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CULLMAN KIWANIS CLUB HOSTS NEW OKTOBERFEST EVENT

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CULLMAN – As part of Cullman's annual Oktoberfest celebration, the Cullman Kiwanis Club hosted a new event this year, the K-9's-4-A-Kause. The event was held at Depot Park on Saturday, October 10th. It included the yearly Wiener Dog Race, an Oktoberfest tradition. Although the race has been crowd favorite for years, this was the first time the Kiwanis Club hosted it.

The Wiener Dog Race was only a small part of P3


K-9's-4-A-Kause categories included Prettiest Dog, Best Trick, and Best Costume.
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90 YEARS IN THE MAKING

Cullman Man Fulfills Lifelong Wish

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CULLMAN — After almost a century of waiting, Cullman's Mr. F. M. Cook checked a lifelong goal off his bucket list. On Monday, October 5, Cook began his shift at Hibbett Sports and sold a pair of shoes on his 90th birthday.

In 2004, Liberty National Insurance salesman, Jamie Speakman, met Cook, and the two became fast friends. It was during that first meeting, in Speakman's office, that Cook told him of his plans for the future. Speakman never forgot P4



F.M. Cook shows customer Jamie Speakman the pair of shoes that will realize his 90th birthday goal.
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CID, THE KID FIGHTING CANCER



MEREDITH HAYS
Cidney Hays was recently diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

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HOLLY POND – Cidney Hays, an 11-year-old Holly Pond resident, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) on Sept. 14.

Once diagnosed her and her family got to work, setting up a GoFundMe page to help pay for her treatments, and Facebook page to keep everyone who cares about Cidney updated about her progress in her fight against cancer.

"It's been up for about a week," Cidney's aunt, Meredith Hays said about the Facebook page. "Within 24 hours we had 500 followers on the page." Although the page has slowed down in the followers it is picking up since its first couple of days, it is up to over 850 followers.

"One of her father's friends, Josh Whitehead started the GoFundMe page the day she was diagnosed," Hays said. The goal for the page is to raise $100k. So far the page has raised nearly $11k.

Luckily Cidney has been able to stay at home and only has to travel to Birmingham once a week to undergo chemo-therapy, which she will do for two-to-three years.

"She's had everyone rally around her," Hays said. "At one point she had her entire softball team in her hospital room. And although her parents are separated, they've both been able to be right by her side through this whole process."

There will be two yard sales held this Saturday in Alabama raising money for Cidney. The yard sale in Holly Pond is being held by One Source Heating and Cooling, according to Hays.

"Cidney is a fun loving athletic little girl that has touched holly P2

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DRUG BUST NETS ACID AND METH

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CULLMAN – Tuesday October 6, 2015, Agents with the Cullman Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET), arrested Jose Marcelino Guzman, 22 years old of Albertville, Ala. following a traffic stop at the intersection of U.S. Highway 157 and Eva Road.

After detaining Mr. Guzman at the scene and discovering he had a warrant for his arrest CNET agents also obtained probable cause to search his vehicle.

This is when agents discovered ICE, a purer form of meth, ACID, and marijuana hidden in the vehicle.

Mr. Guzman's arrest led to the seizer of 10 grams ICE, 4 grams of ACID and a small amount of marijuana.

"ACID isn't something we have seen in Cullman County in a while so I am glad we seized it before it hit the streets," said Sheriff Matt Gentry.

"I would also like to commend the CNET agents for their vigilant and proactive approach to keep our community free from these drugs," added Sheriff Matt Gentry.

Mr. Guzman is currently being held in the Cullman County Detention Center on an $8,000 bond.

Mr. Guzman is charged with Unlawful Possession of Control Substance, Unlawful Possession of Marijuana 2nd, and Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

As the investigation continues other charges may be pending.



Officers seized 10 grams ICE, 4 grams of ACID and a small amount of marijuana from Jose Marcelino Guzman. CCSO

TOWNSON PROCLAIMS OCTOBER 'DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH'

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CULLMAN — On Tuesday, October 6, 2015, Cullman Mayor Max A. Townson proclaimed the month of October 2015 "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Cullman.

According to statistics provided by Victim Services of Cullman, one in four women will experience domestic violence at some point during their lifetimes, and, on average, three women are killed each day at the hands of a current or former intimate partner. The damaging effects of domestic violence are long-term and effect the victims' families, as well. Children are among the most vulnerable. They are negatively impacted even if they don't actually witness the abuse, because they can sense the tension in the household and see the aftermath of the abuse. Tragically, experiencing this type of abuse as children often leads to the development of emotional, cognitive, or behavioral problems.

"Domestic violence is a terrible crime, and it's happening right here in our community," said Mayor Townson. "The City of Cullman values the safety of all of our citizens, and if one person in our community doesn't feel safe and secure, that's one too many."

The problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people. It crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference or ignorance. Victims of domestic violence have their privacy, dignity, security, and humanity violated. Whether the domestic violence manifests itself as physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, or economic abuse or control, the effects are detrimental to our entire community.

"The City of Cullman is proud to have Victim Services of Cullman and other service organizations dedicated to helping victims of domestic violence," added Mayor Townson. "These organizations also work to increase awareness, helping all of us learn to recognize the signs of domestic violence so we can work together to eliminate its devastating effects in our community."

In the proclamation, Mayor Townson urged all citizens to speak out against domestic violence and to support organizations that assist domestic violence victims in our community. As further support of domestic violence awareness, the City of Cullman has once again allowed the display of silhouette "silent witnesses" in front of City Hall.



Leah Costello, Donna Jacobs, Mayor Townson, Marie Lindsey, and Theresa Mann OFFICE OF MAYOR MAX A. TOWNSON

On hand to accept the official proclamation at the Mayor's Office were Leah Costello, Donna Jacobs, Marie Lindsey, and Theresa Mann of Victim Services of Cullman.

Victim Services of Cullman (VSOC, Inc.) is a not-for-profit organization offering a host of services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Their mission is to break the cycle of family violence and sexual assault. They work to accomplish this mission through their various services. For more information on VSOC, Inc., visit their website at vsoccullman.org or call their administrative office at 256-775-2600.

VSOC, Inc., also has a 24-hour Crisis Line (256-734-6100) for those who are experiencing domestic violence or abuse, or those who have been victims of sexual assault.

PEINHARDT LIVING HISTORY FARM DAY IS OCT. 24

Rachel Dawsey
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CULLMAN – October 24, 2015. The pig, sheep, baby chicks, and bunnies are getting used to school kids petting them every day. The mules are pulling the covered wagon of school kids singing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm". The sweet potatoes, cotton, and sorghum are going home with school kids. Peinhardt Living History Farm in Cullman, Alabama is hosting its fall school tours for third graders. This hands-on field trip teaches students what farm life was like in the 1930s and 1940s in North Alabama. This time in history was chosen because of all the monumental changes occurring in agriculture- shifting from animal drawn power to tractor and engine power.

Electricity was being installed in homes in north Alabama. Many changes were occurring and the dedicated volunteers and Peinhardt family use their own experiences to teach these lucky kids using the beautiful working farm of Carl and Irene Peinhardt.

Around 2,000 school kids visit Peinhardt Farm throughout the month of October, and the family owned farm hosts its annual public day on October 24, 2015. This festival showcases the educational stations from the school field trips, and much more.

Hands-on activities are demonstrated over forty acres of the farm bordering interstate 65 and highway 278. Families come away with armloads of remembrances including pumpkins, cotton, sweet potatoes, blue bird houses, apple pigs, cotton boll ornaments, wooden pegs, crosscut saw rounds, and much more!

Both old and young enjoy seeing and reminiscing all of the antique farm and home items in the well stocked museums. Attendees will learn how to make quilt samplers, how turpentine is made, watch cotton being ginned, hear old time music, walk through the one room school house, plow a mule, compete in a sack race, and much more!

Don't miss out on this slice of history on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 9:00-3:00pm at Peinhardt Living History Farm Day. It is free for 4 and under, $5 for kids 5 to 11; $7 for 13 and up. 1711 Talley Ho Street, Cullman, AL. www.peinhardtfarm.org. FB Peinhardt Living History Farm.



Elizabeth Hughes from Vestavia Hills hammers a wooden peg with Peinhardt Farm volunteer Ronnie Hart looking on during last year's Peinhardt Farm Day. RACHEL DAWSEY

Cid (from Front)

pond community hearts the community started helping before the family had time to even start thinking about needing help," Hays said.

There will also be a yard sale held in Center Point for Cidney's benefit. At each of the yard sales there will be t-shirts being sold at $10, and $11 for 2x and 3x sizes. For info about the shirts call Tamara Pitts at 2565957657

As far as how Cidney is doing, "She just wants to go back to school, you know," Hays said. "She is very active and she just wants to get back to being active and playing softball. She has her faith, though. She is a Christian."

For more info about the yard sales, visit the Cid The Kid Kicking Cancer Facebook page, which includes a link to the GoFundMe page for Cidney.

ADECA GOES PURPLE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

FREE ASSISTANCE ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR VICTIMS

Josh Carples
Contributor

MONTGOMERY — If you think you are seeing a bit more purple this month, your eyes aren't deceiving you. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the purple ribbons, logos and other decorations are designed to raise awareness about domestic violence and the assistance available to victims.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is joining in by turning its logo purple and reminding Alabamians that free, professional help is always available for victims at nonprofit organizations across the state.

The organizations provide free services, including 24-hour crisis lines, emergency shelter, counseling, court advocacy, safety plans and more. A list of shelters can be found on the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence website: www.acadv.org/get-help/shelters.

The services are supported by grants awarded by Gov. Robert Bentley and administered by ADECA from funds provided by the U. S. Justice Department. In the past year, 18 nonprofit organizations have received more than $2.6 million in grants.

"We want to ensure that survivors of domestic abuse know that services are available 24-hours a day to help them escape a violent situation," ADECA Director Jim Byard Jr. said. "The dedicated staff and volunteers working with domestic violence organizations deserve our gratitude for the vital services they provide."

Along with grant funding, these organizations rely on on private donations to ensure that services are always available.

In addition to support for domestic violence survivors, ADECA administers an array of programs supporting law enforcement and traffic safety, economic development, energy conservation, water resource management and recreation development.

ADECA will continue to highlight Domestic Violence Awareness Month and other news and features through social media. Stay up-to-date by following ADECA on these sites.

GRANT TO ASSIST SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS STATEWIDE

Russell Sellers
Contributor

MONTGOMERY — A $303,972 grant awarded by Gov. Robert Bentley is helping local agencies and organizations provide more comprehensive services to sexual assault victims in Alabama.

The Alabama Coalition Against Sexual Violence is using grant funds to support 14 programs across the state that offer emergency shelter and operate rape crisis centers and 24-hour hotlines. The organizations also conduct education programs at schools, churches, civic clubs and hospitals focusing on how to spot the warning signs of sexual abuse, prevent assaults and refer victims to receive the help they need.

"Sexual assault has devastating effects that go far beyond the crime itself," Bentley said. "I commend the coalition and the agencies it supports for helping and comforting victims and their families and working to reduce the number of sexual assaults in our state."

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grant from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Justice. ADECA administers a wide range of programs that support law enforcement, economic development, infrastructure upgrades, recreation, energy conservation, water resources management, job training and career development.

Bentley informed Jan Preslar, president of the coalition's board, that the grant had been approved.

Kiwanis (from Front)

the event. The Kiwanis had lots of other great things going on throughout the day as well, such as dog washes and nail trims, games, raffles, dog tricks, escapades and demos. Dogs of all shapes and sizes were on the scene and enjoying all the extra attention.

"There were tons of people here this morning, it was unbelievable," said Bob Palys, Kiwanis Governor.

"There was well, well, well over 300 people here," he grinned.

"The last race they had, two dogs both ran 5 feet then they started chasing each other all over the place," he laughed out loud. "Yes, we plan to continue doing this during Oktoberfest for years to come."

Because K-9's-4-A-Kause is brand new, the Kiwanis Club added competitions for Prettiest Dog, Best Trick, Best Costume, Most Handsome Dog, Worst Hair Day, Best Vocal and Celebrity Look Alike in hopes that the event will steadily grow in the years to come.

The Kiwanis Club's intent is to help spread awareness of the organization and the great work that they do. All proceeds raised from Saturday's event will go to support the needs of local children.

Even though there were all kinds of wonderful dogs at the event, one little trio caught everyone's eye.

Their names were Daisy, Tiffani and Ziggy and belonged to Carol and Tom Poupore. The little guys were all dressed up for the day.

"We have 3 Yorkies," said Carol pointing to the dog Tom was holding.

"One is Ziggy, a.k.a. Barron Von Ziegmeister. He is 3 years old. We also have Tiffani, who we got when she was 8 weeks old; she's 5 years old now. And then there's Daisy," she smiled and petted the third dog, who wore a tiny German doggy dirndl.

"Daisy is also 5 years old. All three dogs came from the same breeder, Baver Creek Yorkies in Good Hope."

"Today they are our little German dogs," she continued talking while Tom played with Ziggy, who wore little lederhosen, complete with a miniature Bavarian Alpine hat.

"We have a lady in Mississippi who makes all the dog's costumes for us. We don't dress them up all the time, but we like to when we go out. They are our babies."

It wasn't a big surprise to find that Tiffani had won first place for the Prettiest Dog and Ziggy won for the Most Handsome. They were awesome.

Another eye catcher at Saturday's event was the baby stroller chocked full of Chihuahuas! Each of the tiny dogs was dressed in frilly little outfits.

"My daughter Ashelyn won first place with her tiny Chihuahua named Ace," said Janice McClusky.

"He also won first place in the obedience show too. We have 20 dogs in all, but only brought 8 Chihuahuas with us. We come to this every year, but this is the first year this group has hosted it. There was a little confusion at first, but they are getting things worked out. I think next year it should be even better. They offered agility this time; they offered obedience, which is something Ashelyn was really looking for."

"Ashelyn is 13 and she does all the dog's training," Janice added. "She's the one who trained them for the stroller," she grinned.

"We used to tote them all around but we never got very far with them. Our stroller has grown over time; we started off carrying 2 dogs, now we carry 8 of them."

The Kiwanis Club really had a successful day at Oktoberfest this year.

There were lots of happy dogs and even more happy spectators. For those that missed out on this year's K-9's-4-A-Kause, make a note to stop by and visit them next year.

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RELIGIOUS SPOTLIGHT: LIVING WATER BAPTIST CHURCH'S PASTOR RICK DAVIS

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HANCEVILLE — Hanceville's new Living Water Baptist Church is a church for the 'un-churched'. Rick Davis, the church's pastor, has fought his demons throughout life and has come to know, love and serve God in a unique way. His mission is to help others who are struggling with their lives — and their faith.

"Born and raised in Memphis, my mother took me to church faithfully," Davis smiled. "I felt the call of God on my life to preach as a young boy, but did not surrender to it until I was 16 years of age. The odd thing about this is I wasn't even saved at the time," he chuckled.

"I attended Bible College at Liberty University located, in Lynchburg, Virginia for a semester back in 1976-77," he continued. "I later married my wife, Becky in 1985. We have been married for 30 years as of September 7. We have five children and nine grandchildren."

Despite his life's positive direction, Davis would take a terrible turn.

"I quit attending church in the early 80s and ventured off into areas of life that I had never explored before," he said.

"Soon, drugs, alcohol, and the lust of the flesh, became my habits. Eventually, I became addicted to crack cocaine and alcohol. I would return to church on occasion, return to church trying to address the guilt that I was carrying, but I never stayed."

"In 2008, I hit rock bottom," he frowned. "I lost my job, my home, and most of all, my direction in life. I was absolutely miserable."

At the lowest point in his life, Davis called on the Lord for help.

"On May 25, 2009, the Lord Jesus heard my cry," he lit up and smiled. "He showed me He still loved me, but He also showed me the real issue I was battling: I had never been born again. So I sat in the front seat of an old Dodge pick-up and asked Jesus to forgive me of my sins, and to come into my heart and save me. Since then, my life has NEVER been the same!"

Davis' spirituality was on the mend and in August of 2010 he and Becky moved to Hanceville. Once they arrived, Davis was compelled to pray, and pray hard. After a lot of prayer and council, he felt directed to start a new church in Hanceville. He named it, The Living Water Baptist Church — The Church for the Un-churched.

"The Lord has burdened my heart with the Hanceville and Cullman area," Davis explained. "First and foremost, we want to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in ALL that we do! The sin of the world is our No. 1 priority. We want to reach the lost and unconverted using the Gospel and the good news that Jesus paid for. Secondly, we want to instill in our members the ministry of 'restoration'."

Drawing from the experiences in his life, Davis desperately wanted to help others return to God. "As you are well aware, our generation for the most part, grew up in church," he continued. "Many were saved during their childhood or teen years. Many of these dear people have been wounded in life's battles. They have suffered tragedies and have disconnected and ceased to attend church, the very place they can find true answers and guidance. Why? I feel that our local churches have let them down. We have been so busy, trying to break attendance records and attempting to become big in the 'who's who.' We have lost our focus on 'what's what'."



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Rick Davis, Pastor at Living Water Baptist Church

Living Water Baptist Church has been meeting for eight weeks and the Lord seems to be blessing the small congregation more and more each session.

"I am praying for these wounded 'soldiers' to be reclaimed, restored, and rekindled," his tone grew serious, "Please pray for us as we labor and follow the Savior's leadership, to have the touch of God upon us, and to love souls, through the eyes of Jesus."

Brother Rick Davis sure has his work cut out for him, but with God's guidance, he is sure to bring a lot of lost souls back to Christ.

Living Water Baptist Church is located at 918 Main St. next to the Chevron in Hanceville. Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday evening service is at 5 p.m.

HOPE (from Front)

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CULLMAN – On Saturday, HOPE held an event for the purposes of fundraising and raising awareness about the organization.

David Horner, the founder of HOPE, said that the event was "to raise awareness about HOPE," he continued, "But really to raise money. You know we have scholarships and we really just need the money."

Horner, who started the organization in Cullman after returning from a trip to Texas where he saw a similar foundation, strongly believes in the therapeutic aspects of a horse and human relationship.

"I've seen it on video, I've seen it with my own horses," Palmer said. "I ask people to go to the barn and they will probably come away with a tear in their eye and a smile on their face."

Donations to the organization can be organized through email by contacting HOPE at hope@hopehorses.org or visiting the website hopehorses.org.

Stephanie Ousley, a local resident, stopped by the event to see what HOPE was all about.

"I think this is good for the kids," Ousley said. "We really do appreciate it. I believe children with special needs relate better to animals."

Police Chief Culpepper was in attendance at the event.

"Well, I've always loved horses and I've always loved kids," Culpepper said. He also spoke about the importance of HOPE.

"All you have to do is talk to the parents or come out and see the interactions," Culpepper said.

HOPE relies solely on donations, so fundraising events such as this one are vital to keeping its doors open.

Wish (from Front)

Cook's 90th birthday wish and wanted to be the person to make it come true.

"One of my favorite people in the world turned 90 years old today," said Speakman. "One of his goals was to sell a pair of shoes on his 90th birthday. His wish came true," he smiled.

"I wouldn't have bought a pair from anyone else today. Happy birthday Mr. F.M. Cook. I don't know too many places that would allow a 90-year-old to still work. Thank you, Hibbett's and thank you, Mr. Cook."

Since he began at 18, work has been a passion of Cook's and vacations a rarity.

In 2004, he applied for part-time work at Hibbett Sports and was hired on the spot.

"He loves to work," smiled Cook's daughter, Linda Allen. "He always says, 'People like to get older and they just sit down and don't do nothing. I love working and I love selling shoes.'" she chuckled.

"We have a calendar on our pantry door in the kitchen that I write his work schedule on. He'll look at that thing two or three times a day wondering 'Do I work today?' If he's off work, I'll say, 'No, Daddy, you don't work today'."

True to form, Cook's birthday consisted of greeting customers and showing them the latest sportswear.

When Speakman approached him and asked for a pair of new shoes, Cook's face lit up and he headed for the shoes, with Speakman in tow. Minutes later, he achieved his dream of selling a pair of shoes at the age of 90.

"I'm going to work," Cook beamed when asked what his plans were for the rest of his special day. "It's good for ya. A lot of people say they kill themselves working, but that's not true. Work is not what kills them."

"I love, love, love F.M.! He had been there forever," said former co-worker Monica Williams. "I have been gone for 10 years and he was there a couple years before I left. In my opinion he is the best employee Hibbett's has ever had! His work ethic beat anyone else's when I was there!"

Humble and sweet, Cook spent his birthday doing what he loves to do most: working. He was able to make a lifelong dream come true, thanks to some special friends, family and co-workers.

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PEINHARDT LIVING HISTORY FARM: HISTORY, HERITAGE AND FUN

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CULLMAN – Peinhardt Living History Farm is an educational family farm focusing on rural life in Cullman back in the 1930's and 1940's. The farm is the result of the Peinhardt family's immigration from Germany to Cullman in the late 1870's.

Mr. Karl Peinhardt originally settled in the Bethsada community. Karl's son, Otto Peinhardt, started the farm where it currently stands around 1900. Otto's son, Carl Peinhardt, attended the Alabama Polytechnical Institute, now known as Auburn University, from 1930 to 1932.

Afterwards, he began his own diversified farming operation with row crops, hogs and dairy cattle. He was a skilled carpenter and built his own buildings on the land. He developed a registered Guernsey dairy and was one of the leaders in soil conservation, as well as the dairy industry in Alabama.

At his death in 1992, Carl's four surviving children began the preservation and development of the farm as an educational living history farm.

"Peinhardt Living History Farm in Cullman, Alabama is hosting its fall school tours for third graders," said Rachel Dawsey, North Alabama Agriplex Director.

"This hands-on field trip teaches students what farm life was like in the 1930s and 1940s in North Alabama. This time in history was chosen because of all the monumental changes occurring in agriculture- shifting from animal drawn power to tractor and engine power. Electricity was being installed in homes in north Alabama. Many changes were occurring and the dedicated volunteers and Peinhardt family use their own experiences to teach these lucky kids using the beautiful working farm of Carl and Irene Peinhardt."

The family owned farm will host its annual public day on October 24, 2015. The festival will feature educational stations from the school field trips, and much more.

There will be hands-on activities are demonstrated throughout forty acres of the farm. Families will leave with armloads of goodies such as blue bird houses, cotton boll ornaments, wooden pegs, crosscut saw rounds, and other unique treats.

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The Peinhardt Living History Farm is a local favorite and people come from all over north Alabama to visit it. Don't miss out on a chance to visit this amazing place in history.

Peinhardt Farm Day 2015 will be held on Saturday, October 24 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The event is free for children ages 4 and under, $5 for kids 5 to 11 and $7 for 13 and up. The farm is located at 1711 Talley Ho Street, Cullman, AL.

For more information, visit peinhardtfarm.org and follow them on Facebook at facebook.com/Peinhardt-Living-History-Farm-143889342328949.



PEINHARDT LIVING HISTORY FARM

1938 – Otto Peinhardt (left) and unknown stand in their cotton and oat field. The farmer's harvested the five acre land of its oats on April 25 and planted their cotton crop on May 15 which would yield about 10 bales.

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- **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.
- **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 costume contest will be held where the individual winner will receive $100 and group winner $200. A floating pumpkin patch will also take place in the outdoor pool where participants will jump in to get their pumpkin; one lucky participant will also win a FREE 6 month family membership to the center. A festival will take place with free games and activities from 9am-1pm as well.
- **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.
- **Kid's Create Art Classes:** Are held each week on Tuesdays at 3:45pm at the Cullman Civic Center. Cost is $50 per month and includes all supplies and instruction. Crafts and projects will be made each week; registration is ongoing at the Cullman Civic Center.

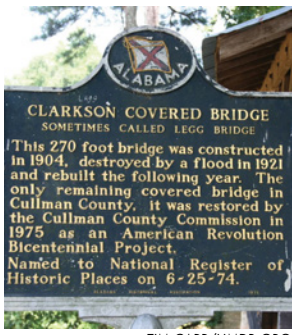
SIGNS OF THE TIMES: CLARKSON COVERED BRIDGE

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BETHEL – Clarkson Covered Bridge, located about 17 miles West of I-65 near Bethel, is currently the second longest existing covered bridge in Alabama and one of the longest in the United States.

It was named to National Register of Historic Places on 6-25-74.

When visiting the adjoining park, one will see the bridge's historical marker.



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It was erected in 1975 by the Alabama Historical Association.

CLARKSON COVERED BRIDGE
SOMETIMES CALLED LEGG BRIDGE

This 270 foot bridge was constructed in 1904, destroyed by a flood in 1921 and rebuilt the following year. The only remaining covered bridge in Cullman County, it was restored by the Cullman County Commission in 1975 as an American Revolution Bicentennial Project.

Named to National Register of Historic Places on 6-25-74.

Alabama Historical Association 1975

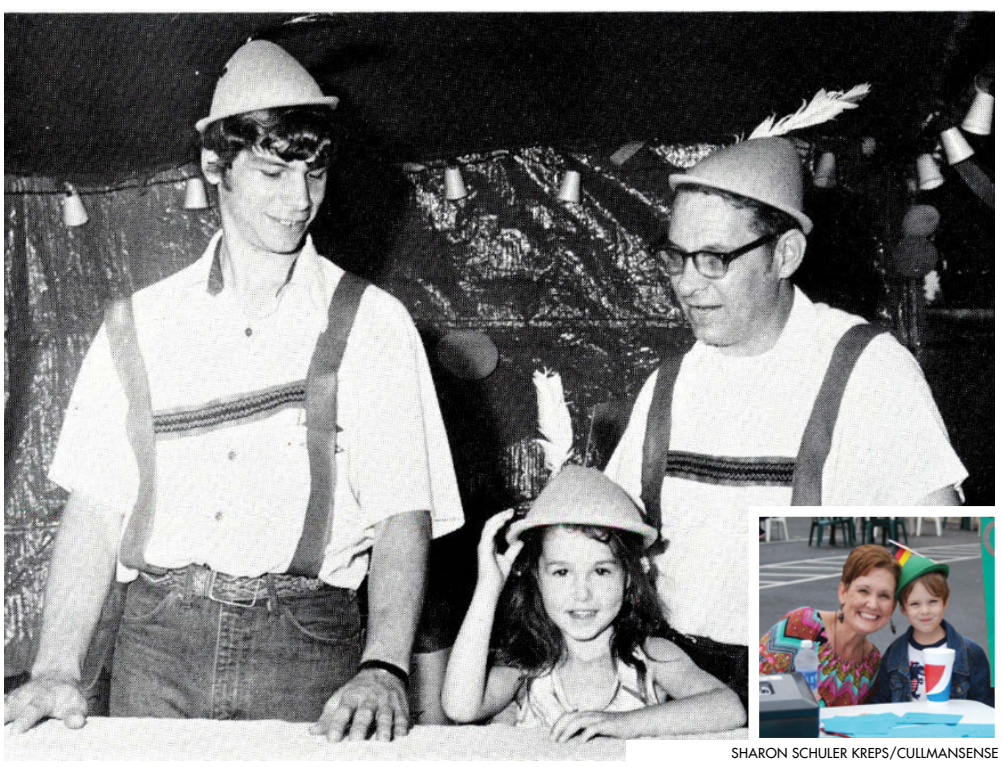
MIRRORING HISTORY: SACRED HEART'S GERMAN FESTIVAL

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CULLMAN – Sacred Heart School's annual German Festival serves two purposes, to celebrate the town's German heritage and to raise money for the small private school. Generation after generation, the school's students and former students hold fond memories in their hearts of the event.

The photographs show what Sacred Heart's German Festival looked like back in 1977 and how it looks today in 2015.

There have been lots of changes over time, but one thing remains the same – the fun and happiness shared by all that attend the yearly event.



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Sacred Heart School's German Festival in 1977, top, and 2015, bottom.

OKTOBERFEST 2015: BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER

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CULLMAN – On Saturday, October 10th, the city of Cullman practically shut down so that everyone could enjoy a full day of Oktoberfest. A couple of the streets were closed and parking places were few and far between. The weather may have been a little on the chilly side, but it didn't stop people from coming out in droves to join in on the fun. From the far edges of Depot Park all the way to Sacred Heart Church, there were great times to be had.

"I brought my grandson, Ramsey here because both of my girls went to school here," said Lisa Weeks, watching 2 ½ year old Ramsey play putt-putt golf at Sacred Heart's German Festival.

"We're really enjoying the beautiful day."

Festhalle was full of live music and games. There were bratwurst and pickle eating contests, as well as paper airplane contests and keg bowling.

Children were all over the place, riding rides, playing games and jumping in the inflatables. One of the more popular things the younger crowd enjoyed was playing in the 'Monster Water Balls'.

It was an activity where a person gets inside a large 'bubble' and tried to walk across the water.

They mainly rolled around on top on the water, but they had a blast.

"I have never been to Oktoberfest before," teenager Jonathan Brown, laughed. "I wish I were younger, that water thing looks cool!"

Depot Park was filled with arts and crafts vendors, each offering something completely unique and impressive.

There was a car show with some of the best looking hotrods around. Food vendors dotted the entire area promoting their own specialty.

There were so many different delicacies to choose from, it was difficult to eat from just one place.

"I am having so much fun here today," said Kathryn Day.

"I got here too late to go over to the Catholic Church's school. They are just doing games now, I had wanted to go to their big rummage sale under the tent, but they were packing everything up already."

The day was full of fun and excitement for the whole family. Those that missed the celebrations will have to wait until next year.





Citizens young and old came out to enjoy Oktoberfest 2015 on Saturday.



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OKTOBERFEST'S SENIOR DAY SEES SUBSTANTIAL CROWD

SENIOR CITIZENS ENJOYED MUSIC, HOT DOGS AND BINGO



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CULLMAN – Senior citizens from all over Cullman County met at Festhalle and celebrated Oktoberfest together on Thursday, October 8th. Terry Cavanaugh & the Alpine Express entertained the group with their lively German music and hot dog lunches were given to all that were there.

After lunch, the crowd was quiet as Bingo numbers were called out - Everyone silently hoping to win an awesome prize. It was pretty serious business!

"I think we had an excellent turnout today," said Nicole Vance, Burgermeister. "The weather has been beautiful, not too hot and there has been a nice breeze blowing through. The music was great and I think everyone is having a really good time," she smiled happily.

Everyone involved enjoyed the day, especially the seniors.

"This is my first time to come to Oktoberfest," said Diane Ballenger.

"It is beautiful. It's really great. My husband was from around here, he was originally from Arkadelphia. I'm living in Cullman Village now because he passed away from lung cancer. I know he's here with me today and he is loving every minute of it," she smiled happily.

"I'm from Michigan, I live 5 miles from Frankfurt, where they make the sausages," said Mary Ann Wedding.

"I've never been to an Oktoberfest. We're down here visiting my son and daughter-in-law. I'm having a wonderful time – I can't wait to play Bingo," she giggled.

Oktoberfest is a great time to get together with friends and have a good time.

Senior Days are always a nice way to meet new friends, share a meal and win big prizes from Bingo.

Those that missed Senior Day, and over 50, will have to wait until next year to participate in the fun.





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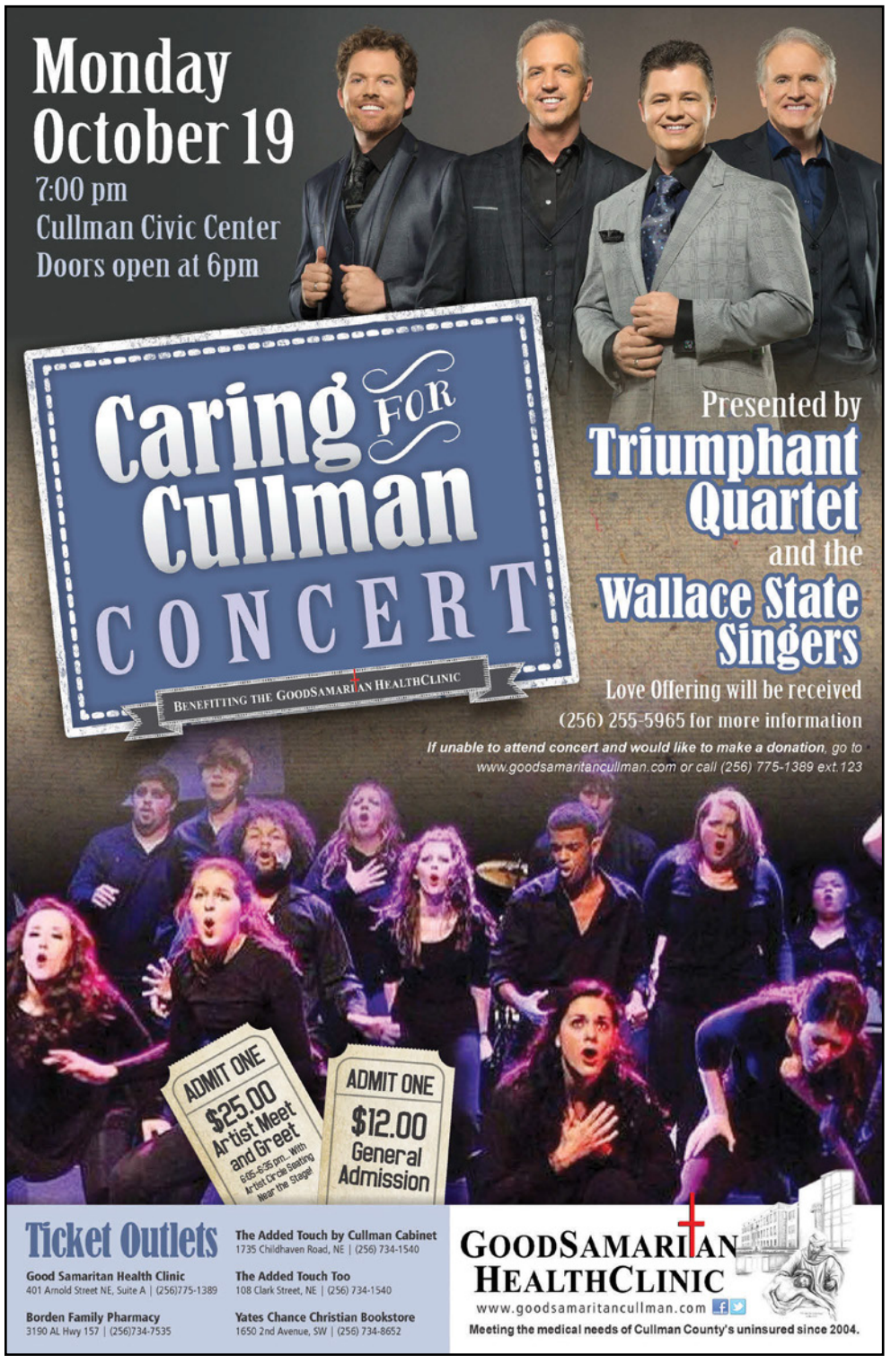
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Domestic Violence Survivor Support Group
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Cornerstone Revival Ladies Prayer Meeting
A Ladies Prayer meeting is conducted each Monday night at 7 p.m. at Cornerstone Revival Center. For additional information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

Tuesday

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

Knifty Knitters Weekly Meeting
Members of the Cullman Knifty Knitters group meet each Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Cullman County Library. Everyone is invited to come learn how to knit yarn and needles are free. This group is open to all ages, both accomplished knitters and those wishing to learn the art form. Crocheters also are invited to take part in these weekly meetings. Please call Lesia for more info 256-734-2720, ext. 23.

Emotions Anonymous Support Group Meeting
An Emotions Anonymous Support Group meets each Tuesday at noon at Grace Episcopal Church Carriage House. Those interested are invited to attend these group sessions. Further information is available through the Group Director's office at 256-734-3605 or 256-796-8440.

Wednesday

St. Monica's Group
St. Monica's Group for those addicted to alcohol or drugs meets every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Rectory Basement of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. All are welcome to attend who feel the need. For further information please contact Brian at 256-595-0515 or Rita at 256-507-0358.

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

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

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

Thursday

New Vision Support Group
There is a New Vision Support Group which will meet at 10 a.m. and everyone interested in this subject is welcome to attend. The program is at Hilltop Community Center. Additional information is available by calling Linda Estes, 256-739-4653.

'Celebrate Recovery' at Hanceville First Baptist Church
There will be a 'Celebrate Recovery' meeting tonight starting at 7 p.m. at Hanceville First Baptist Church. Childcare will be available. Additional info Church office at 256-352-9150. Open to all!

Ageless Grace Fitness Class
Come join in the Ageless Grace Fitness Class held each Thursday evening starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center. Leader Ann Caretti will show attendees the latest fitness tips available. The event is sponsored by Cullman Park and Recreation Department. Call 256-734-9157 for more information.

Thursday Afternoon Overeaters Anonymous Meeting
Those interested are invited to attend the weekly Thursday afternoon meetings of Overeaters Anonymous which begin at 4:45 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church's Carriage House. For additional information please call 734-376-2124 or 256-352-1143.

Friday

'Wii Bowling' at the Donald E. Green Senior Center
The entertainment for senior citizens is 'Wii Bowling' at the Donald E. Green Senior Center starting at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited. Come enjoy some exercise (but not too physical!) and fellowship with friends. They bowl every Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 1 p.m.

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild of Cullman
Members of the Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild of Cullman will gather at the Colonel Cullman Museum starting at 9:30 a.m. All interested quilters are invited to attend this meeting.

Saturday

Laughter Yoga at the Cullman Civic Center
Everyone is invited to take part in 'Laughter Yoga' classes each Saturday morning starting at 10 a.m. Donations accepted but no set fee is charged. Come start your weekend out with some great 'laughs'! Please call 256-734-9157 for additional information.

Next Monday

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

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4 REASONS TO FILTER DRINKING WATER

(StatePoint) For years, bottled water has been a go-to for clean drinking. Many believe it tastes better than tap water and assume it's safer to drink. But at-home filtered water is another alternative, and while it gets less attention, there are many reasons why it could be the best option available.

1. You'll Drink More Water: If you've ever filled a glass with tap water, you're well aware of the strange taste and even smell that unfiltered water can have.

When filtered to remove contaminants like chlorine, hydrogen sulfide, iron and more, the result is better tasting and more healthful water, encouraging you to drink more of it.

And since it's commonly advised that the average person should drink eight 8-ounce glasses of water daily, you'll be making it easier to stay hydrated and healthy.

2. It's Easy to Filter at Home: Filtering water at home is easy thanks to a variety of filtration options available.

Look for products like the Pfister Clarify Filter Faucet, a water filtration system integrated directly into your kitchen sink that filters one gallon of water per minute, meaning it's two times faster than most conventional drinking water systems.

With its Xtract Filter Mode, you're able to select between tap and filtered water by simply pushing the handle back, allowing you to get great tasting water from the tap with little effort.

3. Filtered Water is Cleaner and Safer: While tap water may appear clean and safe, it can actually be dirtier than it looks.

Tap water travels through pipelines and may pick up contaminants along the way.

Although it's disinfected and fortified before getting to you, you still can't be guaranteed that it's 100 percent safe.

Filtration can remove chlorine, chlorine byproducts and dangerous volatile organic compounds while preserving healthy minerals.

Bottled water is often seen as a safe, clean alternative to tap water, but as much as 25 percent of it is actually bottled tap water, according to government estimates.

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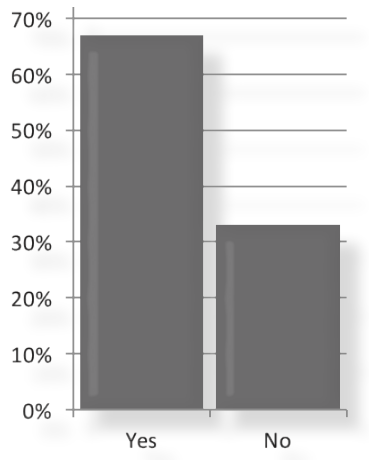
The City of Cullman's Alcohol Review Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 12th, 2015 at Noon, in the Administrative Conference Room of City Hall, located at 204 Second Avenue NE.

Comments will be received on the proposed approval for the sale of alcohol in the City of Cullman by the following applicants:

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DON'T LET HALLOWEEN GIVE YOUR BUDGET A SCARE

Waid Harbison
CP&R Contributor

(StatePoint) Cooler weather and seasonal fall colors means it's almost time for trick-or-treaters! Getting ready for all the fun the season has to offer can add up fast. Don't let this Halloween give your budget a scare.

With some helpful money saving tips, you will be ready to have a spooktacular Halloween.

Decorations
Bring the colors of fall into your home with seasonal decorations. From pumpkin kitchen towels to owl décor and festive candle holders, you can accent your home in style.

Adorn your front door with an autumn wreath. Warm your home with pumpkin scented candles and fall themed tablecloths and runners.

For a scary theme guaranteed to thrill your trick-or-treaters, stock up on Halloween décor like skeletons, jack-o-lanterns, bats and cobwebs!

Candy and Treats
Whether you're planning for a crowd or just a few, don't forget to stock up on the candy and treats that make Halloween so sweet.

Try your hand at homemade goodies like scrumptious monster cupcakes or homemade popcorn balls.

Make a Halloween trail mix with chocolate candies, pretzels, candy corn, rice cereal and pumpkin seeds.

Visit www.dollargeneral.com/easymeals for quick, festive snack ideas to feed your hungry monsters.

Use a fun decorated candy bowl and fill it with Halloween favorites to hand out to costumed visitors.

Make sure to stock up on Halloween themed napkins and paper plates to add festive flair to your table spread.

Costumes
Above all, Halloween planning includes having a great costume. Check out your closet and use clothing items you already have to create a fun DIY look.

Use bold make-up and fun hair styles to create your own unique costume.

For the trick-or-treater who likes to accessorize, check out Halloween selections at your local discount retailer, like Dollar General.

A variety of costume essentials and accessories are available starting at $1.

Halloween comes once a year, but it doesn't mean that you have to break the bank to have a great time.

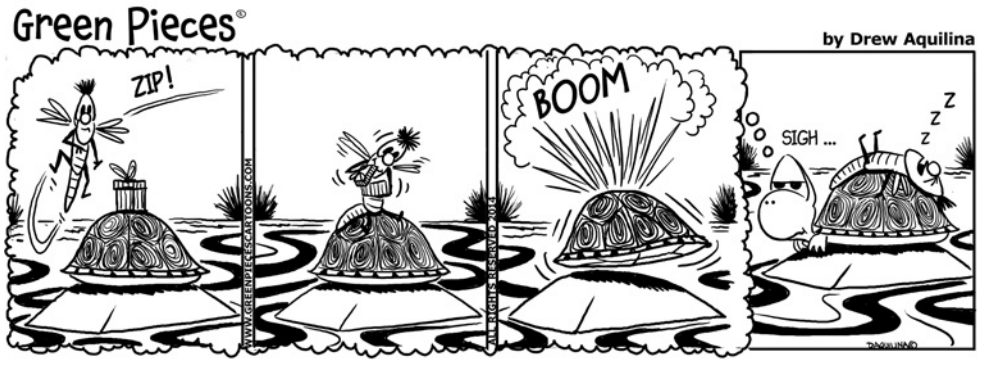
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Jesus' disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray. Right after He went to the cross, everything was established. The Kingdom of God has come. Many times, we live in the past tense, when we need to be living in the present tense. There's a spiritual law called, "Decree and Command." You, as a believe, have the right to decree a thing and God says, "So shall it be established."

Jesus said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." It's already here. We don't need to be looking for anything to happen—we need to make things happen. We do that with our mouths—with what we pray and speak and in getting to the place where we only speak what we really believe.

In Matthew chapter 6, Jesus says, "When you pray." Now, He's gone back to heaven, so there's another methodology.

Now, I say, "Thy Kingdom has come." When He resurrected, He said, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth and behold, I give it unto you. And I give unto you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven."

Whatever we loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. A thermometer simply registers the temperature, but a thermostat literally sets the temperature. You've been given the authority in the earth realm to set the temperature.

His Kingdom has come. His will is being done because I'm not moved by what I see. That's what I decree with my mouth. God's will is being done in my home, on my job and in my life.

1. I must learn to practice His presence. I do this by making up my mind to stay in the presence of God and to do what God tells me to do.

2. I must learn to walk in forgiveness. I can't keep walking around holding grudges and a lot of foolishness in my heart and expect God to move and operate in my life to the fullest. People will do stuff to work your nerves sometimes. Since the devil knows that forgiveness is so important to the believer, he will always give you an occasion to take offense. He knows that your prayers will be hindered if you don't walk in forgiveness.

3. I must become familiar with His Word. Quit being religious and become committed to the Word of God. Wash yourself of old doctrines and take the Word raw. Raw food is better for you. It helps clean you out. There are at least three ways to interpret scripture: spiritually, dispensationally, and literally.

4. I must learn not to take offense. When we allow offense to come, it stops the flow of God's power in our lives. God is not going to flow through you if you're belligerent, full of yourself and full of pride. The Word keeps me in peace when all hell is breaking loose around me in the world.

5. Learn how to walk in love. Love is a discipline. Love is a ministry.

6. Learn how to walk in peace. All pressure is of the devil.

Thank You, Lord, for showing us ourselves that we might better see You. Thank You for maturing us in the things of God and bringing us into the place of provision, understanding and revelation.

For as we continue to walk before you and to learn to hear Your voice, we thank You, now, that no weapon formed against us shall prosper; and every tongue that rises against us in judgment is already condemned.

Thank You for Your peace that shall lead and guide us into all righteousness and into the places, plateaus and destinations to which You have called us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Scriptures: Matthew 6:9-15; Matthew 3:2; Mark 11:24; Job 2:28; Matthew 10:7; Matthew 28:18; Matthew 5:23; Psalms 23:4; Psalms 119:165; John 16:1; Matthew 13:53-58; John 13:3; John 3:16; I Thessalonians 1:2,3; 3:11, 12; Hebrews 6:9, 10; I Corinthians 13; I John 4:6-11; I Timothy 2:2, 3; John 14:27; John 16:33; Matthew 5:8, 9; Romans 8: 16; Hebrews 12:14; II Peter 1:2; I Corinthians 7:15; 14:33

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OPINION

TRUST ISSUES? YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT!

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Ever since I was a young child trusting others has always been an immensely difficult task. It began with my dad walking out just months after my birth and popping in and out of my life until his slow death in November 2008. Then extended to friends since first grade feeling the need to have affairs with women I've dated over the years. So it's pretty safe to say there is no trust left in this man.

Shoot, I don't even trust my own decisions at this time in life based on the horrid choices in friends, women, and associates over the past years.

Now don't get it twisted and think only blame is being laid at their feet because at the end of the day it was my horrible decision making when it comes to those whom I allowed to get remotely close to the inner circle.

At this point the circle has turned into a triangle between myself and business partners because those are the only ones who've been down with the program without constant doubt and lies.

I've asked a lot of people of the years how they were able to get past their own mistrust of others. But mostly they just say "it comes in time. You have to have patience."

This always draws the 'what-the-hell' look from this gent as my patience for that conversation has abruptly ended. "Just nod and smile" is what the brain says, so I do it then leave in a hurry. Sometimes the best questions are not to be answered by others but through your own self. My answer is simple; no trust.

Watching people my whole life I've always seen blind trust and it floors the mind as it just doesn't compute. Although, I've seen that sometimes trusting people you don't even know will have a better result than those you brought in extremely close, lifting them up out horrid conditions, lackluster jobs and abusive situations.

Why? Because at least if a stranger burns you, did you really lose anything? Nope. But those you helped reposition their lives for something better will drop you in a second once they see potential for someone to better their situation even more. Another reason trust is gone in this gent.

With a lack of trust also comes a lack of love and understanding. I guess growing up around dysfunctional love may have created the absence of the trite emotion, which luckily I was only suckered into once, but never again. But then again it's probably just part of my life in order to keep pushing forward as a creative.

Why did this column even come to fruition? Not entirely sure but it's just been inside for so long that it had to come out for once. It doesn't mean I don't like people. It just means earning my trust is more difficult than building the Saturn V rockets from spare parts and kerosene.

Two up, Three down because at least it's off my chest; now you sleep with it because I'm done.



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BEARCATS FEEL HOMECOMING HEARTBREAK

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CULLMAN – Through lightning delays and torrential downpours, the Cullman Bearcats hosted the rival Tigers of Hartselle Friday night in a thriller that, unfortunately for the homecoming crowd, ended in a 14-13 victory for Hartselle.

The Tigers won the toss and elected to receive, looking for a quick score but the Cullman defense was solid and forced a quick three and out but a great punt pinned the Bearcats at thier own three yard line, forcing them to drive the length of the field.

Two big rushes by Dawson Drake, for 11 yards and 31 yards moved the ball to the 43 but back to back false start penalties derailed the drive and Cullman was forced to punt. With a fantastic kick, Cullman flipped the field and pinned Hartselle at thier own one yard line.

Hartselle's next possession mirrored thier first as the Cullman D stopped the Tigers on three plays and forced another punt that was shanked ans gave the Bearcats great field position at the Hartselle 27.

Drake started the drive with back to back six yard carries to make it third and four but as Ross Crocker scrambled to find an open man, he lost his footing and the ball, ending the promising drive.

Hartselle took full advantage of the Bearcat miscue, chewing up yardage on the ground as well as in the air.

They capped the drive on a 19 yard touchdown pass from junior Trevor Oaks to senior Kyle Hamlett to make the score 7-0. As both teams geared up for the kick off, the game was halted for lightning in the area.

The game resumed with a Hartselle kickoff and the Bearcats taking over at thier own 21. It was running back by committee for Cullman on the drive, with five different Cats carrying the ball.

They marched 67 yards on 22 plays, spanning the remainder of the first and most of the second. It was capped on a one yard plunge by Ethan McMinn to tie the game 7-7 with 5:06 left in the second.

The next 21 minutes were hard, smash mouth football with neither team gaining an advantage.

That all changed when Hartselle QB Jake Tiffin took the ball up the middle on QB keeper for 40 yards to make the score 14-7 in favor of Hartselle with 9:40 left to play.



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Cullman fumbled the ball on their next drive but the defense stepped up and stopped the Tigers to give the offense another chance and they took full advantage. The Cats methodically moved the ball down the field with McMinn scoring from the one. Cullman elected to go for two but McMinn was stopped short of the goal line. The Cats recovered the ensuing onside kick but were unable to get in field goal range, losing the nail biter 14-13.