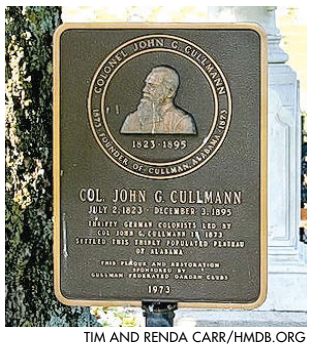
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2-YEAR FEMA GRANT GETS CITY 12 NEW FIREMEN

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CULLMAN – Thanks to a grant of just under $1.2 million, the Cullman City Fire Department will be able to hire 12 more firefighters for up to two years, including all salary plus benefits, but excluding unscheduled overtime pay, according to Fire Chief Edward Reinhardt, Jr.

"There are three shifts per day and there are 11 men to each shift," Reinhardt said. "This grant will allow us to bring the number of men per shift up to 15, which is the suggested number."

Reinhardt said that while the number of men that the two fire stations in the city have been working with, 11, isn't illegal or frowned upon, it is under the suggested or recommended number of men which is 15.

"If there are any incidents," he said, "and they review it, they'll put, 'should have more men on staff,' you know." The addition of the extra men also allows the fire department to utilize a third pumper, or engine – commonly known simply as a firetruck.

"You know, if you respond to two calls, a third has to be delayed," he said. "This way we can have that extra engine and respond more and more quickly."

Reinhardt said that three years ago the number of calls the city received in a year was around 900.

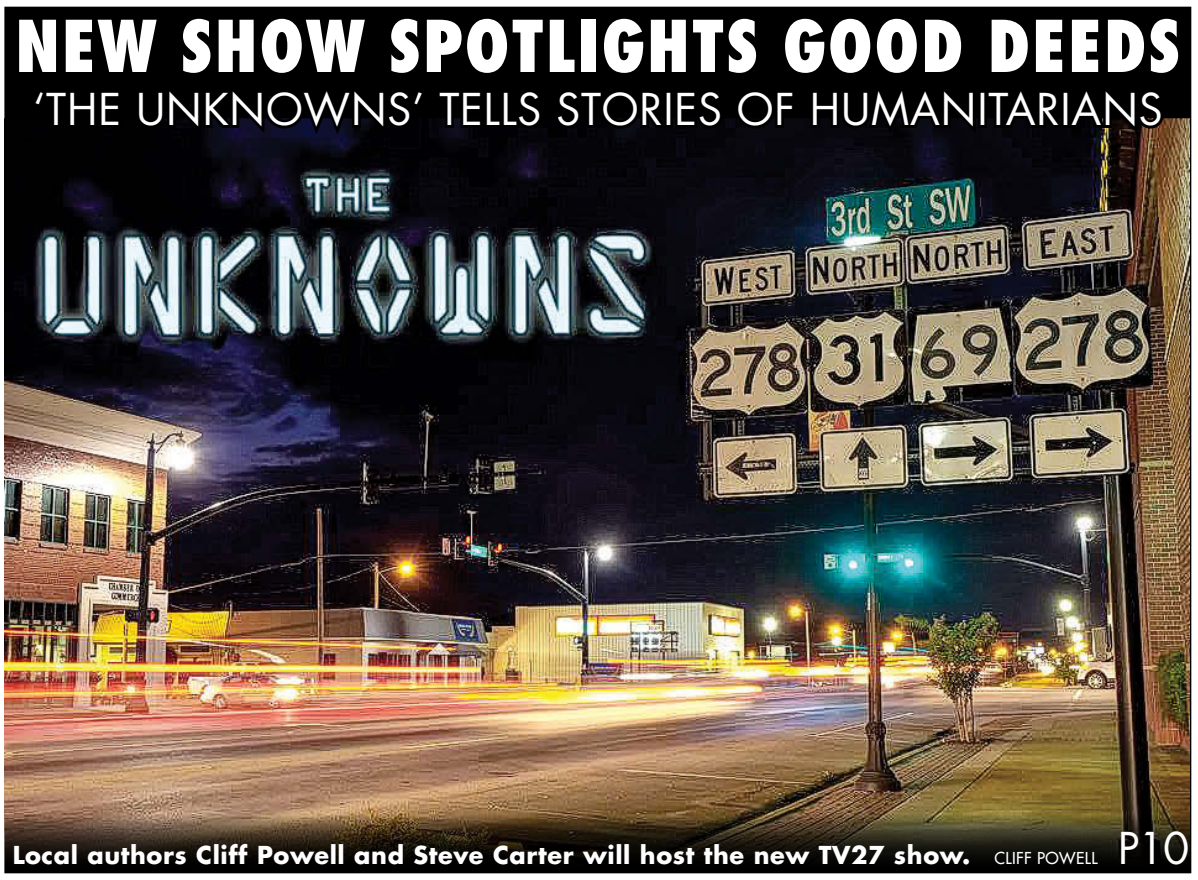
"Last year we got right around 2600 calls," he said.

The process of receiving the grant, which the department received through FEMA, was slightly an uphill battle according to Reinhardt.

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'THE UNKNOWNS' TELLS STORIES OF HUMANITARIANS



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WALLACE STATE SINGERS TO PERFORM AT CARING FOR CULLMAN CONCERT

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT GOOD SAMARITAN HEALTH CLINIC


GAIL CRUTCHFIELD/WSCC

The Wallace State Singers will perform October 19th to benefit Cullman's Good Samaritan Health Clinic.

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HANCEVILLE – The Wallace State Singers will be a part of this year's Caring For Cullman Concert at the Cullman Civic Center on October 19th. The concert will benefit the Good Samaritan Health Clinic.

The Singers will perform a variety of music from the last 50 years in celebration of Wallace State's 50th anniversary. The group will be the opening act for the headlining performers, the Triumphant Quartet.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. and tickets are $12 general admission or $25 for an Artist Meet and Greet prior to the concert.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., with the meet and greet planned between 6:05 and 6:35. Tickets are available at Good Samaritan Health Clinic, Borden Family Pharmacy, The Added Touch by Cullman Cabinet, The Added Touch Too and Yates Chance Book Store.

The Wallace State Singers, the theatre students and Jazz Band will also be performing at this year's Cullman Oktoberfest celebration. The groups will perform on Saturday, October 10th between 10:30 and noon.

For more information contact Gail Crutchfield at 256-352-8064 or visit wallacestate.edu.

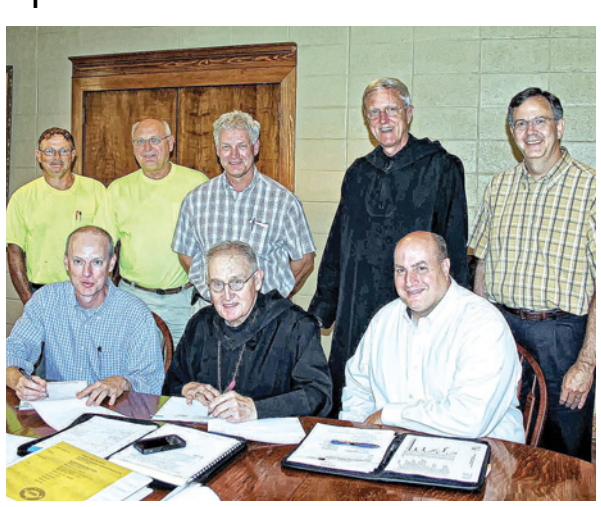
RESTORATION BEGINS ON ST. BERNARD LIBRARY

Building to be fully operational for 2016-17 school year

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard Contributor

CULLMAN – After a year of preparation, the work to restore the St. Bernard Library has begun. The final design was presented by Hendon and Huckestein Architectural firm of Birmingham, Ala., and was accepted in late summer. Abbot Cletus Meagher, O.S.B., of St. Bernard signed the contractual agreement with Eidson and Associates of Cullman, who will serve as the General Contractors for the project.

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ST. BERNARD

Seated: Will Bonds, Abbot Cletus Meagher, OSB, and Jim Huckestein. Standing: Ed Bonds, John Hasenbein, Wendell Hathcock, Fr. Marcus Voss, OSB, and Richard Brown

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HORSIN' AROUND FOR H.O.P.E.

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CULLMAN – On Saturday, October 10 starting at around 10:30 a.m. at the former Evelyn Burrow property at 1315 County Road 222, H.O.P.E. will hold its second annual event.

The event, which will technically begin at 9 a.m. with a trail ride, and registration for the trail ride an hour before that at 8 a.m., has been organized by H.O.P.E. Board Member and Executive Committee Member Melanie Howell.

This year's event is more streamlined, as Howell learned a lot from last year's event.

"There were too many things going around that needed too many volunteers," Howell explained. This year, there will be plenty of attractions, even if "you're not a horse person."

The difference in this year's event and last year's is that the individuals providing the attractions, instead of volunteers, will run the attractions.

For instance, Triple B, a local company that runs a portable mechanical bull, will oversee the running of that attraction. And Riverside Flyshop will oversee the fly fishing lessons and canoe excursions.

"I really focused on bringing in outside folks to run [the attractions], also we changed the date of the event," Howell said. Last year's event was held on a cold and dreary November 1.

"We had lots of people come out and be good sports and we had donations, but it really was just a terrible time to schedule it," Howell said.

"I know October 10 is the Oktoberfest, but it will be better than having it on a better weather day."

Howell also said that she learned another thing from last year's event.

"Well, last year's event was a Ride and Run. As it turned out, the trails were too rough for the runners, so we eliminated that part," she said.

The trail ride this year, according to Howell, will seem short to experienced riders.

Also, those coming at 8 a.m. to register for the trail ride, which will begin at 9 a.m., must bring along a Negative Coggins.

"Every horse person will know what that is," she laughingly assured. "It is just a blood test performed annually by your vet."

As for the cost, it is $5 for horse and pony rides, $5 for fly fishing and canoe excursions.

"And the kids can do the horse rides, pony rides, and fly fishing, canoe excursions as many times as they want for $5," Howell explained.

There will be food at the event as well. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available for purchase, along with barbeque from a local restaurant, "and we'll have chili too, if it is cool enough," she said. The way the pricing will work will be through food vouchers.

"We'll probably have a voucher available for $4, and you can use that for the different food items available, $4 for the BBQ, and $2 for hot dogs and hamburgers," she explained.

There will be raffles for a handmade horse saddle, as well as a raffle for a canoe.

"We want the day to be family oriented," Howell said. "We want even those who are not 'horse-people' to be able to enjoy it. However, we also want people to learn how much good these horses can do therapy-wise."

CULLMAN KIWANIS CLUB TAKES OVER ANNUAL WEINER DOG RACE

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CULLMAN – On Saturday, October 10, during Cullman's Annual Oktoberfest Celebration, the Cullman Kiwanis Club will take over the annual Weiner Dog race. The event will begin at around 8:30 a.m. and end around 3:00 p.m. at Depot Park. Along with taking over the annual race, Kiwanis Club will bring along several additional attractions to the event, said Kiwanis Club Board Member and Project Coordinator Melissa Henderson.

"The Oktoberfest Board approached us last year and wanted us to do this event then, but it just didn't work out," Henderson said. "This year we've worked on it and will be able to run it."

Henderson explained that the Weiner Dog Race, so long a staple of the Cullman Oktoberfest Celebration, was sponsored and organized by a man whose business was damaged by the April, 2011 tornados.

According to Henderson, he was unable to continue to sponsor the event. The torch has now been passed to the Cullman Kiwanis Club.

Henderson hopes the event can serve multiple purposes. Firstly, she hopes the event can continue to grow and be the annual Weiner Dog race that all look forward to during the Oktoberfest celebration.

But she also wants to grow the event, as Kiwanis club has facilitated the addition of multiple elements to the event, such as competitions for Prettiest Dog, Best Trick, Best Costume, Most Handsome Dog, Worst Hair Day, Best Vocal, Celebrity Look Alike.

Along with the extra events, Henderson wants the Kiwanis Club's sponsorship of the event to result in more exposure for the organization.

"I don't think a lot of the community knows what we do," she said.

"I hope that [from this event] the community knows more about Kiwanis Club in general, what we do."

The funds that are raised from this event will go towards funding Kiwanis Club support of organizations within the community, such as: Cullman Caring for Kids and Children's Hospital. "And the annual scholarships," Henderson added. "That's a big one each year."

Spectating will be free for the events, but participating will cost. For just one event, registration will be a $10 donation, with and extra $5 per event.

"There are many events, and if one registers for all of them that would be over $100, but we have a deal that allows you to register for all the events with just a single $50 donation," said Henderson.

Henderson said she would love to see this become an annual event.

"If all goes well and it is profitable, you know, profitable for everyone, I'd love to come back and do it again next year," she said."

WALKIN' AND RUNNIN' FOR THE CHILDREN

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HANCEVILLE – On Saturday, October 10 at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville there will be an event walk and 5k run to benefit the Children's Hospital in Birmingham.

This event has taken place a few times in Cullman in the past, but this year the event will be statewide. This summer, Governor Robert Bentley traveled to Cullman to proclaim October 10 as a statewide 'Walkin' and Runnin' for Children Day.'

This event originated in Cullman. Cullman citizen, Key Club Adult-Board Member, and liaison to the Children's Hospital, Bob Palys, came up with the event as a way to raise funds for the hospital.

Through his leadership in over five years over $161,000 has been raised through combined fundraising efforts.

"You know, a lot of people think teenagers and kids don't care about anyone else or the world," Palys said.

"But that could not be further from the truth. [the Key Club] likes to think of it as 'kids helping kids.'"

This most recent fundraising effort is all for improving and expanding the Renal Services at the Children's Hospital.

According to Palys who works closely with the hospital through fundraising efforts, in 2014 children from Cullman spent a combined 5,050 days at the Children's Hospital.

Although it is the third largest children's hospital in the country, Birmingham's hospital serves all of Alabama, thus any funds help keep children healthy.

"1,200 children have to go to the Renal Services Center," Palys said.

"Those kids are having to go three times a week, for dialysis sessions that last between 3-5 hours."

The event at WSCC this Saturday, which will also take place all across the state, will include a walk starting at 8:30 a.m. The walk will be followed by a 5k run.

"The run will probably start at around 9 a.m.," Palys said.

"And what is great is that the track at Wallace is certified, which adds to the 'officialness' of it all for the runners, you know."

The suggested donation for participating in either the walk or the 5k run is $15, or $25 to participate in both.

"Everyone who participates will receive a certificate of appreciation, and there will be a limited number of shirts for the first people to register," Palys said.

"I am hoping that young adults, churches and church groups come out and support this," Palys said.

"You talk to anyone, ask anyone, and they have a Children's Hospital Story."





TAX FROM THE SALES OF CONSUMABLE VAPOR PRODUCTS WILL SOON GO TO GENERAL FUND

Amanda Collier
ADOR

MONTGOMERY — Effective Jan. 1, 2016, the tax remitted from the sales of consumable vapor products shall now be distributed to the General Fund.

The legislature has passed and the governor has signed Act No. 2015-535, relating to the distribution of funds collected on consumable vapor products.

Sellers making retail sales of consumable vapor products reporting on a monthly, quarterly or annual filing frequency must comply with this new reporting requirement beginning with the report due Jan. 1, 2016.

Accordingly, on all state sales tax returns (S&U:2100 and S&U:2105) submitted beginning Jan. 1, 2016, regardless of the period in which the tax accrued, sales of consumable vapor products must be separately reported in the newly added Column D—"Consumable Vapor Products 4%."

Retail sales of consumable vapor products, vapor products, etc., are subject to the sales and use tax levies found in Code of Alabama 1975, Sections 40-23-2 and 40-23-61, respectively, as sales of tangible personal property.

For questions regarding this change, call the Sales and Use Tax Division at 334-353-9350.

USDA BEGINS VACCINE DROPS TO COMBAT WILDLIFE RABIES

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USDA Contributor

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wildlife Services will begin distributing oral rabies vaccine for wildlife in northeastern Alabama this month.

USDA continues to seek the public's help as it works to determine the frequency of rabies in northeastern Alabama raccoons. Anyone who encounters a raccoon that is sick-acting or behaving unusually is asked to report the animal.

Increased surveillance and baiting in northeastern Alabama and southeastern Tennessee are underway to reduce the number of rabies-positive animals in northeastern Alabama.

Last year, 12 animals -- chiefly raccoons and 1 dog -- tested positive for the raccoon variant of rabies in northeast Alabama, primarily in Jackson County.

Oral rabies vaccine (ORV) baits are coated with a fishmeal attractant and may be packaged in one-inch square cubes or two-inch plastic sachets.

They may be distributed using fixed wing aircraft, helicopter or by ground vehicles.

The Raboral V-RG® vaccine has been shown to be safe in more than 60 different species of animals, including domestic dogs and cats.

Humans and pets cannot get rabies from contact with the baits, but are asked to leave them undisturbed should they encounter them.

If contact with baits occurs, immediately rinse the contact area with warm water and soap.

The ORV bait distribution in the four-state junction will begin Sept. 30 and continue through Oct. 18 in Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina and Alabama as part of regular management of the raccoon variant, or variety, of rabies.

The number of ORV baits distributed during that time is approximately 1.8 million.

Residents of Huntsville, Decatur, Gadsden, Stevenson, Scottsboro, Boaz, Albertville and Guntersville may see low-flying aircraft dropping the baits.

Baiting by vehicle will occur in Fort Payne, Gadsden, Henager, Leesburg, Sylvania, Collinsville and a small portion of Huntsville.

The Alabama counties where ORV will be distributed include Dekalb, Cherokee, Etowah, Marshall, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Limestone, Blount, and Cullman.

The area baited in Tennessee will include portions of Bradley, Hamilton, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Polk, Grundy, Franklin, Lincoln, Marion, Moore and Sequatchie counties in the southeastern part of the state.

Portions of Carter, Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, Hawkins, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington counties in northeastern Tennessee will also be covered.

The public in these areas is asked to report any dead raccoons, including those struck by vehicles, or live raccoons acting in an unusual way. In towns and suburbs, seeing raccoons during the day is not unusual.

Any raccoon, however, that appears to be friendly or unafraid or appears sick (staggering, unsteady or aggressive) should be reported. Calls should be made to 334-844-5670.

USDA biologists or specialists will respond and remove the animal or carcass to test it for rabies.

Signs suggestive of rabies include unusual, aggressive or calm and "friendly" behavior, an inability to eat or drink, balance problems, circling, seizures, coma and finally death.

While rabies is fatal, human exposures can be successfully treated if treatment is sought immediately following exposure.

Rabies is caused by a virus that infects the central nervous system in mammals and represents a serious public health concern.

If exposures to the virus are not treated it is almost always fatal. Costs associated with detection, prevention and control of rabies exceed $300 million annually in the U.S. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 90 percent of reported rabies cases in the U.S. are in wildlife.

People are urged not to make contact with or feed wildlife and to keep their pets' rabies vaccinations current.

As part of the USDA National Rabies Management Program, ORV baits have been distributed through aerial drops and by hand in the state of Alabama since 2003 in partnership with state and local public health agencies and others.

This effort seeks to prevent the westward spread of raccoon rabies by creating a barrier along the Appalachian Mountains from Alabama to the Canadian border.

• October 7-18 out of Dalton, GA the project will cover parts of Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee and distribute 1.6 million baits by fixed-wing aircraft and 26,000 by hand

• October 4-18 out of Huntsville, AL the project will cover select towns in Alabama, distributing about 142,000 by helicopter.

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Grant (from Front)

into it, getting the details right. Also the grants usually go to retaining already hired firemen, not hiring new ones," he said.

"I just appreciate everyone who worked on this and made it possible," he said.

The grant provides two years of funding. After that, there will have to be decisions made on retaining the men who've been hired.

"I assume the city will begin budgeting to keep the extra men on staff," Reinhardt said.

According to Reinhardt the grant is for bridging the gap between the city not having the money to hire new men and budgeting for it within the two years.

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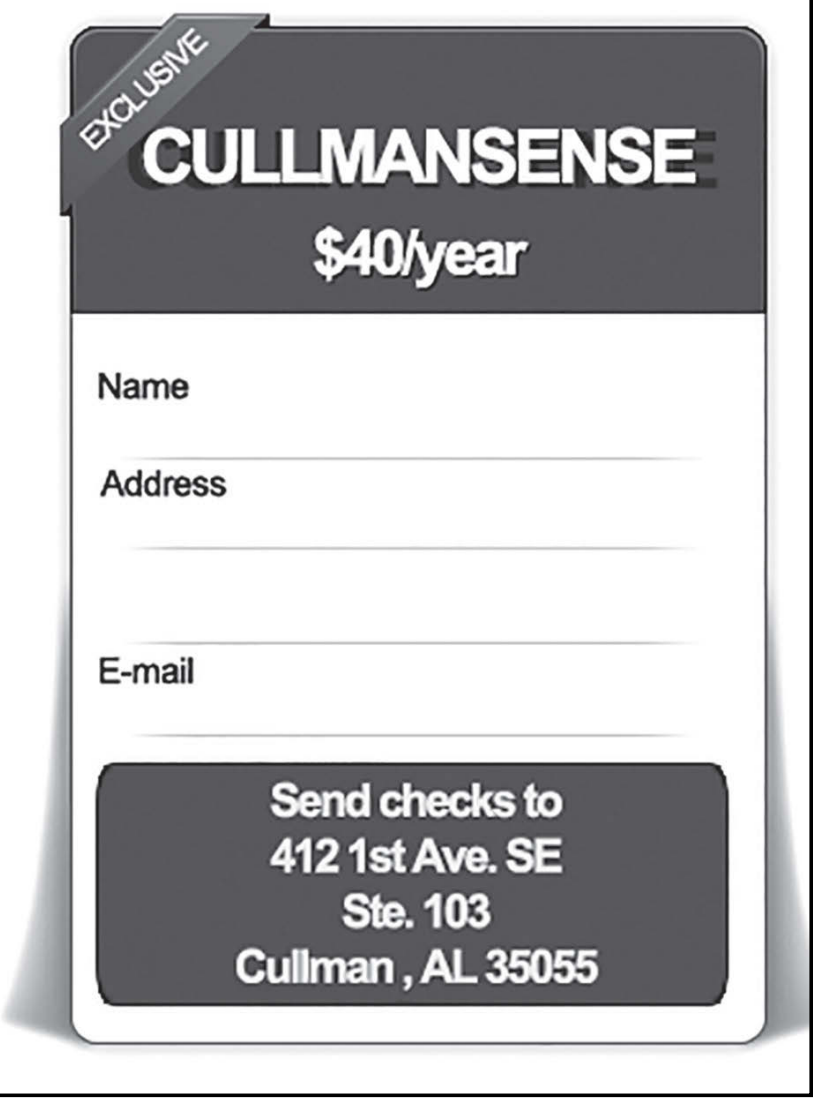
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RELIGIOUS SPOTLIGHT: THE SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT'S FR. JOSEPH M. WOLFE

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HANCEVILLE — The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, informally known as OLAM Shrine, is a prominent Roman Catholic Latin Rite shrine located in Hanceville. Adjoining the Shrine is the cloistered Monastery of Poor Clare Nuns of Perpetual Adoration. The Shrine is situated on a beautiful 400-acre site and has a religious center affiliated with the Eternal Word Television Network in Birmingham.

Fr. Joseph M. Wolfe is one of the many people who call the Shrine their home. He is currently one of the Shrine's chaplains and enjoys being the instrument of the Lord's healing.

Hearing about lives that have changed for the better through people's encounter with Jesus Christ through the Shrine's ministries is considered a special honor to the priest.

He's down to earth and very kind — just like the rest of the religious affiliated with Mother Angelica.

"I grew up on a dairy farm in Eastern Iowa and was taught by Franciscan nuns the first eight years of grade school," Wolfe began.

"Eventually, I obtained a degree in Electronic Engineering and worked for General Electric Medical Systems installing and repairing CAT scanners and X-Ray equipment in hospitals in Eastern Iowa."

"After coming across the Eternal Word Television Network (founded by Mother Angelica in Irondale, Ala. in 1981) and becoming a regular viewer, I heard her make an appeal for engineering help for the fledgling network," he grinned.

"I moved there in January of 1985 and worked as an engineer for two years. In 1987, she founded the community of men that I belong to: the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word franciscanmissionaries.com. We live a common life (like the apostles with Jesus) praying together, sharing meals together, recreating together and do our common work of evangelizing using the modern means of communication: ewtn.com."

Sometimes God's calling starts early in life, other times He calls much later. Either way, Wolfe heard his calling to become a priest loud and clear.

"At first, I had no intention of becoming a priest but planned to live my religious life as a brother doing engineering for EWTN," he explained.

"Others, however, said they saw a vocation to the priesthood in me. The Lord confirmed this one evening as I was praying with the Scriptures. I read in Luke 22:19: 'This is my body to be given for you. Do this as a remembrance of me.' I also remembered from time to time a prophecy made to me years before when I was just beginning to serve the Lord. From Jeremiah 15:19: 'If you bring forth the precious without the vile, you shall be my mouthpiece.' And so, I entered seminary, studied in Rome for a time, and was ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ in 1993."

Priests and pastors are generally very busy people and Wolfe is no different — except people all over the world get to hear him evangelize.

"I have regularly preached our daily televised Mass at EWTN which is broadcast to 250 million homes throughout the world," he smiled warmly.

"It is a great responsibility and a great privilege. I am presently assigned to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville. I also have a television series on EWTN which tells the stories of lay Catholic men and women who are spreading the Kingdom of God through evangelization and/or charity. It is titled: The Church Universal: http://www.ewtn.com/churchuniversal/"

Like other professions, being a priest in a Catholic Church has its challenges.

"The church is perfect UNTIL you put people in it," he chuckled.

"We are all 'under construction' and need to grow daily in our conversion to God by letting Him continue His work in us each day," he grinned.

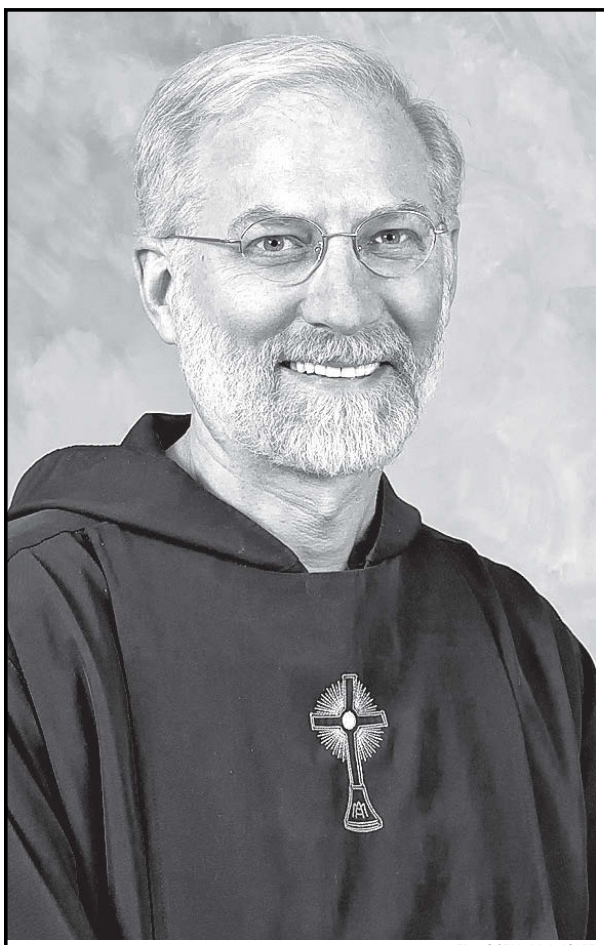
"We do this by opening the door to His gentle knock (Rev. 3:20) through prayer and the Sacraments, whereby He touches us through this physical means. We are all sinners who are deeply loved by Our Savior, Jesus Christ, Who is the Divine Physician. He continues His beautiful work in our souls, making them reflect, more and more, His likeness."

Hanceville's Shrine is one of Cullman County's many treasures.

"The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament is a remarkably beautiful church, monastery and much more. It was built in the 13th-century style architecture. It is a beautiful place to pray. We welcome people of all faiths to come and visit and to enjoy the beauty and peace," he said.

"All beauty comes from God, who IS beauty, and so the Shrine gives people a little peek into the beauty of Heaven."

The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament is located at 3222 County Road 548, Hanceville, AL 35077. For more information visit olamshrine.com, call 205-795-5717 or e-mail pilgrimages@olamshrine.com. Follow them on Facebook at facebook.com/shrinepilgrimages.



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WHAT IS OKTOBERFEST ANYWAY?

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CULLMAN – Founded by a German immigrant, the City of Cullman has held on to its rich German heritage since 1873. Part of what makes Cullman special is the fact that it continues to grow and thrive, just as its visionary founder, Colonel Johann Cullmann had originally planned. Our German roots run deep and those old German customs continue to blossom beautifully from time to time. Oktoberfest is just one of those lovely blooms that celebrate our town's heritage.

Considered to be one of the happiest times of the year by many, Oktoberfest 2015 is upon us. It is the only time of year where people can root for their favorite four-legged friend at a wiener dog race and dance happily to a variety of polka music. Residents of all ages will be out in town, dressed to the nines in their finest, traditional German garb only to pig out on bratwurst until they pop. Yes, for many it is a glorious time of the year, for sure. But just exactly what is Oktoberfest anyway?

Oktoberfest began on October 12, 1810 when Crown Prince Ludwig, who later became King Ludwig I, married the beautiful Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen in Bavaria.

Five days after the marriage, on October 17, a large festival was held right in front of the Sendlinger Tor, which was one of the gates leading to Munich.

There were all sorts of fun things to do at the celebration, including horse races that became an Oktoberfest custom that lasted until 1938.

The next year, an agricultural exhibition was added to the fun and by 1818 beer pubs had appeared, along with performers.

The event soon became a popular way for tourists to learn about Bavaria and its people.

Today, Oktoberfests in Munich are held in September because the area weather is much milder than it is in October.

Unlike Cullman, Munich Oktoberfest lasts for 16 days, beginning on a Saturday in September and always ending on the first Sunday in October.

Even though the horseracing ended in 1938, most of the other events have continued throughout the years with the exception of war time.

Even though the first Oktoberfests were in Germany, lederhosen and dirndls didn't become the traditional garb of the celebration's attendees until 1887.

Much like Cullman's current Oktoberfests, the festivities traditionally began with a parade. It included the mayor and other civic leaders, followed by horse-drawn brewer's carts, bands, and townspeople trailing behind, wearing their costumes.

The parade ended at the oldest Oktoberfest tent, or the Schottenhamel tent, where the mayor opens, or taps, the first keg of beer and the toasting begins. In Cullman, Colonel Cullmann and the year's Burgermeister tap both a beer keg and a root beer keg so everyone can enjoy the celebration.

Outside the beer tents people danced to a variety of music and enjoyed sideshows and carnival rides. There was German food of all kinds, such as bratwursts (German sausage), sliced beef, chicken pieces, sauerkraut, potato salad, cabbage, onions and pretzels. The food was normally washed down with a stein or two of one's favorite beer.

Cullman Oktoberfest was established in 1982 and is a non-profit organization. It is staffed by volunteers whose goal is to provide a family-friendly event for the citizens of Cullman and surrounding areas. With the continued support from the community, they plan to continue providing outstanding entertainment and proudly promote the City of Cullman to the many Oktoberfest attendees.



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Cullman Oktoberfest began in 1982.

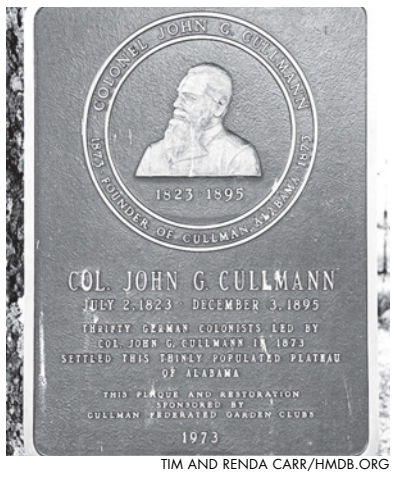
SIGNS OF THE TIMES: COL. JOHN G. CULLMANN MARKER

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CULLMAN – Colonel Cullmann's grave is located in the middle of the Cullman City Cemetery.

It is marked by a white marble column and his grave is encircled by a wrought iron fence.

Located on the south side of the grave is a bronze plaque, placed in the City of Cullman's centennial of 1973.



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COL. JOHN G. CULLMANN

July 2, 1823 - December 3, 1895

Thrifty German Colonists led by Col. John G. Cullmann in 1873 settled this thinly populated plateau of Alabama

This plaque and Restoration Sponsored by Cullman Federated Garden Club 1973

MIRRORING HISTORY: GERMAN BANK TO MARY CARTER

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CULLMAN – The German Bank was chartered February 26, 1903 and closed its doors 11 years later on November 23, 1914 after one of the tellers made away with a large amount of the deposits. The bank had been having financial problems for several years prior to the theft.

The thief left the bank and many others in a terrible bind. Sacred Heart Catholic Church lost $5,000 and was forced to cut back on its building program.

Located at 104 4th St SE in Cullman, the building served as many things over the years. In 1964, Raymond Young began renting out part of the building for his business, Mary Carter Paint Store. Since that time, he has purchased the building and Mary Carter's has grown to offer a lot more than just paint.



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The German Bank was in business 11 years.



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Today the building is occupied by Mary Carter Paint Store.

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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. Concerts will wrap up this Thursday, October 1 with Grace Chapel Band.
- **FREE Exercise in the Park:** Held each week on Thursday night at 6pm in Depot Park, this program is offered to the general public and will feature a free fitness class each week by an instructor from the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic 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.
- **Basketball Registration** will begin at the Cullman Civic Center on October 1 and continue through October 25. Cost is $90 which includes the entire season of play, jersey, and a trophy at the end of the season. Games will be held at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center and Ingle Park.
- **Photography Classes** will be held at the Cullman Civic Center for a 6 week session starting October 5 on Mondays and Thursdays at 6pm. Cost is $50 which includes all instruction; a digital camera with automatic controls is required for this class. Register at the Cullman Civic Center.
- **Monster Dash 5K & Halloween Festival** will be held at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center on Saturday, October 24 from 9am-2pm with the 5K beginning at 9am. Runners will be encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes for the race. A festival will also take place at the center with kids games, a floating pumpkin patch, and other activities. Visit our website for more details.
- **Youth Archery Classes:** CP&R offers youth archery classes on a monthly basis. Classes are offered to beginners, intermediate , and advanced archers. Students will be able to move up through the different levels as the course goes on. Registration is $40 per month and can be paid at the Cullman Civic Center. Classes will be held in CP&R's indoor archery range at the Cullman Civic Center.

Restoration (from Front)

facility has seen only limited use since 1985.

Due to government regulations requiring the removal of asbestos from secondary schools, portions of the ceilings, floors, and walls were removed.

In the following years, it was variously used as a theater and as an assembly for church services; however, lacking the funds for renovation, the facility was closed and secured until the opportunity presented itself to make it operational again.

The building is now at the threshold of a new beginning. The restoration, which is now underway, will bring together the archives and holdings of both libraries of St. Bernard Abbey and St. Bernard Preparatory School into a modern environment complete with the latest technology.

In addition, the classrooms located on the mezzanine and top floor of the building will provide much-needed space and be equipped with the latest technology that is essential for the education of today's young people.

The complete renovation of the 32,000 square foot building will include a new roof, HVAC system, plumbing, windows, elevator and electrical system.

The renovation comes none too soon. Given the growth in St. Bernard Preparatory School, which grew by 17% for the current academic year, the renovation will provide space for archival holdings and display areas, a circulation library, a Great Room and circulation desk, boardroom and lounge, administrative offices and much needed classroom space.

The master plan for the campus calls for the renovated facility to be named The Center for Liberal Arts, which will include the holdings of the Heidrich Library.

The renovation is scheduled to be complete by the summer of 2016 and be fully operational for the 2016-17 academic year.

Abbot Cletus noted that "This renovation project will breathe new life into the entire campus and will prove useful to all the St. Bernard Family –the monks, students, faculty, alumni and friends. A good library is the heartbeat of any truly academic institution. The restoration and renewal of the St. Bernard Library is a further milestone in the process of breathing new life into buildings that had to be put on hold. This renovation project is dedicated to the memory of those who made it possible. I feel we are simply trying to be true to the legacy of love and learning that was handed down to us from our founding members and is now made new, brought to new life, by the generosity of our benefactors. For such a blessing we give thanks to God!"

The projected cost is $3.3 million dollars and is part of the Campaign for St. Bernard's $5.6 million dollar project.

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ATTENDEES GIVE FAIR'S SENIOR DAY A BLUE RIBBON FOR FUN

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CULLMAN – Wednesday, September 30, was Senior Day at the Cullman County Fair. Not only were there senior citizens at the event, but the Child Development Center's senior class was there as well. People young and old were able to enjoy rides, play games and eat delicious snacks throughout the whole day.

"This is my first time here for the Senior Day at the Fair," said attendee Jessica Baker. "I think it's awesome! It's nice to see the seniors out and about having fun, smiling and being able to ride some of the rides. It's a very lively atmosphere."

Many residents entered their homemade items in hopes of winning a blue ribbon. Citizens were able to browse through the abundance of handcrafted goods, all made in Cullman County.

"I won three blue ribbons, one for a baby quilt, one for a teddy bear I made and one for my orange cinnamon fig jam," Bobbie Ferguson chirped happily.

"I've been entering things in the fair for 25 years, it's fun," she giggled.

"I guess my all time favorite fair entry was my very first quilt; after I won a blue ribbon for it, I was hooked," Ferguson grinned.

"If you are thinking about entering something in the fair, just do it! I had some extra stuffing and some brown fabric so I threw together a little bear – and I won a blue ribbon for it! It's really fun comparing your stuff with other people's stuff, just to see the differences."

The Child Development Center's senior class had a blast buzzing around the fair doing a little bit of everything from snacking on candied apples, to riding the Ferris wheel, to showing off the prizes they won at the games.

"We brought 12 students from the Child Development Center; they are our seniors and senior plus group," Dr. Ginger Hogeland, Counselor Child Development Center explained.

"The students are ages 18 to 20. They have been able to play games, win prizes, ride rides and have snacks," she smiled happily.

"It's been a great experience to go out and enjoy Cullman County and what it has to offer."

Ms. Dean Twilley, President of the Lioness Club, was on hand, enjoying the day. The Lions Club works hand in hand with the Lioness' in order to provide a successful Cullman County Fair each year.

"The motto for the Lions Club is 'we serve'," Twilley explained.

"This is a fundraiser for the Lions Club but by opening up on a day like today, the Lions are also giving back to the community," she smiled warmly.

"With the motto of 'we serve', they are showing it and proving it today."

"My favorite part has been watching the kids having a great time. They have been smiling like they were 5 years old again. They're having a ball," she chuckled.



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

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

Tuesday

Cullman Caring for Kids in Need of Donations
If you are able to contribute to Cullman County's Community Food Band, the 'Caring for Kids' organization, they would be grateful. 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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THURSDAY
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FRIDAY
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BEYOND VITAMIN C: NEW WAYS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM

(StatePoint) Daily stress in a busy life can challenge immune system function. No matter what season it is, it's important to continually build robust immunity, say experts.

"The immune system is incredibly complex and we're learning more each day about what weakens it and how we can strengthen it for better health," says Larry Robinson, PhD, vice president of scientific affairs at Embria Health Sciences, a manufacturer of natural, science-based ingredients that support wellness and vitality.

With optimum health in mind, Robinson and the experts at Embria are offering some tips for warding off illness with a healthy immune system.

Healthy Habits

One of the most effective strategies for maintaining a healthy immune system may just be common sense. Harvard Medical School calls healthy-living strategies a "first line of defense."

To boost the immune system and every other part of the body, treat your body right. Drink in moderation. Quit smoking. Eat a well-balanced diet. Get regular exercise and plenty of sleep.

Supplements

Many people believe that taking a multivitamin or vitamin C is enough to maintain a strong immune system, but the truth is you may want a more multifaceted approach to your supplement regimen.

Robinson recommends looking for a natural immune supplement, particularly one that contains EpiCor, a whole food yeast fermentate supplement comprised of proteins, fibers, polyphenols, vitamins, amino acids, beta-glucans and beneficial metabolites that work together on many levels to support a strong immune system.

EpiCor can now be found in many natural, trusted brands, including Hyperbiotics Immune: Daily Immune & Wellness Formula, which also offers targeted probiotic support, zinc, vitamin C and Echinacea in a time release tablet.

Another immune boosting supplement to consider is Natrol Immune Boost, which contains EpiCor, vitamin C, vitamin D, Zinc and Selenium, clinically-validated ingredients to help support your body's ability to stay healthy.

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Take a Vacation

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While one may not be able to quit his or her job, they can make a point to schedule a vacation or make better use of your leisure time.

One can also take stock of what causes you stress and think about ways of managing their reactions to troubling people and circumstances.

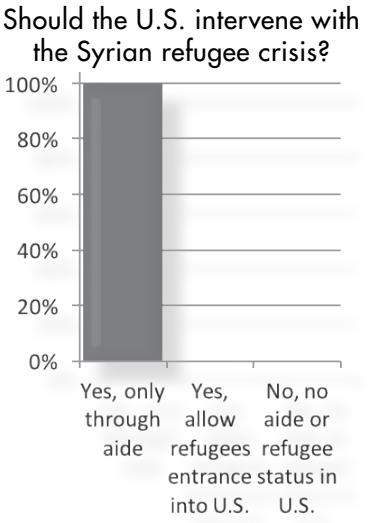
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CP&R TO DEBUT MONSTER DASH & BASH EVENT OCT. 24

Waid Harbison
CP&R Contributor

CULLMAN – Halloween is just around the corner and CP&R is ramping up with a new festival at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center. The Monster Dash and Bash will be held Saturday, October 24 with a 5K at 9 a.m. and other activities to follow.

The Monster Dash and Bash will kick off at 9 a.m. with a 5K race; participants will be encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

The race will not be officially timed, but the top 15 runners will receive a T-shirt and top 3 winners will receive plaques. A costume contest will also take place with the winner receiving $100 for individual winner and $200 for the best group costume. A floating pumpkin patch will take place after the race where all participants will jump into the pool to get their pumpkin; one person will receive a marked pumpkin and will win a free one year family membership to the Wellness and Aquatic Center. Cost for the race is $20 or $25 for the race and floating pumpkin patch; participants can also participate in only the floating pumpkin patch for $10. Other free games and activities will take place at the center around the festival.

For more information on the Monster Dash and Bash, contact the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center at 256-775-7946 or e-mail info@cullmanrecreation.org.

Show (from Front)

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CULLMAN – Monday, October 5 at 8:00 p.m., TV27 will begin airing a new television show called, 'The Unknowns". Each Monday night local authors, Cliff Powell and Steve Carter will bring heartwarming stories that feature a person or a nonprofit business that are doing great things for their community.

"I was doing an interview about my book, 'Pray Hard & Speak Life' on Debbie Woods' show and after the interview, the owner of the TV station asked if I would like to host my own TV show," Cliff explained.

"I told him no at first, but then I started to think about how it could help others, plus the platform could also help promote my book," he grinned.

"I debated for a couple of weeks wondering what the show would even be about. Then it just hit me – to recognize people who are being a blessing to others! Within 30 minutes I had the whole idea up and going. I ran it by Keith, the station owner, and he thought it was great."

"The Unknowns" sets out to tug on the viewer's heartstrings and give insight to some of the wonderful things that are happening in the world.

"The whole focus is to find these people that are out there doing good deeds for others," Cliff added.

"We want to spotlight what they are doing so if they need financial support or volunteers, then people will know and can help. I also think that there are other people out in the community who want to do things for people but just don't know what to do. This will provide some 'out of the box' thoughts and let people know what others are doing. It will help give people ideas on things to do to help others."

The first episode will focus on a local woman that paints shoes for children who have terminal illnesses. The second episode will focus on a nonprofit in California.

"We're hoping to reach other areas as well and connect. Even though they may be out in California, they are unknown here in Alabama," he explained.

"We're hoping to connect this with people nationwide via YouTube and Facebook in order to help support nonprofits."

The first episode of "The Unknowns" airs on Channel 27 October 5 at 8 p.m. Encore presentations will air Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., Thursday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 a.m.

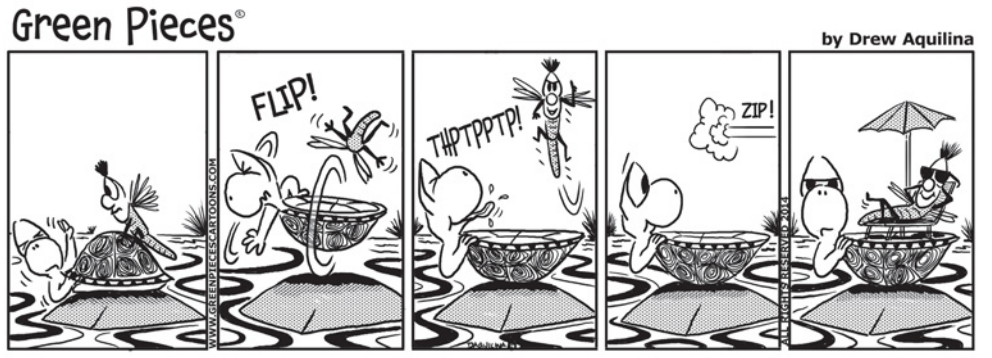
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THE MORAL RABBIT HOLE

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The New York Times reported last week that U.S. soldiers still fighting the war in Afghanistan — 14 years on — are under orders to be "culturally sensitive" regarding different attitudes among our Afghan allies about, uh ... the sexual abuse of children.

One officer was relieved of his command several years ago, the Times informed us, because he punched out an Afghan militia commander "for keeping a boy chained to his bed as a sex slave." And in 2012, three Marines were shot and killed at a U.S. base in Helmand Province by a 17-year-old Afghan "tea boy" who may also have been the sex slave of a warlord ally stationed there — possibly in retaliation for the Marines' failure to intervene in the situation. The father of one of the murdered Marines said that officers had told his son "to look the other way" regarding child rape "because it's their culture."

Oh, the sensitivity!

Shane Harris, writing a few days later in The Daily Beast, expanded on the moral helplessness of the American invaders in such matters: "A 45-minute scripted presentation given to Marines as part of their pre-deployment process ... explains that laws and norms about sexual relations vary from country to country, and that in Afghanistan in particular, sexual assault is a 'cultural' issue, and not a purely legal one," he wrote. "... The training guide supports allegations by Marines and Army soldiers in recent days that they've been told not to intervene to prevent sexual assault in Afghanistan, including the rape and sexual enslavement of children on U.S. bases."

Where does one start deconstructing the moral weirdness of all this? The stories don't address the American invasion itself, which has shattered Afghanistan and created infinitely more harm than it has eradicated. Instead, we're left seething at the scapegoat du jour: anonymous higher-ups, who are imposing strategically mandated directives on our boys on the ground: pedophile warlords are our partners in fighting the Taliban. Don't look too closely at their leisure activities.

In the Times story, in particular, a sense of American innocence permeates the situation. Our soldiers know better and want to do the right thing — impose decent values on a sleazy, immoral culture — but despite being armed to the teeth, they can't force our allies to behave like good Americans. The real villain here, if we look no deeper than the Times chooses to, is political correctness.

All of this suggests to me that the fact that certain U.S. allies in Afghanistan, in the war against our former allies (the Taliban), were wont to abuse local children sexually was not overlooked out of some screwball sensitivity to Afghan culture, but was cynically disregarded as irrelevant to the goal of defeating the enemy. What's that you say? The "enemy" isn't as bad as our friends? You're missing the point. The point is victory.

Here on the home front, where we continue to fund this and all our other insane wars, military "victory" remains a feel-good mirage, some sort of triumph of good over evil. In the ravaged countries where we actually wage our wars, there is only moral breakdown everywhere you turn.

Indeed, it's worth noting that sexual predation is very much built into American, and probably every other, military culture. Tens of thousands of women and men are raped in the U.S. armed forces every year; most of these incidents go unreported, because reporting a rape usually makes matters worse. That is, it's not just in Afghanistan where "victims . . . risk blame and punishment for the crime that was committed against them," as the Marine Corps training manual points out. It happens in every autocratic culture, including the U.S. military. The hammer of moral authority seldom falls on the ones who are in charge, no matter what they do.

Onward to victory, men (and gals)! Just be sensitive to the moral relativism of military culture. Don't look too closely at what we don't want you to see.

POWER IN THE WORD: THE GOSPEL THAT WORKS!

UNDERSTANDING THE PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

Dr. Henry W. Roberts, II
Contributor

We are in a teaching on a new and better covenant, and in this we need to understand the priesthood of Jesus Christ. We have a High Priest that covers us, who allows us to come out and do what we do in the church. A priest oversees the work of the temple. There are three significant things concerning the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

First, we must realize we were chosen before the foundation of the world. In other words, when we talk about how we found the Lord, we need to understand that He has never been lost. The Bible says He is omnipresent, that means He is everywhere at the same time. How then could God be lost when He is everywhere at the same time? What happened was you had a personal epiphany, I like to call it, and you realized that you needed a greater relationship with God Almighty.

Next, according to Revelation 13:8, not only were you chosen before the foundation of the world, but Jesus is the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world.

So long before Adam and Eve, like we say when we marry people in one of the marriage vows—long before the tempter had touched the world or they ate of the forbidden fruit—long before the devil got into existence, got in the tree and tempted them to eat from the tree, guess what happened? God had already made a way of escape.

He knew we were going to mess up long before we messed up. Like the Bible says in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son." God is not mad at you. He might not like everything you do, but He is not mad at you. For years, people had you thinking God was a mean old man sitting on a throne waiting to send you to hell. As a matter of fact, when you started discerning and learning what the will of God is for your life, this becomes clear. Real faith begins where the will of God is known and understood. When I start understanding and learning what Jesus and done and who Jesus is, that is what makes it personal.

Jesus is our High Priest. His Priesthood is superior to all priesthoods. When we get into Hebrews, it gets a little thick because of all of the stuff God has in this—the Book of Hebrews. I don't believe in just running by a scripture because the Bible says that man should not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

That means that just one word, even an "and," a comma, a "to," or a semicolon has significance when it comes to the Word of God.

You do not read the Bible like you read a novel or the newspaper because this is a life-giving source. He says, "My words are Spirit, and they give life."

"This is the Word of Life," so whenever I am receiving the Word, there is prosperity in the Word. There is health in the Word; there is healing in the Word, whatever I need is in the Word of God. For the most part, people just want to reserve the things of God for church when God is concerned about every area of your life.

Look at Deuteronomy 29:9. "Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do."

God is concerned about every little detail of your life. But God is not intrusive. Sometimes your parents can be intrusive. We are going to come in your room. You aren't going to lock any doors in my house.

When you get a house, then I will knock when I come over. Being natural parents, we get a little investigative and it is good that you do. But God does not intrude upon your life. He says things to you like, "He that will, let him come." "Submit yourself to the hand of the Almighty God." God is not out here trying to force you to do His will. He is not out here trying to force you to hear His voice, to walk with Him, but as we yield to the Holy Spirit, we receive His leadership. I am telling you, this stuff is not just for church. It is for my whole life.

Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

God is concerned about my whole life. God is going to add into my life. He has to be priority, and He says that everything I need will be added to my life. Joshua 1:6-8 " Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

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HANCEVILLE FALLS TO WINFIELD

Josh McBrayer
Contributor

WINFIELD – It was homecoming for the Pirates and they did not disappoint their fans as they dropped the Hanceville Bulldogs 49-35.

The first quarter was all Pirates as the scored twice in the first frame, setting the tone and putting Hanceville in a 14-0 hole early.

Two plays into the second quarter the Bulldogs were looking at another punting situation but thier luck quickly turned around as the Pirates muffed the punt and an alert Jose Orozco jumped on the ball and set Hanceville up first and ten from the Winfield 19 where Branen Hurst worked his magic.

Three plays into the drive he hit Andrew Alldrege for a 10 hard strike down to the Winfield eight. He finished the drive with a fourth and goal two yard strike to, fittingly, Orozco to make the score 14-7 with 7:11 left in the half.

Winfield answered right back with a 11 play, 67 yard drive capped by an eight yard TD plunge by Drew Blackburn to make the score 21-7.

Hanceville took the ball back, looking to answer but their drive bogged down on the Pirate 45 and they were forced to punt. However, just like déjà vu, Winfield muffed the punt and Hanceville took over on the Pirate 13. From there, Hurst took to the air and hit Jason Yates for a seven yard touchdown making the score 21-14 with 1:44 left to play in the half.

The Bulldogs then went for the inside kick and recovered, threatening to tie the game before the half. Unfortunately for the Dawgs, Kyle Nixon of Winfield stepped in front of a Hurst pass, taking over at their own 25.

The Pirates ran four plays, each gaining over 10 yards including the back breaking 31 yard bubble screen from Jonathan Hunt to Dawson Cotton for the touchdown and the 28-14 lead heading to the half.

The third quarter was all Winfield the Pirates came out and put methodical pressure on the Bulldogs, marching down the field on thier first possession for 65 yards and the score. Hanceville fumbled the ball four plays later and Winfield covered another 43 yards for the score and all but sealed the game with a 43-14 lead. The bright spot in the quarter for Hanceville was BJ Smalls who took a Winfield kick off 77 yards to the house to make the score 42-21 at the end of three quarters.

Hanceville would score twice in the quarter, once on a three yard pass from Hurst to Orozco and a 20 yard strike to Isaac Weissend but they could not overcome the 14-0 first quarter from Winfield, falling to the Pirates 49-35.

RAIDERS FALL TO LOCUST FORK IN REGION MATCHUP

Jim Stinson
Contributor

GOOD HOPE — The Hornets used a stingy defense to defeat the Raiders 31-15. Locust Fork scored on their first series when Chase Rice took it 31 yards for the score, the PAT was good and the Hornets had an early 7-0 lead, and the defense took over, forcing 4 sacks in the 1st quarter.

Locust Fork would score twice in the 2nd frame, the first came on a 36-yard pass from Rice to Dylon Hurst, then Jonathan Payne found the end zone from 5 yards out, both extra point attempts failed and Locust Fork went in at the half up 19-0.

The 3rd quarter saw the Hornets score once again. This time, Rice broke free for a 50-yard touchdown, the PAT failed and Locust Fork held a 25-0 lead at the end of the 3rd.

Good Hope was not going away without a fight though. Jonathan Burnette would score from 11 yards out and Damian Rodriguez would add the extra point to bring the score to 25-7. Locust Fork would answer on their next series with a 4-yard run by Hunter Biles, the PAT failed. Good Hope would strike right back. This time Eisner hit Matt Cofer for the 43-yard score, Lee Whisenant would add the 2 point conversion to bring the final score to Locust Fork 31 Good Hope 15.

Good Hope hosts Priceville next week in another regional matchup.