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BROOKS PLACE TO HOLD 1ST ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER

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CULLMAN – On Friday, September 25, Brooks Place Child Advocacy Center is partnering with Jim 'N Nick's to hold their first annual Chicken Dinner Fundraiser.

The event, which will begin at 10:45 a.m. and go until 1:00 p.m., was "the board's idea," according to Brooks Place Executive Director, Gail Swafford.

"We had been thinking of different kinds of fundraisers, and a board member had done a couple chicken dinner fundraisers with her church, so that's where the idea came from," said Swafford.

Swafford said that there are two purposes for the fundraiser:

"We want to raise money, but also we want to get out into the community and raise awareness about the Child Advocacy Center," she said. "Most people don't know we exist."

Most people in the community, according to Swafford, believe the child-abuse organization in Cullman is only Cullman Caring for Kids. While Cullman Caring for Kids is one such organization, it is prevention-based. On the other hand, Brooks Place is a support organization, equipped with therapists. Its website defines Brooks Place, in part, as a place that "provides a neutral, home-like setting where child victims of sexual and physical abuse may receive a wide-range of services including joint team interviews by the Department of

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WESTMINSTER ASSISTED LIVING'S FACEBOOK AUCTION BENEFITS WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S


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Items to be auctioned off to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association.

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CULLMAN – The residents and staff of Cullman's Westminster Assisted Living will be auctioning off items on Facebook to raise money for the Walk to End Alzheimer's in October. The facility is taking bids on items until September 23rd at midnight.

"The auction is to raise money for the Walk to End Alzheimer's which is held on October 2," said Katina Eades, Westminster's Executive Director. "The Walk will take place in Decatur this year," she smiled.

"We have had local businesses donate merchandise for the auction. Then we created a Facebook page and listed everything so that people can go online and make bids. This will last for a week. All the money that we raise will be donated to the Walk to End Alzheimer's."

To bid in the auction:

- Visit facebook.com/events/689294047837105 and choose an item.
- Post a bid amount in the comment section below the item of interest.

To pay for and pick up items, winners will need to stop by Westminster's front office on September 25th.

Alzheimer's is a horrible disease that affects many people.

To help Westminster Assisted Living make a difference, donate to their Walk to End Alzheimer's team. For more information, contact Katina Eades at 256-255-0361.

Westminster Assisted Living is located at 1270 Olive St SW, Cullman, AL.

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CARING FOR CULLMAN CONCERT TO BENEFIT GOOD SAMARITAN CLINIC

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CULLMAN – On Monday, October 19 at 7 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center, the Good Samaritan Clinic will hold a concert fundraiser featuring the Triumphant Quartet and the Wallace State Singers.

"Regardless of musical preference, everyone will be encouraged by the performances," said Jolanda Hudson, who has held the position of Executive Director of the GSC since November of last year.

The GSC is holding the concert to raise funds for operations and community awareness about what the clinic does and the purpose it serves.

"[The Good Samaritan Clinic] was started in 2004," Hudson said. "It provides medical care to the low-income and uninsured residents of Cullman."

According to Hudson, the clinic offers a little bit of everything, including primary and dental care as well as nurse practitioner services, and is served by Dr. William Peinhardt of Cullman Internal Medicine.

The price of general admission concert tickets is $12. "Meet and Greet" tickets are $25, must be purchased ahead of time, and are limited to 50. Tickets can be purchased at Good Samaritan Health Clinic, Borden Family Pharmacy, The Added Touch by Cullman Cabinet, The Added Touch Too, and Yates Chance Christian Bookstore.

Because both the Triumphant Quartet and the Wallace State Singers are donating their time and abilities for the event, the only cost to hold the event for the Clinic is using the Cullman Civic Center. "We at the Good Samaritan Clinic have a wonderful network throughout the community. We are so happy to be able to use the Civic Center. They're giving us a discounted rate for the event," Hudson said.

However, times are financially tough for the Clinic. According to Hudson, donations to the GSC have seen a significant decline in recent months. Along with ticket sales, there will be a love-offering at the concert to help financially bolster the organization.

For more information visit goodsamaritancullman.com.

DOWNTOWN STREETS GET ANNUAL MAKEOVER

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Street Department began repainting lines in the downtown area of Cullman this week.

According to Assistant Superintendent of the Street Department. Mike Jenkins, the timing of the annual task has to do with the cosmetic look of downtown ahead of big events.

"The mayor likes the downtown to look nice," Jenkins said. "The Cluck 'N Brew coming up, and Oktoberfest of course."

The task, which according to Jenkins was ahead of schedule by about a day as of Tuesday, is limited to local roads.

"We do not touch state high ways," Jenkins said. So 278 and 31 will remain a bit pale compared to the bright new lines on roads all around them.

The employees of the city at the Street Department have been working at night, so as to avoid major traffic.

"As we move on further from the most heavily trafficked areas of downtown into more residential areas we'll be able to work during the days," Jenkins said.

The downtown should be done by this weekend, while all the work, including residential areas, should be done within two-to-three weeks.

The reasoning for the re-striping is two-fold according to the mayor himself.

"It's for safety and better visibility for citizens. Plus, it makes the downtown area look better for the upcoming Octoberfest," Mayor Townson.

The Street Department is responsible for more than just painting streets. These are the gentlemen and gentlewomen who handle all local pavement, filling in potholes, forming drainage systems, maintaining trees and landscaping on medians.



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ADERHOLT VOTES TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD, CALLS ON SENATE TO CHANGE RULES

Carson Clark
Contributor

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Robert Aderholt (AL-04) today released the following statement in regard to his vote to defund Planned Parenthood. The Congressman is also calling on the Senate to change its rules to allow the democratic process to go forward.

"Today I voted to prevent taxpayer dollars from going to Planned Parenthood, an organization that sells the parts of murdered babies for money, and to protect babies that survive abortions."

"The Defund Planned Parenthood Act and the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act are among the most important votes I will cast this year because they represent an attempt to protect the most vulnerable among us. "

"Many Alabamians have now seen or at least heard about the deplorable undercover videos that show Planned Parenthood leadership casually discussing the best techniques for preserving the organs of aborted babies so they can be resold for maximum compensation. "

"Planned Parenthood has no business receiving money from American taxpayers.

"One example close to home is the revelation by the Alabama Department of Public Health that the Mobile Planned Parenthood office performed two abortions on a 14-year-old girl in less than four months. She also had two other living children. Yet Planned Parenthood employees never notified authorities of the obvious sexual abuse."

"While I'm pleased that both of these bills passed in the House, I know that their future in the United States Senate is not bright. While members of the House, both Republicans and Democrats, allow the democratic process to play out, in the Senate it's a different story. The Senate is the place where democracy goes to sleep. Senate Democrats use the filibuster and threat of a filibuster to kill bills—never allowing them to come to a vote."

"I believe it is time for the Senate to change its rules. The filibuster was never intended to repeatedly stop bill after bill that one party disagrees with from ever being considered on the Senate Floor—and that is what is happening."

"If the President doesn't like a bill he has the power of the veto, but it is unacceptable to stop bills from being voted on. Whether it is defunding Planned Parenthood, reversing the President's immigration executive overreach or trying to stop a flawed Iran nuclear deal, these obstructionist tactics need to stop."

In Washington, Congressman Aderholt serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the powerful House Appropriations Committee; he is also a member of the Committee's Defense Subcommittee, the Committee's Commerce, Justice, and Science Subcommittee, and the Helsinki Commission.

For more information about Aderholt's work in Congress visit: aderholt.house.gov.

PROJECT LIFESAVER SAVES LIFE OF SENIOR CITIZEN

Bradley Williams
Cullman County Sheriff's Office

CULLMAN — Deputies with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) responded to the home of Mr. Ben Tucker of Cullman County on Wednesday, September 17th, 2015 after he had been out of contact with his family and caregivers for more than 24 hours, thanks to a wearable electronic.

Project Lifesaver is a monitoring bracelet that tracks a user's location.

Beneficiaries of the device include those with Alzheimer's, Down syndrome, Autism, and other disorders.

Deputies used a tracking device to find the bracelet and determined that Tucker was still inside his home.

When they entered the home at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, they found Tucker lying in the bathtub, with the water still running, and unable to move, where he had been located since 9 p.m. Tuesday night.

Deputies and emergency personnel safely removed Tucker from the bathroom and transported him to Cullman Regional Medical Center.

"I want to first say that I am glad that Mr. Tucker is safe. I would also like to say that I am very proud of the deputies that saved his life, as soon as they heard Mr. Tucker might be in trouble they responded.", said Sheriff Matt Gentry.

Project Lifesaver is a free service offered by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and the Pilot Club of Cullman.

For information on enrolling a family member, or to donate to the program, call the Cullman County Sheriff's Office at 256-734-0342 and ask for Captain Ricky Blackwood.

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Caring (from Front)

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CULLMAN – On Tuesday, September 15th, Cullmanites volunteered their time to United Way's Day of Caring; benefiting the variety of agencies that United Way funds.

"We invited our agencies to turn in projects they needed help with, either at their locations or for one of their clients," explained Stephanie Wood, Marketing and Communications Director at United Way of Cullman County.

"We also asked local churches if any of their members needed anything. The tasks could be anything from something minimal and easy to something great and difficult. Either way, by our volunteers adopting the projects, the agencies, families, etc., were able to focus on what it is important and not worry about these things."

"We are always so grateful for the opportunity to give back to Cullman County through Day of Caring," Wood continued.

"While we provide financial assistance year round, this is a great opportunity for us and our volunteers to get our hands dirty and help out our agencies and individuals that need it."

Volunteers accomplished a variety of tasks for the community including:

Yard work, pressure washing and small house repairs at Daystar House, a shelter for women and children

Pressure washing and window cleaning at the Pilot Light House, a local foster care home

Clothes sorting, yard work, gate repair, and parking lot cleaning and painting at Victim Services

Thoroughly cleaning a local elderly woman's home

Major yard work for an aging couple whose property had become completely overgrown because they do not have the ability to maintain it

Cut grass, remove weeds and blow leaves off gravestones at Cullman Memory Gardens

Volunteers from Walmart worked for two days cleaning up Cullman Memory Gardens. There was a total of 50 volunteers, roughly 25 each day. The group was able to secure a $5,000 donation from their company.

"We just feel like this is a big part of the community effort to get Memory Gardens back up and looking like it should," said Kathy Booher, a weekend manager for Walmart.

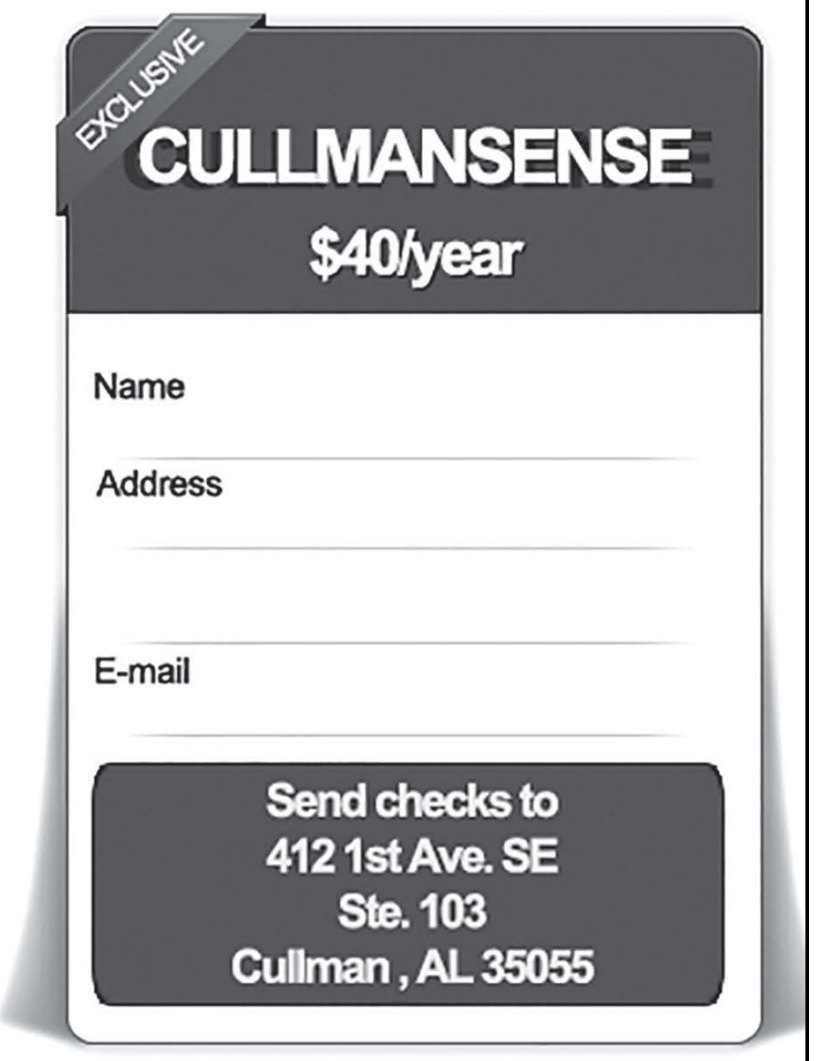
"We try to do it at least once a year for United Way as a volunteer day. We really enjoy it. It gives us an opportunity to be helpful to the community plus it also helps us get back together as a group."

"We could not have completed all these tasks without McGriff Tire, our sponsor, and the wonderful men and women from Rehau, Payroll Services, Rusken, Brandon Iron, WSCC, Yutaka, and YAP," Wood added.

"It's refreshing to see such a great group of people willing and eager to help those in need!"

United Way of Cullman County is located at 304 1st Ave NE, Cullman, AL 35055. For more information call 256-739-2948 or visit uwaycc.org. Follow UnitedWayCullman on Facebook and @UnitedWayCullCo on Twitter.

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RELIGIOUS SPOTLIGHT: MEET DESTINY CHURCH'S FRED AND JANICE RIVERS

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CULLMAN — Destiny Church's mission is simple; connect people to God's Plan. The church is doing remarkable things for the community, thanks to the guidance of the husband and wife team they are blessed to call pastors.

After serving as Associate Pastors at Agape Church for a few years, Fred and Janice Rivers founded Destiny Church in 2003 and now serve as co-pastors.

The husband and wife team attended high school together in Birmingham and married soon after graduation in 1971. They moved to Cullman in 1981.

"I had answered the call to preach as a young teenager but drifted away from the Lord after a while," Pastor Fred said. "Like the prodigal son, I went my own way."

"The message of the prodigal child in scripture is twofold," he continued.

"First, living life away from God is futile and empty. Secondly, when we return to the Lord, He receives us with open arms, celebrating our reunion with Him," he smiled.

"Janice and I experienced those things and more. The Lord restored our lives and confirmed His call to ministry in early 1990. God is good!"

In January 1993, Fred and Janice moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma to train for ministry.

Fred received a Master of Divinity from Oral Roberts University and Janice graduated from Victory Bible Institute.

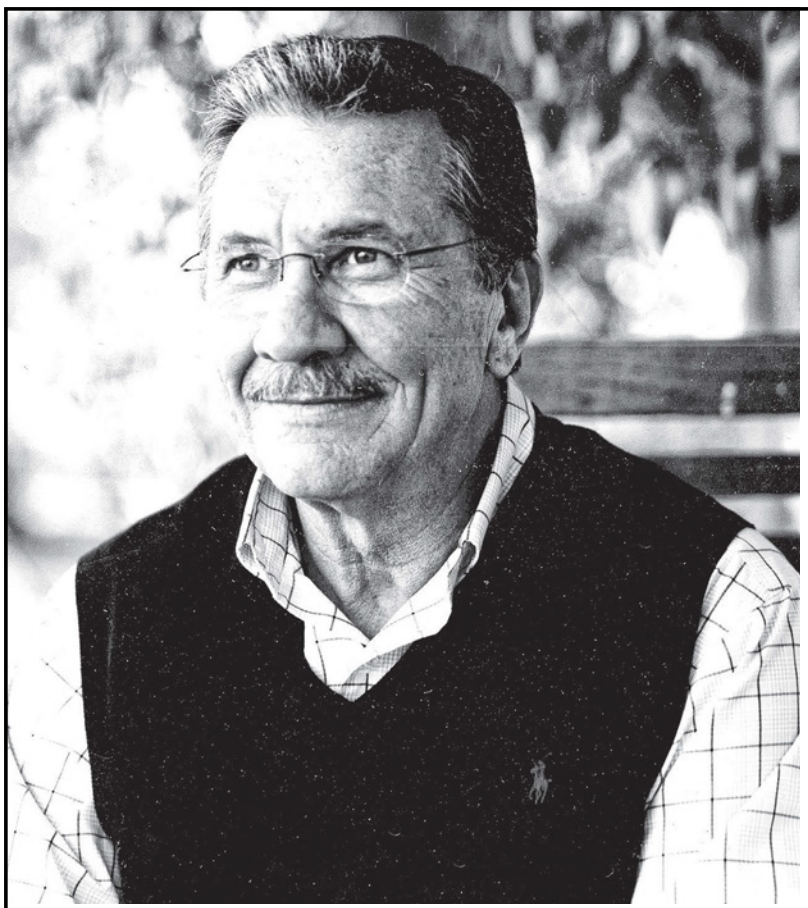
While in Tulsa the two worked as staff pastors at Victory Christian Center, serving Pastors Billy Joe and Sharon Daugherty.

In the spring of 1999 God brought them back to Cullman.

On their journey with the Lord, Janice and Fred discovered a powerful truth based upon Jeremiah 29:11.

"God has a plan for our lives. It's a wonderful plan, to do good to us and to give us hope and a future," Fred grinned warmly.

"At Destiny that is the message we proclaim; that God is good, that He loves us and He has a plan for us—regardless of what we have been through. Destiny is an interdenominational charismatic church filled with loving and caring people. Our greatest joy is to see lives restored and hope renewed. God has a plan!"



FRED RIVERS

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Fred Rivers, Pastor of Destiny Church

Pastors Fred and Janice Rivers strive to bring others to the Lord through their ministry at Destiny Church. They continue to do amazing things through their congregation.

Destiny Church is located at 566 County Road 1339, Cullman, AL 35058. For more information call 256-737-9254, e-mail destinychurch@edestiny.org and visit edestiny.org. Follow them on Facebook at facebook.com/destinychurchcullman.

Exhibition (from Front)

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CULLMAN – The 32nd Annual Cullman County Band Exhibition was held Saturday, September 19th at the Oliver Woodard Stadium at Cullman High School. Nine Cullman City and County bands performed their halftime shows for the huge crowd, proudly showing their amazing skills and wonderful talent. The bands that performed were Cullman Middle School, Hanceville, Vinemont, Cold Springs, Holly Pond, West Point, Fairview, Good Hope, and Cullman High School.

"We all (the band directors) have a bunch of hard-working kids who are dedicated and understand what we are trying to achieve and work tirelessly to achieve it," said Luette Benefield, Holly Pond Band Director. "All bands are like families and we all have our own traditions, special things we do, and unique idiosyncrasies that make us be the band that we are," she grinned. "We all love performing and we love watching performances and cheering them on. We have a blast at football games, we live for road trips, and on contest day, we are all business, and for the 8-10 minutes we are out on that field, it is game on. Anyway, like I said, most bands share many things in common and what makes that great is that since we all bear the same burdens and enjoy the same triumphs, we support each other just that much more."

Cullman Middle School got things started with their rendition of "Uptown Funk" and "Victory March".

Hanceville High School Bulldog Band's theme was "We'll Take You Higher". They played "Well Run Dry", "Uptown Funk", "Shockuhfunk!", and "Higher Medley".

"Tonight should be interesting," giggled Briana Loomis, Hanceville Band Student. "There are a lot of people in our band who are new and were having a hard time, but I really think tonight will be good for us," she grinned happily.

Vinemont High School Eagle Band's theme was "Classics and Everything in Between". They performed, "Symphony Number 9", "Bohemian Rhapsody", "William Tell", "Living on a Prayer" and "Ode to Joy".

"The bands are really looking good on the field. I'm just having a great time."

Pat Maddux, Cullman High School Band Alumni

Cold Springs Royal Blue Band did a throwback to the 1950's. They played "Rock Around the Clock", "Splish Splash", "In the Still of the Night" and "Great Balls of Fire".

Holly Pond's Bronco Band played "Can't Get Enough of Your Love", "Johnny B. Goode", "The Beast", and "Let It Be/Defying Gravity".

West Point Warrior Band paid tribute to American military marching bands and closed their show with Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Springs".

Fairview High School's theme was The Colors of Rock. They played "Purple Haze", "Paint It Black", "99 Red Balloons", "Black Betty", "Whiter Shade of Pale", and "White Wedding".

Good Hope Raider Band played an AC/DC show. They played "Back in Black", "Shoot to Thrill", Shook Me All Night Long", "We Salute You" and "Dirty Deeds".

Cullman High School ended the night by performing "A Journey Through Jazz." They played "Birdland", "Fever" and "Big Noise from Winnetka".

"So far the bands are sounding great," said Pat Maddux, Cullman High School Band Alumni. "They are sounding a lot better than I expected them to this early in the season. They are really looking good on the field and I'm just having a great time."

Special thanks to the many folks who worked so hard in making the 32nd Annual Cullman County Band Exhibition a success. The kids did a fantastic job! If you are not familiar with your local band program, please take a moment and watch them perform at the next football game. You will be impressed at how entertaining and talented our local bands really are.

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MEET PATTIE MILLER: CULLMAN COUNTY'S FIRST FAIR QUEEN

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CULLMAN – The 2014 Cullman County Fair has been in town all last week and my curiosity about the fair's history has had me researching the whole time it's been here. In the midst of my quest for the fair's history, I was contacted by a very special lady. Her name is Mrs. Pattie (Swann) Miller and she holds the title of Cullman County's very first fair queen. The two of us sat and talked like old friends from the very first moment we met. Eventually we began to talk about how Cullman was back in the day and it wasn't long before she reminisced about that first fair pageant so long ago.

"To be honest, I don't know how I got selected for the pageant," Miller began with a big smile. "I know I received a call from Dr. Below, the chiropractor's office. They asked me to come down and talk with him. So when I went down to talk with him, he wanted to know if I wanted to be in the Miss Cullman County Fair Pageant. I said, yes, and so my school, of course, represented me and I was sponsored by the Lion's Club."

Pattie competed against five other girls for the crown. They were Virginia Garmon from Cold Springs, Martha Baker of Hanceville, Sarah Tucker of West Point, Peggy Turner of Holly Pond and Reba Kilpatrick of Fairview. The girls became fast friends as they came together and competed for that special title.

"Because there was no place to dress, I would assume that the other girls did the same as I did and came to the pageant already dressed in their gowns," Miller said. "My dress was a light aqua and it was sheered at the bottom. It was strapless and my mother had made it for me."

"The pageant itself was done on a flatbed truck," she continued. "They had a little tent in the back of the truck - behind it. We all waited in the tent and when it was our turn, we would climb up the steps and walk across the truck bed, turn around and walk back. There were no chairs or anything for the audience to sit in, they all stood around the flatbed. From what I remember there were quite a few people standing there watching."

In 1956, the Fair Queen Pageant was fairly basic. It consisted of a handful of lovely ladies and a lot of nervous energy.

"The whole thing was a blur," Miller explained. "We were all very nervous, especially while walking across that stage. We didn't have to do a talent; I'm sure we had to say something, but there was no talent competition. I know the first two years, talent wasn't part of the pageant; I'm not sure about the third year. All I can say about that is thank goodness," she giggled.

The 2014 Fair Queen received a $1,500.00 scholarship from the Fair Association, along with a hand-finished, natural-color portrait by Photography by Theresa Burns of Cullman and a diamond pendant from Doug Doggett Jewelers of Cullman. Back in 1956, the prize was not nearly as extravagant.

"I got a trophy for winning the pageant. I'm sure the school (Cullman High) got a hundred dollars or something; I'm really not sure what the school got. My picture was also in the annual either that year or in 1957."

I truly enjoyed my visit with Mrs. Miller and I appreciate her sitting down and telling me about her involvement in the Cullman's first Fair Queen Pageant. Every now and then good things happen to good people. Pattie didn't go looking to enter the pageant; it was a member of the community that recognized something special in this young girl and asked her to compete. The title was a first and the prize was simple, but the memories have lasted a lifetime.



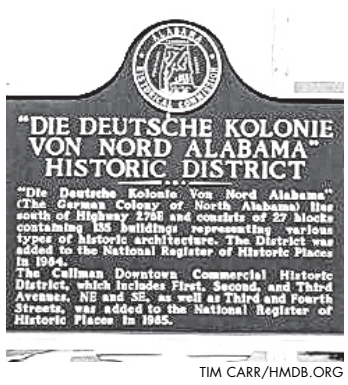
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Miller received a trophy for winning the pageant.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES: DIE DEUTSCHE KOLONIE VON NORD ALABAMA

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CULLMAN – Located at the intersection of 3rd Street Northeast (U.S. 278) and 4th Avenue Southeast, in Cullman, there is a historical marker that recognizes Cullman's rich German heritage. It reads as follows.



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DIE DEUTSCHE KOLONIE VON NORD ALABAMA" HISTORIC DISTRICT

"Die Deutsche Kolonie Von Nord Alabama" (The German Colony of North Alabama) lies south of Highway 278E and consists of 27 blocks containing 135 buildings representing various types of historic architecture. The District was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.

The Cullman Downtown Commercial Historic District, which includes First, Second, and Third Avenues, NE and SE, as well as Third and Fourth Streets, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985.

MIRRORING HISTORY: CULLMAN COUNTY FAIR QUEEN

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CULLMAN – The 2015 Cullman County Fair is just around the corner which means there will be a new Fair Queen crowned soon.

The 2014 Fair Queen, Miss Josie Oliver from Cullman High School, received a $1,500 scholarship from the Fair Association, along with a hand-finished, natural-color portrait by Photography by Theresa Burns of Cullman and a diamond pendant from Doug Doggett Jewelers of Cullman.

Patsy (Swann) Miller, also from Cullman High School, was crowned the 1956 Fair Queen. Back then, the prize was not nearly as extravagant.

"I got a trophy for winning the pageant," Patsy smiled.

"I'm sure the school (Cullman High) got a hundred dollars or something; I'm really not sure what the school got. My picture was also in the annual either that year or in 1957."



THERESA BURNS

The 2014 Fair Queen, Josie Oliver from Cullman High School.



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The 1956 Fair Queen, Patsy Miller.

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

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- **Clucknbrew 2015:** CP&R's wing and brew fest is back for the third year! Clucknbrew 2015 will be held Saturday, September 19 at Depot Park in downtown Cullman featuring a wing cook off contest with plenty of wings to sample as well as a free kid's zone, contests, and games. A game-day tent will also be on-site playing the Alabama and Auburn football games as well as other big college football games of the week. For more information, visit us online at www.cullmanrecreation.org
- **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
- **CP&R Youth Archery Classes** for beginners, intermediate, and advanced archers will begin on Monday, September 7. Cost is $40 per month; register ahead of time at the Cullman Civic Center.
- **Kid's Create Art Class**: CP&R will be offering an after school art program at the new art studio located at the Cullman Civic Center starting September 10. Classes are registering now and are limited to 15 per class, so signup today!
- **Youth Outdoor Adventure:** CP&R is hosting a fall outdoor adventure session for 6 weeks on Saturdays starting September 12. Activities include hiking, rock climbing, rappelling, kayaking, & more. $75 for class, signup at the Civic Center.
- **Youth Tennis Program Fall Session** registering now at the Cullman Civic Center. The 8 week session will include 2 weeks of practice and 6 weeks of play; athletes will be grouped by skill level. Cost is $95, and the session begins Sept. 14.
- **Home School Art Class:** CP&R is offering a home-school art class starting on Tuesday, September 8. Classes will be held at the Cullman Civic Center for ages 6-14 and cost is $40 per month. Register now at the Civic Center.
- **Mommy & Me Art Class:** CP&R will be offering a Mommy & Me Pre-school art class at the Cullman Civic Center for children ages 5 & under and their mothers; cost is $50 per month and classes will be held starting September 29.

PARADE KICKS OFF FAIR

Kate Biermeier
Contributor



KATE BIERMEIER/CULLMANSENSE

The annual parade showcased a variety of floats from the community.

CULLMAN – Cullmanites swarmed the streets Saturday during the 2015 Cullman County Fair Parade. Downtown gleamed with color, music, and, of course, lots of candy during the annual kick off for the Cullman County Fair.

The sound of marching bands filled the streets of Cullman during the parade with bands from city and county high schools displaying their newest talents.

The Cullman High School Marching Band played in full force with their flag team waving bright pink, purple, and orange flags, while Cold Springs dawned their traditional blue and gold attire.

The Good Hope Raiders shook their metallic black and red poms, Vinemont proudly sported red, and Fairview's flag team waved every color of the rainbow in a colorful show.

Good Hope students Sophie Davis, Lexi Quinn, and Charli Overton were cheering on their Raiders during the parade.

"We've gotten a lot of candy so far. Our favorite float is just all the Good Hope floats," stated Quinn. "Go Raiders!" added Davis.

Cheerleaders of all ages from each city and county school were peppy and loud.

Also in parade were X-treme Allstars Cheerleading and Victory Cheer Academy. For two-year-old Isabella Dotson, the cheerleaders were the stars of the show.

"More cheers!" she yelled, dancing with the cheerleaders.

Beauty queens of all ages waved from floats and handed out candy to eager children watching. Most were in flashy sports cars, and all wore beautiful dresses.

The Factory Dance had a colorful float, but that wasn't the best part.

Factory Dance students danced down the street, performing fun routines, and even flipping into the air as they threw candy to the masses.

Lainy, Haley, Yanet, and Ellie were four girls who were not going to miss an opportunity to catch as much candy as possible. These girls were dancing along and then scrambling for candy at every opportunity.

From fair queens to cheerleaders, this hometown parade was a glimpse into the lives of Cullman's many talented citizens.

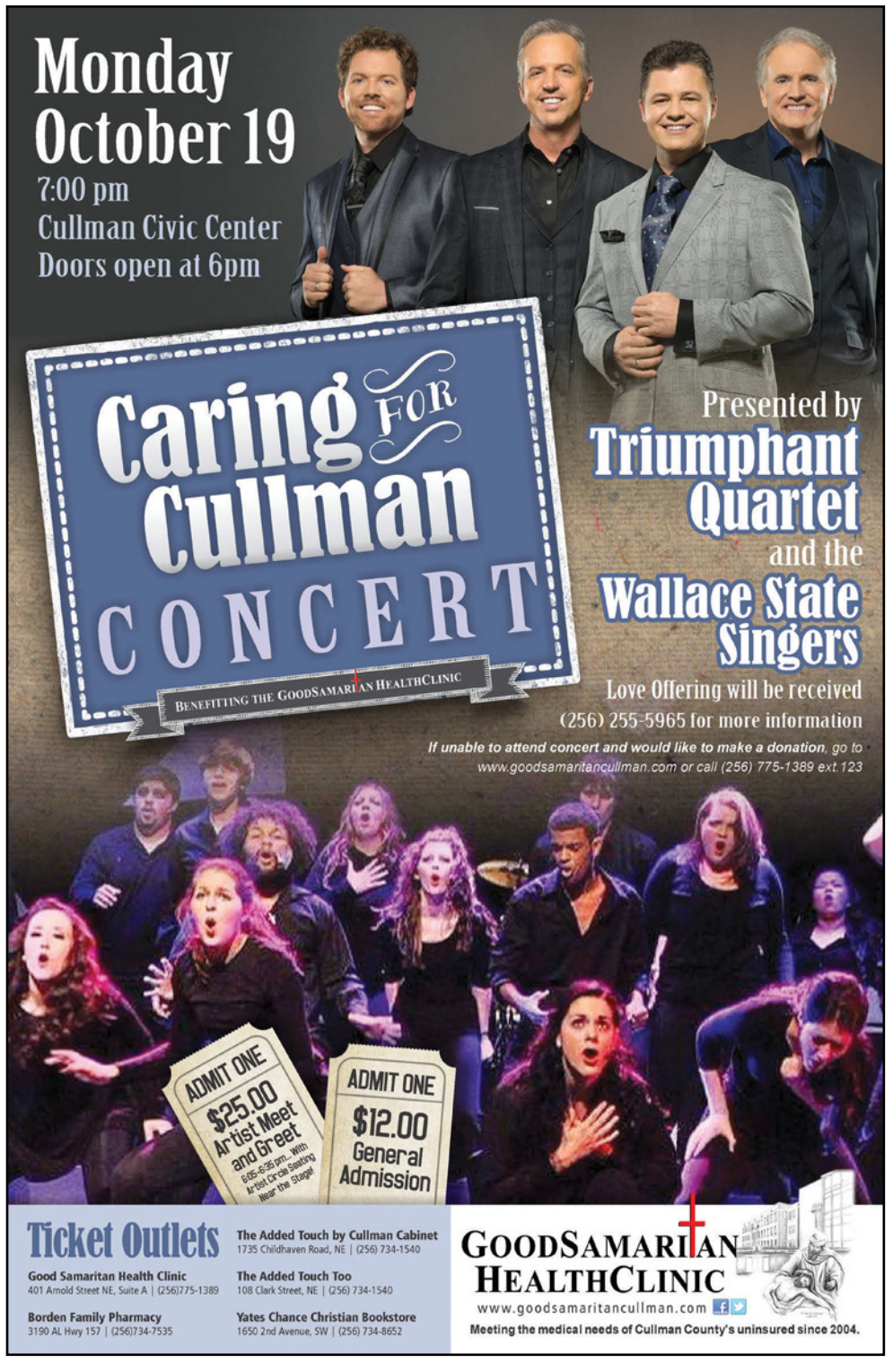
The Cullman County Fair begins September 24 and ends October 4.

The Cullman County Fair Pageant will be held Tuesday night, September 29, while the Tiny and Petite Fair Princess Pageant will be Thursday, September 24 and the Junior and Teen Fair Princess Pageant will be Thursday, October 1.

Student Day at the fair will be Monday, September 28, Senior Citizen Day will be Wednesday, September 30.







CLUCK-N-BREW BENEFITS COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND

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CULLMAN – The Cullman City Parks and Recreation Department held its third Clucknbrew Saturday. All money raised benefits the CP&R Community Playground project. Currently the project is rebuilding Ingle Park.

"This playground is an inclusive playground, it's a playground for everybody with all abilities. There will be something for everyone." Cullman Parks & Rec Executive Director, Nathan Anderson explained. He went on to say that fundraising for the park occurs year round.

At the start of the event Anderson gave his perspective, "It's 4 o'clock and people are already filling up in all of our areas. The wings are smelling great and people are having a great time. So everything is going great. We expect a lot more people than we have had in years past. The game day tent has actually grown in size, it's actually doubled in size. We're wanting to emphasize more about the game day activity. We want people to come out and get like a tailgating experience. The wings, we have close to 20 participants competing in the wing competition. We have individuals and restaurants, we even have businesses that are not restaurants competing as well."

Waid Harbison, Marketing, Programs, and Events Coordinator, said, "We've made some changes this year, a couple things are a little bit bigger like our game day tent; we've added four TVs. Last year we had three, this year we have seven. And one of them is a very, very huge projector screen that's going to be playing the Alabama, Auburn games. So we kinda beefed that up to try and give people a little bit more for what they are coming for. It's kinda that community tailgate atmosphere. Everybody's coming together, they're having fun. There is something for the kids to do and the parents can be watching the game, everyone is enjoying wings and drinks. Really that's what we're going for, enjoying college football, and an afternoon outside."

A variety of competitors entered the wing contest, which was split into a business and an amatuer segment.

The business trophy was won by Walker brothers building Supply Company. "I've just been cooking wings for friends and family forever and they always said that they're good. Last year we decided to get in it and got second and this year we were good enough to get first. I just like good food," Tim Fulmer, cook for the Walker Brothers team said.

The amateur trophy went to Camdyn Stone and Tile. Rick and Adele Humanes were the main chefs, "We are so excited that we won first place for the amateur wings. This is our first year entering into the whole chicken wing festival. We will definitely be back next year and give it another try," said Adele Humanes.

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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
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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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HANCEVILLE – Big things come in small packages, especially when the Hanceville Public Library is concerned. People who visit the small town library have become like family, especially the Storytime crowd.

Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. children from all around come to the library to participate in Storytime. At Storytime, books are read, crafts are created and snacks enjoyed. The same group of kids has been attending Storytime for as long as they can remember; their mothers have become close friends and the children have come to think of each other as brothers and sisters.

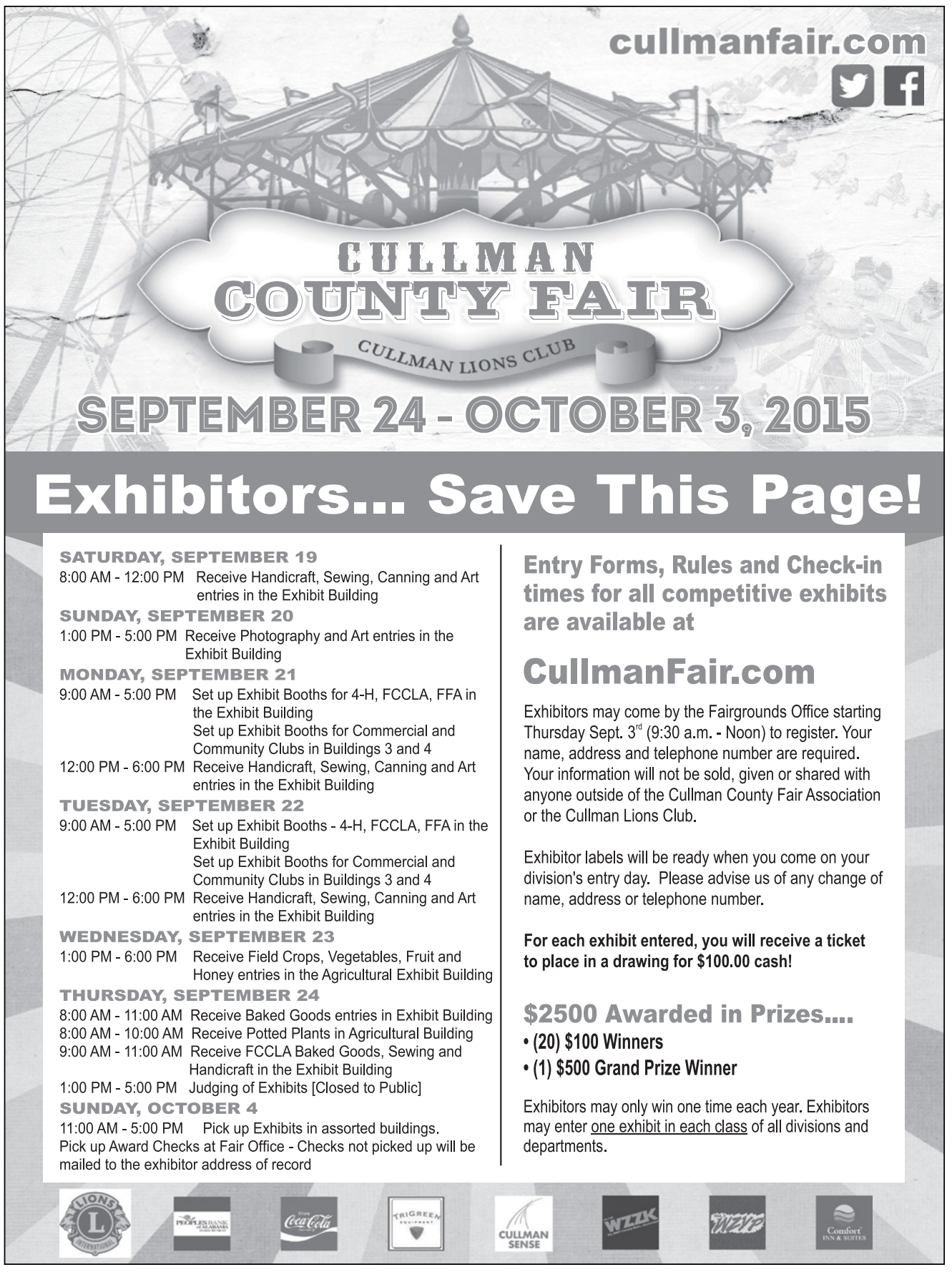
Just like a real family, the young group takes care of each other in very special ways. They share their crayons – and their snacks. They sit quietly as their story is read so that everyone can pay attention. Best of all, when one of the children's families move away, special efforts are made to keep them coming to Storytime.

"We had a Storytime family that had recently moved to Florida because the husband got a job down there," Hanceville Library's Librarian, Shirley Burden explained. "The little girl, 5 year old Crimson had been coming to Storytime all her life," she smiled, "she hated to miss Storytime! So the ladies here at the library decided they could Skype between here and there so the little girl could still be at Storytime. Her mother gets together the same crafts that we do here, so Crimson can do the same thing the children are doing here at the library."

At the Wednesday, September 16th Storytime, Kayron Edwards, one of the Storytime mothers, read the book, "The Tree Who Wanted to Reach the Stars" by Alabama author Glenda Jones. Afterwards, the children made trees using their handprints and construction paper. All the while, Crimson was following along, making her tree along with the others – all the way from Florida via Skype!

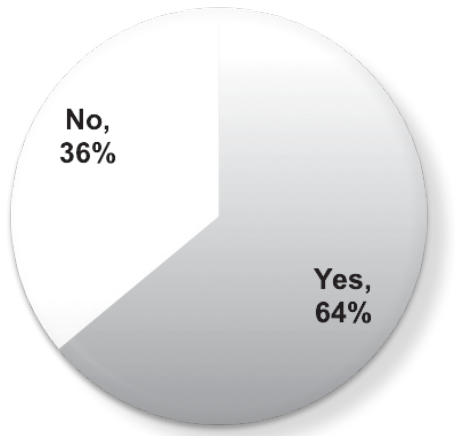
"When Janette, Crimson's mother, was talking about moving to Florida, she had talked about how her husband had already gone down there to look for a house," said Edwards. "She had said the night before, her son and daughter had been Skyping with their daddy. So I told her, 'We should Skype you during Storytime'" she grinned. "Janette thought it would be a great thing to do, so we tried it after they moved to Florida and have been doing it ever since," she grinned.

Great things come in small packages and the Hanceville Library is the perfect example of this. For a little over a month now, the small library has stretched its arms out to reach little Crimson in Florida, keeping her a part of its reading group. By investing a little reading time with the community's children, people like Mrs. Burden and the other wonderful librarians in Hanceville are making great things happen - establishing a love for reading in young minds by using technology like Skype.



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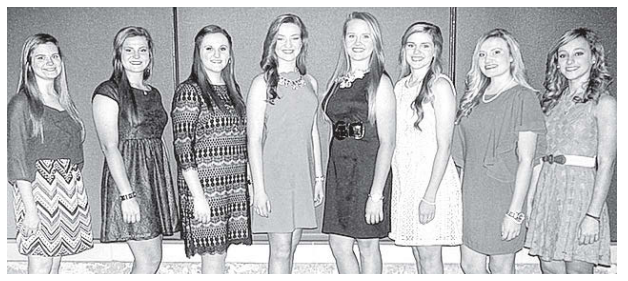


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TAKING PERSONAL STYLE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

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CULLMAN – As summer turns into fall again, many find themselves in need of a new look. Cullman's own Sophia Machen of J. Drake Salon and Spa has everything ones needs to update their style this season.

Whether a client needs a drastic cut, a makeup how-to, or just a simple trim, Machen has the tools, expertise, and creative eye to give her customers exactly what they want.

This original young artist can give her clients the look they've been dying for or help them figure out a look they will love.

"My specialties are color, highlighting, hair painting, color corrections, curly hair, blow dry style, up-dos, smoothing treatments, men's cuts, braids, and makeup," Machen stated.

Machen has been a licensed cosmetologist for just over three years, but her passion has much deeper roots.

"I was around 12 years old when I really became interested in makeup and hair," said Machen.

"My mom would give me her free gifts of tester size amounts of blush, mascara, lipsticks, etc. that came with the makeup she bought. I would go to my room and practice and play with all the cosmetics. It wasn't until after high school that I realized cosmetology should be my career."

Upon this realization, Machen enrolled in Paul Mitchell the School Birmingham, where she perfected her craft.

"I went to an amazing school," Machen said. "I graduated in June 2012. Shortly after, I was hired by my absolutely wonderful and talented boss, Jimmy Drake at J Drake Salon and Spa.

Through the years, Machen has transformed her clients' appearances, giving them a fresh style while boosting their self-confidence. And her creative imagination provides her with endless amounts of inspiration.

"Things that inspire me are everywhere," she smiled. "Color patterns in nature, the creativity and hard work of my co-workers, styles from different eras, and the hundreds of stylist I follow on social media."

For Machen, this isn't just a career. It's a way of life.

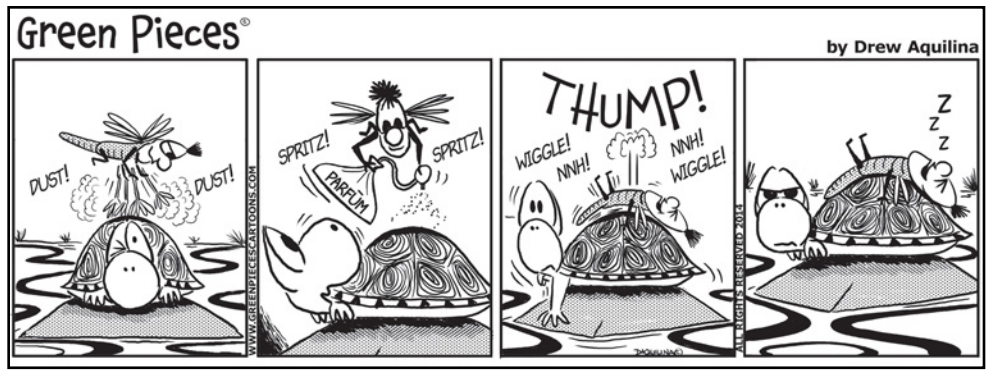
"I am very passionate about my job and I want to thank every single client to the fullest that has sat in my chair and trusted me and my abilities as a stylist. Hair is my canvas and nothing can describe the joy I get out of making people feel and look beautiful."



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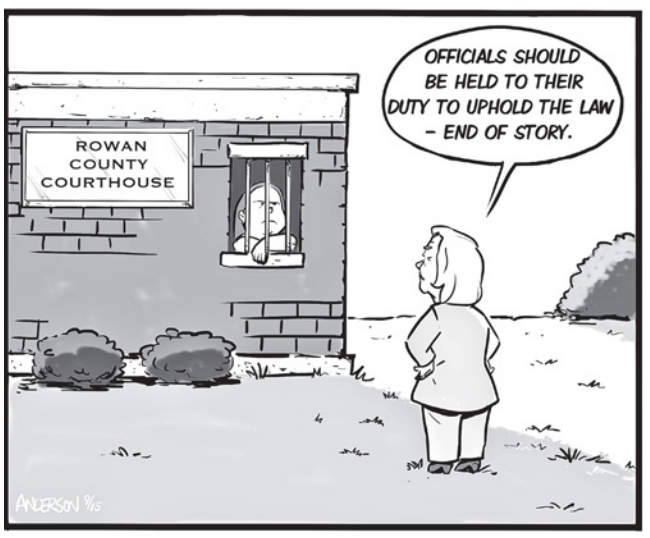
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OPINION

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY "REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT"?

Lee H. Hamilton
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With a presidential election year fast approaching, we're in for a lot of public talk about the state of American democracy. Much of that discussion will be insightful and thought-provoking, but there's a good chance you'll also find a lot of it vague and hard to pin down.

There's a reason for this. Even our political leaders, the people who are most familiar with the system's workings, have a hard time describing it.

In fact, they even have a hard time labeling it. Ours is not actually a pure democracy: it's more accurate to say that we live in a "representative democracy" – that is, the people don't themselves make decisions, but delegate that authority to their elected representatives. In this sense, we really live in a republic, a word you don't often hear from the podium.

Perhaps the best way to start thinking about what American representative democracy really means is to recall the Pledge of Allegiance, which is an oath to the Republic that our flag symbolizes, and in particular to an ideal: that our nation will strive for liberty and justice for all. Plenty of well-meaning people, in the heat of the political moment, seize on one or the other of those twin poles to support their agenda — they insist upon liberty or they demand justice. The Pledge, however, makes it clear that these core principles are inseparable.

Still, they are ideals. They're not sufficient to define a representative democracy.

Indeed, no single feature does. One of our core tenets holds that the people are sovereign — that we give our consent to be governed through regular participation in the elections that decide who will represent us.

Yet elections in and of themselves don't define our republic, either; there are plenty of countries around the world whose elections are used to distort democracy.

So the rule of law is also key, and along with it the notion that everyone ought to be subject to equal justice under the law.

The separation of powers among the different branches of government creates a balance designed to protect the people from overweening power. The rights guaranteed by our Constitution ensure that the rights of minorities of all kinds are safe.

The big challenge in all this is to set up the structures and practices that protect and defend these beliefs.

The courts, legislative bodies and executive branches at the federal, state and local level are an example of this, along with a system of checks and balances that promotes accountability and transparency.

So are the freedoms we often take for granted: under our Constitution, we do not put to a vote whether to continue protecting freedom of religion or the right to express unpopular sentiments or publish news that challenges those in power.

While representative democracy rests on a core set of principles, it remains a constantly evolving concept.

At the beginning, ours was limited: our Founders began with an inspiring set of beliefs about how a nation ought to govern itself, but they also ignored women and chose to set aside the question of slavery. This was a democracy of white males of a certain age who owned property.

Representative democracy by its nature is always a work in progress; we never really get the balance between liberty and justice exactly right.

This is worth remembering at the moment, when the problems we confront seem so overwhelming and our institutions are under so much strain.

The problems they have to resolve — the outsized role of money in politics, excessive partisanship, the sheer complexity of the policy challenges we face — are daunting, but that doesn't mean representative government itself should be called into question.

In fact, it is our great strength. It protects against arbitrary authority, strives for justice, hears our varied and conflicting opinions before it acts, and moderates tensions among competing interests.

It works in a measured fashion that tends — over time — to encourage policymakers to find consensus. It is the form of government that, when allowed to work properly, is most likely to lead to wise policy, firmly rooted in the consent of the ordinary people on whose shoulders it rests.

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POWER IN THE WORD: THE GOSPEL THAT WORKS!

FOUR BIBLICAL FORMS OF LOVE

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There are four biblical forms of love. Number one is eros. It is the type that is supposed to be shared between husband and wife, man and woman, not man and man or woman and woman, but male and female. We don't ever have to wonder what God thinks. He is an open book. When God created them, the Bible says in Genesis 2:18, "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." The word meet there in the Hebrew is "something suitable."

Look again at Genesis 2:18-20. "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him." Now watch this. Don't you know that God knows what is best for us, what we need?

God is about to create what He thought Adam needed. When we get to this next verse, we see that God created what He said Adam needed. If Adam would have needed another male for a companion, I believe right here, God would have given him another man. God created something just for Adam. Genesis 2:21-22

"And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man." What did God do? He made a woman, and brought her unto the man. Woman, "Wo" in the Hebrew derivative means, "the man with the womb." That is why they call us mankind. When God created what man needed, He already fixed it right there.

Back to eros, it is the type of love that is passionate. It is pleasing. It is pleasurable. It is meant to be held between a man and a woman.

Then, there is storge. That is the type of love that a parent has for their children.

Then, there was phileo. This is the brotherly type of love. It is the type of love that you grow into. Sometimes people do not have to be blood kin to you, but you love them like a brother, or you love them like a sister, through the evolution of that phileo operating in your life.

Then, there is the agape. Agape is a Greek word. I want you to put this Hebrew word in front of it, "hesed": Hesed agape, which means unconditional love.

This type of love is the type of love that God has for us, but not only that, it is the foundation of the love walk. He loves us in spite of whether it rains and we come to church or not. He loves us in spite of whether we pay our tithes and give our offerings like we should.

He loves us whether we are full of the devil, or full of the Holy Spirit. He has unconditional love for us. When you think of hesed agape love, it passes everything else.

As we grow in relationships, not only in our households but abroad, we need to try and practice it and get into a place where we practice this love walk. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, that ye have love one for another."

Jesus said, "I need My people walking in love."

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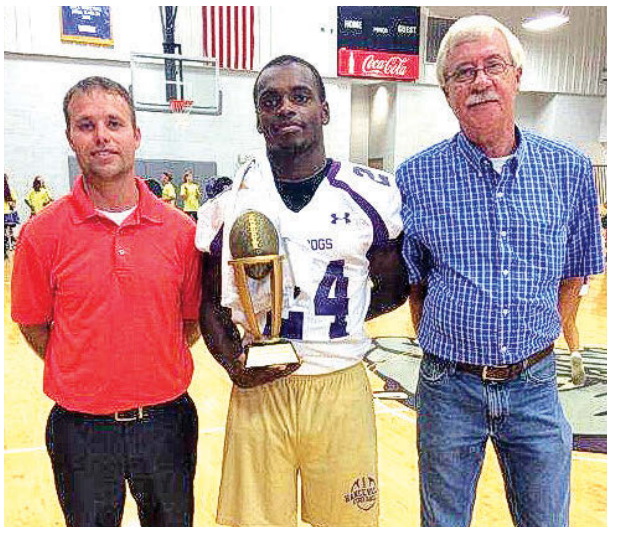
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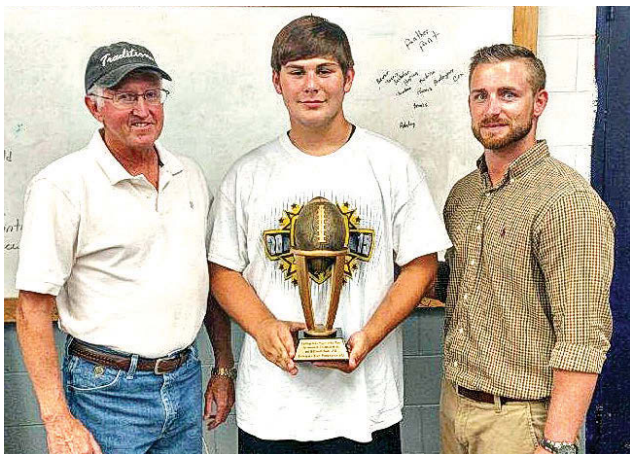
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Human Resources and law enforcement personnel."

Brooks Place role in the lives of abused children in Cullman is important, that is why it is important for it to hold fundraisers like the one coming up on Friday with Jim 'N Nicks, a community focused organization itself.

Beth Kibler, Local Sales Manager of Jim 'N Nicks of Cullman, Jasper, and Gardendale, said that it is foundational to business plan of Jim 'N Nick's to serve the community.

"We don't spend money on television and print advertisements, we instead use that money for community projects," she said.

"Most of our partnerships are long-term community partnerships, so we would love for this chicken dinner event to be an annual fundraiser."

In that mindset, Jim 'N Nick's workers will set up shop at the Cullman Church of Christ, the base of operations for Friday, September 25.

They will be preparing the food, boxing and bagging it up for the staff and board members of Brooks Place to deliver it to businesses and local residences. The Jim 'N Nick's workers will also clean up.

The meals are being sold $10 each.

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