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NEW PHONE SCAMS HIT CULLMAN

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CULLMAN – Recently, Cullman County residents have received phone calls from certain individuals claiming they represented credit card companies, sweepstake companies, and the IRS. They are asking for personal information and money. These phone calls are scams.

"We in law enforcement are trying to make the public aware of all the current scams by going to senior centers, using social media and through other avenues so that people are able to stay one step ahead of the con artist," said Sheriff Matt Gentry.

Tips recommended by the Cullman County Sheriff's Department:

• If you get a call saying you are a winner, never pay any money to collect supposed sweepstakes winnings. Legitimate operations will not require you to pay to collect your winnings.

• Never provide anyone with personal information such as bank accounts, pin numbers or Social Security numbers.

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MEET THE POLICE

ANNUAL 'KIDS NIGHT OUT' HAS LOCAL CHILDREN INTERACTING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT



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The Cullman County Sheriff's Office and other agencies attended the event to meet local children and let them know that they are their friends.

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NATIVE AMERICAN CHARITY POW WOW TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE

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CULLMAN – This Saturday and Sunday, August 15, and 16, at Sportsman Lake Park in Cullman the first annual Native American Charity Pow Wow will be held.

Organized by George "White Wolf" Teague, the event is a fundraiser for the Lighthouse located on Convent Road that is a transitional home for men.

The family event will go on for two days. The Pow Wow starts at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, and at 12 p.m. on Sunday.

The price for admission to the event is $5 for adults, $3 for children ages 6-12, and $3 for senior citizens 62 years old and up. Children 5 and under get in free.

Teague, a man who has battled alcoholism, says the fundraiser is a necessity because the state-funded Lighthouse is losing portions of the monetary allotment it had once received.

"We're down to to receiving $40, and for a facility that needs to

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DUCK RIVER DAM NEARS COMPLETION

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CULLMAN – Over 22 years ago when the wheels on the Duck River Dam project started rolling, no one involved with it could see the troubles that would lay ahead. After all, the $5 million dollar grant was hardly an ominous sign.

Multiple lawsuits, over two-decades, and much more money later, The Duck River Dam project is finally nearing completion.

The dam, by many measures the largest currently active project in the United States, will see completion around January 1, both much longer and much sooner than Dale Greer of Cullman Economic Development expected.

"There were times when I thought '[the Duck River Dam] will be done in no time,' and other times when I thought, 'this thing will never get done,' you know?" Greer said.

According to Greer and Susan Eller (who also works for Cullman Economic Development) the dam project, formally an action for securing an emergency water source, will allow the ceiling for Cullman's

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SUSAN ELLER

The Duck River dam was made using natural elements, almost all found in close proximity to the site of the dam.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZES MARIJUANA PLANTS; ARRESTS ONE

Bradley Williams
CCSO

CULLMAN – On Sunday, August 2, 2015, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) arrested Roger Dale Marks, 65 years old of Logan, Ala.

Mr. Marks was arrested for Unlawful Possession of Marijuana 1st and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The arrest originated in Logan, Ala. where Mr. Marks was arrested at the scene for an outstanding warrant.

Deputies discovered at the scene, on the back on an ATV, freshly cut marijuana leaves.

After speaking with Mr. Marks he led CCSO into the woods behind his residence and located several marijuana plants.

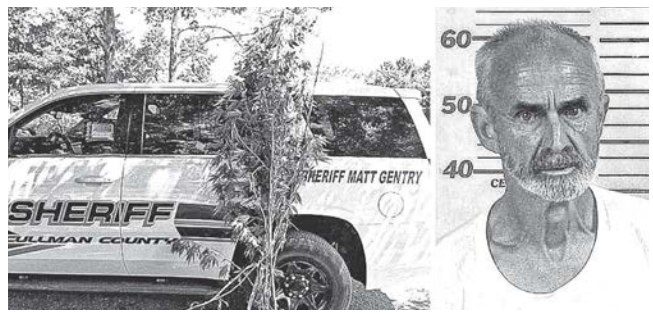
The arrest led to the seizure of three marijuana plants which stood at over seven foot tall and have a value of $6,000.

Two more of the plants had already been destroyed before CCSO arrived.

"I would first like to say what a fine job the deputy did discovering these plants. This marijuana would have been dried out and sold. I am proud the sheriff's office is continuing to keep drugs out of our community," said Sheriff Matt Gentry.

"I would also like to think the Game and Fish Enforcement for the assistance they provided," added Gentry.

Mr. Marks is currently being held in the Cullman County Detention Center on a $6,000.00 bond.



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HOSPICE OF CULLMAN COUNTY'S MEGA CASH DRAW DOWN RAISES MORE THAN $34,000

Lindsey Dossey
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CULLMAN – Cullman Regional Medical Center is proud to announce that Hospice of Cullman County recently held its annual MEGA CASH Draw Down, which serves as a fundraiser benefiting indigent patient care. The event made more than $34,000 for Hospice of Cullman County.

This year's auction featured lots of changes and excitement.

From a new meal, donated by the CRMC Cafeteria Partner, Morrison's to almost 70 percent of ticket holders opting to purchase $25 insurance for their tickets which gave them second chance at the winnings; the event was destined to be one to remember.

The final two ticket holders, Frances Cooper and Riley Yeager decided to split the $10,000 cash prize prior to the final ticket drawing which donated $1,500 back to Hospice of Cullman County.

Other winners included: Lou Thomas who won the $500 Ticket Drawing and Glenda Wright who won the $1,000 ticket drawing.

"The additional cash giveaways for $500 and $1,000 during the event increased the number in attendance through the end of this year's event," CRMC Hospice of Cullman County Board Event Chair, Randy Weathersby said.

"The usual delicious cakes contributed by local cooks known for their pastry sensations and door prizes donated by local businesses were as always, a tremendous hit."

Special thanks to the following for donating cakes and items auctioned during the event Alabama Protein, 5-day Gatlinburg Condo Stay; Buna Burns, Hummingbird Cake and Peanut Brittle; Sherlene Coffey, Chocolate Peanut Butter Delight; Designs By Grace, Lemon Cake; Sabre Freeman Italian Cream Cake; Nell Dunlap, Strawberry Cake and Coconut Cake; Cynthia Johnson, Chocolate Chocolate Cake; Doris Patterson, Chocolate Ganache Cake and Fresh Coconut Cake; Jo Schaffer, Fresh Apple Cake and Blueberry Cream Cheese Pound Cake; and Elizabeth Mosley Italian Cream Cake and Divinity.

Thanks to the following businesses and individuals who generously donated door prizes for the event: Cullman Power Board, Nell Dunlap, Clara Kent, Traditions Bank and From the Heart, Amy Walker, Walker Brothers LTD, Ed White Jewelers, Werner's, Lori Tafazoli, Blanche Kent, Bill Oliver, Greg Picogna, Peggy Doss, Martha Hart and Emily Niezer Johnston Also, thanks to Greg Picogna, Edward Jones Investments for serving as the Event Ticket Sponsor.

For more information about CRMC's Hospice of Cullman County, call their office at 256-739-5185 or visit hospiceofcullmancounty.com.

AGRIPLEX HOSTS WORKSHOP ON FALL GARDENING AND COVER CROPS

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CULLMAN – On Tuesday, August 4th, the North Alabama Agriplex Heritage Center offered a class on Fall Gardening and Cover Crops. The class instructors were Extension Specialist Mike Reeves (from Reeves Orchards in Hartselle) and Cullman Extension Agent Tony Glover. Together the two covered which crops to plant now for a fall and winter garden. They also talked about which plants to grow as cover crops in gardens from small raised beds to large garden plots. Cover crops fertilize your garden naturally, keep weeds away, and promote healthy soil.

"I'm excited about our program tonight," said Rachel Dawsy, North Alabama Agriplex Director. "It is one of our Living Landscapes programs that we are offering once a month where we focus on stable back yards, home grown foods and animal habitats."

Each year the Agriplex Heritage Center hosts thousands of visitors. The educational programs the Center offers include four monthly series: Farm Kid's Club, Heritage Skills, Living Landscapes, and a Heritage Homeschool program.

Their summer programs include Garden Day Camps for both elementary and preschool children, a Hand Sewing Camp and Touring Farms for Kids. Additional programming and workshops are offered at the Agriplex Heritage Center with partnerships between local agencies including the Cullman County Extension.

"I thought tonight's class was very informative for everyone," said Misty Carter, class attendee. "They talked to those with larger gardens, as well as those of us who have a small garden," she smiled. "I love how they gave those who do not want to spray chemicals on their plants ways to do things more naturally. I left there feeling excited to start my fall garden!"

Tuesday night's event was a success and the place was packed.

Snacks and door prizes were given away and a lot of fun was had.

To learn about upcoming classes and workshops offered by the Agriplex call 256-297-1044 or e-mail cullmanag@gmail.com. Visit their website at agriplex.org and follow them on Facebook at facebook.com/NorthAlabamaAgriplex.



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ALABAMA SECRETARY OF STATE HONORS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1965 VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Tamara Cofield
Contributor

MONTGOMERY – Secretary of State John Merrill is joining members of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) to commemorate today as the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, which was signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on August 6, 1965.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 outlawed discriminatory voting practices, such as literacy tests and poll taxes, which were adopted after the Civil War to prevent African-Americans from registering and exercising their right to vote.

It also established new legal protections for minority voters at the polls.

"The state of Alabama and her people played pivotal roles and were featured in defining moments in the civil rights movement," said Secretary Merrill. "It is because of the courage shown in Selma, Alabama, that we have made progress not only as a state, but a Nation. The passage of the Voting Rights Act has allowed us to make significant steps toward voting equality. As Secretary of State, I will continue to remind our citizens the importance of exercising their right to vote, and I will work to ensure that all eligible Alabamians can exercise their right to vote."

In addition to commemorating the Voting Rights Act, Secretary Merrill will honor civil rights attorney Fred Gray, on August 12, 2015. Mr. Gray led a number of key cases in the state of Alabama during the Civil Rights Movement including serving as attorney to Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr.

The NASS Elections Committee is dedicated to educating and informing members about state election administration practices and laws, as well as tracking proposed federal legislation and the activities of other federal government entities. The NASS Voter Participation Committee is devoted to identifying state strategies for increasing or enhancing practices on voter education and outreach, as well as serving as a clearinghouse for information on voter participation and civics outreach programs.

Secretary Merrill currently Co-Chairs the NASS Voter Participation Committee and is a member of the NASS Elections Committee.

For more information about the services provided at the Alabama Secretary of State's Office, visit sos.alabama.gov.

ALABAMA TOURISM DEPARTMENT'S BARBECUE BRACKET FEATURES LOCAL FAVORITE

Alabama Tourism Department
Contributor

MONTGOMERY – The competition for Alabama's best barbecue restaurants is heating up as establishments across the state vie for votes and bragging rights during The Alabama Barbecue Battle as part of The Year of Alabama BBQ.

This year, 50 nominees will compete in five brand-new categories to determine the best in each.

Voting Categories:

Legends: Even the house of Alabama barbecue needs a foundation, and these legends laid the bricks. They're leaving their legacies, one plate at a time.

Restaurants nominated: Archibald's, Dreamland, Big Bob Gibson, J. Rodgers, Lannie's, Big Daddy's, Leo and Susie's Famous Green Top Bar-B-Q, Bob Sykes, The Brick Pit and Golden Rule.

Multi-locations: More than one location means your favorite barbecue is never out of reach.

Restaurants nominated: Full Moon, Dreamland, Jim 'N Nick's, Big Bob Gibson, Saw's, Golden Rule, Whitts, Moe's Original Bar B Que, Mike & Ed's and LawLers.

The Mom and Pops: Nothing beats the old-school, single-location, family-run 'cue joint with a story just as good as the food. Soak in the familiar smiles as you soak your napkins in sauce.

Restaurants nominated: Leo and Susie's Famous Green Top Bar-B-Q, Archibald's, Bob Skyes, Johnny's Bar-B-Q, Sam's, Big Daddy's Real Pit Bar-B-Que, The Brick Pit, Rusty's, Miss Myra's Bar B-Q, and L.A. Barbeque.

The Rookies: In Alabama, it takes decades to become a barbecue legend, but these rookies are on their way to the hickory-smoked hall of fame.

Restaurants nominated: Little Bit of R&R BBQ, Hickory Barn, Smokin' on the Boulevard (2014 winner), Saw's, Hog Wild, Cotton State, 306 Barbecue, Smokey C's BBQ and Wings, Landmark, and Hoo's Q BBQ.

The Dives: You know the place. There's always a line of hungry locals, your meal is served on something not normally considered a plate and you leave smelling like hickory smoke.

Restaurants nominated: Charlie's BBQ, Hickory Barn, Dale's, Jim's Highway 82 Barbecue, Top Hat Barbecue, The Brick Pit, Smokin' on the Boulevard, Miss Myra's Pit Bar B-Q, Archibald & Woodrow's, and Ken's BBQ.

The top 10 restaurants in each category were selected based on more than 1,600 nominations that poured in from social media over the past several months.

Voting in each category begins Thursday, Aug. 6, and concludes on August 31. Winners will be announced Sept. 1, 2015.

"We look forward to seeing who is left when the hickory smoke clears," said Alabama Tourism Director Lee Sentell.

"The barbecue bracket has been one of our most popular social media promotions in the past few years, and this year will prove to be the biggest battle of them all. While almost all communities in Alabama have their favorite, and unique, barbecue joints, our followers took some time to nominate their favorites. With so many nominations pouring in to seed each category, we anticipate the number of overall votes to be in the thousands."



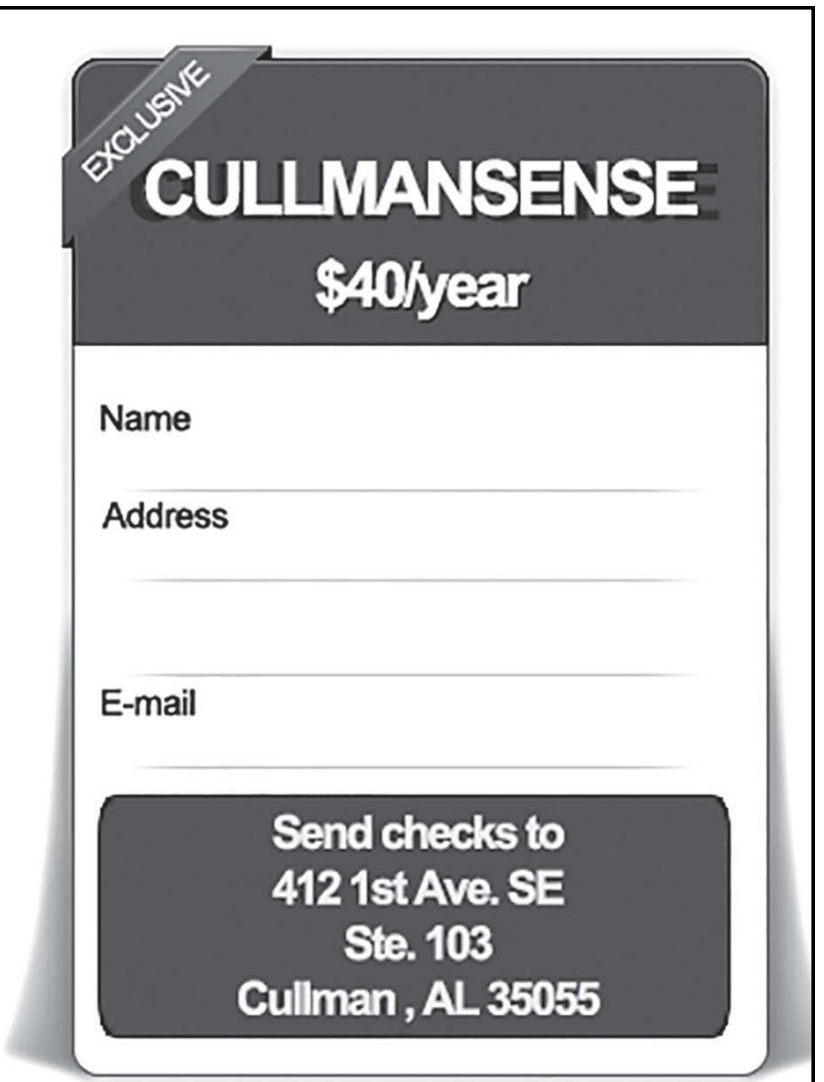
ALABAMA TOURISM DEPARTMENT

Voting for the Alabama Barbecue Battle ends August 31.

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RELIGIOUS SPOTLIGHT: G.T. ROBERTSON, PASTOR OF EMEUS BAPTIST CHURCH

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LOGAN – The congregation at Emeus Baptist Church, as with many other area churches, is made up of a diverse group of believers. Though they come from a variety of backgrounds, they come together as one and keep their focus on Jesus as they worship, rather than themselves or their own preferences. As a result, the Lord works mightily through them for His glory.

Brother G.T. Robertson has been the pastor of Emeus Baptist Church for the past nine years. Humble and caring, he dedicates his life to his ministry and the community around him. He has been married to his wife Janine for 23 years, and together they have one son, Isaac, 17. Robertson preaches naturally as if he has been doing it his entire life.

"I first felt the Lord's call to preach His Word upon my life, some 13 years ago," Robertson began.

"At first, I didn't recognize it for what it was. I would read and study God's Word and as the Lord would speak to my heart and point out certain things from His Word. I would jot down thoughts from these Scriptures in the back of my Bible, not knowing then, that God was giving me titles to sermons that I would later preach to honor Him and win others to Christ."

"I often wondered why God waited until I was in my 30s to call me to preach His Word," he smiled.

"For quite a while this was confusing. I initially felt like the time before His call to preach had been lost time or time that could have been used winning others to Christ. But then the Lord helped me to understand that there were plenty of things that I needed to learn personally before I was ready to help others in their Spiritual walk with Him."

Robertson feels the greatest reward of pastoring is experiencing people give their lives to Jesus Christ.

Robertson says it is gratifying to see the Lord at work in the eyes of believers as He does things such as heal their sickness, restore their relationships and renew their hearts.

"The hand of God at work within the church is evidence of His presence and always works to increase our faith and belief in Him and His Word," he said.

"The Lord has richly blessed Emeus Baptist Church in many, many ways," he continued.

"Through Him and His provisions, we are able to offer many things to our community, such as the Kids for Christ, youth group for teenagers, senior adult program, addictions ministry, radio ministry, jail ministry, and a children's van ministry - All of which are used for the purpose of doing our best to fulfill the great commission of spreading the good news that God loves us enough to allow His Son, Jesus, to die in our place and pay the penalty for our sins!"

Over the years, Robertson has won the hearts of his congregation, and together they work to better the community. It is easy to see that God is at work with this man.

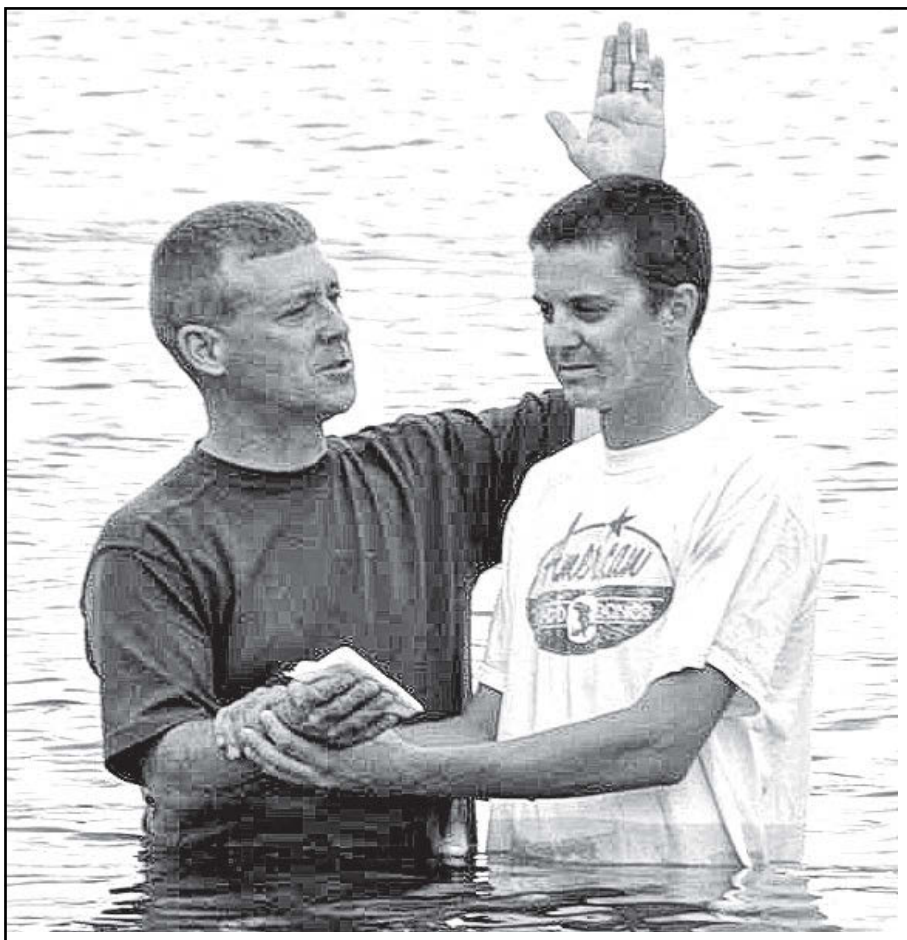
"Brother G.T. works with guys from the Cullman County work release program, and I'm one of the guys that he has helped," said Tyler Hinman.

"There are other guys that he has helped in the same way. I really feel like the Lord has used him to change a lot of lives for the best."

Robertson is a blessing to all that know him, especially his church.

Emeus Baptist Church is located at 680 County Road 834, Logan, Ala. 35098.

For more information, visit emeusbaptistchurch.com or follow them on Facebook at facebook.com/emeusbaptistchurch.



G. T. ROBERTSON

Pastor G.T. Robertson is a humble servant of God.

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G.T. Robertson, Pastor of Emeus Baptist Church

Dam (from Front)

growth to rise.

"You know, back when someone decided to build Lake Catoma which is capable of 24 million gallons of water a day, the city was using about a million, and the county was using about a million," Greer said.

"Who conceived that you ought to build something that big? I think that capacity allowed for the growth of the poultry industry."

Because Cullman County does not have a natural water source such as a river it has had to concoct alternatives for, not only survival, but facilitating the flourishing that Cullman is now experiencing.

Along with the potential that the new water reserve will allow for Cullman, it will also ensure that nothing like the drought of 2007 will affect Cullman.

"Our engineers told us, in 2007, that Lake Catoma could only supply Cullman with water for 60 more days," Greer said.

"We were into that 60 day countdown before rain finally came and filled up the reservoir."

Anyone who drove on Highway 157 and over the bridge that Lake Catoma runs beneath saw the inauspiciously low water levels.

"That was really the turning point," Greer said. "We had to keep fighting to keep the Duck River Dam Project alive because it kept getting delayed. But when the drought occurred, everyone saw that what we were talking about was real, and we didn't have any more problems from then on."

The total length of the dam is approximately 2,400 feet. The maximum depth of water is approximately 135 feet.

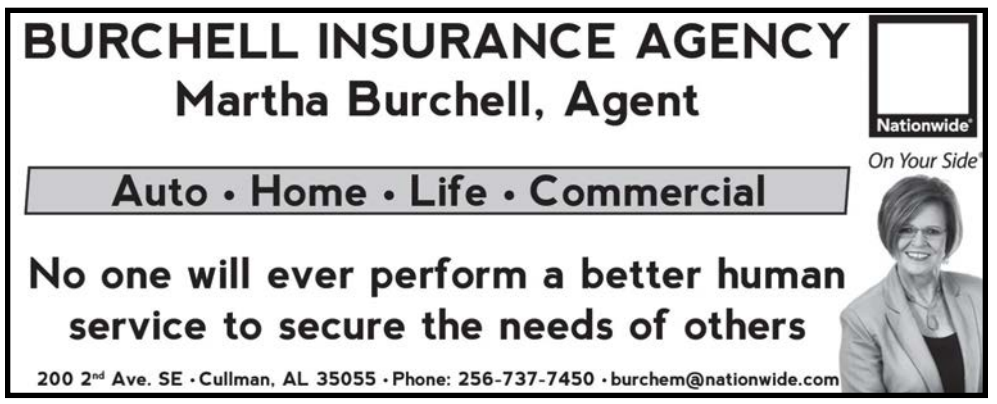
The reservoir, which will most likely be called Noble Lake (the name of the family that owned the land the dam and lake will be on), will hold 32 million gallons of water, further raising the ceiling on Cullman's potential growth.

Scams (from Front)

• No charity will run a phone-only fundraiser, so ask the caller to please point you to a website with more information. If it is a legitimate organization, this will not be a problem.







THE HISTORY OF HANCEVILLE'S CULTURE CLUB

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HANCEVILLE – Culture Club, to a child of the '80s, is a band whose male lead singer had long hair and looked very much like a woman. But to many people in the Hanceville area, Culture Club means something totally different.

The Hanceville Culture Club came into being when Mrs. Herman Thomas and Mrs. John Latta put their heads together and designed a club for the area's young married women.

After many days of plotting and planning, a group of ladies met in the home of Mrs. Latta and began organizing the club.

This happened on December 16, 1930 and plans were made to affiliate the new club with the State Federation of Women's Club, which is exactly what happened on April 12, 1931.

After that, a committee was selected and a constitution was drawn up.

With a few meetings under their belt, the ladies adopted the rose as their flower and red and white as their colors.

Their motto was "Let Us Study Together With An Open Mind" as their aim was to promote literacy, be social and to promote the welfare of others. Soon the group's custom was to give a grocery shower to needy families on Christmas and Thanksgiving.

They contributed to the Crippled Children's Clinic and to the State Illiteracy Fund.

By 1939 the Club made contributions to the nearby school library by hosting a book shower.

They planted lots of trees on the school grounds and donated money to the band.

To top it off, the ladies voted to give a scholarship to a high school girl in need on a yearly basis.

Although the names and faces are different, the Hanceville Culture Club is going strong after nearly eighty-five years.

Those fine ladies continue to dedicate their time and energy to the betterment of the community around them.

They plan to keep doing their good works for many years to come.

"We meet at the Hanceville Library every first Monday in the month except Labor Day, we meet the 2nd Monday," said Joann Walls, club member.

"We are open for membership at the moment. Our bylaws allow only 25 ladies into membership. At the moment we have 17 members," she smiled.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES: MACE THOMAS PAYNE BRINDLEY

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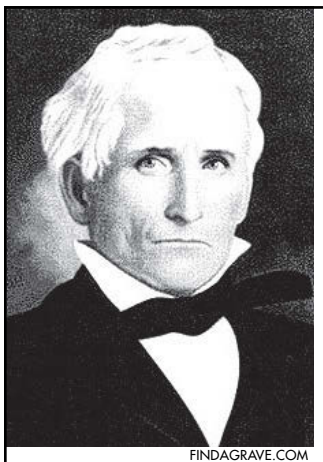
SIMCOE – Mace T.P. Brindley was quite the man. He served as clerk of the Blount County Court for 12 years and was elected to the House in 1839, as a representative from Blount County. He was later elected to the Senate from Blount and Marshall Counties in 1841.

He remained in the Senate for nine years, and then retired from public life.

Brindley Cemetery is located about a mile north of Hwy. 69, on County Road 747.

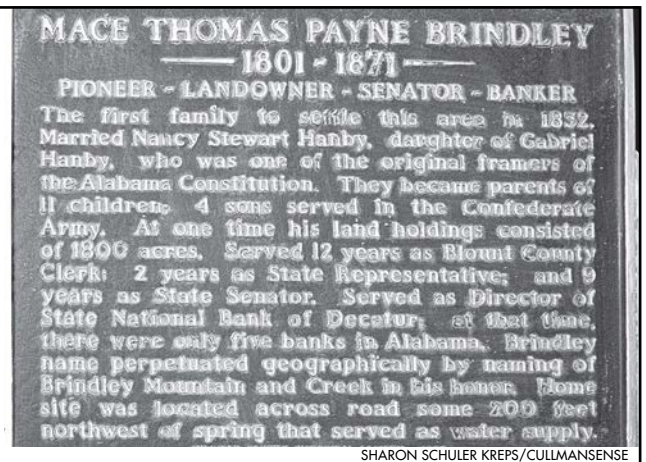
Established after 1819, it was the first cemetery in the area, when Mace moved to the mountain, later known as Brindley Mountain.

Next to the old cemetery a National Historical Marker stands in Mr. Brindley's honor.



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Mace Thomas Payne Brindley



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The historical marker for Mace Thomas Payne Brindley.

Mace Thomas
Payne Brindley
~~ 1801 ~ 1871 ~~

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The first family to settle this area in 1832. Married Nancy Stewart Hanby, daughter of Gabriel Hanby, who was one of the original framers of the Alabama Constitution. They became parents of 11 children; 4 sons served in the Confederate Army. At one time his land holdings consisted of 1800 acres. Served 12 years as Blount County Clerk; 2 years as State Representative; and 9 years as State Senator. Served as Director of State National Bank of Decatur; at that time, there were only five banks in Alabama. Brindley name perpetuated geographically by naming of Brindley Mountain and Creek in his honor. Home site was located across road some 200 feet northwest of spring that served as water supply.

MIRRORING HISTORY: FROM HIGDON FUNERAL HOME TO CHRIST COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CULLMAN – Higdon Funeral Home, located on St. Joseph Drive in Cullman, was founded in 1976 by Mr. Raymond Higdon. The funeral home was a success for many years. Raymond Higdon died unexpectedly on April 27, 1981 of an apparent heart attack yet his funeral home went on without him for a while.

Eventually it went out of business and the old building stayed empty for a while.

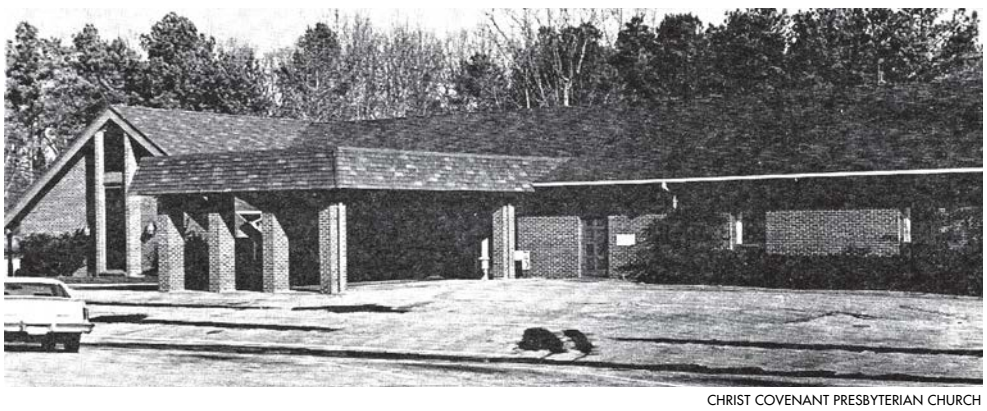
In November 1996, Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church began leasing the old Higdon Funeral Home building.

Later, when the lease on the funeral home expired, the property owners decided to put it on the market.

The church purchased the property in 1998.

A few years later, the church bought the adjoining property to the north and began using the house on the property for Sunday school and the youth group.

On December 4, 2006, the church dedicated a new sanctuary and the church has continued to grow every since.



CHRIST COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Higdon Funeral Home was founded in 1976.



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMANSENSE

What once was a fantastic funeral home; the property on St. Joseph Drive took on a new life and became a large, beautiful church.

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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.
- **Friday Night at Festhalle:** CP&R will host its last Friday Night at Festhalle on Friday, August 7, 2015 from 4-9pm. Live bands will be playing in addition to the farmer's market staying open during the entire event. Free kids' games and inflatables will also be on site.
- **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).
- **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.
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- **FREE Concerts in the Park** at Heritage Park will take place every Thursday in September at the recognition gardens at 6pm. Concerts will feature Heaton Bros. Band on Sept. 3, Ally & the Alley Katz on Sept. 10, Cullman County Bluegrass Band on Sept. 17, and an Elvis Impersonator on Sept. 24
- **Cullman Gymnastics & Cheer Registration** for fall classes is open this week. This includes tumble, cheer, recreation gymnastics, and more. For more info, call 256-739-6762 for cheer/tumble classes or 256-739-5567 for gymnastics classes.
- **CP&R's Fall Programs, Events, & Activities lineup is now on our website NOW at www.cullmanrecreation.org**

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HINKLE SHOE REPAIR SHOP KEEPS CULLMAN ON ITS FEET

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David Hinkle has been repairing shoes in his shop since the 1970s.

CULLMAN – There is nothing in the world like being greeted by name by a friendly shop owner when walking into their store. It's the extra personal touch that means a lot to the customer and keeps them coming back for more. Cullman is covered up with places like this; its part of what makes our town so special. Hinkle Shoe Shop is one such place. From the moment you enter the building, store owner David Hinkle begins to talk to you as if he's known you all your life. In today's fast paced world, it feels a lot like coming home.

"We've been here a long time according to some folks," he chuckled.

"I actually have a few customers that I had back when I first started. They've stayed with me a long time. They've been mighty loyal."

Hinkle has devoted his life to doing something he loves to do – repair shoes. He has been at the same location for many years and will probably remain there for many more to come.

"My uncle, Bernie Whaley, had the shop first; it was called Whaley's Shoe Shop back then. I worked part time for him for about 15 years, weekends mostly," Hinkle explained.

"I bought the store on January 17, 1973. At the time I was over next to the Leeth Bank. I stayed there from the time I bought the place on January 17, 1973 until the last day of 1974. I moved over here and have been here every since."

The shoe repair shop can fix most anything with leather such as purses, boots and shoes.

He also does a lot of shoe build-ups which helps to lift and realign the skeletal structure. It helps to promote a smoother gait (walking) and alleviates pain and discomfort in the feet, ankles, knees, hips and back.

Hinkle's is not the only business in town that offers shoe services. Briscoe Shoe Shop does the same thing and is located next door to Hinkle's.

"Briscoe's used to be over by the Busy Bee Café, but they got blown away by the tornados in 2011," Hinkle said.

"I tell you what, I was actually praying for some relief at the time," he laughed.

"David (Briscoe) asked me about moving next door to me and I told him I was fine with it, no problem at all," he smiled.

"He's a lot younger than me, so I send him some business and he sends me some business, so things are good. I think he moved in there around April 2012, best I remember."

Only in Cullman can two completely different shops - that offer the exact same services - can successfully coexist, side by side. It's typical of our town. Citizens work together and help each other out.

Hinkle is like many residents around here. He is the epitome of Southern charm and can fix a shoe like there's no tomorrow. It's no wonder people around here think he's the best.

Many of Hinkle's customers rave about the shop such as, Jill Howell. "My dad has a more difficult time getting out now, and Mr. Hinkle will bring his shoes out when he sees him pull up. We appreciate that so much! Our entire family has been using Hinkle Shoe Shop since the three of us were children, and now take all of our repairs there as adults for our families. Excellent work as always! Wonderful example of what a community-based business should be. Thank you, Mr. Hinkle!" Howell stated.

Hinkle Shoe Repair Shop is located at 121 4th St SE, Cullman, AL 35055. For more information call 256-620-7142.



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WALLACE STATE'S INAUGURAL WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM BEGINS FIRST PRACTICES, PREPARES FOR FALL SEASON

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Abbi Yeager was scrolling through Twitter one day and noticed Wallace State was adding a women's golf team to its athletics programs.

"I knew I had to look into it," said Yeager, a sophomore, and 2014 Fairview graduate. "I'm now fortunate enough and excited to be on the first women's golf team (at Wallace State). I hope we can one day look back and know we were the start of a strong program."

Yeager is among seven females on the inaugural Wallace State women's golf team. The group began fall practice on Monday and plans to play its first fall event in mid-September.

Wallace State women's golf team members are Yeager, Leigh Allison Reeves (Boaz HS), Ashley McCormick (Southside), Chloe Kraus (Olathe Northwest HS in Kan.), Madison Autwell (Glencoe), Taylor Ruehl (Cullman) and Makayla Smith (Lexington).

Wallace State golf coach Dan York, who enters his 29th season at the college, believes the first women's class is very talented.

"It's an outstanding group of young ladies. They are bonding together and becoming like sisters. I think they're going to represent Wallace State very well," York said. "All I can see is some excited young ladies with a smile on their face, looking forward to getting to the golf course every day. I expect good things from this group. Our goal is to come to the golf course each day and work hard to get just a little better. It's not a sprint, it's a marathon."

Wallace State announced in January that it was adding women's golf to its championship-caliber athletics program. Women's golf is the eighth sport at Wallace State to offer scholarships to potential student athletes, joining baseball, softball, men and women's basketball, volleyball, men's golf and cheerleading.

Kraus is the lone non-Alabamian on the women's golf roster, but she has slipped in and felt right at home in Hanceville. Kraus had two requirements as she was searching for her college choice – she wanted to find an institution with a reputable athletics and theater program.

Kraus said she and her father searched for women's golf programs online, and Wallace State was one of the three colleges she narrowed it down to.

Her father eventually made a call to York, and Krause signed a letter-of-intent to play at Wallace State weeks later.

"Wallace State wasn't the closest college by any means, but something made me want to check it out. It just seemed the best choice for me, especially after visiting campus and meeting with the coaching staff," Kraus said. "It also helped that there's a Chick-fil-A right up the road. None of the other colleges had that."

Yeager, Ruehl, and Smith are the three sophomores on the team.

"Last year I was sitting in class (at Wallace State) and I missed golf. I'm so thankful for this program and the opportunity it allows to drive you to be better. It gives you motivation to want to do more," Yeager said.



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Chloe Kraus, Abbi Yeager, and Taylor Ruehl practice for their first season.

York will lead both the women's and men's golf teams. York, a NJCAA Hall of Fame coach, has guided the men's program to 20 NJCAA tournament appearances, where the Lions have finished national runner-up on three occasions.

The men's program has also won 12 conference titles under York, including the last two (2014 and 2015).

Aleah Scott, a Good Hope graduate, will serve as Wallace State's women's golf assistant after spending last season as the college's top volleyball assistant.

"Aleah is a valuable asset to our program. I'm excited she's a part of it," York said.

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







Monday

Cullman Kiwanis Club
The Cullman Kiwanis Club invites all local men and women who are interested in taking part in community service along with great fellowship, fun, networking, and learning to attend their weekly luncheon meeting at 12 noon each Monday at the All Steak. Come see what Kiwanis is all about and enjoy a great luncheon meal as well.

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.

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.

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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ALABAMA TEENS HAVE LOW RATE OF HPV IMMUNIZATION, VACCINATION URGED

ADPH
Contributor

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Public Health has received data from a national survey of over 20,000 adolescents nationwide as part of the 2014 National Immunization Survey (NIS) Teen by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For Alabama, the survey revealed that the tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) rate was 88.6 percent, which is above the national average.

Rates for meningitis coverage were at 71.6 percent, slightly below the national average.

Of concern is that, while 39 percent of adolescent females between the ages of 13 and 17 have received the recommended three-vaccine series against cancer causing strains of the human papillomavirus (HPV), only 9 percent of adolescent males are completely vaccinated.

Nationwide, rates for HPV vaccine remain low with only 39 percent of young females vaccinated and 21 percent of young males having taken three HPV vaccines.

Dr. Karen Landers, medical consultant for TB Control and Immunization, states, "We are very pleased with our Tdap and meningitis vaccine rates and are working to achieve even higher rates. However, as a pediatrician, I am very concerned about the low rates of HPV vaccine. As we know from medical research, certain HPV viruses can cause cervical and other cancers."

Each vaccine mentioned in the immunization survey provides important protection against devastating and life-altering diseases.

Vaccinating adolescents is an important preventive health measure for the future including an opportunity to prevent some cancer later in life.

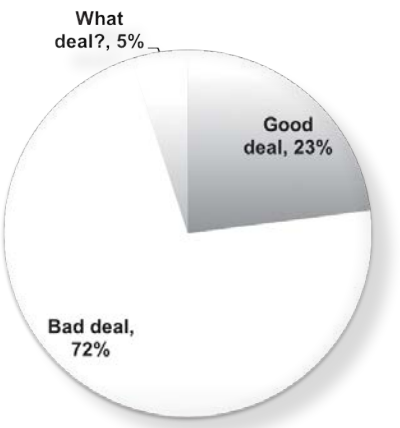
Dr. Landers reports that the Health Department is working with the Alabama Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians to improve all vaccine rates in Alabama's children, specifically targeting HPV.

HPV vaccine is recommended for all children aged 11-12 years of age.

Parents are advised to request the HPV vaccine when their child receives the school-required Tdap vaccine at their health care provider or county health department.

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This Week's Poll

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Kids (from Front)

Hannah Ward
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HANCEVILLE – Hanceville's seventh annual Kids Night Out went off with a bang last Thursday night. The event was held at C.W Park with hundreds of Hanceville and Cullman residents in attendance. The beautiful evening was full of fun and learning for kids of all ages.

"It appears a huge turnout, thousands of kids and parents out here enjoying themselves. This is probably one of the largest turnouts we've ever had. The swimming pool is open, the kids are having a good time. There's tons of food and bouncy houses for the kids. We got a big turnout from a lot of the local law enforcement, firefighters, Cullman rescue, and first responders. So it's a big response," stated Hanceville Police Chief, Bob Long.

The Cullman County Sheriff's Department attended the event as well. Captain Ricky Blackwood said, "We just came out here with Hanceville so we can show the kids what we're all about. Show them the cool things that our SRT team does. We're just out here getting to know everybody, let them know we can be their friends. Mainly it's getting to know the community and getting the kids to trust us to show them not to be afraid of us and that we're to here help them."

"We just came out here for the kids. Let them see all we have, have fun with them," stated State Trooper Anthony Peeples.

The Alabama Safety Department had two State Troopers at the event showing the children all the weapons and equipment they use.

"A lot of them know a lot about the weapons because of playing Call of Duty. A lot of them recognize them right off the bat," explained Trooper G.W Parker.

"We think it's a good way to get out here and do some community policing."

Adam Clark, investigator at the Cullman Police Department stated, "We're mainly here to support Hanceville. It (Kids Night Out) brings the community out and lets them see the police and the fire in a good way and not a negative way. Also they get support from all these businesses and people don't have to worry about coming out here and spending a bunch of money."

Mayor of Hanceville Kenneth Nail said, "They talk about community policing, we have been doing this for 7 years. It lets the kids kinda come in close contact with our firemen our EMTs, that way hopefully they'll feel more comfortable if they need the police or if they need a fireman."

Kim Kanaday, a seventh grade math teacher at the Hanceville Middle school, explained, "The event gets the kids involved and interacting, meeting different people. They have raised school supplies, I want to say it was $4,000 dollars and what they have been doing in the past is they put together supplies and they leave it in each classroom for the students when they get there. I like it because sometimes the kids come in and don't have their supplies, and so parents don't have to worry about all their supplies because some of it is being given to them."

"I think it's an opportunity for the kids to have some fun before school starts back. It's nice that the community sponsors it." stated Hanceville resident, Darla Wisdom.

Hanceville Elementary Principle Kim Brown enjoyed getting dunked in the dunking booth by several of her students.

"Kids Night Out is a great time for the community and all the kids from school to come together and have a great time. We look forward to a great year," Brown said.

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LOCAL ARTIST DEBUTS INSTALLATION AT RED DOOR EMPORIUM CAFÉ
Saturday marked the opening of a new art installation at the Red Door Emporium Café. Local artist Ben 'South' Johnson is showing off some 300 aphorisms and has turned the café into the 'One-Liner Diner'. The aphorisms line the café's walls with short and witty Southern sayings. The café will ... **QRNE.WS/382**

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Commission on Aging along with the Better Business Bureau will be hosting Cullman County's first ever Scam Jam / Health Fair on Aug. 28. It is designed to educate the public on today's scams, how to protect against fraud, and what steps to take if fallen victim.

The panel will consist of representatives from the FBI, Alabama Securities Commission, Alabama Attorney General's Office, United States Postal Inspection Service, Cullman County Sherriff's Department, Senior Medicare Patrol, People's Bank, and the Better Business Bureau of North Alabama.

A wide range of vendors will also be available offering their services ranging from Attorneys that specialize in fraud representation to Social Security representatives.

In addition to the Scam Jam, there will be a Health Fair offering free hearing test, bone density screenings, BMI checks, and blood pressure checks.

Various health related vendors will be on site as well. The entire event is free including lunch to the first 300 attendees.

There will be door prizes and drawings throughout the event. Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

The event will be held at The Beech Center, 1803 Beech Ave SE, Cullman, AL 35055.

For more information, contact the Cullman County Commission on Aging at 256-734-1241 or cullmancoa.com .

FREE CONCERT SERIES COMING TO HERITAGE PARK

Waid Harbison
CP&R

CULLMAN – CP&R will be hosting a series of free Concerts in the Park in September at Heritage Park. Concerts will be held each week on Thursday in the month of September at the recognition gardens starting at 6 p.m.

The free concert series will begin on September 3 with the Heaton Brothers Band followed by Ally and the Alley Katz on September 10, the Cullman County Bluegrass Band on September 17, and an Elvis impersonator on September 24.

Attendees will need to bring a lawn chair or seating to the event.

For more information on the CP&R Concerts in the Park series at Heritage Park, contact 256-739-9931 or info@cullmanrecreation.org.

Pow Wow (from Front)

feed 12 men and furnish space for them that isn't enough," he said.

The cost for enrolling in the Lighthouse is about $400 a month.

The facility, when running at maximum capacity, is capable of housing 12 men, but because of the lack of financial support, it has had to limit the capacity to nine, understandably frustrating the 300 men on the waiting list.

The Pow Wow is going to be centered around dance, and Teague has lined up multiple dance groups to perform classic Native American dances for those in attendance.

Along with the dance, the event will have Native American drumming, food, and craft vendors.

Teague wants this event to grow into a community celebration and an opportunity to learn something about a culture different than those with which people are familiar.

Cullman has many events and festivals throughout the year, but none with the opportunity for cultural education and economic benefit that Teague's Pow Wow hopes to impart on the community.

While it is a family event, the event's flyers specify that people planning on attending must bring the their own lawn chairs, as seating won't be provided by the park or the event-holders.

The flyer also specifies that there are "no firearms, politics, alcohol or drugs allowed."

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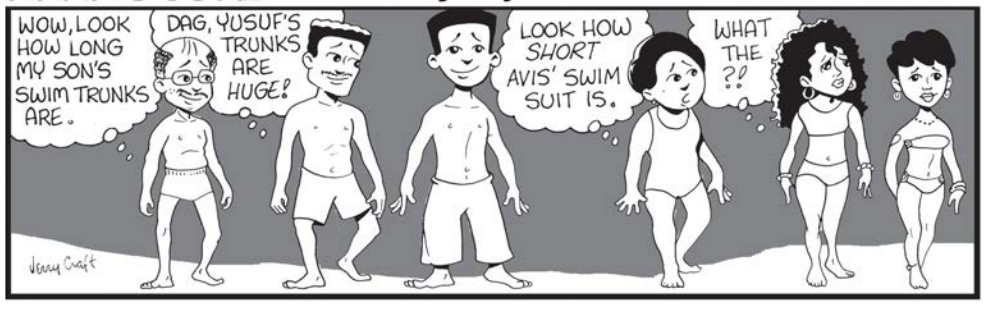
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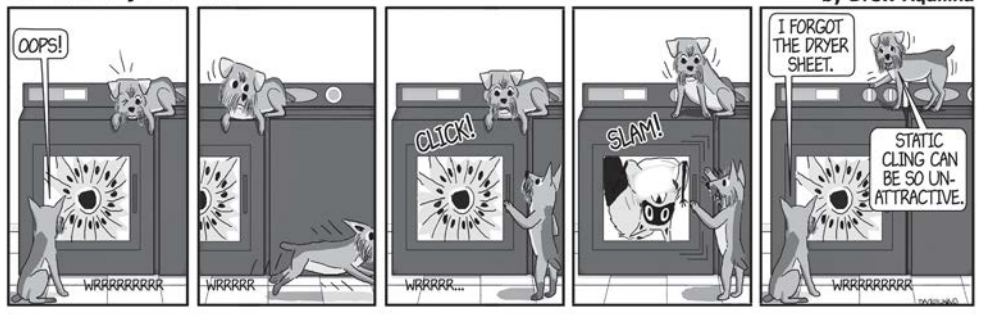
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Hello my name is Kimbo and I am about 4 months old. I am a Pit Bull Terrier mix and I currently weigh 24 lbs. I was a stray but no one claimed me so I am up for adoption at that time. My adoption fee is $90 and that includes my spay/neuter, vaccines, wormer, and also covers my general exam at the Vet, the rabies vaccine, microchip, free 45 day health insurance policy and our local Pet Depot will give you a free bag of food (you pay the taxes) in support of you adopting a Shelter animal.

HAPPI



Hello my name is Happi and I am about 9 months old. I am a Pit Bull mix and I currently weigh 38 lbs. I am full of life and I love to play. My adoption fee is $90 and that covers my first set of vaccines and wormer at the Shelter. It also covers my general exam at the Vet, the rabies vaccine, spay, microchip, free 45 day health insurance policy and our local Pet Depot will give you a free bag of food (you pay the taxes) for adopting me.

ADOPT THESE PETS TODAY

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If you know the owner of either dog or if you are interested in adopting one of the dogs, please call 256-734-5448 or come by the Animal Shelter.

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OPINION

ALIEN ADDRESSES U.N. ON NUCLEAR DETERRENCE

Winslow Myers
PeaceVoice

"Representatives of the nations of earth, I greet you in the name of the Local Group Intergalactic Council. As your Hubble telescope has told you, the Local Group, 10 million light years across, comprises about 30 galaxies, your own Milky Way being the largest.

Perhaps it will not surprise you that around the hundreds of billions of stars in these galaxies spin many planets that support life. I hope it will be a wake-up call for you to know that just within the Local Group, a tiny fraction of the universe, there have already been 87 planets, which have annihilated themselves with weapons of mass destruction.

Try to take this in. An immense struggle of life, exactly like yours, evolving over millions of years out of inert matter on a small sphere in orbit around its own star, slowly developing into forms of mammalian care, self-conscious awareness, and love —but then unleashing complete self-destruction. Some of these worlds had their equivalent Shakespeares, their Mozarts, their Van Goghs, but their masterpieces are as extinct as they are.

We have watched with growing alarm since we received the signal of your first atomic explosion on earth in 1945—immediately followed by the use of nuclear bombs on two cities full of civilians.

Fifty-two years beyond the Cuban Missile Crisis, my fellow-citizens of the Milky Way, you refuse to take in its foreboding lesson. You have not seen that all nations share a common problem, which is that the weapons systems you have developed as your bastions of security have become the gravest threat to that same security.

Yes, for many decades deterrence did indeed work, by a miracle of good fortune, to prevent a third world war. But if nine nuclear powers should turn to fifteen, to twenty-one, to thirty-five, all connected to complex electronic systems, and the systems are all connected to thousands upon thousands of fallible human beings, your chances of survival will diminish to zero. Will you passively assent to visiting this doom upon your children and grandchildren?

The unworkable paradox of deterrence is that the purpose of nuclear weapons is meant to ensure that they will never be used, but at the same time nuclear strategists require them to be on hair-trigger alert for deterrence to be credible.

This is a holocaust waiting to happen. In the very midst of your democratic institutions you tolerate thermonuclear absolute monarchies, where one person has the power to decide whether to annihilate millions. And where that same person may have to decide within minutes whether to counterlaunch if attacked.

But even without a counterlaunch, computer models have warned you about nuclear winter, which posits that if fewer than one percent of your weapons are detonated, the soot and ash could spread around your planet and shut down agriculture for a decade—in effect, a death sentence for your species, exactly what happened in the case of three other planets in the local group. Therefore the shared problem of nuclear winter should be the foundational talking point of abolition.

Your planet continues to drift downriver on a raft toward an immense waterfall. You have oars, but you have not learned how to row together toward shore. You foolishly believe that you won't go over the falls, that you will be the exception.

You have not learned to row together because you have locked yourselves into obsolete identifications. You think of yourselves as Jews or Muslims or Persians or Republicans or Palestinians or Africans, each with their separate, tribal story of origin or inviolate holy texts. Such tribalism served your survival instincts for thousands of years. But having seen photographs of your blue planet from space, you know now you are one human tribe facing challenges that no single nation can solve alone.

Many planets in the local group made it through the stage in which you find yourselves by realizing that 'enemy' is not a productive concept—especially when it became clear that hurting the enemy only means hurting oneself.

No one will be secure until all are secure. Conflict on your planet will not cease. The task is to resolve conflict without fear, hate, and killing, knowing that your survival depends upon others, and others upon yours.

I am not here to force dominion upon you, but only to set before you a free choice between further maturation or suicide: evolve your thinking or die. We have the technical means to destroy every one of your warheads, but without your own species-wide change of hearts and minds, you would only build them again. Change must come from you. You must learn to love your children, including the children of your adversaries, more than you fear those adversaries. Ask yourselves what benefits all children, and that will point the way. Whatever happens, you can't say that you haven't been told."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HANCEVILLE
Planning Commission

Pursuant to the instructions of the Planning Commission of the City of Hanceville, notice is hereby given that the proposed ordinance set forth will be considered by the Planning Commission on Monday, August 24, 2015 for a recommendation of passage to the City Council of Hanceville. A public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 24, 2015, in the Hanceville City Hall Council Chambers, located at 112 Main Street SE, Hanceville, Alabama, 35077, regarding Proposed Ordinance No. 608.
All interested citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard for or against the passage of this Proposed Ordinance No. 608 during this public hearing.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 608
AN AMMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 510 INCLUDING THE ZONING MAP

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The public health, safety, morals and general welfare requiring it under authority granted by Article 4, Sections 11-52-70 through 11-52-79, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hanceville, Alabama Ordinance No. 510, adopted the 1st day of May, 2006, as amended, and more particularly the Hanceville, Alabama zoning map as a part thereof, is hereby amended, changed and modified as follows:

   (a) That the real estate being the property of Skinner Group LLC, located in the City of Hanceville, Cullman County, currently zoned as B-1 will be re-zoned to B-2, described as follows, to-wit:

Parcel II: Hanceville – unimproved

A tract or parcel of land being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at a found railroad spike marking the Southeast Corner of said Quarter - Quarter, (from which point a found rebar marking the accepted Northeast corner of said Quarter-Quarter bears North 00 degrees 24 minutes 44 seconds West, 1313.09 feet) and run North 02 degrees 49 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 372.44 feet to a set rebar marking the West right-of-way line of Hopewell Road; thence run North 00 degrees 45 minutes 52 seconds West, and run along said West right-of-way line, a distance of 667.38 feet to a set rebar marking the point of beginning; thence run South 42 degrees 56 minutes 35 seconds West, a distance of 671.09 feet to a point on the Northeasterly right- of-way line of U.S. Highway No. 31; thence South 42 degrees 56 minutes 41 seconds East along said Northeasterly right-of-way of U.S. Highway 31 a chord bearing and distance of 308.62 feet to a point; thence North 47 degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds East, a distance of 230.00 feet to a point; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 08 seconds East a distance of 119.39 feet to a point on the Westerly right-of-way line of Hopewell Road; thence North 00 degrees 45 minutes 52 seconds West along said right-of-way line of Hopewell Road a distance of 525.15 feet to the point of beginning.

Less and Except: Garcia Tract
A tract or parcel of land being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found railroad spike marking the Southeast comer of said Quarter, and run North 00 degrees 24 minutes 44 seconds West along the East line thereof, a distance of 372.77 feet; thence run South 87 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds West, a distance of 15.71 feet to a set rebar marking the West right-of-way line of Hopewell Road; thence South 59 Degrees 50 minutes 51 seconds West, leaving said West right-of-way line, a distance of 230.16 feet to a found rebar on the Northeast right-of-way line of U.S. Highway #31, said point also being on a curve; thence Northwesterly along said right-of-way and along a curve to the left having a radius of 5803.56 feet, a chord bearing and distance of North 42 degrees 19 minutes 08 seconds West, 135.00 feet to a set rebar; thence North 42 degrees 56 minutes 41 seconds West, along said Northeast right-of-way line, a distance of 150.00 feet to a set rebar, the point of beginning; thence continue North 42 degrees 56 minutes 41 seconds West, along said Northeast right-of-way line, a distance of 118.62 feet to a set rebar; thence North 47 degrees 03 minutes 25 seconds East, leaving said Northeast right-of-way line, a distance of 145.00 feet to a set rebar; thence South 42 degrees 56 minutes 41 seconds East, a distance of 118.86 feet to a set rebar; thence South 47 degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds West, a distance of 145.00 feet to the point of beginning.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT – Dairy Queen
A tract or parcel of land containing 0.81 acre of land, more or less and being a part of theSoutheast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a found railroad spike marking the Southeast Corner of said Quarter and run North 00 degrees 24 minutes 44 seconds West along the East line thereof, a distance of 372.77 feet; thence run South 87 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds West, a distance of
15.71 feet to a set rebar marking the West right of way line of Hopewell Road; thence run North 00 degrees 45 minutes 52 seconds West, and run along said West right of way line, a distance of 142.23 feet to a set rebar; thence run South

89 degrees 14 minutes 08 seconds West, a distance of 111.85 feet to a set rebar and the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 08 seconds West, a distance of 7.54 feet to a set rebar; thence South 47 degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds West, a distance of 230.00 feet to a set rebar on the Northeast right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 31 (150' right of way) said point also being a curve; thence Northwesterly along said right of way and along a curve to the left having a radius of 5803.56 feet, a chord bearing and distance of North 42 degrees 56 minutes 41 seconds West, 150.00 feet to a set rebar; thence North 47 degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds East leaving said right of way a distance of 235.59 feet to a set rebar; thence South 42 degrees 56 minutes 35 seconds East, a distance of 155.05 feet to the point of beginning.

2. That this Ordinance has been published once each week for two (2) successive weeks, prior to passage, within the City of Hanceville, Alabama, and the publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim.

   That a public hearing has been held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 24th of August, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.at which time interested parties and citizens had opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

3. That all notices as required by law were given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing.

4. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

5. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.

6. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the above described property is zoned B-2 and that appropriate action be taken to change and modify the City Zoning Map to so reflect the said land as zoned B-2.

7. This ordinance adopted ____ day of _____, _____ shall take effect after its publication as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

_____
Mayor Kenneth Nail

ATTEST:

_____
Tania C. Wilcox, City Clerk



GRAVES MARATHON TO BUILD NEW STORE

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CULLMAN – Cullman is growing by leaps and bounds but there are still many places around that continue to maintain a bit of small town southern charm. One of those places is Graves Marathon Gas Station. Since the mid 1950s Graves Marathon Gas Station has delivered more than its fair share of friendly service, top quality merchandise and a few tall tales along the way. It's been a meeting place for some of Cullman's finest and the tradition plans to continue.

"As far as I know the store has been here since about 1957 or '58," said Tim Graves, Owner. "It goes back to the days of segregation and still has the three bathrooms they'd use back then – one for white men, one for white women, one for the black people," he sighed.

"So when I bought the place a little over five years ago, I turned that third bathroom into a handicap/ family bathroom," he smiled.

The Graves family work together and strive to treat each of their customers just like part of the family.

"We try to run it like an old country store," he explained. "We still have the old fashioned hand dipped ice cream cones; we make homemade deli cakes and cookies. We also offer a nice big breakfast in the mornings - my wife does all that," he grinned happily.

"We know most all our customers by name, even those from Florence and Birmingham who make their commute to work every day," he continued. "We have people that like to come in and just sit and talk, drink a cup of coffee and shoot the bull for a while. That's the way we want it, we want to keep it family-oriented and country-flavored."

Many Cullman folks love visiting Graves Marathon, but they aren't the only ones. There have been some pretty big names stop by the store over the years.

"Actually this place was closed down at one time for Elvis Presley," Tim chuckled.

"They rented the store for about two hours. The police shut off both driveways for him to just come in here and shop in the store. I'm not sure what year it was, but it happened!"

"There are a lot of big country music stars that stop here. The Oak Ridge Boys, Kid Rock, Hank Jr. and several others come in here when they are in the area. There's also been a lot of Alabama football players come in here too," he said.

"We've had a lot of neat stuff happen here since I've had it. You can go just about anywhere and people know about us. I even met a guy who lives in Pigeon Forge who had been to our store before," he laughed.

There will be some big changes in the near future for the old country gas station.

At the end of the year, the Marathon gas company plans to build a bigger, more modern store and tear down the current one.

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>
> Tim Graves, Owner

Although it will be the end of one era, it will be just the beginning of something even better. "The new store is going to be bigger than this one, so it's going to be better for the customers," Tim began.

"I'm probably going to incorporate new booth seats or something like that, give people somewhere to sit and eat or drink coffee. I want the old chicken farmers to be able to come in, sit down and drink their coffee in the mornings. Right now they come in and have to stand around and talk," he mused.

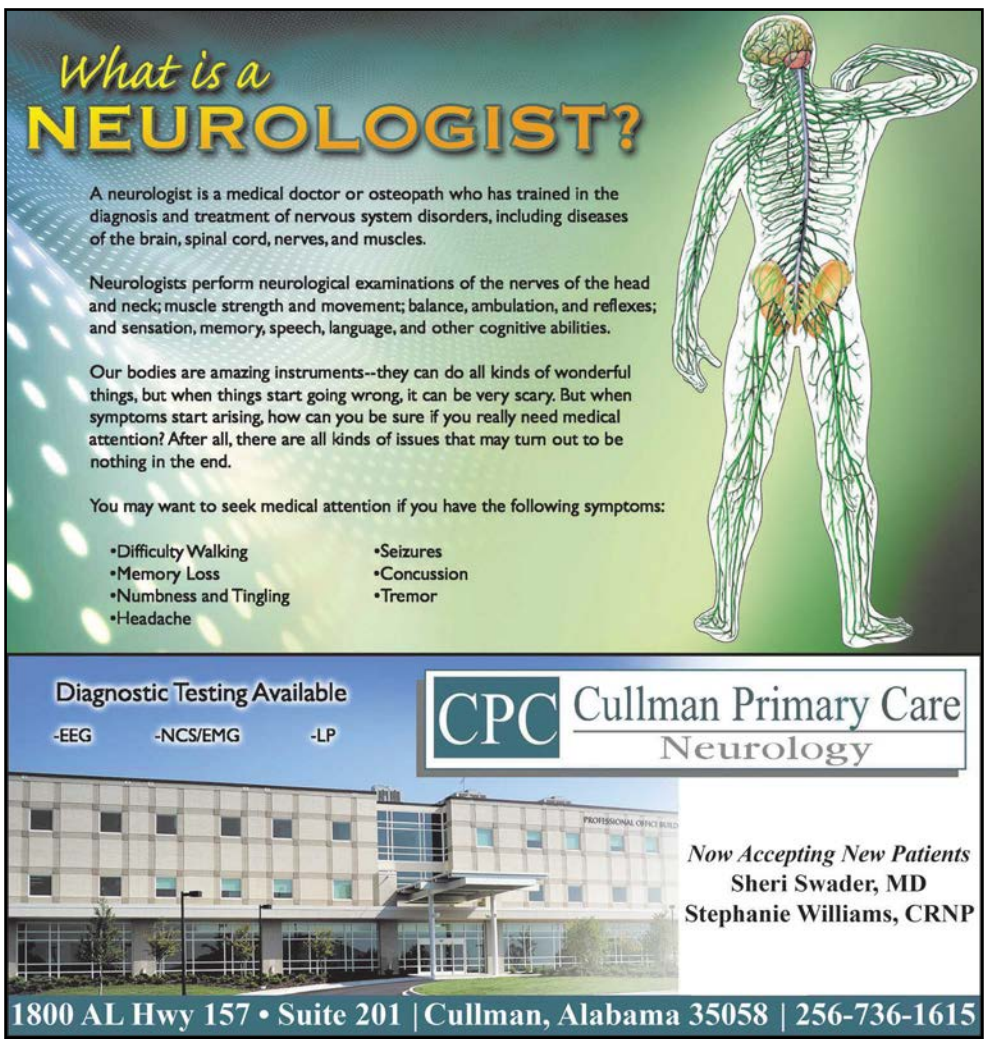
Graves Marathon Gas Station is located just west of I65 at 6381 State Hwy 157 Cullman, AL 35057. For more information call them at 256-734-1841.



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMANSENSE

Graves Marathon Gas Station has seen some big names come through their doors over the years.





August 28th 2015 The Beech Center

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Doors Open at 9:00 AM

Health Fair
Bone Density Screenings
BMI Checks
Free Hearing Test
Blood Pressure Checks
Home Health
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Medicare Fraud and Abuse
Guest Speakers
Local Law Enforcement

Door Prizes Lunch Provided Drawings

Learn about today's scams and what you can do to protect yourself and what to do if you have fallen victim to fraud. There will also be free health screenings and checks. A lunch will be provided to the first 300 attendees. For more information contact the Commission on Aging at 256-734-1241.

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