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CULLMAN – On Friday at 10 a.m. in the County Commission Meeting Room at the Cullman County Courthouse, Chairman Kenneth Walker announced that the speaker for the upcoming Veterans Day Celebration will be NASA astronaut and retired U.S. Army Brigadier General Bob Stewart.

After the announcement, and a short video showing the first untethered spacewalk, Stewart took the microphone and answered questions. Stewart spoke about the difference in American perception of soldiers from the time he was returning home from Vietnam, to now when soldiers return from service in the Middle East. He spoke about how people are more proud of soldiers now than P12

AGRIPLEX HOSTS REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN SHOW


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Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge's Daphne Moland exhibits a snake to young attendees.

VICTORIAN MANOR CHANGES ITS NAME TO BROOKDALE HANCEVILLE

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HANCEVILLE – On Thursday, July 16th, Victorian Manor Assisted Living officially changed its name to Brookdale Hanceville. Lots of excited residents and happy employees celebrated the event by hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony. After the ribbon cutting, there was a lovely reception that followed. There were tables full of delicious food to enjoy and tours of the facility were given.

"I just wanted to thank everybody for P12



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMANSENSE

Victorian Manor, now Brookdale Hanceville had a ribbon cutting ceremony with lots of excited people on hand to celebrate.

GENTRY SHARES THOUGHTS ON OBAMA'S ACTIONS ON 'BOBBY' JOE YOUNG

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Robert "Bobby" Joe Young

CULLMAN – President Obama reduced the sentence of a man from Joppa, Ala. on Wednesday, July 13, 2015. Robert "Bobby" Joe Young, 52, was one of 46 prisoners that had their sentences commuted by the President.

According to Cullman County Sheriff, Matt Gentry "When you have someone who is a large scale drug trafficker and at that time, especially in early 2000, pounds and pounds is a lot of meth in our county. So we see that he is able to be prosecuted federally, which is a higher court that's not just your regular lower level drug distributor."

On October 12, 2000, a warrant was executed on Young's residence. Officials found 859 grams of Methamphetamine. Young was on probation from an earlier trafficking offense when he was caught selling meth.

The investigators also found 39 weapons and several loaded handguns in the house. "He had a lot of guns, I am a big proponent of the second amendment, but when you have drug dealers that have guns like that it's because they have stolen them or someone has stolen them; a drug addict out of a good person's house and traded it to the drug dealer for drugs," claimed Gentry.

At the time that was not a focus of the investigation. The Sheriff did not say whether any of Young's guns were stolen.

Gentry said, "What we see is there is a lot of violence associated with drug dealers. The President made the statement that 'he is not a hardened criminal and that this is not a violent crime.' I disagree with that, drugs are a violent crime in our community. They kill our community. They kill economics in our community. Look how much money we have to spend on the prison system because of drugs. Number one I am a firm believer in second chances, that's why a third of our inmates are in some kind of program to give them a second chance when they get out of this jail."

"It's not a fair statement P3

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INVESTIGATORS DISCOVER HUMAN REMAINS AT HANCEVILLE HOUSE FIRE SITE

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HANCEVILLE – On Wednesday July 15, a house on County Road 522 in Hanceville caught fire. Around 2:30 p.m. the Hanceville Fire Department responded to the incident.

"When we arrived on scene we found a single story structure house with a full basement fully in-volved with fire and flames coming out the roof and a caller stating that there could be a person in-side the residence," stated Hanceville Fire Chief Rodger Green.

The Johnson Crossing, Garden City, and Dodge City Fire Departments were also called out to assist.

The Fire Marshal received notification and, after the fire was extinguished, performed a search around the perimeter with the assistance of the Cullman County Rescue Squad and a Cullman Police Department helicopter.

No persons were found near or around the residence at that time.

After the fire had cooled down the following morning, the Hanceville Fire Department started searching through the charred debris.

Around 11:30 a.m. on Thursday investigators discovered human remains.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick collected the remains and sent them to a forensic lab in Huntsville.

The Alabama Fire Marshal's Office, Fire Marshals from Cullman Fire Department, the Hanceville Police Department, and a fire investigator from the Cullman Sheriff's Office are investigating the incident.

According to the State of Alabama Fire Marshal's website the name of the deceased is Deborah Betty McIntosh.

Hanceville Police Chief, Bob Long, stated, "We've called in the Fire Marshal and really turned the investigation over to him. You have to treat it as a crime scene until you rule that it was not."

Two Hanceville firefighters were treated for heat exhaustion.

"I would like to thank Cullman County Water Department, Cullman EMS, Cullman County EMA, Red Cross, Fire Marshals, and Cullman County Sheriff's Office, Dodge City, Garden City and Johnson Crossing Fire Departments, Cullman Police and Hanceville Police Department, and our department and volunteers for their long hours spent at the scene during this intense heat.

There was a team effort put into this situation with all agencies and community coming together to make it happen," said Green.



BOB LONG

No persons were found near or around the residence when the fire was initially extinguished.

DRUG STING LEADS TO ARREST OF THREE

Bradley Williams
CCSO

CULLMAN – Agents with the Cullman Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET) recently arrested three individuals: Donovan Casey Odom, 42 years old Cullman, Tammy Rena Moore, 28 years old of Cullman, and Xanadu Johnna Sanford, 32 years old of Huntsville for drug trafficking and drug possession.

The operation netted 40 grams of ICE, a purer and stronger form of meth, and 9 grams of Marijuana. Also recovered were several packages of illegal pills, drug paraphernalia and a shotgun.

On July 14, 2015 CNET agents executed a search warrant at a residence on county road 747 where all three individuals where located at the time. When agents were clearing the home they discovered ICE, Marijuana, pills, drug paraphernalia and a shotgun.



CCSO

The operation netted 40 grams of ICE, 9 grams of Marijuana, several packages of illegal pills, drug paraphernalia and a shotgun.

"This is a significant amount of meth that has been taken off the streets that could have ruined many lives here in Cullman County," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "I commend CNET for their hard work in this operation and tracking down those dealers and putting them behind bars," added Gentry.

Mr. Odom has been charged with Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Unlawful Pos-session of Control Substance, Unlawful Possession of Marijuana, and Unlawful Posses-sion of Drug Paraphernalia.

Ms. Moore has been charged with Unlawful Possession of Control Substance and Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Ms. Sanford has been charged with Unlawful Possession of Control Substance and Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Mr. Odom, Ms. Moore, and Ms. Sanford are currently being held in the Cullman County Detention Center. Mr. Odom has a $1,000,000 bond, Ms. Moore has no bond and Ms. Sanford is awaiting pick-up from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office on other charges.



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TRUCK DRIVERS AND REGISTERED NURSES CONTINUE TO BE THE MOST SOUGHT AFTER EMPLOYEES ACCORDING TO HWOL DATA

Ala. Department of Labor
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MONTGOMERY – Data collected and analyzed by the Alabama Department of Labor's Labor Market Information Division shows that the most online wanted ads were for truck drivers, registered nurses, and retail supervisors, with more than 10,000 ads placed for those occupations in June. Online ads were up 1.8% from June.

The Help Wanted Online (HWOL) data is compiled from all online job postings in the state, including those posted on the state's free online jobs database, joblink.alabama.gov, and other sources; such as traditional job boards, corporate boards, and social media sites.

There were 52,356 online ads this month, 27,566 of those were new ads.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers earn a mean wage of $19.91 per hour, registered nurses earn a mean wage of $27.53 per hour, and first-line supervisors of retail sales workers earn a mean wage of $20.29 per hour.

"Almost half of the top ten careers advertised this month have average hourly salaries of $20 or more," said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor.

"Several of them are well-paying jobs that don't require a traditional four year degree. I think this information shows that there are careers in Alabama for people from all walks of life, all educational backgrounds, and all skill levels. It's important to know what kinds of jobs are in demand so that agencies, including the Department of Labor, can work together to help provide qualified employees and put Alabamians back to work."

The top employers with the most online ads placed in Alabama are: Community Health Systems, Inc. (812), UAB Medicine (709), and St. Vincent's Health System (533).

The three industry groups posting the most online ads are:

- General Freight Trucking
- Employment Services (Placement Agencies or Temporary Help)
- Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools

Fifty-three percent of all online ads are less than 30 days old, and another 29% of all ads are less than 90 days old.

"We'd like to encourage anyone who needs a job, or wants a different job, to come into one of our Career Centers for assistance," continued Washington.

"Our trained staff can assist you in obtaining the career you want."

A listing of Career Centers can be found at joblink.alabama.gov. HWOL data for metropolitan areas and regions can be found at www2.labor.alabama.gov/workforcedev under the Reports and Surveys section.

ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION TO THEFT CASES

Bradley Williams
CCSO

CULLMAN – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) arrested Joshua Daniel Ray Roberts, 33 years old of Good Hope, Al in the early morning hours of July 11, 2015 in connection to several thefts that have occurred the past few weeks.

CCSO Investigators arrested Mr. Roberts in Hartselle, Ala. after tips from the community via social media and phone calls to investigators narrowed down his location. Investigators also recovered much of the stolen property and have returned it to the victims.

"We had over ninety-six thousand people see what Mr. Roberts looked like because citizens shared his photograph via our Facebook page. It's much harder for a thief to hide in the community today and I am glad he is behind bars," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "I would like to add how proud we are at the sheriff's office of the deputies and investigators who put in a lot of man hours to solve this case," said Gentry.

Mr. Roberts is being charged with three counts of Theft of Property 1st, four counts of Unlawful Breaking & Entering of a Motor Vehicle, Burglary 3rd, six counts of Fraudu-lent Use of a Credit or Debit Card, Attempted Theft of Property 1st. Mr. Roberts is currently being held in the Cullman County Detention Center on no bond.

BETTY LEETH HAYNES TO BE ROASTED AT VICTIM SERVICES FUNDRAISER

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CULLMAN – Victim Services of Cullman is hosting their 4th Annual Roast on Thursday, August 6th, at TP Country Club. The guest of honor this year is Betty Leeth Haynes. The reception will begin at 6:00 p.m., the dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. and the roast will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Victim Services of Cullman is a non-profit agency providing services to victims of domestic vio-lence and sexual assault in Cullman and Winston Counties.

"The roasts are our largest fundraiser of the year," said Leah Costello, Victim Services. "All pro-ceeds will go to benefit Victim Services of Cullman which gives shelter for abused women and children and sexual assault victims."

"Betty Leeth Haynes is our honoree this year," she chuckled. "I think she's pretty excited about it. We've done a lot of work together, so I'm sure she's looking forward to it. It should be a great event."

Victim Services of Cullman is seeking sponsorships for this event.

A $200 Sponsorship includes an ad on their program and two tickets to the Roast. The sponsorship deadline is July 24th, 2015 and programs go to print on July 27th. Additional tickets are available for a donation of $50 or more per ticket.

Victim Services of Cullman, Inc. currently operates a 24-hour, 365-day, hotline to provide immediate assistance to victims of family and domestic violence.

They strive to provide a community without domestic violence. Harbor Haus, a safe house run by Victim Services provides a safe haven to everyone that seeks help and shelter from domestic violence.

Their crisis calls include an assessment of critical needs, crisis intervention, education, information and referrals.

For more information about Victim Services of Cullman, Inc. visit vsoccullman.org or e-mail jacobsdonna@hotmail.com or sapcoordinator@vsoccullman.org.

Call 256-775-2600 for questions, to buy tickets, or to make a donation. The community is welcome to stop by their office at 310 3rd Ave NE Cullman.

Actions (from Front)

when the President says these guys are non-violent. He has never talked to a mother or father that is burying their child because of drugs. He's never talked to the victim that had their door kicked in and had everything they paid for and worked hard for stolen from them because of drugs. He has never talked to a person that molested a child because they were under the influence of drugs at that time when they molested the child. Drugs are a violent crime in our community. Most crimes that are associated with drugs are violent. Go to Birmingham and find out what most shootings are over: drugs." Young was one of the only Meth cases that was chosen out of the other 46 drug offenders whose prison sentences were commuted.

"He (Young) was a large scale dealer, he dealt in pounds, potentially hundreds of pounds. He was out on bond for trafficking already. Then his second charge, he gets caught with over two pounds. I mean, that's a lot of meth. I just think as leaders of our country we have to make good solid decisions and what does is set to the children of our community when the President says 'these are non-violent offenders, there's no violence associated with their crimes.'? So you're telling our children, they're growing up, that it's okay to be a drug dealer. It's okay to sell drugs to people. And if you get caught well then really you aren't going to get into any trouble. That's not a fair statement to society, that's not a true statement," stated Gentry.

Young pleaded guilty to 20 years in prison. He has currently served 13 years out of the intended 20. Most of the prisoners that had their sentences shortened will be released sometime in November.

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RELIGIOUS SPOTLIGHT: CHURCH212'S PASTOR CHRIS HARRISON

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CULLMAN – Church212 is a new-generation church that connects its congregation to God's dream of restoring people, igniting their passion and revealing His purpose for them. The young church is growing by leaps and bounds thanks to its growing congregation and guidance of Chris Harrison, the church's lead pastor.

Harrison and his wife Heather married 19 years ago and parents to three girls: Anna Marie, 17; Natalie, 15; and Melody, 11.

Harrison graduated from Vinemont High School and later went to Synergy Bible College where he earned his degree in ministry.

"I grew up in Cullman where my father, Dr. Mike Harrison, was the pastor of Agape Church for 19 years," he explained. "My grandfather, Pastor Holbrooks, was the second pastor of the First Baptist Church in Cullman back in the late 1800s. So my spiritual heritage in this town is rich and long-standing," he smiled warmly.

"I have always known that I would be a preacher," he continued.

"I had a dream at the age of five that set me on a path to ministry. In the dream, Jesus was swinging me in a swing and telling me Bible stories. It was a reoccurring dream, but the last time I had the dream, He told me that I would teach others the gospel," he chuckled.

Just like his father and grandfather, Harrison was born to preach and has been doing it most of his life.

"As a young man I told my parents to buy me a suit because I was going to be a preacher," he chuckled.

"I would preach to my sisters, to the neighbors, to the cows in the pasture beside my house and to anything that moved or breathed - all of this before the age of seven! At age 15, I officially answered the call to preach and delivered my first sermon at my dad's church on a Sunday night. I have never stopped since and that was almost 23 years ago. I went full time in ministry in 1996 at age 18."

After helping establish Church212 of California six years ago, Harrison moved back to his hometown and soon found himself developing Church212 of Cullman.

"When I would visit Cullman I was alarmed at how many people my age and younger that were not attending church anywhere," he said in astonishment.

"I had been all over the world, preaching in Nepal, India, Bhutan, Philippines, Korea and other places, but my heart just couldn't get away from this wonderful town. I pastored a church in Guntersville and another one in Sylacauga, but it just never felt like home. The seed for Church212 of Cullman was planted in September of 2014 and is quickly growing by leaps and bounds, especially with the younger generation."

When Harrison speaks, the Lord's words flow through him. With his infectious disposition, it is no wonder why his small church continues to grow.

"Church212 has a mission of restoring people that many would not even want in their church," he explained.

"We are a place that believes grace changes everything. If you show unconditional love to people rather than bash them for their sin, they will want to change on their own," he smiled.

"We don't spend any time making people feel bad about what they do; they feel bad enough on their own. We focus on telling people how God sees them. His thoughts about them are always good. He's not angry. He's not out to get people. He's trying to help them, and this is our primary message. You could call us a grace church."

Harrison has been preaching his whole life and a tremendous blessing to his congregation at Church212.

His love for God and his neighbor is second to none and radiates from within his soul.

Church212 meets at The Loft 212, located at 212 4th Street SW, Cullman, Ala. Service is Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

For more information call 256-739-7091, visit 212Cullman.com, and follow 212Cullman on Facebook.



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Chris Harrison, Pastor of Church212

Show (from Front)

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CULLMAN – The North Alabama Agriplex held their Living Landscapes monthly program last Tuesday night. They invited Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge to put on a reptile and amphibian show. Park Ranger, Daphne Moland, taught kids and adults of all ages the ways of rep-tiles and amphibians inhabiting Alabama.

Moland explained that currently the state of Alabama is being recognized for its wealth of bio-diversity. It is fifth in the United States for variety of plants and animals and number three in the country for the amount of reptiles and amphibians.

According to Moland this is largely due to Alabama's vast amount water resources and humidity. Reptiles like it hot and they like it wet.

Another contributing factor is the varying climates. Alabama's rolling hills, mountains, and the gulf are all quite different type of environments which contain a wide variety of animals.

Moland's presentation included information about snakes, frogs, lizards, alligators, and tur-tles.

She said the difference between amphibians and reptiles is amphibians' skin is soft and po-rous, whereas reptiles have thick, scaly skin.

Park Ranger, Moland, also explained how frogs are very good indicators of our environment.

When they are babies they live in water and if there is high pollution in the area the toads will either disappear or show mutations.

Because of the contamination of the water the frogs will have mutations like six toes. Alabama has over 30 species of Salamander and frogs currently living in its state.

A great tip Moland gave about snakes is if you find snake sheds in your house, garage, or nearby you can find out if they are dangerous by looking at the scales on his stomach towards the tail; the scutes will be solid.

If the scutes are divided it will be just a harmless chicken snake. If they are solid then you need to call a pest control specialist.

Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1938. Although it was meant to be mainly a waterfowl refuge. Today it is home to thousands of different wildlife.

"Visit anytime. It's a national wildlife refuge, 35,000 acres, tons of things for you to do," explained Moland. "Thanks-giving to Valentine's Day are really good times to visit. On good cold days you can see 20,000 birds. It's incredible."

"One thing, kids are always so interested in reptiles and aren't afraid of snakes like some of the adults are. So we wanted to have an educational program about reptiles and amphibians so people could learn more about them and not be afraid of them in their backyards and not kill every rat snake that they see. So reptiles and amphibians are both friends of farmers and gardeners and so we wanted to let people know more about them," stated Rachel Dawsey, director of the North Alabama Agriplex.

"I love nature and I hope to spread the love of nature to people," stated Daphne Moland, a park ranger at Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge."

"It is amazing what Alabama has as far as biology," Moland said.

Christopher Burks, a young man who attended the event with his mother, brother and two friends stated, "I learned it (Alabama) has one species of alligator and it has over 40 species of snakes. I saw the king snake and it felt kinda like silk."

Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge is located at 3121 Visitor Center Road, Decatur, Ala 35603. Contact them by phone at 256-350-6639 or email them at wheeler@fws.gov Visit their website atfws.gov/refuge/Wheeler.

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CONFEDERATE FLAG AND AN OLD GRAVE: WILLIAM MOTE'S LAST REQUEST

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CULLMAN – With all the Confederate Flag controversy these days, I just can't help but to think of a small flag that I hope will never be taken down. The flag is located in a cow pasture next to the grave of an old confederate soldier named William Mote. William is buried all by himself, but the one thing that keeps him company is the flag he fought so long and hard for back in his day.

William Mote was born on August 15, 1823 in South Carolina and died August 22, 1921 in Car-rollton, Georgia. Even though Mr. Mote spent most of his days in Georgia, he is a grandfather to many Cullman County residents, including myself.

William's love for the Confederate Flag grew as he fought alongside his friends and neighbors during the Civil War. He enlisted in Company B, Georgia 18th Infantry Regiment on Dec 1, 1862 and mustered out on May 3, 1863 in Chancellorsville, Virginia. War leaves horrible memories for everyone involved and William had his share of bitterness, the result of his experience. But that didn't change his sweet, caring demeanor. He was generous to a fault and because of this, he found himself at odds with his church.

The story of William's "falling out" with the members of Smyrna Methodist Church, a church he founded in 1888, has been passed down through the family for many years. According to his de-scendants, William sold a mule to the preacher's son, yet as a favor to the young man, he agreed to wait for his payment until after the crops came in.

The man used the mule to plow the fields and all the other things that mules were used for during that time. Unfortunately, after his crops began to ripen, the mule fell over dead. When William in-quired about his payment, the young man refused to pay accusing William of selling him a defective mule. Defective mule!

When William confronted the preacher about his son's refusal to pay for the mule, he was dumb-founded the preacher had agreed with his son.

He was accused of trying to sell a defective mule and would not be paid. This didn't sit well with William and he vowed to get his money, one way or the other. Well, he never got paid and was eventually kicked out of the church.... His church!

Because of his continued feud with the members of that church, on his death bed he insisted that his grandson, Thomas Irvine Mote, bury him next to his home on his property – all by himself in-stead of in the church cemetery alongside his wife and the rest of his family.



William Mote's grave with Confederate Flag nearby.

To make sure the fam-ily understood, he scrawled out instructions on a piece of paper with a pencil.

Thomas loved his grandfather dearly and carried out his final wishes to the letter. Today his lonely grave remains in the pasture of the old Mote home place. Next to the headstone flies the small Con-federate Flag which has become part of the grave itself. To William Mote and in his loving memory I pray the flag remains there.

Below are the instructions William Mote wrote about his final resting place:

Will of William Mote

This is the way I desire to have things arranged after I die. .... Will please put my grave in the north east corner of this patch out here between the road to the pasture and the big road. You will please put me in a cheap coffin. Please don't put my fine things about me, don't forget to put my apron on me, there is some oak planks in the south end of the wood house to carve the ... later.

I desire a cheap slab put to my head with my name and age and a square ... on it.

I have promised my bank stock to Mr. Manderwill he will guide you in that he will also advise you in regard to having my will recorded. Let the bank be the last thing you look after. Now when you get the stuff all sold and in money pay all expenses and then divide the sum total in to eight parts, then give Alice's part to Queen Nixon and she will distribute between the brother and sister. Give C. R.'s part to Eva and she will divide it between herself and the children.

It is my desire that each one in the distribution may share and share alike.



IMAGES BY SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMANSENSE

A picture of William Mote taken by a travelling photographer.

MIRRORING HISTORY: GARDEN CITY SCHOOL STUDENTS

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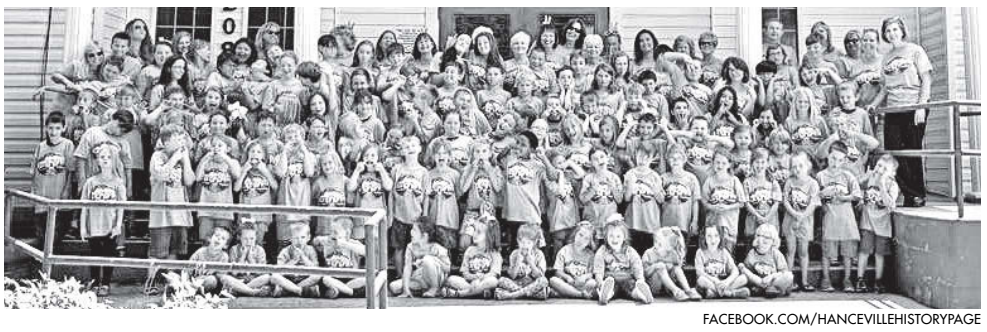
GARDEN CITY – On April 23, 2015, members of the Cullman County Commission on Education voted to close Garden City School's doors forever at the end of the 2014-2-15 school year. The decision was met with utter sadness and dismay from citizens throughout the entire county, especially in the Hanceville and Garden City communities.

Compare the two Garden City School pictures. One is a picture of the graduating class of 1940 and the other is a picture of the last group of children to ever walk the school's halls again. It was taken at the end of the school year in 2015. Although the times have changed and the students are very different, the one thing that they all have in common is their love for this wonderful Garden City School.



FACEBOOK.COM/HANCEVILLEHISTORYPAGE

The Garden City graduating class of 1940.



FACEBOOK.COM/HANCEVILLEHISTORYPAGE

A group of the last students to attend Garden City School.

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WHAT'S ON DECK AT PARKS AND REC....

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- **EvaBank Midnight Run:** Come join us for the 23rd Annual Midnight Run on Friday, August 14, 2015 at 11:59pm at the Cullman Civic Center! This year's race will feature black lights, neon color powder, and a glow party before and after the race. More serious runners will also have the opportunity to by-pass the color stations on the course, and the race will be timed with overall winners receiving $250 as well as medals to the top 3 in every age division. Registration is open now at the Cullman Civic Center, Active.com, and any EvaBank location. Cost is $25.
- **Youth Flag Football :** Youth Flag Football Registration is open through Wednesday, July 22 for ages 5-12. Registration is $90 and includes a jersey and the season of play. Signups are open at the Civic Center through this Wednesday!
- **Dive-in Movie:** The Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center will be playing a movie by the pool on Thursday, August 6 at 8:30pm The Pirates! Band of Misfits will play with gates opening at 6pm for $5 day passes (members will get in for free).
- **Basket Making Class:** CP&R's new art program will hold a basket making class on August 1 at the Cullman Civic Center at 12pm. Cost is $35 which includes the materials and instruction. Pre-registration is open through July 31 at the Civic Center. Must register before the class.
- **Just Play:** CP&R's FREE Just Play Program will continue this Friday, July 17 from 1-3pm at City Park on Main Ave. The program features free fun, games, and activities for children ages 5-12. Check out our website for more details.
- **Fall Youth Baseball Registration:** August 1—20 at the Cullman Civic Center; age groups will be 7-8 and 9-12. Cost is $400 per team or $90 for individual people to register.
- **Fall Men's League Softball Registration** is open now at the Heritage Park. Cost is $400 per team. Call 256-739-9931 for more information.
- **Fall Coed League Softball Registration** is now open at Heritage Park. Cost is $400 per team. Call 256-739-9931 for more information.
- **Mayberry Days Sr. Spirit Trip** will take place Sept. 24-29 to Pigeon Forge, TN . Payment must be received by August 1. so call 256-734-4803 for more information.

WSCC ANGLERS FINISH IN MIDDLE OF PACK AT CARHARTT BASSMASTER COLLEGE SERIES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Russell Moore
WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State anglers Josh Butts and Justin Rivers finished 38th among 81 teams at the Carhartt Bassmaster College Series National Championship in Stevens Point, Wis., over the weekend.

Butts and Rivers made the second national championship appearance for Wallace State's BASS fishing club in three years. They qualified for nationals after becoming the first Wallace State duo to claim a Bassmasters College World Series Wild Card championship for the college. They won the title in early June on Lake Dover in Tennessee.

Rivers and Butts finished 38th among a talented field on Lake DuBay in Wisconsin despite experiencing boat problems on the opening day of the national tournament.

A lower unit on the boat motor malfunctioned halfway through the morning and hindered them from catching any fish.

They regrouped and collected two bass weighing 3 pounds, 10 ounces on the second day, placing them 38th overall. Teams were restricted daily to a three-bass limit.

"It was good experience for both of us. We had some mechanical problems and that hurt, but it seemed like eve-ry team struggled in the tournament," said Butts, a freshman welding student who will return to the team next season.

"Overall, just making it to the national championship was the best part. It was more than Justin and I could have asked for when we first met each other and began to fish together. I feel we went out with a bang. We finished 38th in the nation and that's good considering there were hundreds of teams that didn't even qualify."

Rivers is an Industrial Electronics student.

Wallace State placed better than the University of Central Florida, UNA, Valdosta State, Oregon, Auburn, Tennessee and Mississippi State, among others.

Texas A&M finished first and the University of Minnesota was runner-up.

Wallace State's BASS club is sponsored by Joe Hendrix, the college's Industrial Electronics Department Head and co-sponsored by Jeremy Smith, the Diesel Technology Department Head.



CONNIE BRIEHN, WALLACE STATE BIOLOGY INSTRUCTOR

Wallace State anglers Josh Butts and Justin Rivers competed at the Carhartt Bassmaster College Series Nation-al Championship on Lake DuBay in Stevens Point, Wis., recently. The Wallace duo finished 38th overall.

Wallace State's BASS club began during the spring 2013 semester.

Any current or incoming Wallace State student who is interested in joining the club, can contact Hendrix at 256-352-8154 or at joe.hendrix@wallacestate.edu. Club membership is open to all Wallace State students, but tournament participants must be full-time Wallace State students in order to compete.

The club will conduct an organizational meeting early in the fall semester.

For more information about Wallace State, visit wallacestate.edu.

ST. BERNARD TO OFFER COMPETITIVE BOWLING

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard Contributor

CULLMAN – Coach Regina Willoughby is looking forward to coaching the first bowling teams at St. Bernard since the Prep School opened in 1983. St. Bernard Prep will be among the three schools in Cullman County to compete in the 2015-16 Class 1A Division Bowling sanctioned by the Alabama High School Athletic Association this winter.

Bowling teams have been granted access to Cullman Bowling Center as the home venue for both St. Bernard Girls and Boys team.

Anthony Cockrell, who serves as manager at Cullman Bowling Center, said they are offering this service to local teams free of charge for the first season, and will be providing balls and shoes as needed.

"Of course, if students wish to purchase their own balls and shoes, it's like with any other sport- there will be a minimum and a maximum charge," Cockrell said. "Prices can range anywhere from $80-$300."

Under the AHSAA rules, Varsity teams are allowed 18 dates and five regular season tournaments. St. Bernard plans to host a varsity level team of girls and boys consisting of 8 players on each team.

Five members will be bowling in the pit and three will remain alternates.

Bowling Coach, Regina Willoughby, said this is another excellent move for St. Bernard.

"The bowling facility will furnish all space and supplies. As part of their bowling uniform, students will be required to wear a collared St. Bernard Shirt."

"I am ready to get the season underway in October. Once school starts back we will get a schedule together, and have fun," Willoughby said.

Anyone wishing to assist the students with a donation to purchase shirts, bags, wrist guards, shoes, and travel may make a donation to St. Bernard Prep School and designate it for Bowling.

"In the name of St. Bernard, I wish to thank Cullman Bowling Center for the use of their facilities, Willoughby said.

"We encourage our family and friends to make good use of the bowling lanes to thank them as well for supporting our schools."

AHSAA discontinued girls bowling in 1977, but last year offered it again as a sanctioned sport for boys and girls.



CULLMAN QUICK COPY: 'SERVING ALL YOUR COPY NEEDS' SINCE 1988

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Cullman Quick Copy was the first copy shop in Cullman to print documents such as posters and banners.

CULLMAN – Cullman Quick Copy is exactly what their name and rabbit logo suggests: fast. Not only that, but as most of their loyal customers know they are one of the friendliest businesses in downtown Cullman.

Pete and Nancy Fountain opened Cullman Quick Copy 27 years ago. When they passed away in 2013 their son Cliff and his wife, Kristy, took over the business.

Cliff Fountain stated, "The community wanted us to stay open. So I retired from my job, brought my wife in to take care of the books, which is what my mother did. Now, we're a second generation shop and we're very proud of that. In October we'll be open 27 years."

Cliff was not always interested in the family business. He previously worked at the Von Braun Center, but when his parents became ill in 2009 he started helping out with the business. Since then people have come to know and trust him as well as they did his dad.

Jon Betts, a long-time customer of the shop, stated, "I been here ever since his dad's been open. He (Cliff Fountain) came to run the business and he really added to what his dad had. His dad was very good, with his machines and everything. He's (Cliff) Johnny on the spot whenever I need anything done, like right now he just runs back and gets it done so I don't have to wait weeks like a lot of places you go to get stuff done. He gets it done with 15 or 20 minutes. This is a wonderful business and I hope it keeps on going because I rely on them for my business."

Fountain stated, "We've talked to the chamber and we're talking to people about new software, but one of the things I didn't change is the way it looks."

Cliff Fountain may have kept the traditional look of the company his father began with, but he has modernized the technology used by the business. Recently, they leased a new Toshiba studio 5520c color machine.

They focus on filling the needs of local, small businesses. Some of which are Berkeley Bob's and the Red Door café.

The business took a hit when internet became an easier way to transmit information.

Architects do not require the use of paper as much as they once did. Yet Cullman Quick Copy successfully withstood the technology revolution. Today they still do work for architects and builders.

According to Fountain, "That was back before the PC, back before the internet. That was back in the old days. He retired in 1985 and he didn't have anything to do so he was drawing buildings for a local company here and he was having to drive to Decatur to get his drawings, and he just called me one day and said 'you know what I'm gonna do? I'm gonna open a copy shop, we don't have a commercial wide format printer in this town.' And that's what made him start it. We were the first wide format machine in Cullman."

They were the first copy shop in Cullman to offer printing services such as posters and banners.

Today they also offer services such as engineering drawings, house plans, comb binding, and laminating.

In his late 50s Pete Fountain saw an opportunity and chased after it. When most people would have been thinking about retiring, Fountain was just at the beginning of creating something Cullman had needed for a long time.

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

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

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. Nonperishable 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.

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 at 256-595-0515 or Rita at 256-507-0358.

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

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

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

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.

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.

Next Monday

Bosom Buddies Support Group
The Bosom Buddies Support Group offers support to individuals affected by breast cancer. The group will hold its next meeting on Monday, March 16th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Cullman Regional Medical Center's Ave Maria Room in the Community Education Center located in Professional Office Building 2 (1890 AL Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058).

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- 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
- Open Mic Night at Brothers from 8 p.m. to close
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- Karaoke Night at Cadillac Ron's at 7 p.m.

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- Live Music at Brothers
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- Happy Hour at Moe's from 3-6 p.m.
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CULLMAN EXTENSION OFFICE TO OFFER HOME FOOD PRESERVATION BASICS WORKSHOP

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Extension Office is offering a home food preservation workshop from July 21, 2015 through July 23, 2015. The workshop will meet from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. each day and will provide a hands-on learning experience in the basics of pressure and water bath canning.

"Our Food Preservation workshop is being held at Springhill Baptist Church because of their awe-some family life center and kitchen," said Raydonna Sims, Class Coordinator. "The first day we hope to make and preserve vegetable soup and meats. The second day will be devoted to peach pie filling, peach preserves, and pickles. The third day will be spent recapping what we have learned and preparing a meal from some of the foods we have preserved. The meal will be enjoyed by all attendees," she smiled.

The fee for this event is $15 a day or $40 for all 3 days. Space is limited to 25 people a day. Pre-register at the Cullman Extension Office, 402 Arnold St. NE, Suite G-1, Cullman, or call the office at 256-737-9386. For more information, contact Angela Treadway at 205-410-3696 or e-mail her at atreadway@aces.edu. Spring Hill Baptist Church is located at 5400 Highway 278 West, Cullman, AL 35057.

CAR SHOW TO BENEFIT FAIRVIEW MARCHING BAND

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FAIRVIEW – The Fairview Aggie Marching Band will hold its first annual car show on August 1 at Fairview Park. The show will begin at 10 a.m. and last until 2 p.m. But this event is much more than a car show, it will have music and food vendors, and looks to be very successful community gathering, just socially speaking.

The car show is being held in order to raise money for the Fairview Aggie Marching Band so that they can purchase new uniforms.

According to Michelle Watwood, an organizer of the car show and the parent of one of the band members, "mothers are having to use safety pins and tape to fix [the uniforms] before the kids march into the football stadiums before games."

This major cost comes a year after Fairview's football team's stadium was deemed unsuita-ble for use and condemned. Last year, every game for the Aggies was an away game.

While Cullman High School allowed Fairview to use its world-class facilities last year, it was still "financially challenging" for the school to have to transport all the equipment each and every week.

So, to raise funds to cover the cost of the uniforms, the Aggies are holding this car show event.

To register or RSVP to the car show, contact Brian Lodge, Booster President, at BrianLodge67@gmail.com.

While attending the event will be free, parking will cost $5. Also, there will be fireworks after 3 p.m. provided by the local churches in Fairview.

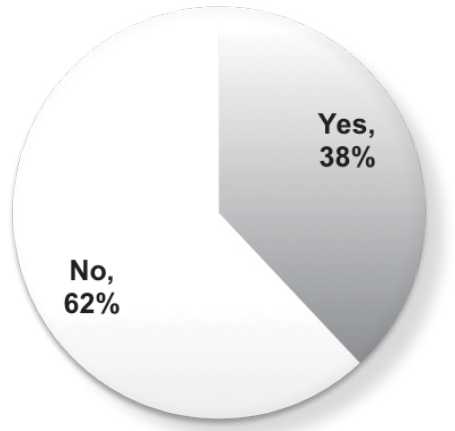
For the kids in the Fairview Aggie Marching Band, the uniforms are more than just uniforms.

"These kids have endured so much between losing a band member in a tragic car accident in 2014 and loss of their stadium, uniforms will restore their sense of hope," said Watwood.



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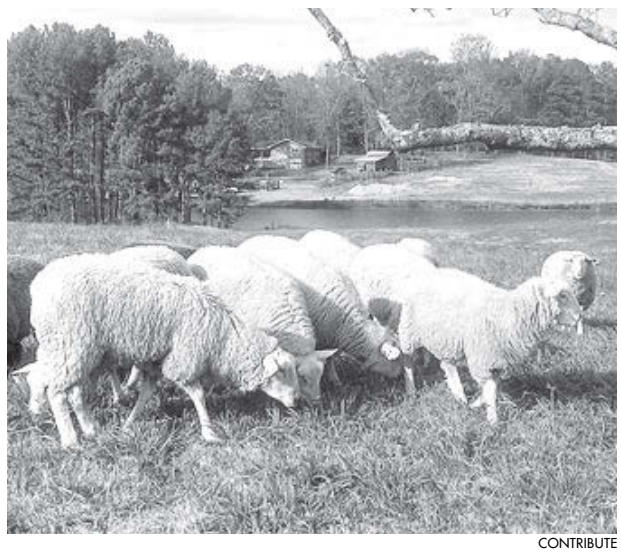


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JASON WILKINS RELEASES MUSIC VIDEO FOR 'I AM'

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Filming "I Am" took four to five hours.

CULLMAN – Former Gethsemane front man, Jason Wilkins, released the music video for the song, "I Am", from his ep entitled In Human Language July 11.

"The message of the song [is] one of the most important truths I believe the church is missing today. I believe it is the core of the true Gospel of Jesus," explained Wilkins, "It is the truth that we are already holy and perfect, that we are already seated with Christ in heavenly places, that we have become one with the father, not because of anything we did or could do, but because of what Jesus did at the cross." Wilkins made it clear that this message has changed his life for the better

"Sometime last year I told God that I was done with Him and I was done with everything! It was a few weeks later that I heard Him speak to me, but He was speaking from within me where it felt like something inside was moving. He awakened me to what the real Gospel is, and when I heard it, it was as if it was within me this whole time but I just didn't know it," said Wilkins.

Hope Shelby Rangel shot and edited the video. The video was shot in downtown Decatur on May 3rd. Wilkins said about the filming process, "I believe it took four to five hours. It seemed to flow smoothly; we had a lot of fun doing it. Hope was great to work with."

Wilkins's sister, Kenna Mathews, participated in the music video. "I have always wanted to do something music wise with my sister and after weeks of convincing, she finally said yes to be-ing a guest singer on the ep," said Wilkins. Mathews can be seen singing along side Wilkins in multiple scenes of the video.

Since the video features both musicians performing the song, lip syncing was necessary. "We had the song playing through car speakers...I was trying to listen to the song and could barely hear it at times; it was challenging," explained Wilkins, "Lip syncing was awkward at first, but Hope was professional, and so my acting skills kicked in and we were in business."

To find out more about Jason Wilkins's music, visit facebook.com/JasonWilkinsMusic. To purchase In Human Language, visit gumroad.com/l/ihlep. Watch the video at youtube.com/watch?v=VXKEBdhdaQ0.

DARK BEFORE DAWN PERFORMS AT 11TH FRAME LIVE

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Dark Before Dawn gives a high energy performance with a strong sense of stage presence.

MADISON – Hanceville based band, Dark Before Dawn was the opening act for Shaman Harvest at 11th Frame Live, July 15.

Dark Before Dawn's sound was very professionally balanced; every piece of instrumentation heard on their ep could be heard just as clearly at the venue.

In a previous interview with CullmanSense, the band made it clear that their shows were high energy. Dark Before Dawn certainly did not disappoint.

Lead singer, Janessa Bryan, used every bit of the stage and even walked out into the audience area whilst performing.

Drummer, Jake Gable, performed many complicated stick tricks without ever missing a beat.

The band even gave the audience many opportunities to participate in the show, including allowing a few women on stage to dance during a song. "We want them to shine. We want to bring girls on stage and let them feel like I do, like we do, during these songs," said Bryan.

Although Dark Before Dawn has played the venue many times, this particular performance marked a night of firsts.

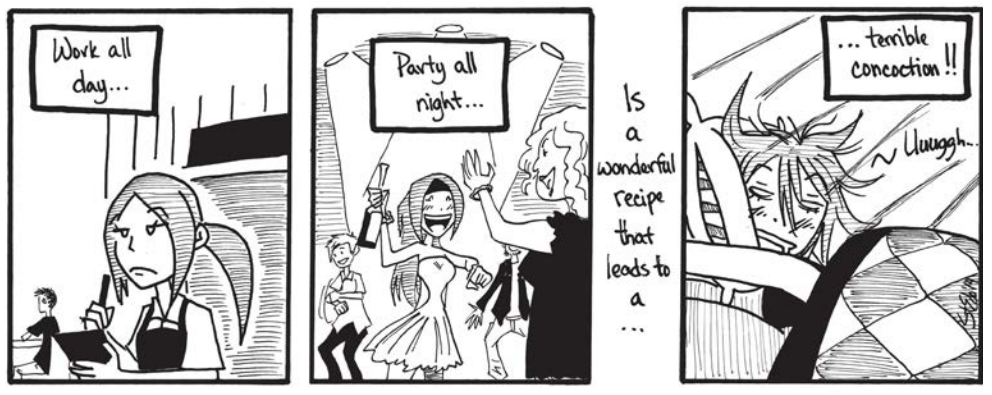
One of the band's guitarists, Scott Aldridge, left the band with no ill will earlier in the week. This was the first show the band has played without two guitarists.

The band also debuted for the first time their newest song, Walk of Shame. The song is ex-pected to be their next single.

With a strong stage presence, a great band dynamic and a perfectly balanced sound, Dark Before Dawn puts on a quality show one won't soon forget. The band frequents the 11th Frame Live venue, making it the most convenient place for local fans to catch a show. Fans can check for updates about upcoming shows by visiting 11th Frame Live's website at www.11thframelive.com. To find out more about Dark Before Dawn, like their Facebook page at facebook.com/darkbeforedawnband.

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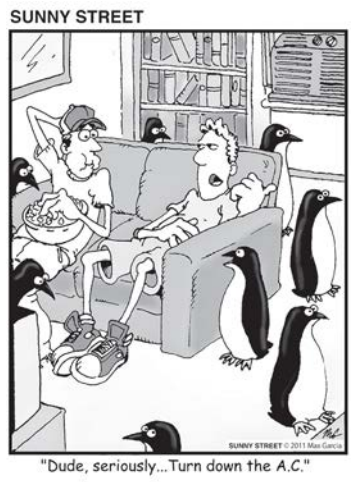








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SOULLESS ECONOMICS

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Austerity, the brutal tool of neoliberal capitalism, stands up to Greek democracy and stares it down. Oh well.

We're remarkably comfortable with soulless economics.

Pope Francis, speaking this week in Paraguay, cried to the nations of Planet Earth: "I ask them not to yield to an economic model ... which needs to sacrifice human lives on the altar of money and profit."

But we have yielded to this economic model, in thought, word and deed:

"At issue," USA Today informs us, "is whether Greece has taken adequate steps to cut spending and raise taxes to deserve the new three-year, $59 billion infusion of funds it has requested, and whether it can be trusted to follow through on the austerity program it has proposed as the price for new loans."

The pope's words haven't penetrated the pseudo-objective certainties of financial reporting, much less the dark sanctuaries of money and power. But they must. And eventually they will, or human evolution is dead. An allegedly impersonal economic structure, which quietly benefits the infinitesimally few who have far more than they need, is no foundation for our future.

This economic system is a relic of the Industrial Age, or perhaps it's a relic of the Agricultural Revolution. It's imbued with deep prejudices — human beings can be bought and sold, the nurturing of human life (women's work) has no monetary value whatsoever — and reinforces our place outside the circle of life, separated from one another and from our deepest values.

Climate change and poverty are intertwined, the pope cries out in his stunning encyclical, "Laudato Si" — "Praised Be" — which reaches well beyond traditional Catholicism in its scope and message . . . and well beyond the parsimonious morality of global capitalism. We must, he declares, "look for solutions not only in technology but in a change of humanity" and "replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing."

And we cannot bring about a change in humanity without a change in our economic system, which asks for sacrifice only from those who already have next to nothing and has no language that values generosity, except the sort that flows from the poor to the rich (but then it's called "interest").

In his book Sacred Economics, Charles Eisenstein writes: "It is hugely ironic and hugely significant that the one thing on the planet most closely resembling the forgoing conception of the divine is money. It is an invisible, immortal force that surrounds and steers all things, omnipotent and limitless, an 'invisible hand' that, it is said, makes the world go 'round."

And thus Greek ATMs have no euros to dispense. "Without more help from the European Central Bank," the USA Today article continued, "the Greek banking system may soon run out of cash" — implying that cash has the same sort of objective existence as oil or wheat or diamonds. That's absurd, of course. Its existence is purely symbolic: an exchange medium with a commonly agreed-upon value backed by a government or central bank.

Krugman, describing the mysterious persistence of this medium, wrote that "if the money doesn't start flowing from Frankfurt (the headquarters of the central bank), Greece will have no choice but to start paying wages and pensions with IOUs, which will de facto be a parallel currency — and which might soon turn into the new drachma."

Money, in other words, is a function of social need. It is not an independent entity controlled solely by a financial priesthood, whose terms for its use — high interest rates, austerity, endless debt and poverty for some, endless freedom to exploit the human and environmental commons for others — are absolute.

Imagine a currency that serves a humane, intelligently conceived economic system, one that has at its core an awareness that all life is sacred. Imagine this reality reflected, rather than spurned, in every financial transaction that takes place, no matter how small, no matter how large.

OPINION

A REPLY TO 'A COLLEGE EDUCATION OR MINDLESS MILITARIZATION'

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In his editorial posted in the CullmanSense on July 13, 2015 titled, "A College Education or Mindless Militarization," Adam Vogal notes that more money should be spent on providing a free college education for underprivileged and underserved children and less on the Military Industrial Complex.

According to Mr. Vogal, these children -although I do not believe that college aged people are actually classified as children, have limited options. If they want an education, they must join the military.

There they face the potential for PTSD, mental illness, suicide, disfigurement, sexual harassment, rape and death. I believe that Mr. Vogal has accurately described a typical weekend in Detroit or Chicago.

Mr. Vogal notes that The United States charges "exorbitant fees for education" thereby prohibiting many potential students from being able to reach for a higher education.

I do not know where Mr. Vogal received his education but the United States of America did not charge me a single penny for my education. Bowling Green State University sure did.

Many of the other colleges that I considered spending my money at wanted significantly more than BGSU. I never received an invoice from the United States.

Mr. Vogal goes on to point out that, many democratic European governments do not charge their students for a college education. College is free.

These generous countries include Finland, Norway, Germany and he also threw in the South American country of Brazil.

Unfortunately, Mr. Vogal failed to state, did not research or chose not to mention that each of these countries has a mandatory military service policy for its male citizens.

This free education no longer sounds so free as these citizens must by law become part of the Military industrial Complex of their respective countries.

Of course, if Mr. Vogal is inferring that the United States should re-institute the draft...

I found it interesting that the article includes the statement that "..in the richest country in the world, for the poorest people in the poor districts in America, the only possibility for a free education..." comes with the cost of the aforementioned horrible possibilities of rape, death etc. that enlisting in the military would bring down upon them.

In a quick search, I was able to find nearly 20 grants, including Pell Grants, which are based on economic need (poorest people in poor districts) that are available for a college education.

None of the grants requires repayment.

Free grants for higher education are available.

I agree with Mr. Vogal that no United States citizen should be unable to obtain one of these grants based on the district that he or she lives in. If he can provide a list of these districts where these "Economic Need" grants are unavailable, I will send strongly worded letters to each of the congressional representatives of these districts that are being withheld the availability of these grants immediately upon receipt.

I also agree with Mr. Vogal that more than "6%" of all discretionary funding should be applied towards assisting American citizens with the opportunity to receive a higher education. In this spirit, government funding cuts should be made immediately to programs such as Planned Parenthood, the bloated Federal Government, The Duck Penis Studies, research on Video Games and the accompanying video game parties, the effect of cocaine on the libido on Japanese quail, the study on the behavior of male prostitutes in Vietnam, painting salmon on 747 aircraft and well, the list goes on.

If you would like to see more really "worthwhile" endeavors that your tax dollars are going to, visit this site: endoftheamericandream.com/archives/30-stupid-things-the-governemnt-is-spending-money-on

To be sure, the U.S. military is quite capable of wasting tax dollars in frivolous manners.

However, that does not make the military, the institution that provides and protects the freedoms of its citizens to obtain a higher education by whatever means are available, "mindless" as noted in the title of Mr. Vogal's editorial. Calling the military mindless is insulting.

When it hits the fan, in our country or overseas, which "mindless" entity would you rather have on the front lines? The U.S. military or your old Liberal Arts professor.

FAIRVIEW TO INTRODUCE JOURNALISM CLASS

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FAIRVIEW – Thanks to a desire to add electives and options for students, Fairview High School will be offering a journalism class starting this fall.

The class, which will be titled 'Broadcasting and Journalism,' will focus on the basics of journalism: how to prepare for an interview, along with the ethics involved with journalism, said Terry Harbison, one of the people who led the initiative to have the class and the man who will be teaching it.

"The faculty and administration both wanted to offer more electives to the students," Harbison said. " When journalism was mentioned, I jumped on board and was willing to teach it."

Habison took one journalism class during his graduate studies, during which he earned a degree so wide-reaching that it allows Harbison to teach topics from theatre and journalism, to speech and debate.

Along with that class and degree, Harbison worked on a monthly publication in Louisville, KY.

Harbison has an aspirational vision for the journalism program at Fairview High School.

"I want there, eventually, to be an online newspaper, a print version, a broadcast for the school, and a podcast," Harbison said.

"I know that's a lofty goal for the program," he said, "but I am motivated and I am a driven person."

In order to get the program where he wants it the students have to start off somewhere.

"I'll divide students into pairs, or trios, and they'll do blogs," Harbison said. "They'll do a sports blog, an arts blog, a basic information blog. That sort of thing."

Fairview used to have a school-wide publication. "But," Harbison said, "that sort of became just a 'welcome back to school, here's what you need,' an informational type thing. Then it just died out."

The approximately 50-minute class will hopefully grow into a light for Fairview High School, according to Harbison.

"I want to bring to light some of the more niche groups. Everyone knows about the band, and the sports teams. But maybe someone likes anime, or something not as main-stream. It will show the multiplicity of interests at Fairview," Harbison explained.

More than anything, Harbison hopes that the class challenges the students academi-cally and gifts them life skills that they will be able to use later on in whichever careers they choose.

As of right now, the class has 10 students signed up, but Harbison expects that number to grow as the first day of school nears and schedules are worked out.



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMANSENSE

People from all over Cullman County celebrate the Cullman County Courthouse's 50th anniversary.

SMITH LAKE FIREWORKS DO-OVER SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY

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CULLMAN – For anyone in attendance during the Fourth of July celebration at Smith Lake Park, the first three-to-four minutes of the fireworks seemed to be going smoothly.

About four minutes into the fireworks show things stopped going according to plan.

Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport says that one of the tubes containing a larger canister meant to be shot up into the sky malfunctioned and exploded within the canister, causing damage to the control panels being used by the show's operators.

Those operators, Pyro Productions from Adamsville, Ala., have decided to give Cullman County a do-over.

According to Davenport, the annual fireworks show at Smith Lake costs the county $20k.

"People pay $5 price of admission, that's always been the price," Davenport says.

"We want to give them a show worthy of the price of admission." Davenport said that money is used to supplement the cost of holding the event.

A retry of the show has been scheduled for July 25 at Smith Lake Park.

"No one will be at the gate, so it will be free to anyone who wants to come, whether you were there on the fourth or not," Davenport said.

Pyro Productions, who has done pyrotechnical work for the Super Bowl and musicians, lost $3,500 worth of equipment during the Independence Day malfunction.

"We'll have vendors at the park all day," Davenport said. "Bama Country Band will take the stage at 5 p.m.," Davenport said.

"There will be no charge to come into the park at watch the fireworks show, which should be about 20 minutes."

Although the the Fourth of July show only had seven thousand people in attendance, Davenport expects upwards of ten thousand to be at the park on July 25.

"Some people may have been at another fireworks show, or with family, or the weather may be deterred them from coming out," Davenport said, listing reasons why attendance was down at the annual event.

"But, if the weather is good, we should have over ten thousand," he said.

Change (from Front)

coming out today to celebrate our new name, Brookdale Hanceville, formerly Victorian Manor," said Miranda Sansing, Executive Director. "Our name is all that has changed; we're still the same Victorian Manor that we were. We just had our name changed to show our affiliation with Brookdale Senior Living."

Commissioner Kerry Watson and members of the Chamber of Commerce were on hand to con-gratulate everyone at the facility. There were other people that were recognized for various reasons during the reception.

"I just want to thank our special guests for coming out today," Sansing smiled happily. "The city of Hanceville has been very good to us and the mayor has also been very good to us. I want to thank everybody that took part, there is too many to name. There are a few residents that I would like to acknowledge. Mr. Patrick Kinney is our oldest resident and Bert Morgan is our youngest. We have quite a diverse group here, with a large age range. The person with the longest residency is Mrs. Lelia Osoinak; she has been with us and made us her home the longest. Finally, our newest resi-dent is Mrs. Virginia Faye Harris."

The residents went to great lengths to decorate the facility for the celebration. Resident artwork was scattered throughout the place for everyone to enjoy. 'Then and Now' pictures and memorabilia were on display of the residents throughout the community. Grab bags were given to everyone who came to the facility. Inside each bag was a generous portion of home-made lotion the residents had made just for the occasion.

"I just love it here," said Mrs. Harris with a twinkle in her eyes. "I sold my house and most of the things inside and came here to live. It is really great - The best thing I could have done for myself!"

Nearly all of the residents of Brookdale Hanceville share the same enthusiasm for the assisted living facility as Mrs. Harris. They love their neighbors and have a great time participating in the community. Brookdale Hanceville is located at 105 Michelle Street, Hanceville, AL 35077. For more information call 256-352-3141.

Veterans (from Front)

they were in his day, citing the hippie movement as the main cause of the acerbic reception he and his comrades received when they arrived stateside.

Stewart will be the speaker for a Veterans Day Celebration that is adding new elements each month. Last month the Mayor, Max A. Townson, announced that the famed Memphis Belle will be a part of the celebration. This month, Chairman Walker announced that Stewart will be the official speaker for the event.

Ken Brown is mainly responsible for pushing the Veterans Day Celebration and growing it in recent years.

"Cullman County has seven thousand veterans," Brown said. "This is all about reaching them. We want them to come out and be able to show their families what it was like back in the day."

Brown is also responsible for recruiting Stewart to be the speaker. Stewart has much to speak about, as he soap-boxed for nearly 40 minutes about various topics, from being the first person to take an untethered spacewalk, to the "exercise in utter absurdity" that was the 2013 film Gravity. Stewart said that his speech during the Veterans Day Celebration will be all about soldiers, what they are and what that means.

Chairman Walker also announced that the Huntsville Space and Rocket Center and NASA will bring space-related displays to Sportsman's Lake Park on November 7, to both honor Stewart and the veterans of Cullman County. This will be the first ever display of any space equipment in Cullman, according to the press-release given at the event.

