's based on Acts chapter 1, verse 8; spreading the gospel beginning in Jerusalem, then to Judea, then to Samaria, then to the ends of the earth," Bussman said.

He said the idea started with another Lutheran pastor originally from the Cullman area. He and a couple other pastors got connected with a tribe in south Sudan Africa. Prior to their visit, this tribe was converted from Islam to Christianity and were left with Bibles, but had many unanswered questions about the Christian lifestyle. As a result, they got in contact with the Lutheran church and called for missionaries.

Bussman said, "They just wanted people to teach them the scriptures, so some guys went over there and stayed for three weeks and taught the scriptures for 8 hours a day." He said that there were people in their seventies walking 6 hours one way just to hear what they had to say.

Within a couple days of the missionaries coming home after teaching, the civil war in Sudan once again broke out and the village was destroyed. Bussman said, "Everything was destroyed. The tribe was dispersed. We were trying to figure out a way that we could help them."

He said that last year at this time they helped them build back buildings, but now it has progressed into completely rebuilding the village.

Bussman said, "I started The Ends of the Earth Foundation where we could help support them in whatever they need. Hopefully once we get off the ground a little more we'll be able to help build them a school. Priority is building them places to live and getting them to where they're able to work. That's what they want. They want to be able to work."

Bussman said that the biggest problem in their school right now is that they cannot pay their teachers.

The teachers work long enough to find another job and then leave, so they do not have teachers who are consistent. "We can get them a principal who will also teach, an assistant principal who will teach, three or four more teachers, a night security person, and somebody to bring the water back and forth because they don't have wells in their village. So eight people we can fund for right at $24,000 a year. The plan is to tell them not to worry about their teachers," Bussman said.

"Eventually we're going to get our schools connected. We'll get video sent back and forth where our first graders can grow up with their first graders."

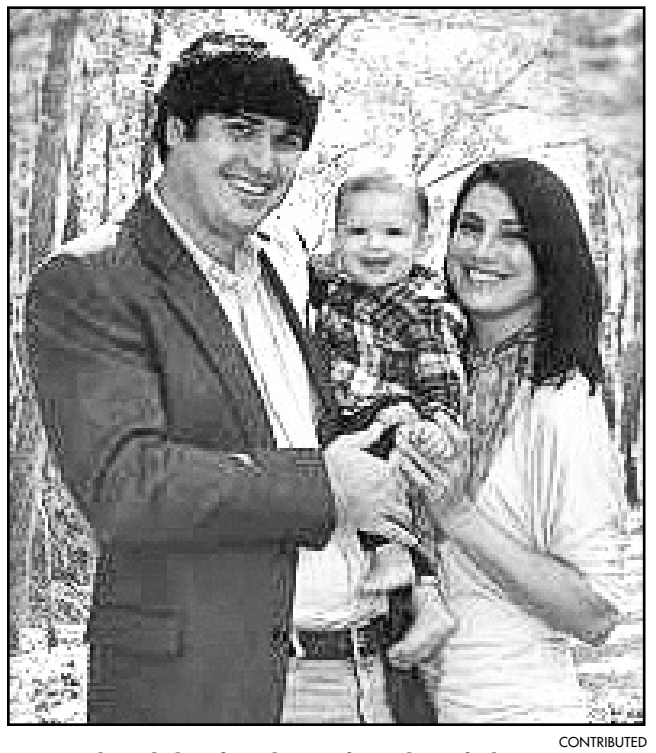
Bussman said that it is better than opening up a geography book and pointing out where Africa is. Instead the children will actually know other children in Africa and see them face-to-face. He added that since St. Paul's is a Christian school, they can also worship together.

Bussman foresees consistent fundraisers being established for The Ends of the Earth Foundation to be able to fund the needs of its mission, and wants it to be bigger than just St. Paul's. "There are other churches who can give to this thing because it's a completely separate entity from St. Paul's," Bussman said. He added that they are still looking for immediate needs and the relationship is still being built with the people in Africa. As people are still coming back into their village, new needs are being made known. Bussman said that The Ends of the Earth Foundation is meant and built to be a forever thing. He said that hopefully once the people are on their feet, they can continue to use the resources given to them to reach out to others.

"Ends of the Earth is brand new and we're excited about it," Bussman said. Eventually there will be a website set up where the public can make donations. "We're very young, but when we get more established, pamphlets can be made because the more people we have helping, the better."

With this foundation, Bussman hopes to get people to notice that there is a bigger world out there and that there are people in need. He said that just Christianizing people is not enough and that the goal is not to turn people Christian and leave.

"The work's not done," he said. He said that relationships and trust must be built. Then, they will continue to proclaim the gospel themselves.



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Pictured with his family, co-founder of The Ends of the Earth Foundation, Pastor John Bussman's priorities are helping build homes and creating a stable working environment.

Winterizing (from Front)

and water, maximum being 70/30 percent. There are antifreeze detectors in different styles that will show you what protection you want to go to as far as that goes. Also, we sell the washer fluid that has a deicer in it. You can use it year-round. It has the bug remover, but that will go through the line to where you can spray it on your windshield and not have to worry about it freezing up."

White also recommends keeping the air pressure checked in your tires. Have an ice scraper or a little spray can of deicer for your windows.

Carry a can of fix-a-flat, a little bag of oil dry or something like it for traction if you were to get stuck on a slick road.

In case your car breaks down in the cold, always carry a blanket in the trunk and an emergency roadside kit with flares and a flashlight – especially with it getting dark at 5 p.m. now.

"You always want to check your freeze point on your antifreeze," explained Terry Guthrie of Guthrie's Auto Service.

"You want to look at your manufacturer's service schedule and make sure you don't leave out any services. You might want to change your oil. I would also recommend having your fuel injection system cleaned and using quality tier one gasoline. Also, do not ignore the 'check engine light' – It's trying to tell you something." As with anything, you must take care of your car or truck in order for it to do its job and perform as it should. By doing these simple things you can feel confident that you'll go far in the coldest of conditions.

Please feel free to visit Terry at Guthrie's Auto Service with any of your vehicle needs. They are located at 144 County Road 1435, Cullman, AL 35058. Call them at 256-739-1690 or visit their website at www.GuthriesAutoService.net.

For those do-it-yourself folks out there, AutoZone has everything you'll need to get your car ready for the cold. Feel free to stop by and say hi to Mary and the rest of the gang at the Cullman location. They are located at 210 2nd Ave NW, Cullman, AL 35055. You can call them at 256-737-0030 or visit their webpage at www.AutoZone.com.

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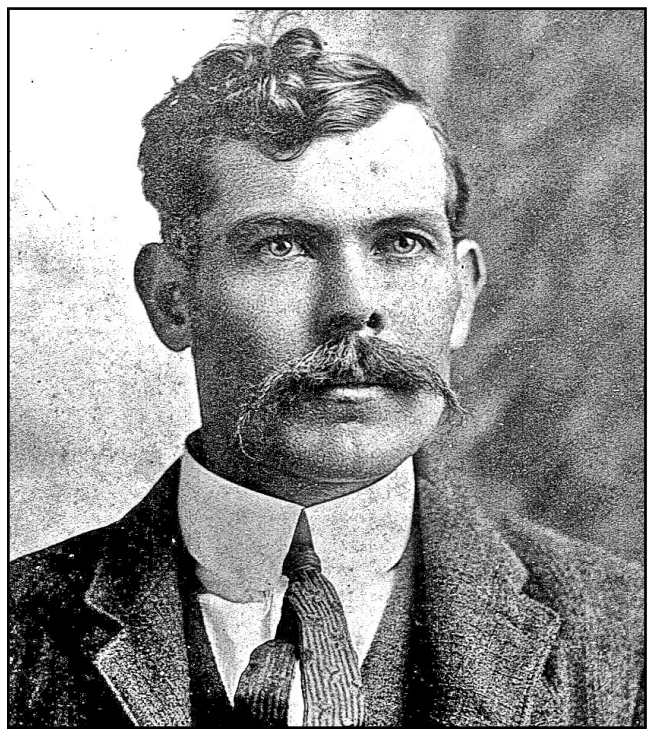
CULLMAN - Henry Wyatt Reid was a Georgia man and a rather tough one to boot! An honorable veteran of the Civil War, he fought for his country and went from having nothing but the shirt on his back to obtaining lots of land and a large, loving family. There are a lot of folks here in Cullman County who can trace their lineage back to this very man. If you are a Reid, Davenport, Entrekin, or Rabun, chances are this man is your grandparent!

Henry Reid led an interesting life back in his day and his story fascinates me every time I read it. He is my third great grandfather, and I like to think I've got at least a few drops of his courage, honor, and strong will. As a matter of fact, the two of us do share the same birthday – January 21 – different years of course, but still the same.

The information below came from the book "Memoirs of Georgia --- Biographies and Sketches of Haralson County" by S. Emmett Lucas, Jr. copyright 1896. Read about this incredible man I'm proud to call Grandpa Reid.

"HENRY W. REID, farmer, Mandeville, Carroll Co., Ga., son of Robert and Lucinda (Chandler) Reid, was born in Carroll County in 1841. His paternal grandfather, Henry Reid, was a native-of South Carolina, and migrated to Georgia about 1820. His father was born in South Carolina in 1806, and came with his parents to Georgia. They settled in Gwinnett County, and he remained with them until he was eighteen years of age, when he went to Franklin County, Ga. subsequently he moved to Carroll County, settled in the woods, and made his log cabin home where the subject of this sketch now lives. He was a soldier in the Florida Indian war. Mr. Reid's maternal grandparents, Wyatt and Mary B. (Liner) Chandler, were natives of North Carolina. Mr. Chandler was a soldier in the war of 1812, removed to Georgia and settled in the woods in Carroll County early in its history, his nearest neighbors being seven miles away. Mr. Reid was reared on the farm where he now lives, and was educated at the common schools of the county. In 1862 he enlisted in Company H (Capt. Parrish), Fifty-sixth Georgia regiment, but he remained only a short time-as his father was taken seriously sick, and he, being the only child, came home and remained with him until his recovery, sending a substitute to take his place in the army. In 1863 he, enlisted in a state battalion, in which he served six months, and then re-entered the regular service, enlisting in Company E, Capt. Shuford, First Georgia cavalry, and served until the surrender. He joined the army at Resaca, under Gen. Johnston, and saw much very hard service between there and Atlanta. On one occasion a comrade near him was shot through the head and some of the blood and brains flew on him, leaving stains, which remained until the clothing was worn out. A wife and two children and an old cavalry horse were the sum total of his possessions at the close of the war. But with a light heart and a strong will he went to work to regain lost ground, and now he has a well-improved farm of 500 acres and a comfortable home. Mr. Reid was married Dec. 20, 1860, to Miss Nancy C. born in Meriwether county, Ga. daughter of James G. and Sisley (Hammock) Davenport. Mr. and Mrs. Reid have had thirteen children born to them, of whom James R., Charles J., Henry M., Martha F., Sallie A., John T., Nancy I., George W., Amanda, Elijah, and Irene J. are living, and Lucinda and William R. are dead. Husband and wife are members of the Primitive Baptist church, and no citizens of the county are more highly esteemed than they."

Henry Wyatt Reid lived through many tough times but he never gave up on his journey through this thing we call life. Optimistic and kind, he did what he had to do for his country, his family, and for his community. He was the kind of man movies are made of and I am proud to be a part of him.



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Henry Wyatt Reid and his wife had thirteen children.

MIRRORING HISTORY: THE CULLMAN SHOPPING CENTER SIGN

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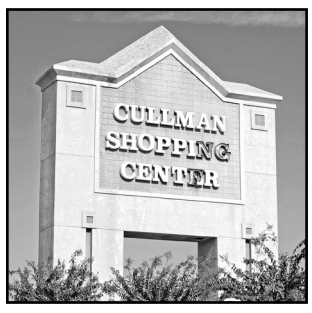
CULLMAN - The Cullman Shopping Center, located north of downtown, has been a hot topic lately because it is currently undergoing a drastic change.

Publix Grocery Store will replace the grounds where Food World stood for over 30 years.

Currently nothing but rubble stands in the place of the old grocery store.

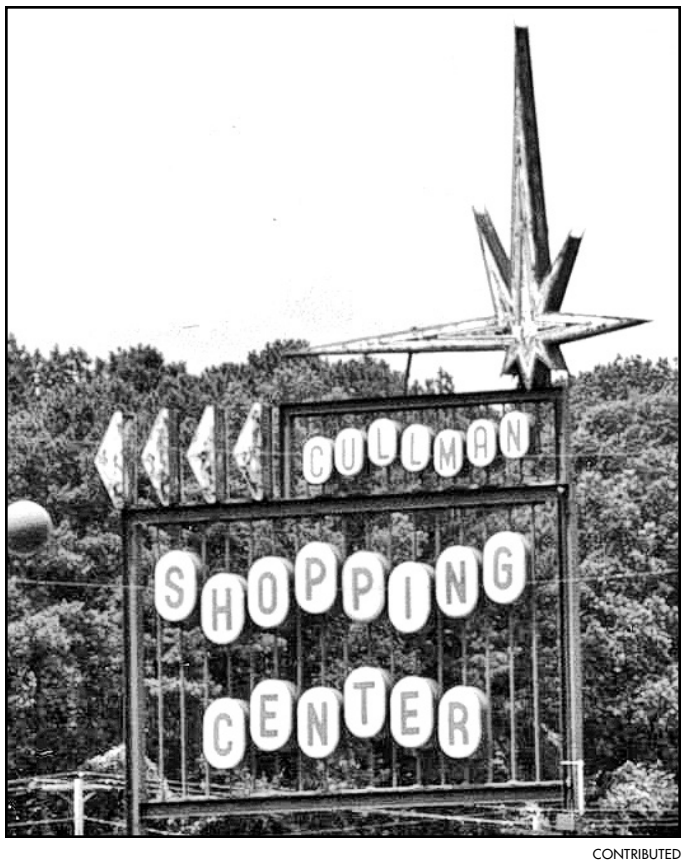
Many folks in Cullman are excited about the new Publix and another future store in the shopping center – Dick's Sporting Goods.

This sign has changed a few times over the years and I can't wait to see what its next look will be.



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The current sign will soon be replaced.



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A previous version of The Cullman Shopping Center sign exhibits a retro style.

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CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL GETS READY TO OPEN ITS NEW DOORS:

SNEAK PEEK OF NEW MEDIA CENTER GIVEN TO LOCAL OFFICIALS

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The newly constructed main building features 22 classrooms that are about 70 percent larger than previous classrooms.

CULLMAN - Students at Cullman High School will soon be making some major changes in their classrooms as the renovation of the main building of their school comes to completion. During the past few days the football players have been put to work moving thousands of books into the brand new two story media center and other students have been doing all they can to help make the move come quicker.

On Friday, Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Doreen Griffeth and Cullman High School Principal Dr. Elton Bouldin proudly led a group of folks from the community, including Mayor Max Townson, on a tour through the amazing new addition to the lovely campus.

"It's a big change," Dr. Griffeth commented.

"I mean watching it grow from the ground up has really been a fun thing. We've watched them put more and more cement into the ground and now it's ready. It's going to be good."

The new main building consists of 68,000 square feet of learning space and includes 22 full-sized classrooms, each average 70 percent larger than the school's previous classrooms. All classrooms are fully wired for technology with wireless access, projection system and sound amplification.

There are two specialized publication labs located in the upper level that are properly filled with computer stations, workspaces, and storage.

Teacher workrooms are spacious and can be found on both levels of the building. The administrative offices are also located in the new main building and provide plenty of room for business.

In addition to all the new classrooms, there is also a huge state of the art storm shelter.

Located on the lower level, the shelter hosts nine classrooms and can hold the entire student body and faculty.

Devices designed and tested to withstand 250-mile per hour winds protect each opening in the area.

"We're very excited that it's finally ready," said Dr. Griffeth.

"Next week is the big move-in with the kids. They've peeked, they've been through and they've had tours and they are ready to be in it and we're ready for them to be in it as well. We want to showcase it today and let everyone see the special features that it has and how we're going to be able to take care of kids. We're very excited," she smiled warmly.

Teachers and students alike are anxiously awaiting the chance to use the new building. There was an undeniable zip of anticipation in the air those few days before the big move.

"We recently got to take a tour of this new facility and we are very thankful for this new building," said Oakley White, Cullman High School senior.

"We think that it is going to be something great for all the grades below us for many years to come."

For more information about Cullman High School and all the changes that are going on there, visit them online at chs.cullmancats.net. Or stop by and see them in person if you'd like. They are located at 510 Thirteenth Street NE, Cullman, AL 35055. Their phone number is 256-734-3923.

JACK'S WESTERN & OUTDOOR WEAR: BOOTS, HATS, AND SO MUCH MORE!

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CULLMAN - Jack's Western & Outdoor Wear has been the place to go to when looking for a new pair of cowboy boots or a big ole five-gallon hat. Without question, the store has the largest selection of country and western clothing of any other place around. From very humble beginnings, Jack's has grown into one of Cullman's most beloved stores to shop.

"I opened the store in April 1976 with less than 1,000 square feet, $8,000.00 worth of inventory and 35 pairs of boots," said Larry Allred, storeowner. "Every time we sold a pair we would have to call to reorder," he laughed.

For those of you who like a little trivia, here is something just for you - The storeowner's name is Larry Allred, yet he named his store Jack's Western & Outdoor Wear. Why?

"The reason I named the store Jack's was due to the name recognition of my parent's restaurant, Jack's," Allred smiled. "The store was attached to the restaurant."

It didn't take long for Allred's simple little store to grow. Even though it was attached to a restaurant, Jack's Western & Outdoor Wear had a fan base all its own.

Word spread quickly and people from all over became regulars of the business.

"Over the next several years, we expanded three times before moving to our new 18,000 square foot location in November 2013," Allred explained.

"My daughter, Sara Barnett, moved back to town in 2007 and has been working with me since then. She has taken over the women's and children's departments. Her two sons, Andrue and Jackson, are already making plans to run the store when they grow up," he chuckled.

Jack's Western & Outdoor Wear sells an abundance of cowboy boots and five-gallon hats, but that's not all.

"We sell Western clothing and boots, but also sell work, outdoor, and fashion clothing, shoes, and boots," Allred said.

"Along with our traditional lines of Wrangler and Carhartt, we carry Columbia, Alegria, Frye, Merrell, Timberland, Naughty Monkey, Unrated, and Emu. Naturally, we carry all the major boot brands, like Ariat, Justin, Corral, Dan Post to name a few. We are the largest, single store dealer in the state of Alabama. We offer over 15,000 pairs of boots for men, women, and children."

With the holidays just around the corner, many folks will be shopping for the perfect gifts for their family and friends.

If you haven't been to Jack's Western & Outdoor Wear yet, you need to make plans to head that way.

With two floors stuffed with merchandise, you just may find everything on your Christmas list there!

Be sure to look for sales beginning Thanksgiving and continuing until Christmas.

If you have not been in the store lately or not at all, you need to go by and check them out.

Their hours are Monday through Saturday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

They are located at 114 Schwaiger Road, Cullman, AL 35055. You can also find them on Facebook.



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMANSENSE

Jack's Western & Outdoor Wear sells a variety of work, outdoor, fashion, and Western apparel.

Home (from Front)

walking around, shopping, eating, and we just felt that we could get more customers here."

Duffey and her partner, Rena Haga, own and run the shop together, creating beautiful works from seemingly everyday items. They also find vintage and antique items and sell them at affordable prices compared to many antique shops you might find.

"We've only been open since Saturday," Duffey said. "This is actually only our fourth day open for business here. We had a really good opening weekend with the Christmas in Cullman Open House here. We had a lot of people come through; we're always networking and talking to people hoping they will help us spread the work around."

The duo has a natural knack for finding unique items and sometimes transforming them into even more unique pieces. According to Duffey, their process is to go to uncharted territory, and wherever the wind takes them.

"Some days we just say, 'OK, today we're going to go junkin'," said Duffey.

"Then we'll think, 'Well, we haven't been west in a while', so we just go that direction. We also love to get off of the main roads and find new places. It's a little like pickin'."

Their new space is modern, and the set up of the furniture and art has a rustic chic feel that is very contemporary. Amazing crosses composed of various items that, while separate might look like junk, arranged by these ladies, they look incredible.

"We love what we do," said Rena Haga, the other half of the duo.

"We love to turn something that isn't so amazing, into something amazing. We love seeing the potential. We go dumpster diving sometimes, which isn't so fun, but the result of what we find turns out beautiful."

The new location across the street from Flavors Bakery, while slightly smaller than the last, offers a lot of rewards in the way of exposure for the store.

With two talented and enthusiastic women, the store is sure to go far in the new location.

"We are excited to be here," said Duffey.

"We want to keep things relatively small, so that we can manage it easily, but this is a great part of town to be in. If you want to find something that is one of a kind and unique, then we are the store for you."

For more information, visit their new location at 100 1st Ave NE in the Warehouse District Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can also "like" Littleville Blue on Facebook and receive updates and information there.

ROCKIN' OUT IN THE COUNTY: CULLMAN COUNTY PARKS & REC HOSTS COUNTY JAM AT AGRICULTURAL TRADE CENTER



CHELSEA SPARKS/CULLMANSENSE

TG Sheppard, Johnathan East, and Who Shot Lizzy? performed at the Agricultural Trade Center for the first time.

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CULLMAN - At the Agricultural Trade Center, music was booming and feet were tapping as country and southern rock sounds filled the building. Saturday night was a fun time for all who attended as they heard music from TG Sheppard, Johnathan East, and Who Shot Lizzy?

Doug Davenport, director for Cullman County Parks and Rec, talked about what inspired the event.

"The football games hurt us a bit on attendance," said Davenport.

"But we just wanted to have this event to give the community something to do when it's cold outside. Activities at the parks are slowing down, with Sportsman Lake being closed while they get ready for Christmas. We just thought this would be a good opportunity to try using this facility for something new."

Tickets for the event were very affordable at only $10 for bleacher seats and $12 for floor seats.

Even with a smaller crowd, artist Johnathan East was happy to play for those in attendance and said that Cullman was a favorite place to play.

East began writing songs when he was a mere 16 years old, and released his first album in 2007. Since then he has become a favorite for Alabamians.

"We play in Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, and Georgia some," said East. "I am thrilled to be here, and I'm already having a great time. We got to do Rock the South here before and we really enjoyed it. I love playing for Cullman because it's people just like me, a bunch of rednecks."

East also wanted to let fans know that you can get seven free songs at his website www.JohnathanEast.com.

The event turned out to be a great date night for one couple in the crowd.

"TG Sheppard was the main act that got us out tonight," Wayne Wise said. "It's a good date night. I think it's great that the county puts this stuff on."

Attendees as a whole voiced their gratefulness to our local Parks and Rec for always trying to host fun events for everyone.

Thanksgiving (from Front)

are also those who do not have family with whom to share the holiday.

Thankfully, area churches and communities throughout Cullman County have recognized this and have taken action. Below is a list of Thanksgiving meals that will be offered free of charge for those who have no place to go. The meals are also free to anyone in the area who would like to stop by and have a nice hot meal and meet new people.

1. The City of Good Hope is sponsoring FREE Thanksgiving meals Wednesday, November 26, 2014 beginning at 11 a.m. This event will take place in Good Hope School's lunchroom with donated foods and service by volunteers in the community. If someone you know needs a good hot meal and cannot get out, come pick up a plate for them. Maximum of 10 takeout plates per car. Folks also can eat in their dining room, or you can pick up some Thanksgiving plates for your employees and others who deserve a good meal! Further information is available by calling Good Hope Town Hall at 256-739-3757. The address is: 210 Good Hope School Road, Good Hope, AL 35057.

2. Fairview First Baptist will host a community-wide Thanksgiving meal on Saturday, November 22, 2014 from 3-6 p.m. Eat-in only. No carryout plates. The church is located at 1022 Welcome Road, Cullman, AL 35058. For more information, please call them at 256-796-4611.

3. Cullman First Baptist Church will have a free Thanksgiving meal for the community. Members of Cullman First Baptist Church will begin serving Thanksgiving lunches at 11 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day in the church's fellowship hall. Those unable to get to the church may have their meals delivered. If you are interested in volunteering, providing food or helping at the church during that day, you may contact Grover Reeves at 256-739-1088. You may also call the church office at 256-734-5632. First Baptist Church is located at 501 Second Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055-4108.

If you or someone you know would like to join in on the food, fellowship and fun, please make plans to stop and pay them a visit on these specific days. If you know someone who is homebound and needs a plate, please contact these fine folks and they will be more than happy to make arrangements to feed them. From all of us at CullmanSense, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!





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Monday

Cullman Kiwanis Club
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Bosom Buddies Support Group
The Bosom Buddies Support Group offers support to individuals affected by Breast Cancer. The group will hold its next meeting from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Cullman Regional Medical Centers Ave Maria Room in the Community Education Center located in Professional Office Building 2 (1890 AL Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058). For more information, call CRMCs Marketing Department at (256) 737-2600.

Domestic Violence Survivor Support Group
Victim Services of Cullman sponsors a Domestic Violence Survivor Support Group meeting every Monday evening from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the old County Board of Education Building with childcare available. For additional information please call 256-775-2600. CRISIS HOTLINE - 256-734-6100.

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

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

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

Tuesday

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

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.

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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.

Vinemont Band Boosters Annual Craft Show
Over 50 vendors will be setup between 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. selling home crafted goods including, Handmade Jewelry, Art, Woodcrafts, Christmas Decor, Rada Knives, Origami Owl, Handmade Soaps & Candles, Knitting, Crochet, AL & UA Items, and many more unique items. Great Christmas Gifts! Admission is FREE! Door prizes announced hourly. Interested vendors please email vbbcraftshow@gmail.com to request an application. Or you may contact Angela Hughes at 256-566-1508, Kim Smith at 256-636-2040 or Carrie Burch, 256-590-8747. Proceeds benefit the Vinemont Marching Band Program.

Sacred Heart Of Jesus In Cullman Offers Annual Spaghetti Supper And Bazaar
Members of the Altar Society of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Cullman will sponsor their annual Spaghetti Supper on 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.

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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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.

Vinemont Band Boosters Annual Craft Show
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- 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 EVANGELIST ADVISES TO NOT BE FRETFUL

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CULLMAN - Junior Hill began his ministry at age 19 and served as a pastor for 11 years in Alabama and Mississippi before entering vocational evangelism in 1967 as a full-time Southern Baptist evangelist. Hill is a native of Hartselle, AL and has conducted over 1,700 revivals and numerous foreign crusades. He is a frequent speaker at pastors' meetings, evangelism conferences, seminaries, and state conventions across the country. On Wednesday evening, he visited Cullman for a Night of Encouragement at First Baptist Church.

Hill started the night by addressing those with a fretful spirit and the negative effects it has on those around you. First he explained how being fretful can corrupt your spirit. Then he elaborated on how, unfortunately, having a fretful spirit is contagious to those around you. He then stated how it is also confusing to others who may not be saved.

The world watches what Christians do. Sometimes when Christians are seen lifting their hands and praising God, and then are seen out in the world doing quite the opposite, people do not quite understand. "This may be the reason church has lost their testimony because the world has seen us in our worst times and we corrupted their spirits and confused them," Hill said. He stated that a fretful person can take you from the mountain of joy, down to the valley of discouragement in the blink of an eye.

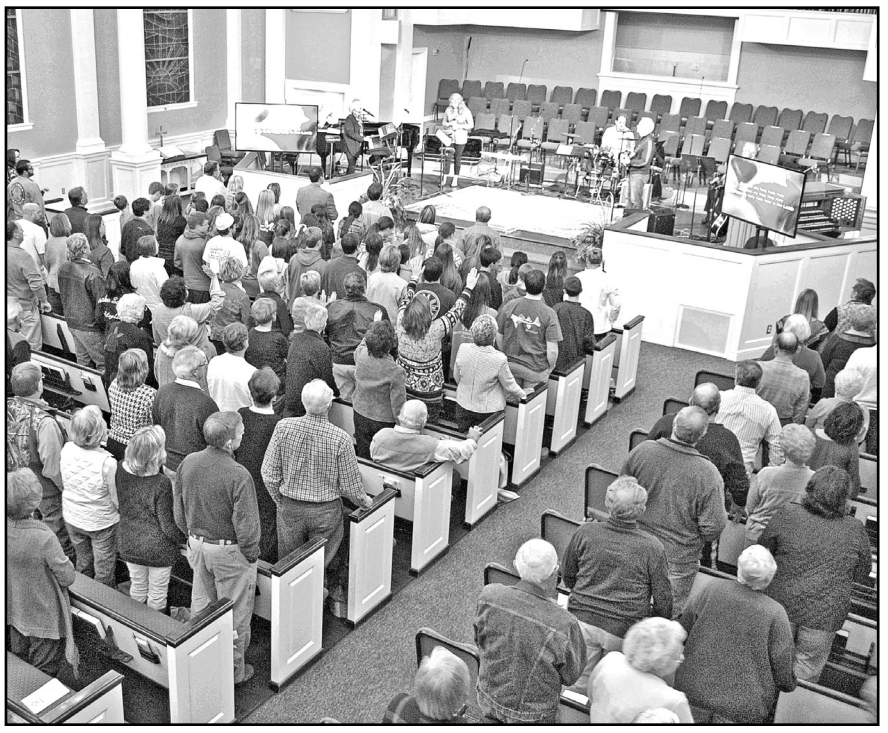
To contribute to his direction to Christians on not being fretful, Hill told a story about how he once had to wait on his meal at a restaurant. He said that his order was taken, but the waitress never came back.

After about an hour, the waitress realized she did not bring his meal. She apologized, brought the meal, laid the bill down on the table and walked away.

Hill jokingly added that he counted the salt grains as he waited for his meal. When he got up to pay his bill, another man got up, walked over to his table, picked up Hill's bill and said he would pay for it.

The man proceeded to tell Hill that 30 years ago when he was 8 years old, Hill was preaching at a church and he got saved. The man watched Hill as he patiently waited on his meal. Hill jokingly told the man, "Thank God I didn't cuss." The point Hill was making, was that people are watching you. They see how you act in church, but they also see how you act in the world. If we act differently in the world than we do in church, it confuses others.

Hill also provided some words of encouragement to remember about how God is on our side and that He wants the best for us. Hill mentioned three things that God does for us in our needs. "God supplies what we don't have. God sustains what we do have. God satisfies us about what we can't have."



KATIE DANSBY/CULLMANSENSE

A Night of Encouragement at First Baptist Church was lead by Evangelist Junior Hill.

Hill finished with three points. 1. Refrain from fretting. 2. Rely on His faithfulness. 3. Rejoice in His fellowship. He made it clear that God is on our side and that He wants what is best for us.

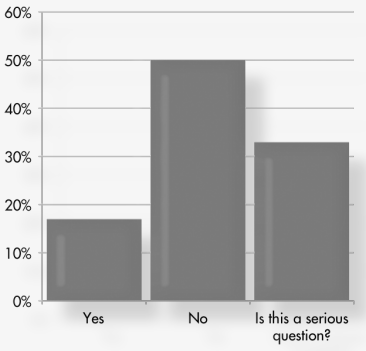
"If you ever get your desires before your delight, there will never be any delight when you get your desires." He stated that in Psalm 37:4 it says, "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart."

Hill explained that most of us mix this up. What most of us say is, "God if you will give me this, if you will give me the desire of my heart, I will love you more than I have ever loved you, I will read the Bible more, I'll go to church more, I'll pray more. God if you will give me this desire, I will love you better than I have ever loved you before." Based on Psalm 37:4, this way of thinking and talking to God is incorrect. Hill said that instead we should say, "God, I delight in you. You're the source of my contentment. You're all I need, and I rejoice in you. Would you give me whatever you think I need?" Hill said that God will give you your desires when you get your delight right.

Hill concluded, "If you have a sick body, a troubled child, an unhappy marriage, a financial diversity, a broken relationship with a friend, something that's causing you grief, heartache, or sorrow, I'll tell you tonight that Jesus loves you. Jesus knows where you are and He wants to bless you and help you. Just tell Him, 'I delight in You. With all my heart I delight in You. Give me the desires of my heart.' He'll help you. He'll sustain you, and He'll give you what you need."

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Wonderland (from Front)

dazzling with all sorts of Christmas scenes. All along Highway 31 and around town, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Big things are about to happen at Sportsman Lake Park in the coming weeks as well. Beginning this Monday, the park will close as they begin preparing for a complete overhaul.

The beautiful, wooded park will be transformed into a strategically lit Winter Wonderland. The park will reopen on December 5, 2014 for their animated Christmas Light Drive-Through.

For an admission fee of $5.00 per vehicle, folks can load up and drive through the whole park and admire the lighted display.

Nativity scenes, Santas. and Snowmen will be seen in all kinds of different poses for guests to enjoy. There will be a live Santa Claus each night serving hot cocoa and candy canes to his visitors.

There will also be Victorian horse and carriage rides available for $4.00 per person for those who are interested. The fun will last from December 5-23, 2014. "We are having a lot more involvement as far as our sponsorship goes this year," said Delitha Marchman, park manager.

"There are sponsors that pay for our light display which makes us able to buy more up to date things; things that are more animated instead of the same old stuff. We have some companies that will be coming in to decorate their own displays, so that's somewhat different than before. We're expecting a big turnout."

Last year, the park attracted over 5,000 cars and they hope to have even more this year.

For more information about the Christmas Light Drive-Through, stop by the office at 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman, AL 35055. You can also call 256-734-3052 or e-mail sportsman@co.cullman.al.us.

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- **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.
- **Phone Calls from Santa:** Sign up to have your child receive a FREE call from Santa. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis, and spaces are limited. Sign-ups will open Dec. 1 at the Civic Center. Call 256-734-9157 for more info.
- **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.
- **Latin, Swing, and Ballroom Dancing Classes** at the Cullman Civic Center, Thursdays at 6:30pm for beginners and 7:30pm for advanced classes. Register at the Civic Center or call 256-734-9157 for more information.
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What's Online

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Remembering Our Heroes

East Elementary School held their Veterans Day program recently for students, faculty, staff, parents and community members to attend with an especially moving presentation called the White Table Ceremony. Cullman County 4-H Agent Assistant, Mrs. Raydonna Sims, narrated the presentation while East Elementary 4th and 5th...

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Be Winter Aware: Keep Your Pets Safe This Winter

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...

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INDEPENDENT FILM TOUR BRINGS "GO WITH LE FLO" TO WSCC

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Filmmakers Robyn Rosenkrantz and Michael Glover perform songs from their band Bright Blue Gorilla before answering questions about their film.

HANCEVILLE - The Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers brought yet another engaging and entertaining film to Wallace State Community College called "Go With Le Flo". The film was shown last Thursday evening and was accompanied by its filmmakers, Robyn Rosenkrantz and Michael Glover. Together, the two performed songs from their band Bright Blue Gorilla and also answered questions following the film.

In 1990, Robyn and Michael quit their L.A. jobs, sold everything they had (except their guitars), and bought one-way tickets to Europe. After landing a deal with Virgin Records, they launched their own company, Bright Blue Gorilla, and began making CDs and touring the world. They have written, directed and produced five feature films, 11 CDs and have had over 3,000 live performances to date. They enjoy charming audiences around the world with their music and movies.

"Go With Le Flo" is a romantic comedy in German and French shot in Berlin. Robyn said that some Berlin designers gave their original clothing designs for the actors to wear, and Berlin businesses offered beautiful locations for filming. One clothing store in Berlin let them take 15,000 euro (over $18,000 in US dollars) worth of dresses to wear around the city for their film. "The businesses in Berlin just welcomed us with open arms," Robyn said.

"Go With Le Flo" features the main character, Florian, as a half-German, half-French owner of "Le Flo", which is a French delicatessen in Berlin that specializes in salami.

When Florian meets Camille, the daughter of a French director, it is love at first sight. Florian asks her to marry him, but does not know that she is already engaged to a movie star.

Florian's best friend, Jenny, is German and owns a bakery just down the street. She is in love with Florian, but does not know how to tell him. "Go With Le Flo" is a charming story about finding true love and taking chances.

The film includes a cast and crew of 200 people from 20 different countries. "All the actors would come on their day off. They just wanted to hang around and help out. That's the nice thing about independent filming. It really becomes like a big family. It's a real special atmosphere," Robyn said. Michael added, "We really try to bring everyone together and it creates such a nice atmosphere."

Robyn said that the film was about 45 days of shooting over a 3-month period, and included 2 to 3 months of preproduction where they would cast, rehearse and scout locations to film.

"We really enjoyed making the film, and we're about to go right back into another film in February," Robyn said.

She said that they really appreciate their audiences helping them spread the word. "That's really how independent cinema gets around," she said.

If you would like to check out some special features of "Go With Le Flo", you can check out the movie website to see interviews with the actors and behind the scenes videos at www.gowithleflo.com.

The movie also just had a worldwide release on iTunes. Michael said, "It's pretty easy to get music on iTunes, but getting a film on iTunes is difficult."

They are excited about the release and also added that it can be viewed on Amazon and Google Play.

Inspiration for stories comes from Michael making notes when he gets an idea or hears a little joke. He said that no matter what it is, he writes it down.

Over time, he has enough to make a script. "I write the scripts in about a week because I have all the notes, and all the scenes start to work out in my head," he said.

Robyn said, "With traveling so much, you meet so many interesting people and just hear so many people's different stories. We get so much input all the time so it's not hard to make up songs and stories I think. We're very blessed to live this life as artists."

Check out the film's website at www.GoWithLeFlo.com and also visit www.BrightBlueGorilla.com to see other work by Robyn and Michael.

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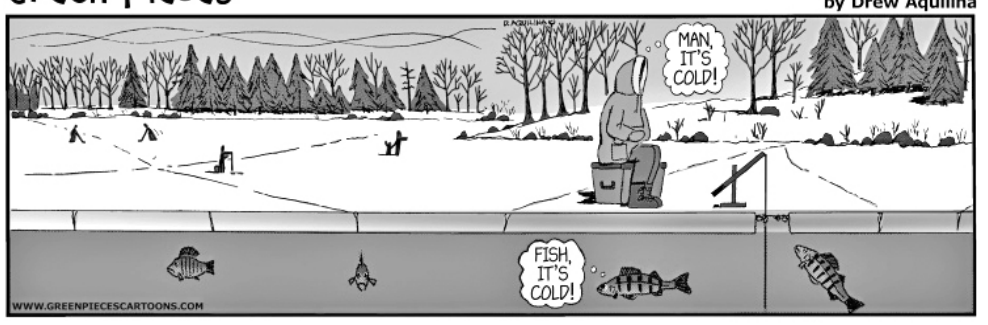
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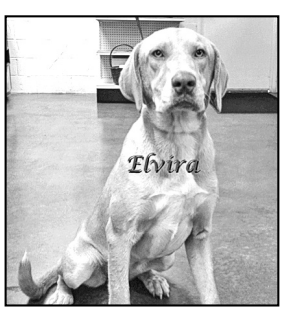


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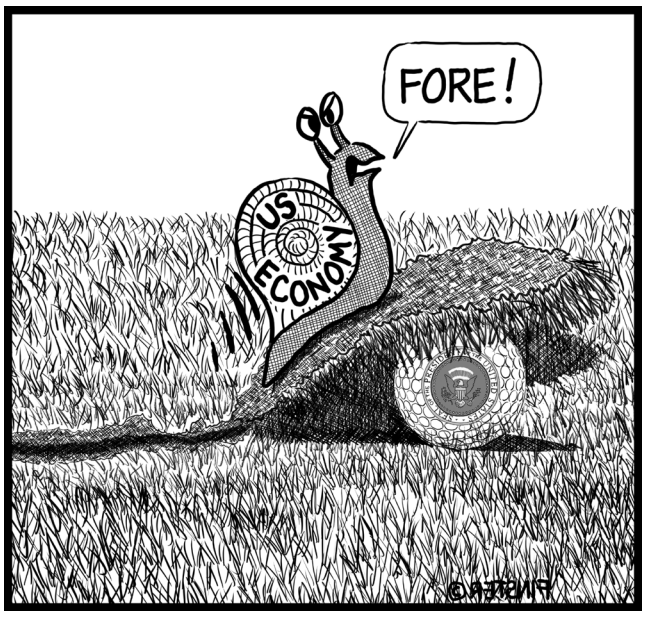
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This Thanksgiving Day, as we gather with family and friends to count our blessings, let's give thanks for the bounty we enjoy not just on this holiday, but every day. The safe, plentiful food that is available to us, and the products used to produce the clothing, housing, medicines, fuel, and other products we use on a daily basis, didn't just appear in a store. They got there thanks to a tremendous partnership of farmers and ranchers, processors, brokers, truckers, shippers, advertisers, wholesalers and retailers.

Rural and urban residents are "Partners in Progress" who produce the products, consume the products, and make them readily available through an efficient production and marketing chain. Farmers and ranchers are just the beginning of that chain. Farm workers, researchers, processors, shippers, truck drivers, inspectors, wholesalers, agribusinesses, marketers, advertisers, retailers, and consumers all play important roles in the incredible productivity that has made our nation's food and fiber system the envy of the world.

This week, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, let's remember the vital farm-city partnerships that have done so much to improve the quality of our lives. Rural and urban communities working together have made the most of our rich agricultural resources, and have made significant contributions to our health and well-being and to the strength of our nation's economy. For this, we can give thanks.

Lesia Van Gundy
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OPINION

IS 4CHAN TO BLAME FOR ITS RECENT CONTROVERSIES?

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4Chan has become an internet phenomenon over the past few months and has been the center of major controversy over the past several weeks. 4Chan's site is a simple enough concept, a massive online bulletin board where images can be shared and commented on anonymously. Forums and groupings of every kind can be found on the site, but what happens when things take a dark turn?

While some of the controversies concerning 4Chan have brought the site recent national attention, the site has actually been around for approximately a decade. Created by a 15-year-old kid in 2003, the site averages 20 million visitors and 540 million page views per month. The large and ominous hacktivist [hacker activist] group Anonymous got their start on the site, and have since hacked many different groups like Westboro Baptist Church in the name of the people.

More recent events have given the site a much darker appearance. For example, the gross invasion of privacy of many female celebrities, celebgate, rocked the web for weeks after. As a result, a slew of misogyny and sexism spewed forth from many corners of the world. While most were sympathetic, many responded with dark and even violent comments about those whose personal images were leaked.

Another, more recent tragedy on one of the countless threads were disturbing images of a woman's body naked and red strangulation marks were seen around her neck. The anonymous poster then posted the haunting comment with the photos, "Turns out, it is way harder to strangle someone in real life than it looks in the movies."

In the end, David Kalac, 33, turned himself into authorities in Wilsonville, outside of Portland. He is now being charged with second degree murder.

Stories like this and many others have sparked much outrage among several different communities, with many of them calling for 4Chan to be shutdown.

The question remains, however, if 4Chan itself is really to blame? We live in a country with the protection of free speech. It is for this reason that it is unreasonable to shutdown the site all together, for the simple fact, that the site is not responsible for an individual's actions.

The man who killed his girlfriend would have done so with or without 4Chan. While it did give him a place to post the horrific pictures, it was not the fault of 4Chan that they were uploaded.

We live in an age where technology and an information superhighway make anonymity possible for anyone.

While 4Chan can most certainly do a better job moderating their threads, shutting the site down all together will do nothing to stop those who seek to do physical or emotional harm to others.

Not only that, but a shutdown of the site could lead to a slippery slope of censorship on the web. It is a sad truth that while 4Chan has become a dark underbelly of the web, perhaps it is a necessary evil. After all, the enemy you know is always better than the one you don't.

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