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MUD CREEK ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL SHOWCASES HANCEVILLE

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HANCEVILLE – Saturday, the city of Hanceville held its Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival. The free event was organized by Hanceville Masonic Lodge No. 400 and featured arts and crafts, musical entertainment, an art show, Civil War equipment, and a ride on Hanceville's first fire truck.

"We're just here for the community," said Senior Warden of the Lodge, Junior Heaton. "A lot of people have a lot of different ideas about the Masons, but we're just a community organization that loves our community, and loves to do P12


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A variety of family-friendly activities provided fun for all.



GORGEOUS GOURDS

17TH ANNUAL ALA. GOURD SHOW ATTRACTS STATEWIDE CROWD


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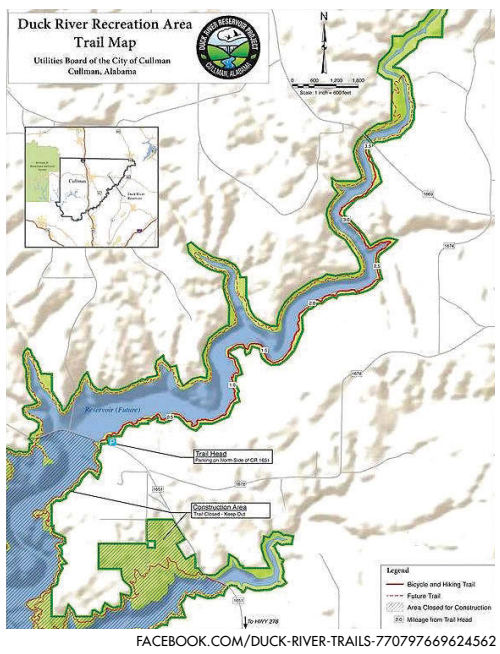
There were all kinds of interesting gourds at the 17th Annual Alabama Gourd Show over the weekend at the McGukin Civic Center. P9

DUCK RIVER TRAIL OFFERS CULLMAN FRESH EXPERIENCE

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CULLMAN – The new reservoir of water created by the painstaking task of approving and constructing the Duck River Dam, has yet to be officially named. Although the lake doesn't have a name, the circumference of the lake has a purpose. Twenty-three miles around, the area around the reservoir has been zoned P4

When completed, the 23-mile Duck River Trail will be the longest continuous walking trail in Cullman.



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PUBLIX GRAND OPENING HAS CUSTOMERS 'AMAZED'



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Despite the immense opening day crowd, many customers experienced a satisfying taste of the regional grocer's offerings.

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CULLMAN — On Wednesday, Cullman's newest grocery store opened its doors to the public. As early as 4 a.m., a line of sleepy shoppers zigzagged through the Publix parking lot, anxiously awaiting their opportunity to be among the first in the community to experience the food chain's grand opening.

Publix was founded 85 years ago by George W. Jenkins. His dream was to open a store that ran on a set of positive values that customers could feel when they passed through its doors.

One visit to Cullman's Publix exemplifies Jenkins' goal. Scattered throughout the store, smiling employees are prepared to assist customers however they can.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience here today," said Beth Collicott, Publix customer. "I am amazed at how they have restocked their shelves. There's got to be a thousand people that have come through already and it looks like the aisles are completely full! I keep looking back to see if I can see anyone stocking the shelves, but there's not," she giggled.

"I just can't believe how efficient it is. I have not found an empty spot in here yet. It's really cool, just blows my mind."

Though Publix is brand new, familiar faces fill the building.

"I really like shopping here," said Ruth Shoemaker. "My Barry is working here," she said. "He used to work P2

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VINEMONT PILL BUST NETS METHADONE, VIMPAT, OXYCONTIN

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CULLMAN — Thursday, October 15, 2015, Agents with the Cullman Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET), arrested Adam Seth Armstrong, 33 years old of Vinemont, Ala.

After a short investigation, CNET executed a search warrant on Armstrong's residence where they discovered 26 methadone pills, 53 1/2 Vimpat pills, 1 Oxycontin pill plus a couple grams of marijuana. CNET Agents also seized drug paraphernalia, 1 SKS Rifle and 1 357 Rossi handgun.

"It's good to get a drug trafficker off the streets and in jail. Any time this many pills are recovered it makes our community safer," said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry.

"I would also like to commend CNET for their work on this case," he added.

Armstrong is currently being charged with Trafficking in Illegal Drugs, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance, Unlawful Possession of Marijuana 2nd, and Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Armstrong is currently being held in the Cullman County Detention Center on a $1,000,000, bond.







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Agents with the Cullman Narcotics Enforcement Team found 26 methadone pills, 53 1/2 Vimpat pills, 1 Oxycontin pill, a couple grams of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, 1 SKS Rifle and 1 357 Rossi handgun at Adam Seth Armstrong's Vinemont residence.

WALLACE STATE FUTURE FOUNDATION PLANS ANNUAL STUDENT INVESTMENT LUNCHEON

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HANCEVILLE – Members of the community that support Wallace State Community College are invited to attend the 11th Annual Student Investment Luncheon and Auction on Wednesday, October 28, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Tom Drake Coliseum. This is the largest yearly fundraiser given by the Wallace State Future Foundation. All proceeds will go to providing scholarships for students.

The money raised at the luncheon will be used as scholarships for tuition, fees and books across all programs at Wallace State for academically successful students. It includes students enrolled in accelerated high school programs such as Fast Track Academy and Dual Enrollment.

During last year's event, the luncheon raised more than $200,000, which allowed more than 300 students to receive more than $175,000 in scholarships for the 2014-2015 year.

"Our goal at Wallace State is for our students to succeed academically, professionally and personally," said Suzanne Harbin, Director of Advancement.

"There are times when they need some financial assistance with tuition or to pay for books or fees, such as those incurred with certification exams. It's an honor and privilege to be able to help these students make their dreams come true."

The luncheon will feature silent and live auctions, with a little something for everyone, including baked goods, antiques, vacation trips and more! Donations for the auctions are now being accepted. The doors will open at 10:30 a.m. to allow plenty of time to view the items on the auction block.

People attending the luncheon have several sponsorship opportunities. Individual tickets are $125. Group sponsorships include $1,000 for Silver Table Sponsor, $2,500 for Gold Table Sponsor and $5,000 for Premier Table Sponsor.

All group sponsorships provide meals for eight guests, preferred seating and sponsorship recognition, recognition in the event program and in the Future Foundation Annual Report and the opportunity to designate your donation to a specific fund or program. The Gold Table Sponsor will provide two bookstore scholarships in the donor's name of $750 each. The Premier Table Sponsor will provide a $4,000 one-year tuition/fees scholarship in the sponsor's name.

For more information or if you would like to contribute to a specific scholarship, establish a new scholarship or donate an auction item, contact Suzanne Harbin or Cherie Smith in the Advancement Office at 256-352-7808, visit wsccfuturefoundation.org or email suzanne.harbin@wallacestate.edu or cherie.smith@wallacestate.edu.



Publix (from Front)

at Food World, I was so glad to see him," she beamed.

Customers are also pleased with the store's outside appearance.

"It looks great," Collicott smiled. "Everything is so pretty — It's eye candy!"

Publix is located at 1104 Cullman Shopping Ctr NW, Cullman, AL 35055-2855. For more information, call 256-736-7000 or visit publix.com/locations/1503-cullman-shopping-center.



FORMER AUBURN ALL-AMERICAN AND NFL PUNTER LEWIS COLBERT TO SPEAK AT WALLACE STATE ON OCT. 21

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HANCEVILLE – Wallace State Community College will welcome former Auburn University and NFL punter Lewis Colbert to campus on Oct. 21 at 11 a.m. at the James C. Bailey Auditorium.

Colbert, an All-American for Auburn in 1985, is the author of "Lewis Colbert: The Unlikeliest Tiger," which was published in 2011. He carved out a successful college punting career and played in the NFL despite overcoming odds with a club foot and a challenging childhood.

Colbert's visit will be sponsored by the Wallace State Diversity Committee.

Colbert, who initially arrived at Auburn as a walk-on, played for the Tigers from 1982-85 under Hall of Fame coach Pat Dye and is considered one of the best punters in school history. Colbert, 52, was a first-team All-American selection by Kodak in 1985, the same season he boomed a 77-yard punt against Southwest Louisiana. His 45.8 punting yard average in 1985 is still second-best in Auburn history, and he maintains the most career punting yards for the Tigers (10,179 yards; 41.7 avg.).

The Kansas City Chiefs selected Colbert in the 8th round of the 1986 NFL Draft, and the Phenix City native played two seasons with the Chiefs and one with the San Diego Chargers. He punted 117 times for a 40-yard average in the NFL.

Since 1987, Auburn has recognized the top special teams player at its annual A-Day game with the Lewis Colbert specialty MVP award. Colbert currently lives in Georgia.

The event is open to the community.

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

CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL HOLDS OCTOBER 12 MEETING

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CULLMAN — A regular Cullman City Council meeting was held Monday night in Cullman City Hall's Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at 7 p.m.

The meeting began with roll call and the minutes from the September City Council meeting were approved. Clint Hollingsworth was out of town on family vacation.

Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

• Resolution No. 2016-08: Oct. Dyslexia Awareness Month

Next were reports of standing committees by council members. The following reports were given:

1 General Government — Council Member Jenny Folsom — None
2. Public Works — Council Member Johnny Cook — None
3. Public Safety — Council Member Andy Page — None
4. Tourism — Council Member Clint Hollingsworth — None
5. Utilities — Council Member Garlan Gudger — None

Reports from the Mayor

Cullman Mayor Max A. Townson requested Oktoberfest board member Rick Fulmer to give a report on last week's Oktoberfest. Fulmer reported that it was the most successful Oktoberfest ever, for both attendance and finances.

There were no comments from anyone not on the agenda and no public hearings.

The following petitions, applications, complaints, appeals and communications were passed:

1. A request from Sanitation Superintendent Larry Jones to purchase garage doors for the Lawnmower Shed from Wayne Overhead Door in the budgeted amount of $6,200.
2. A request from IT Director Daniel Hunt to purchase required storage and memory expansions for server hardware from Teklinks, Inc. in the budgeted amount of $12,364.
3. A request from IT Director Daniel Hunt to purchase desktop computers for various departments from Dell on state bid contract T531 in the budgeted amount of $20,935 up to $21,000.
4. A request from IT Director Daniel Hunt to purchase Microsoft Office for the new desktop computers from Software House International on state bid contract T497 in the budgeted amount of $5,897 up to $5,900.
5. A request from Water Superintendent Chris Freeman to purchase two John Deere Backhoes from Warrior Tractor & Equipment Company, Inc. on the NJPA bid list in the budgeted amount of $181,703.
6. A request from Water Superintendent Chris Freeman to purchase a rubber tired loader from Warrior Tractor & Equipment Company, Inc. on the NJPA bid list in the budgeted amount of $166,541.
7. A request from Waid Harbison of Parks & Recreation for a special event permit to hold the Monster Dash 5K Run on Oct. 24, 2015, starting at 9 a.m. beside the Cullman Wellness and Aquatics Center.
8. A request from Brandon Oliver of Conviction Entertainment, LLC for a special event permit to hold a filming session on Oct. 25, 2015 from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. on the sidewalks and alleys of First Street SE, Second Avenue SE, 4th Street SE, and 5th Street SE.
9. A request from Jacob Johnston of Louisiana Pacific for a special event permit to hold the Family Fun and Company Picnic on October 25, 2015, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. in Depot Park and Festhalle. Approved by P&R.
10. A request from Rebekah Mickle of First Baptist Church for a special event permit to hold a Trunk or Treat on October 28, 2015, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church.
11. A request from Nathaniel Hutchinson of Cullman Moose Lodge for a special event permit to hold Turkey Shoots from October 28, 2015 until December 19, 2015, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Cullman Moose Lodge. (Wes to confirm dates.)
12. A request from Walmart #7280 located at 5601 Highway 157 NW to approve a beer and wine off-premises alcohol license which received a favorable recommendation from the City of Cullman Alcohol Review Committee.

The following resolutions, ordinances, orders and other businesses were discussed:

1. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2015 — 50 – To participate in the Annual Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday beginning on Feb. 26, 2016 at 12:01 a.m. and ending on Feb. 28, 2015 at 12:00 midnight. It was adopted.
2. Resolution No. 2016 — 05 – To approve a contract for professional services with the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce for fiscal year 2015-16 in the budgeted amount of $2,500. It was adopted.
3. Resolution No. 2016 — 06 – To enter into a contract for professional services with Air Evac. It was adopted.
4. To set a public hearing on Nov. 9, 2015 for Ordinance Resolution No. 2016 – 03 07 – To vacate and surplus a portion of 6th Avenue from 4th Street to 3rd Street that is not needed for public or municipal purposes. Set Public Hearing.
5. There were no Board Appointments
6. Resolution No. 2016-08: Oct. Dyslexia Awareness Month. It was adopted.

MAKE HALLOWEEN FUN FOR EVERYONE

(NewsUSA) - For most parents, Halloween involves at least one (if not more) occasion to take their children trick-or-treating. Some parents may dread this task and prefer to be the one who stays home and hands out the candy, instead of hitting the street to go house-to-house with their children and their friends. But fear not, moms and dads: A few simple tips can make the evening a treat for you, too.

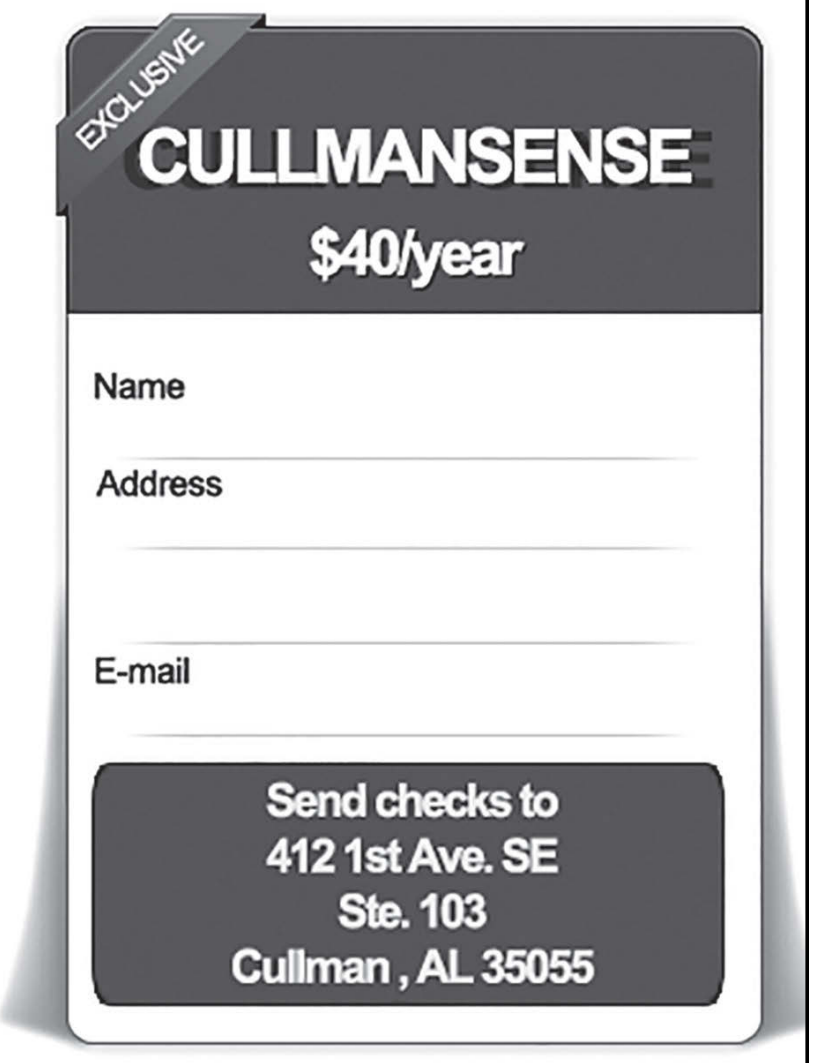
Courtesy – Explain a few key points to your children. First, remind them to say thank-you and take a piece of the candy that's offered, even if it isn't their favorite or first choice, without digging around in the bowl. Second, show respect for the homes and yards of those you visit by staying on the sidewalk and not touching any flowers, pumpkins or other holiday decorations. Third, avoid houses with lights off, and don't knock or ring a doorbell more than twice.

Control – Large groups of children can get out of control and can make it hard to maneuver around front doors. If you are one of the parents tasked with escorting a large group, divide the children into smaller groups of about 6 or 7, and send each to a different house, then have them switch houses. Tell them this method allows them to visit more houses more efficiently.

Comfort – Some parents want (or are convinced by their children) to wear a costume. But don't sacrifice comfort. Your feet will thank you if you wear decent walking shoes or sneakers to chase your children along the street, and adult costumes that are overdone take away from the kids' outfits, so keep it simple.

A funny hat or ears will go a long way. Bring something to drink if it's hot, or sunglasses if you are out with younger children before the sun goes down.

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RELIGIOUS SPOTLIGHT: ADDINGTON CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S REVEREND CAROL POUPORE

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BREMEN – Addington Chapel United Methodist Church was built on tradition, love and service to others. The church's mission is "to have biblically grounded individuals through Bible study and discipleship and to have an outreach of sharing the gospel and meeting needs in the community." Thankfully, their pastor, Reverend Carol Poupore, works tirelessly to ensure the church's mission comes to fruition.

Carol and her husband Tom live in Arley. They have two sons; one in Vinemont and one in Michigan and they have three beautiful Yorkies - Daisy, Tiffani and Ziggy, who keep the couple on their toes at all times.

Poupore was born here in the south but was raised in Michigan, along with her two brothers, where her family attended church regularly.

She and one of her brothers are involved in ministry as adults. Poupore finished high school and attended Wayne State University where she majored in Psychology and she spent the next 20 years of her career as a college administrator.

"Although I had always heard God's call and I have always been involved in worship, it wasn't until moving south that I said, 'Here I am. Send me.'" she explained.

"My love of music led me to become a Music Director, which led to becoming a Lay Leader in the United Methodist Church, which led to becoming a Worship Leader and ultimately a Pastor," she smiled warmly.

"I currently serve as Senior Pastor at Addington Chapel United Methodist Church in Bremen, AL where the congregation refers to me as Pastor Carol. I could not have done all that I have without the full love and support from my husband, Tom. He is always there to encourage me in my ministry and to help in any way that he can."

"Addington Chapel is a small, rural church with a congregation that, as a whole, truly believes that we are all called to ministry, although our calls may be different," she continued.

"Each individual has gifts and talents; some are called to minister through music, others are called as prayer warriors, and some are incredible as youth leaders, and visitation coordinators. All of us have heard about "friendly" churches, but Addington Chapel welcomes anyone who walks through the door, and surrounds them with love."

When speaking of her church, Poupore can't help but smile really big. It is very obvious she loves her congregation and is driven to do the Lord's work.

"My most rewarding moments as a pastor include watching people grow in faith, and over the past four years that I have been at Addington Chapel we have seen several baptisms and renewals of faith," she gushed.

"We encourage our young people to participate in worship, and I believe that some, in particular, have been touched by God to become future leaders and pastors."

Being a pastor isn't always easy, some days it can be pretty tough.

But with the Lord's help, nothing is impossible.

"As a leader, my biggest challenge is assisting others in finding their place and using their gifts; helping them to grow, and go, in faith, out into the world to witness and proclaim the message of the Gospel transforming the world for Christ," she said whole-heartedly.

With the help of Poupore, the people of Addington Chapel UMC are doing great things.

Addington Chapel United Methodist Church located at 185 Country Road 59, Bremen, AL 35033.

They offer Sunday school at 10 a.m. and have Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday evening service is at 6 p.m. and Wednesday dinner and Bible Study begins at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 205-272-1452, email carol.poupore@umcna.org, and visit addingtonchapelumc.com, and facebook.com/addingtonchapel.



CAROL POUPORE

Poupore after performing an outdoor wedding last year.

"Although I had always heard God's call and I have always been involved in worship, it wasn't until moving south that I said, 'Here I am. Send me.'"

Carol Poupore, Pastor at Addington Chapel UMC

Trail (from Front)

for recreational use. As a result, the Cullman Parks and Recreation department have ensured that they make the most of this opportunity.

According to Waid Harbison, Marketing, Programs, and Events Coordinator with CP&R, over two years ago CP&R brought in an independent contractor to help with the planning of the trails that both the Parks Department and the Center for Economic Development in Cullman envisioned for the location.

"Parks and Rec and Economic Development really came up with the idea together," Harbison said. "It was a partnership. It is a great place for trails."

Alongside this "world-class" contractor – he has, according to Harbison, worked on and helped develop some of the best hiking trails in America – Harbison and the whole Parks and Recreation Department are excited about the opportunities that will be brought with the new trails.

"I think it is something totally new to Cullman," Harbison said. "There are some other walking trails and other places, but all those other places are also exposed to commercial industry."

At 23 miles long, when fully completed in one-and-a-half to two years, the Duck River Trail will be the longest continuous walking trail in Cullman.

Harbison envisions a nearly Edenic future for the Duck River Reservoir and the trail around it.

"People can hike, ride mountain bikes, there will be places to campout," Harbison said.

"It is also great because a lot of conservation. By having weekly maintenance by CP&R, the trail will allow for the preservation of the local plants and wildlife."

Harbison the lengthy trail will be flat in some areas, making for a leisurely walking area, and challenging in some areas for hikers and mountain-bikers.

"The trail is being constructed with mountain-biking in mind," he said.

The area around the trail was described by Harbison is lush and scenic.

The trail will be long enough for different portions of the trail to have totally different vistas.

The portion of the trail, a 3-mile stretch nearest the entrance, does not have a view of the Duck River dam, but there will be areas of the trail from which the dam will be visible.

According to Harbison, the small 3-mile patch of trail has already drawn in mountain biking and hiking enthusiasts from neighboring counties and states. CP&R will maintain the always open trail.

For more information on Duck River Trails visit duckriver.org/moving-forward-next-steps/recreation-trail.

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CULLMAN – Genealogy can be very addictive. A typical genealogist will spend hour upon hour researching the tiniest details of their family history – and anyone else's family history that shows a tiny spark of interest! Researching your family history is like a gigantic scavenger hunt with important clues hidden all over the place. The trick is to take the time to look for them. Each little nugget of information found is pieced together to form a bigger picture, a story of your family. This particular story explains how you came to be the person you are today.

Most locals around here can tell you that Cullman was founded by Colonel Cullmann, but have you ever wondered just exactly where the Colonel came from. What was he like as a young man? Who were his parents? As a genealogist, a lover of family history, I am happy to answer some of those worrisome questions for you.

Johann Gottfried Cullmann was born in Frankweiler, Canton Landau, Rheinpfalz, Bavaria on July 2, 1823. The small village was known for its wine. At the time, Frankweiler was in Bavaria, which was an independent country. Today it is located in the Pfalz, which is a state in the Federal Republic of Germany.

He was the son of Johann Gottfried and Juliane Schneider Cullmann, and the grandson of Gottfried and Louise Backer Cullmann and Jacob and Christianna Laugel Schneider. His parents were married in Frankweiler, on May 31, 1820. Johann had one sibling, a brother named Philip Jakob.

The Cullmann family belonged to the professional class and had been a part of Frankweiler's history for more than 200 years at the time Johann was born. His family lived in a large home right in the center of town. His parents were some of the village's schoolmasters. His father, the principal and his mother, a teacher at the local school Johann attended as a young boy.

At the age of thirteen Johann was enrolled at Zweibrucken Polytechnic Institute. This enrollment required him to leave home while still quite young. While he was there, he studied what would be considered today, civil engineering. He obtained a degree similar to what is now a junior college level degree. After graduating, he returned to Frankweiler, expecting to take the place of his father. Unfortunately though, he left soon afterwards because he was not promised a raise in salary from what his father was making.

He met the lovely Josephine Loeb in Zweibrucken. She was the daughter of Theodore and Marie Loeb. The lovebirds were married at Landstuhl on May 15, 1846 and moved to Neustadt an der Haard. Shortly after they arrived at their new home, Johann established a mercantile career and was proprietor of the establishment. He became a large exporter to America and accumulated his first fortune. At the time, his political views were not the same as those of the government. He was fearless and stood up for what he believed. Because of this, he soon found himself in the midst of a short-lived revolution and quickly lost that fortune in the Revolution of 1848.

Johann and Josephine wanted a family and before long, they were blessed with babies. The proud parents truly loved and enjoyed everything about their sweet children. Their oldest, Theodore Gottlieb, was born in Neustadt on September 20, 1850. The second bundle of joy to come along was little Otto Gottfried. He was born in Neustadt on September 27, 1855. Their third child was a girl named Maria (later Mrs. Ludwig Richard). She was born in Neustadt on June 26, 1848. There was another daughter named Alice but there is no record of her birth place or date. Sadly, she died when she was two years old.

While still in Neustadt, Johann Cullmann became friendly with many American businessmen who told him of their wonderful free country across the Atlantic. It was these conversations and relationships that most likely planted the idea for his later immigration to the United States and eventually his colonization efforts.

The Colonel Cullmann we think of today started out just like the rest of us. He was a son, a student, a business man and a father. His parents were educators and he lived in a small town. Over time though, this young man went on to accomplish great things. To find out what happened to young Johann next, check out next week's edition of CullmanSense.



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Johann Gottfried Cullmann

SIGNS OF THE TIMES: WEISS COTTAGE

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CULLMAN – Located at 401 1st Avenue SW, our town's oldest house stands. Weiss Cottage, a small wood-framed home, is typical of early Cullman homes. It was originally located on Lot 440 on 6th Street SE. Both the house and the land were purchased from L&N Railroad on February 24, 1875 by Dr. Aldo Weiss. The cottage is available for tours by appointment through the Cullman County Museum.



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Weiss Cottage was added to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage by the Alabama Historical Commission on January 25, 1977, and the National Register in April 1985.

WEISS COTTAGE - CULLMAN'S OLDEST HOUSE

Preservation of this Weiss Cottage was initiated by the Cullman County Historical Society and implemented by the Cullman County Federation of Women's Clubs, City of Cullman Bicentennial Commission and the City of Cullman Community Development Agency. The landscaping was directed by the Cullman Federation of Garden Clubs.

Dr. Aldo Weiss, practical physician and accoucheur, purchased the property from the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company in 1875, lived in this house, had his office in it, and kept his goats in the cellar. In 1976, the owner, Mrs. Herman Ruehl, gave the house to the City of Cullman and it was moved from the original site, 206 Sixth Avenue, S. E. to this location as a Bicentennial Project.

This house was added to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage by the Alabama Historical Commission on January 25, 1977.

MIRRORING HISTORY: ENGLEHART HOTEL AND ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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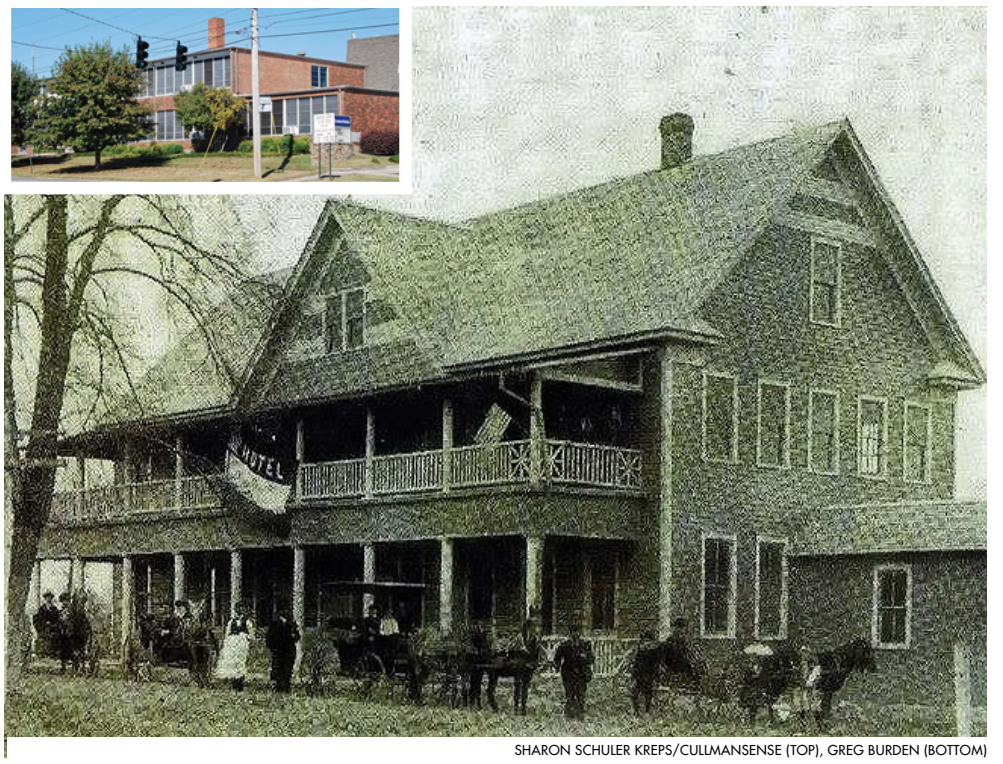
CULLMAN – St. Paul's Lutheran School is located on the corner of 3rd Avenue and 6th Street SE, but before it was a school, the property housed the Englehart Motel.

In the 1890s the motel was a popular place to stay, but it was also one of the town's saloons.

The hotel's location information is an avenue of conflict.

According to an old Oktoberfest publication, it states that the hotel stood where St. Paul's is now.

The Cullman County History Facebook page says the hotel was actually on Welti Road.



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMANSENSE (TOP), GREG BURDEN (BOTTOM)

St. Paul's Lutheran School, top, and Englehart Motel, bottom.

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

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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.
- **Monster Dash & Bash** will be held at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center on Saturday, October 24 from 9am-1pm 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.
- **Christmas Arts & Crafts Show Entry:** The CP&R Christmas Arts & Crafts Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 4 & 5. Application for vendors are being taken now at the Cullman Civic Center; cost is $50 and the deadline to enter is October 31. For more information, call 256-734-9157.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BRINGS SOMETHING NEW

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"HOMTEX HAS GIVEN US 1,000 PILLOW CASES THIS YEAR AND LADIES ALL OVER THE COUNTY ARE JOINING TOGETHER AND HAVING SEWING PARTIES TO MAKE DRESSES OUT OF THE PILLOWCASES."

David Ozment, Cullman's Operation Christmas Child Director



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The ladies sewing group from New Freedom Baptist Church made 100 dresses out of pillowcases to send to little girls in Africa for Christmas.

CULLMAN – Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, and international relief organization headed by Franklin Graham that collects gift-filled shoeboxes and delivers them in the name of Jesus Christ to children living in desperate situations around the world. Cullman has been involved in this project for many years and many, many kids have been blessed by our efforts.

"I'm with Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church," said David Ozment, Cullman's Operation Christmas Child Director.

"We are the relay center for Cullman County, so everyone brings their boxes to our church. Last year we collected over 7,500 boxes here. The ministry is growing every year that we are involved in it," he smiled. "It's just a real simple, effective project. The goal for the gifts in the shoeboxes is to help the kids open up their hearts. They are taught a discipleship program called 'The Greatest Journey'. It's a 12-step program about Jesus Christ, the Bible and where they go when they except Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Since they started the program about 5 years ago, over a million kids have done it."

This year the ministry takes on a whole new project. It is something completely new to Operation Christmas Child and Cullman is the first to introduce it.

"HomTex has given us 1,000 pillow cases this year and ladies all over the county are joining together and having sewing parties to make dresses out of the pillowcases," Ozment explained. "In checking with Operation Christmas Child, this is a first. As far as they know, nobody in the country has ever done it. It's a historical thing for Cullman," he said proudly.

The W.O.M., or 'Women On a Mission' sewing group from New Freedom Baptist Church completed their 100th pillowcase dress on Tuesday, October 6th. Even though the ladies have run out of their allotment of pillowcases, they don't plan to stop sewing goodies anytime soon.

"HomTex donated 1,000 pillowcases and they were divided up and given to various churches in Cullman County," said Lou Williams. "It's a nondenominational thing; all kinds of churches are involved. When we finish the dresses, we are going to start making some dolls and when we get finished with the dolls, we are going to make quilts for kids and quilts for nursing homes."

Each week, Paula England, Lou Williams, Freda Bledsoe, Pearl Harbison, Judy McGowin, Joy Kennedy and Angela Sullins meet together in Silva McGukin's special sewing room and sew items for various charities. The lively ladies have so much fun together; they don't feel as if they are working at all.

"My sewing room is actually God's room," said Mrs. McGukin. "We work 2 days a week and we have a great time," she giggled happily. "We talk and cut up while we work, we go out to lunch together and we have fellowship. If somebody needs praying for, we stop and pray for them together as a group. That's why I said this is God's room; it's been a blessing."

Operation Christmas Child is a tremendous blessing, both to the children who receive the shoeboxes and to the people who participate in the ministry. If you or your church would like to participate, contact samarritanspurse.org/occ or phone 800-353-5949. You can also contact Christ Covenant Baptist Church at 256-739-0505.

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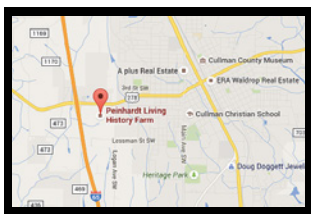
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BETHLEHEM EAST BAPTIST CHURCH FEEDS FOOTBALL TEAM

HANCEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYERS ENJOY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



The Hanceville Bulldogs create their Taco Mountains at Bethlehem East Baptist Church in Hanceville.

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HANCEVILLE – On Thursday, October 1st, the Hanceville High School varsity football players were treated to a meal by members of Bethlehem East Baptist Church. The team sat together as a group and enjoyed a delicious meal. The dinner was part of the community's effort to show their support for their favorite team, the Hanceville Bulldogs.

"We have a different church feed us (the football team) each week, usually on Thursdays after practice," said Hanceville's Football Coach, Danny Miller.

"It's a way for our kids to get out and meet some of the people in the community that support our football program. We certainly appreciate what all the churches do for us - our kids love it!"

Each week, the football team is served something different at each church.

Most of the churches fix something they specialize in. Bethlehem East's specialty is the Taco Mountain – tortilla chips piled high with seasoned meat, refried beans, cheese, lettuce, salsa and sour cream. They were a hit with the hungry boys.

"Although I'm new to the church, Bethlehem East has been doing this for a good while now," said Russ Fox, Pastor.

"It's a way the church tries to reach out to the community and let them know we care and want to be involved. Although we're not a big church, our congregation is really caring and enjoys doing this for the kids," he smiled warmly.

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Danny Miller, Hanceville Football Coach

After the boys ate, Brother Russ talked to the boys and encouraged them to use their talents for the glory of God.

The team listened attentively and was very appreciative.

"I think it's pretty cool that we get fed free food every week – Somebody is paying for it, of course, but we get it for free," smiled 11th grader Brandon Hurst as he picked out a couple different desserts to put on his plate. "I respect everyone who does this for us."

Hanceville High School is home to some really amazing people and the Hanceville community thinks the world of them.

FREE EDUCATION PROGRAM
FOR PEOPLE WITH DIABETES & THEIR CARE PARTNERS

NOV. 6, 2015 • HEALTH FAIR 9 A.M. • SPEAKERS 10 A.M. • LUNCH 11 A.M. • A1C CHAMPIONS 11:30 A.M.

Cullman Regional Medical Center POB II, Colonel Cullman Room, 1890 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058

WHO

A1C Champions team - Frank Atherton, who has diabetes, and Tina, his spouse and care partner - will be delivering a free educational program at Cullman Regional Medical Center POB II to share their story about their diabetes journey together.

WHAT

Frank and Tina are members of the A1C Champions® Program, sponsered by Sanofi US, which is a patient-led approach to diabetes education. Although the person who supports someone with a chronic disease is often referred to as a caregiver, it really requires a partnership to face the challenges and sucesses of the diabetes journey together.

During the 60-minute Diabetes Together presentation, Frank and Tina will share:
- Their story about working together as a team.
- Information about diabetes and controlling blood sugar.
- Ideas for effective communication between partners
- How to work together to manage diabetes without it becoming the main focus of the relationship.



"We partner through the successes and challenges of our diabetes journey, and we want to share our story with you."

WHY

If you have diabetes, it doesn't affect just you. It touches your family and friends who want to know how they can best help you. While people with diabetes are ultimately responsible for their choices, the relationship with a care partner can have a significant impact on how someone manages his or her condition. If you or someone you care for is struggling with diabetes, the A1C Champions® team can provide education and motivation for working together to achieve better blood glucose control.

Diabetes is a chronic, widespread condition in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, the hormone needed to transport glucose (sugar) from the blood into the cells of the body for energy. It is estimated that that 387 million people worldwide and nearly 29 million Americans have diabetes, including an estimated 8 million Americans who remain undiagnosed.[1, 2] At the same time, about 40 percent of those diagnosed are not achieving the blood sugar control target of A1C <7 percent recommended by the American Diabetes Association (ADA). The A1C test measures average blood glucose levels over the past two- to three-month period.

HOW

To register for the session or if you have any questions, contact Tammy Cornelius at 256-739-4131 or tcornelius@cpc-pc.com. Although 'teams' are encouraged to attend, individuals are always welcome.

A1C CHAMPIONS

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1. http://www.idf.org/diabetesatlas/5e/Update2012 2.http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/data/statistics/2014StatisticsReport.html

Monday

Food Bank Open
Seventh-day Adventist Church, located on Golf Course Rd will have its Food Bank open from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the church. You must bring photo identification, proof of income, and number in household, along with a letter from the food stamp office.

Fire Hydrant Testing
The Gold Ridge VFD will be conducting fire hydrant testing in the Gold Ridge Area throughout the week. All fire hydrants will be tested and flushed during this process.

Caring For Cullman Concert
The Caring For Cullman Concert will be held at the Cullman Civic Center at 7 p.m. and is presented by Triumphant Quartet and the Wallace State Singers. A Love offering will be received. General Admission is $7 and a Meet-and-Greet with the artists is only $25. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Good Samaritan Health Clinic.

Free Extreme Couponing Workshop
A Free Extreme Couponing Workshop will be held at the Cullman Chamber of Commerce with two sessions each day; first session is from 10 a.m. until 12 noon and the second session is from noon until 2 p.m. The event is sponsored by Karma in Cullman and Fancher Education. For more information please call Cherrelle Fancher at 256-706-7180.

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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

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group
The Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group will meet beginning at 6 p.m. at Westminster Assisted Living, located at 1020 Olive St. SW. For more information please call 256-737-2033 or send an email to janeburchfield@crmchospital.com.

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

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Ladies Night Out
Sacred Heart of Jesus will host a Ladies Night Out Bunco Party inside the church's Family Life center beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased at the door. Refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by the Alter Society. Call Chiquieta at 256-740-1473 or Janice at 256-338-7022.

Swamp John's Meal
A Swamp John's Meal will be served at the Mood Center, located at 111 Michelle St. NW, Hanceville, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. The cost is $11 per plate. The event is sponsored by the Hanceville Lions Club and tickets may be purchased from any Lion or at the door. Proceeds of the event will got to benefit the club's projects.

October Community Luncheon
The Chamber's own version of "MythBusters" will destroy common stereotypes and misguided judgments about the Cullman area. The event is held at the All Steak from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Reservations are required. If you would like to attend, please register by calling the Chamber office, 256-734-0454. A 48-hour cancellation policy $15 for Chamber Members and $20 for Future Members. Presenting Sponsor for 2015 is Shirley Quattlebaum - State Farm and the event is sponsored by Alabama Farm Credit.

'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

2015 Peinhardt Living History Farm Day
Peinhardt Edgewood Farm is primarily an evolving family farm focusing on rural life in the 1930s and 40s. Farm Days educates students on what life was like as a farmer in those days. It is located at 1711 Talley Ho St, Cullman, AL 35055. Admission Charge for children aged 0-4, Free; 5-12, $5; 13 & up, $7. Join the Peinhardt family and volunteers for our one public day a year. Educational exhibits are setup for the entire family to experience history over 40 acres of the farm.

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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.

Sunday

October Harvest
A revival will be held at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, with Kevin Hamm leading the service tonight, beginning at 6 p.m.

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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- Trivia Night at Rodney G's at 7 p.m.
- Happy Hour at Moe's from 3-7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
- Karaoke Night at Grumpy's at 7 p.m.
- Happy Hour at Moe's from 3-7 p.m.

THURSDAY
- Open Mic Night at Brothers from 8 p.m. to close
- Happy Hour at Moe's from 3-7 p.m.

FRIDAY
- Live Music at Brothers
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FALL ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY

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CULLMAN – Fall is in full swing, and by mid-October folks begin wondering where and when the next festival will be.

The finale to October's Autumnal event onslaught is, and has always been October 31: Halloween for most, Reformation Day for some, The Last Day In October for all.

But, between now and then, and even then, what're some things in Cullman to do? Haunted Houses? Markets? Fall Festivals? Trunk-or-Treats? Well, for Cullman citizens, all are going on during the next couple weeks.

Back for another year, the Boogeyman's Barn at Steele Orchard is the major spooky attraction. The website for the event says "through the month of October." For hours and directions, visit steeleorchard.com.

The Cemetery of Horror, which has dipped in attendance in years past, will not be in operation this year.

Some unscheduled and more DIY haunted houses are sure to open up and begin operations in the week leading up to and on Halloween, so keep an eye out for signs popping up advertising new haunted houses around town.

As far as Fall Festivals and church events, there are several confirmed events throughout Cullman.

East Side Baptist Church will be having a Fall Festival on October 31 from 5-7 PM in the lower portion of their parking lot.

First Baptist Church will be having a Fun Fest on October 28.

Temple Baptist Church will be holding a Trunk-or-Treat event on Halloween from 6-8 p.m.

Northbrook Baptist Church will not have a Fall Festival this year.

Some churches were not able to respond to or confirm dates and times for upcoming festival events, so a call to the local church can always help for more information as October 31 nears.

The event that has the potential to steal the spotlight is the Monster Dash and Bash at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center.

On October 24, according to the Cullman Parks and Recreation website, "the event will feature a 5K where runners will participate in their Halloween costumes as well as a floating pumpkin patch, free kids games and activities, and a hay ride."

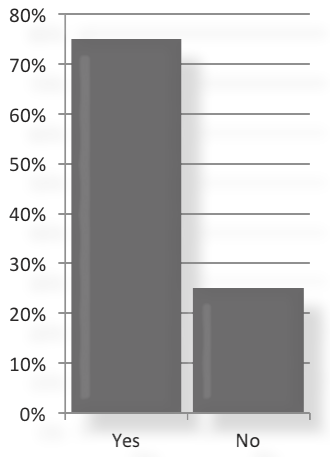
The 5k will start up at 9 AM, while the Floating Pumpkin patch will be at 10:45 a.m., and the free games and activities will run all day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you are confused about what a Floating Pumpkin Patch is or what it is for, the CP&R website describes it thusly: "The all new Floating Pumpkin Patch is the most fun way to get your pumpkin for Halloween! The floating pumpkin patch will take place at 10:45 a.m. after the Monster Dash 5K; participants will jump into the outdoor pool to swim around and collect the pumpkin of their choosing. One lucky pumpkin will be marked for the recipient to win a free 1-year family membership to the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center! After the event is finished, pumpkin carving stations will be available on site to carve your pumpkin."

Over the next few weeks Cullman will cover the spectrum of fall activities.

Poll

Should adults dress up for Halloween?



This Week's Poll

Are you prepared for the cooler temperatures moving in?

Vote Today at CullmanSense.com/Poll

CRMC CONTINUES MISSION TO CARE FOR ALL

Lindsey Dossey
CRMC Contributor

CULLMAN — A cancer diagnosis of any kind sends chills down most people's spine and triggers much stress. That diagnosis coupled with not having the financial means to pay for treatment can seem completely overwhelming. Fortunately, CRMC is committed to working with Cullman area community members to assist them in getting the treatment they need.

Cullman Regional Medical Center's mission is to care for our community, even those struggling with a financial hardship. CRMC's Nurse Navigation Services offers the following services to all cancer patients including those who may experience difficulty at non-CRMC facilities:

• Patient Support Team – helps patients understand their diagnosis and treatment options

• Financial Counseling – works with CRMC Financial Counselors to secure payment arrangements or donated care for tests, procedures, treatments and surgeries for patients who may qualify for the CRMC charity program.

No patients are denied care at CRMC because of their inability to pay for services.

"It has come to our attention that some Cullman area cancer patients may not be receiving treatment from non-CRMC facilities due to a financial hardship," said President/CEO James Clements. "Therefore, we have setup a Cancer Resource Hotline to help these patients receive the care they need as soon as possible."

Cancer patients in need of treatment may call the CRMC Cancer Resource Hotline at (256) 737-2111 to speak with a nurse navigator Monday through Friday, 7 am until 4:30 pm.

"CRMC is proud to serve the people of this community in their time of need, and we are dedicated to helping all of the people in our community obtain cancer care when needed," Clements concluded.

For more information about this, or other services provided by CRMC, visit online at crmchospital.com.

Gourds (from Front)

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CULLMAN – Over the weekend, the Alabama Gourd Society's 17th Annual Gourd Show was held at the McGukin Civic Center. Crowds from across the state came and enjoyed the beautiful works of art that were made from gourds of all different shapes and sizes. It was the perfect time to purchase unique Christmas gifts for family and friends, and an excellent time to buy a few treasures for yourself as well.

"This is our 17th Annual Gourd Show," said Chandra Dotson, a member of the Alabama Gourd Society.

"I'm not sure how many vendors we have, but some are selling raw gourds that you can buy to do whatever you want to with them. We also have vendors, like me, who have already done artwork with them, so you can buy their artwork. We also have vendors who sell a lot of items you can use to work with gourds to make the artwork. A lot of people think of birdhouses when they talk about gourds, then when they come to one of our shows, they are like, 'Wow! I can't believe anybody could think of this – I can't believe that's a gourd!'"

Not only were there exquisite works of art at the show, but there were also plenty of raw gourds, supplies and tools there for purchases.

Children were able to decorate their own little gourd to take home with them, free of charge.

For the older crowd, there were gourd artists on hand demonstrating their gourd art techniques.

The event also offered classes from various experienced gourd artists.

The Exhibition Room was a treat to see. It was filled with competition gourds from the different gourd artists.

There were ribbons given in several different categories, such as Dried Gourds, Current Season Gourds, Crafted Gourds, Youth, Master Division and Novice Category.

There is also the Jim Story Award in which the gourd must be a mature, dried, cleaned, undecorated, hand trained, or manipulated gourd.

"I've been doing gourds since 2002," said Jean Mann, gourd vendor.

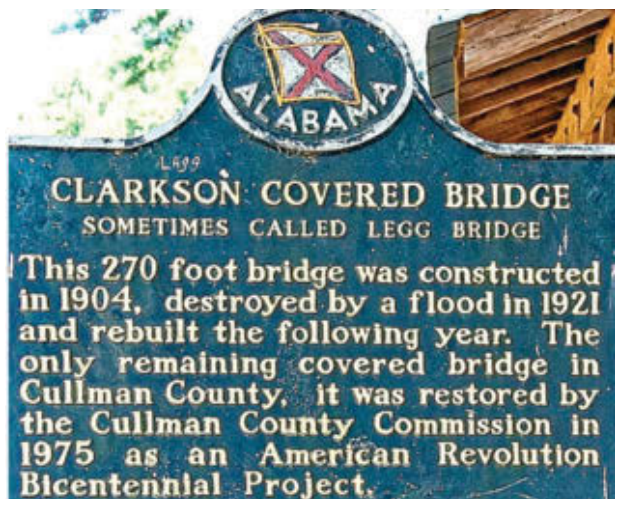
"I came to my first gourd show in 2002 and I would go watch one of the demonstrations and then I'd go buy something. Then I would go back and watch another demonstration and then go buy something else. When I left here I had some tools and some gourds. That year I made 5 gourds and gave them as Christmas presents. That was the beginning of it, it's mushroomed into this," she smiled and pointed to all the lovely gourds in her booth.

"I'm crazy about gourds," Ms. Mann continued. "I have a house that was like my second home or a second house. I just converted it into my workshop. All I do in there is gourds, so it's my hobby house. I go to some shows, but you can't make a living doing it. I try to make enough to cover my expenses, I'm happy," she grinned.

The Alabama Gourd Show was a very informative event. Not only did people learn how to make interesting crafts with them, but they also had lots of beautiful ones to look at and buy.

For more information about the Alabama Gourd Society, visit alabamagourdsociety.org.

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES: CLARKSON COVERED BRIDGE HISTORICAL MARKER

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90 YEARS IN THE MAKING: CULLMAN MAN FULFILLS LIFELONG GOAL

After almost a century of waiting, Cullman's Mr. F. M. Cookinfo-icon 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... **QRNE.WS/401**

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HANCEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL TO HOST DRUG PREVENTION AWARENESS EVENT

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HANCEVILLE – On Saturday, October 24 at Hanceville High School there will be a free drug prevention awareness event.

From 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. speakers, food, events, and counseling will be on hand.

The event looks to be an opportunity to educate parents on how to head drug use off at the pass, before it ever becomes a part of a child's life.

The event also wants to help parents and caretakers how to teach kids to say "no," despite Nancy Reagan's dismal result with that strategy.

James Fields and Coach Lane Horton will be the guest speakers.

The idea is to have the community come together and help kids stay on the straight and narrow.

Along with the speakers, there will be competitive events to liven up things: "hoop shoot contest, longest football throw, fastest 40-yard dash, longest golf drive."

The flier for the event says that "Prevention Is The Best Treatment," and aims to take that methodology to the community, which is hoped to rally around the idea.

"Join us for an all-around fun filled day of fellowship, teaching, bonding, and establishing the building blocks for our children's future," the flier reads.

Along with the competitive events and speakers, the drug prevention awareness event will have free food, drinks, and a 'bread giveaway.'

There will also be a prize giveaway.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Program Facilitator needed for local domestic violence intervention program.

Full time, BS degree required. Send resume to: vsoced@vsoccullman.org

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Hosted by Past & Present Players & Coaches of Cullman County

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-Chance to win prizes



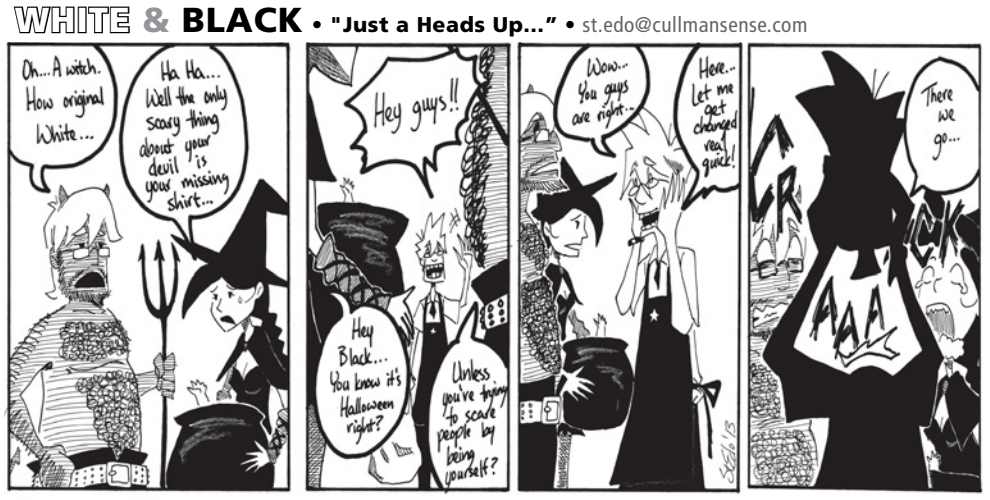
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include name, age-grade, school & T-shirt size

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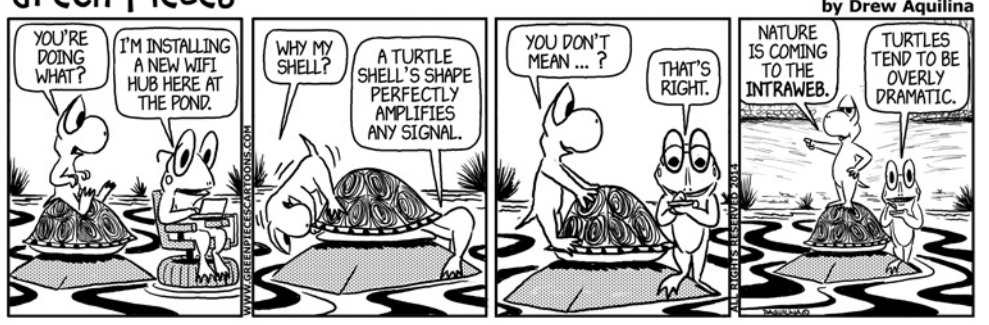
100% of proceeds will go towards Diabetes Service Alert Dog for Lucas Hembree,
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WOODY WOODPECKER



I'm Woody Woodpecker and I am about 2 years old. I am a Boxer and I currently weigh 61 lbs. My adoption fee is $25 because I came to the Shelter already neutered. That also covers my microchip, free 45 day health insurance policy and our local Pet Depot will give you a free bag of food (you pay the taxes) in support of you adopting a Shelter animal. That is an incredible deal and I will give you a lifetime of love and loyalty.

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

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VETERAN VOICE

MEMPHIS BELLE MOVIE COMING TO CARMIKE THEATER

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A bit of aviation history is coming to Cullman. On Friday, October 23, Memphis Belle, the movie, will play for a week at Cullman's Carmike Theater. It is the story of the first American B-17 bomber crew to survive 25 combat missions over Nazi Europe in World War Two.

The Belle was commanded by pilot Captain Robert Morgan, who, after completing these 25 missions, went on to the Pacific to fly 26 more against Japan in the B-29.

While the entire crew has now passed, Captain Morgan's Widow, Linda Morgan, will be in the Carmike Lobby this weekend to meet the public and answer your questions about the aircrew, the aircraft and the movie.

On Saturday, November 7, Cullman County will celebrate Veterans Day at both Veteran's Park at Sportsman's Lake and at Cullman Airport.

We will have the B-17 bomber, featured in the movie, at the airport for the day and the public will be able to take a tour inside the aircraft.

This B-17 was manufactured during the war but was used for aircrew training in the U.S.

It has the Memphis Belle paint scheme and is a replica of the real Belle, which now resides in the USAF Museum in Dayton, Ohio.

Also on hand that day will be U.S. Army Air Corps turret gunner Hoot Gipson, from Rainbow City, Alabama, who bailed out of a B-17 in December of 1944 and, at age 91, is proud to be a part of our celebration this year.

Memphis Belle will begin showing at Carmike Theater beginning Oct. 23.



KEN BROWN

I want to encourage all our citizens to come out this weekend, or next week to see the movie and meet Linda Morgan, and to encourage the teenagers you know to do the same.

I really hope everyone will join us at Cullman Airport on Nov. 7 to see the Memphis Belle, meet Linda and Hoot, experience this aviation history right here in Cullman, and to shake the hands of a few of our county veterans, who have given so much to pay that cost of freedom.

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OPINION

FERGUSON, AMERICA, AND MOVING FORWARD TOWARD TRUTH

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Recent grassroots mobilization against police killings of African Americans has thrust a long-standing pattern of racial violence into the consciousness of the world. There is nothing new about state violence against African Americans: from slave patrols, fugitive slave laws, and the Klan/state violence of Jim Crow, right up to today's racial profiling, stop and frisk, mass incarceration, and shoot-first practices, the segregation and racial oppression of the US has always been maintained by violence.

Establishment response to this movement typically fall into one of two camps: either, the condescending hostility of "all lives matter," "blue lives matter," "black on black violence", and other Fox News talking points, or city, state, and national commissions, designed to implement top-down reforms around issues like fine-based revenue generation, racial profiling, police training, or the use of body cameras.

The former amounts to a refusal to confront, if not outright denial of, our racist history; while the latter have been mild, reformist, and not translated into meaningful change.

So far in 2015, according to a count by The Guardian, 862 people have been killed by police in the U.S., with blacks killed at a rate more than double that of whites.

But even apart from ineffectuality, there is a basic orientation that top-down reform shares with blame-the-victim backlash: both ignore and disempower communities on the front lines of these assaults.

Experts on both sides attempt to manage the situation while people living with the day-to-day realities of police violence have no voice in the process.

In the face of a systematic problem like racism - a complex mix of economic disparity and disempowerment, mass imprisonment, conscious and unconscious bias, daily police harassment, and outright violent attacks against unarmed citizens - an underlying power disparity is central.

Communities of color need to be treated better, but also to be recognized as having a voice, agency, and as deserving the same level of participation in all aspects of social and political life as dominant groups.

The first step in any effort to challenge the prevailing power dynamic, then, must be to allow the voices of those most directly affected to be heard.

Without direct testimony from those affected by police violence, we cannot appreciate the scope and nature of the problem as it is experienced by those affected.

With this goal, organizers in St Louis/Ferguson, with the support of people all over the country, created The Truth Telling Project. TTP, on behalf of the citizens of Ferguson, will launch The Truth Telling Initiative for Ferguson and Beyond, Nov 13 - 14, 2015, to allow national and international audiences to listen to first-hand accounts of persons impacted by police violence in the city of Ferguson and beyond.

This initiative will convene hearings in front of a panel composed primarily of citizens of Ferguson.

Truth Telling is an essential step, but it is only a first step.

By helping facilitate community-based truth telling, the TTP will contribute to broader understanding of the lived reality of African American communities, join efforts at city, state, and national levels to build pressure for structural change, and ultimately support healing and reconciliation.

The ultimate goal of the TTP, in conjunction with many other initiatives in the U.S., is the eradication of racism in all of its structural, institutional, and social forms.

Following it's initial witnessing of testimony in Ferguson on November 13-15, the TTP will broadcast the testimonies presented to national and international audiences.

It will then invite nationwide, community-based participation in truth seeking, truth telling, transformational, and healing processes through the encouragement of "Watch, Exchange, Formulate and Implement" gatherings where citizen groups host Watch parties, Exchange ideas, Formulate a plan of action, and ultimately Implement that plan.

There can be no genuine healing without honestly, courageously and collectively involving the citizens of Ferguson, MO in exposing and confronting truths surrounding police violence and fully acknowledging the direct and indirect suffering associated with those experiences.

Giving recognition to individual experiences and truths is the beginning of justice, and the beginning of healing and resolution; each is a necessary step if we are to move our society through, and then past, the pain associated with the legacies of racism in the U.S.

For more information on the TTP, please go to www.truthtellingproject.org, and all media and other inquiries should be directed to: Dr. Mark Lance at abuemma@gmail.com.

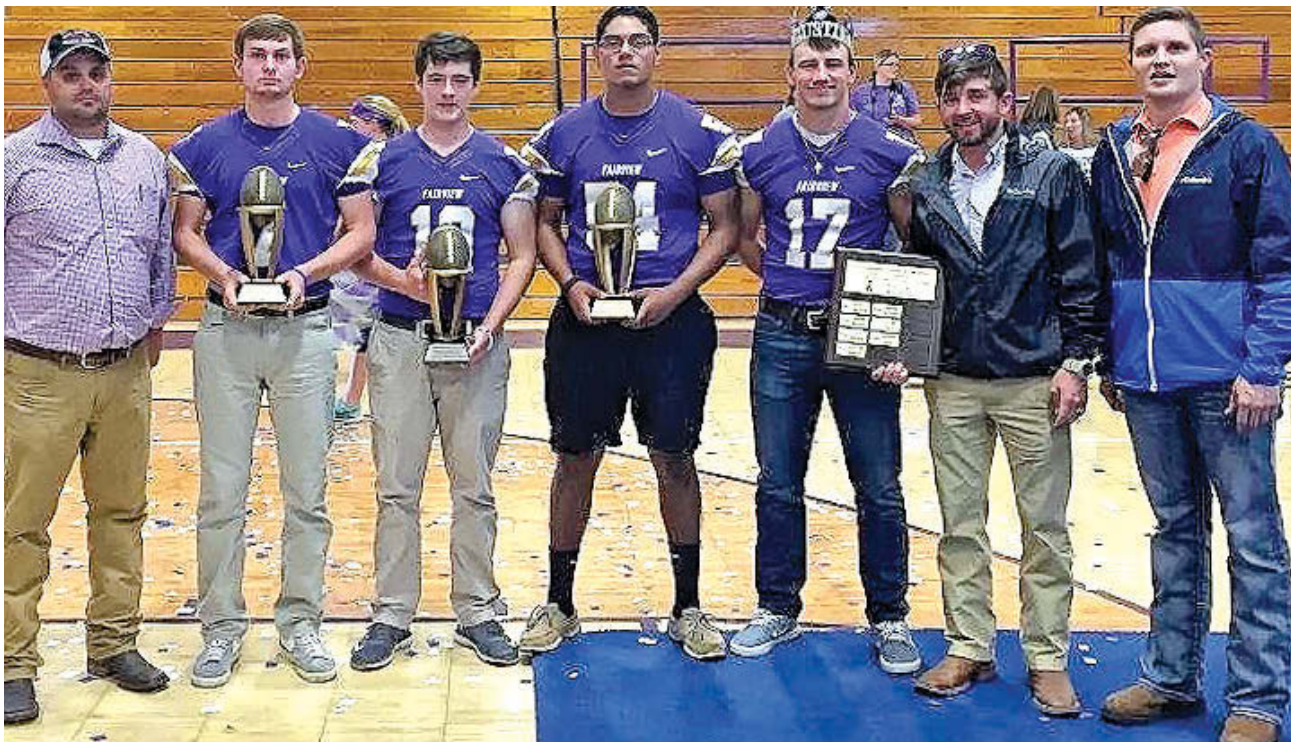
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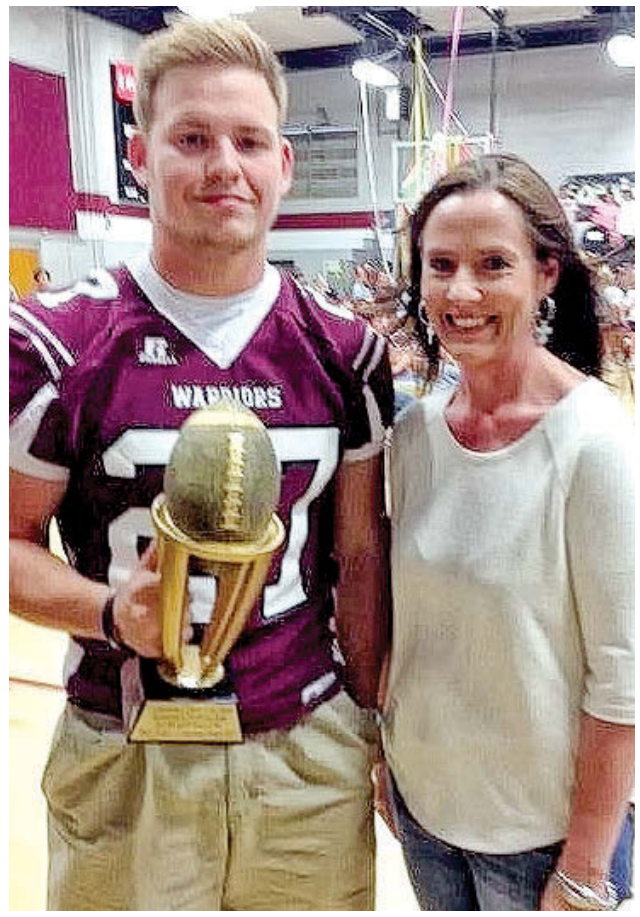
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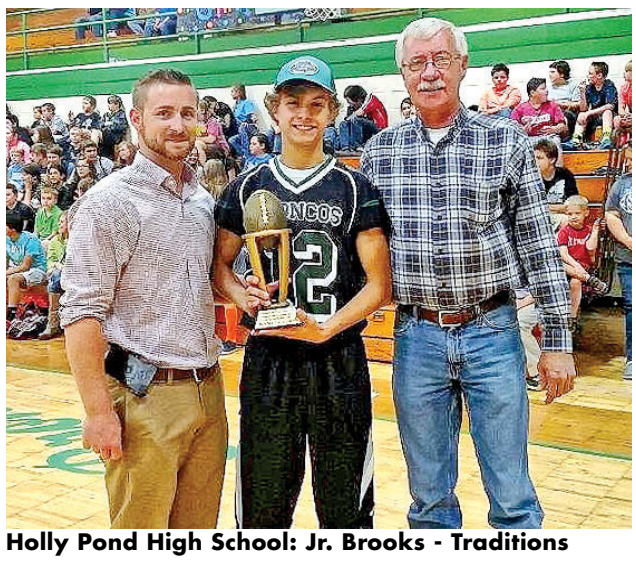




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things in the community."

The face painting booth proved popular among children, including a young boy named Kage Colburn who waited in line for over 45 minutes. Brittany Parker, a young woman from Riverbend, brought Kage to the event, and was eager to attend next year's festival with him.

Nestled in Hanceville's quaint, but immersive Historical District, the Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival is nearly the perfect fall activity for a family: free, simple, homey, and most of all, it allows members of the community to set up in the middle of Hanceville and fellowship with whom they would most likely not be able to meet otherwise.

Hanceville Mayor, Kenneth Nail, was happy about the attendance to the festival.

"We've had a good crowd out here today," he said. Nail also explained that he portrayed the man after which Hanceville was named, P.H. Kenny, in a reenactment that traveled around the downtown area of Hanceville.

"Fernando Halexander Kenny," Nail said.

"First Postmaster of Hanceville, he was named Hanceville after his father, Hance."

The name of Hanceville was originally Gilmer. The U.S. Postal Department, Nail explained, told Kenny that the name could not be Gilmer.

So, Kenny changed the name of the town, and that is how the name Hanceville came to be.

The Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival is a showcase of Hanceville's community and highlights the progress of its downtown is making towards an economic resurgence.

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