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HANCEVILLE – Beyond Productions of Australia has announced that Robert S. Davis, senior professor of History at Wallace State Hanceville, will appear on a special episode of Deadly Women on the Investigation Discovery Channel on Oct. 30, at 9 p.m. He will help to narrate a reenactment of the murder of Narcissa "Sis" Fowler by Kath Sothern at a dance in rural Pickens County, Georgia in 1876. The murderer initially escaped. The famous mountain tracker Walter Web Findly and his posse caught up to Kath and her family in P12


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Davis will narrate a reenactment of the murder of Narcissa "Sis" Fowler for the Investigation Discovery Channel.

WEST POINT ELEMENTARY GETS 1ST OUTDOOR CLASSROOM IN COUNTY


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Officials were on hand to debut the West Point Elementary Outdoor Classroom, which includes an assortment of "learning stations" where students can participate in a variety of real-world studies.

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CROOKED CREEK CIVIL WAR MUSEUM HOSTS BOOK SIGNING

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VINEMONT – John T. Wayne, author and speaker, was at the Crooked Creek Civil War Museum Thursday afternoon autographing copies of his books and merchandise. The author and Civil War historian has written numerous western themed books including a series of 5 books called, The Gaslight Boys. The series includes P6


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John T. Wayne and his mother Bonnie.

"This book is about a slave trader kidnapping orphans off the streets of St. Louis in the middle of the Civil War to sell them into slavery. Those orphans become the main characters in these other books, as they grow up you kind of follow them through their lives and see what's going on."

John T. Wayne, Author

FIRST SOURCE FOR WOMEN BANQUET DRAWS LARGE CROWD


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First Source for Women exists to help women in unexpected pregnancies choose life for their babies.

> "Most of them (pregnant teens) want to parent, but they need our help. They need our support, someone to walk with them. If they are abortion minded, we talk to them about adoption."
>
> *Catherine Bethell, Executive Director, First Source for Women*

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CULLMAN – On Thursday, October 22nd, First Source for Women held their 2015 Fundraising Banquet at the Loft in Cullman. First Source is the only pregnancy center that serves Cullman County women and babies that are in difficult situations. They believe all human life is sacred and a gift from God. First Source for Women exists to help women in unexpected pregnancies choose life for their babies, and to support them in their decision.

"When a girl comes in, a lot of times she is in a crisis pregnancy," said Catherine Bethell, Executive Director. "She doesn't know where to turn. Lots of times her boyfriend's family wants her to have an abortion. There is a lot of fear and doubt when she comes P12

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HANCEVILLE CITIZENS TREATED TO FREE SMOKE ALARMS

COURTESY HANCEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMERICAN RED CROSS

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HANCEVILLE – On Saturday October 24th, the American Red Cross and Hanceville Fire Department teamed up to help lower fire deaths and injuries by distributing smoke detectors to citizens in the Hanceville area – free of charge. Red Cross Volunteers, along with the fire department traveled from home to home installing the alarms and providing fire prevention education.

"We've partnered up with the Red Cross and we've installed roughly 69 smoke alarms today," said Hanceville Fire Chief, Roger Green.

"We started installing them in Hanceville first and we'll branch out to other communities from there. Everything went good; we had a good group of volunteers to help us out, including my wife Linda," he smiled.

Those who received the smoke alarms on Saturday were thrilled, especially since Chief Green was on hand to install them. Many had a hard time believing the units, as well as their installation were done for them at no charge.

"We picked the Hanceville area because there have been 2 fires here this year and one death from fire," Denise McClendon from Cullman Red Cross explained.

"It's very visual here, every day we drive by this burned house and that one over there," she said while pointing. "I just hope it helps people to think about the need for the smoke detectors."

"We'll be doing this again on November 21st but I'm not sure where we'll be yet," she continued.

"We are a part of the mid-Alabama Chapters and there is a push to install 900 smoke alarms throughout that area. How many of those we'll be doing, I really don't know."

According to McClendon, the smoke alarms were purchased with money from a grant through FEMA. Because it is a national grant, the alarms will be installed throughout the country.



Hanceville Fire Department's Jacob Hutson, Linda Green and Chief Roger Green stand with Red Cross Volunteers Denise McClendon, Noah Chappell, Larry Smith and Dirk Baeuerle pose for pictures after a day of installing smoke alarms.

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Families can take easy steps to increase their chances of surviving a fire.

1. Make an escape plan.

2. Make sure you have working smoke alarms in your home.

3. Practice fire drill, and then check your escape time.

The American Red Cross and the Hanceville Fire Department encourages everyone to protect their homes and families by investing in a smoke alarm. For those who already have one, make sure to check the alarm batteries on a regular basis. For information on future installation dates and places, call the Cullman Red Cross at 256-734-0921.

MAYOR PROCLAIMS OCT. "DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH"

Leanne H. West
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CULLMAN – On Monday, October 19, 2015, Cullman Mayor Max A. Townson officially proclaimed the month of October 2015 "Dyslexia Awareness Month" in the City of Cullman. On hand to accept the proclamation from Mayor Townson were Heather Gudger and April Metrock. Mrs. Gudger and Mrs. Metrock are concerned parents who seek to help increase awareness of dyslexia because early diagnosis and specialized teaching methods can help students with dyslexia overcome their struggles with learning to read and write.

Dyslexia is a language-based learning disability that is highly prevalent, affecting one of five individuals in some form and crossing all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines. It is characterized by difficulties with word recognition and poor spelling and decoding abilities.

Early diagnosis of dyslexia is critical, and specialized multisensory instruction by highly-trained teachers is vital for the students' success in the classroom, and for their future success in employment.

The Cullman City Board of Education has recently implemented ongoing dyslexia-specific professional development for teachers and other educational personnel, as per the Alabama State Board of Education's amendment to the Alabama Administrative Code 290-3-1.01(20).

The amendment requires that students be screened for dyslexia and then given appropriate intervention, access to assistive technology, and accommodations in the general school population without the need for special education certification.

"If young people are not diagnosed early, and if special teaching methods are not utilized, the educational implications can last a lifetime," said Mayor Townson.

"That's why the City of Cullman fully supports our city school system in pursuing specialized dyslexia training for teachers and in providing educational programs that help ensure the success of students with dyslexia."

In the Fiscal Year 2016 budget, the City of Cullman approved an appropriation of $25,000 to Cullman City Schools to assist with the training of teachers and educational staff in specialized teaching methods for students with dyslexia.

"Our young people are the future of our community, our state, and our nation," added Mayor Townson.

"We owe it to them to give them access to the very best education possible, and our city school system takes pride in doing just that!"



OFFICE OF MAYOR MAX A. TOWNSON

April Metrock, left, and Heather Gudger, accept Cullman Mayor Max A. Townson's proclamation that October 2015 is "Dyslexia Awareness Month" in the City of Cullman.

More Information

The Alabama International Dyslexia Association website, idaalabama.org, and the Decoding Dyslexia Alabama website, decodingdyslexiaala.com, contain information on dyslexia symptoms, research, education, and advocacy.

The Alabama Dyslexia Resource Guide, available for download on the Alabama State Department of Education website alsde.edu, contains information and resources to assist educators, administrations, and parents or guardians as they provide dyslexia-specific services and support for students in Alabama's public schools.

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ELECTRONIC SYSTEM SPEEDS UP ISSUANCE OF MOST ALA. DEATH CERTIFICATES

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MONTGOMERY – More than 75 percent of all death certificates are being registered electronically in Alabama following the implementation of Alabama's Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS).

According to Catherine Molchan Donald, State Registrar, "This has resulted in death certificates being filed and available faster to the family. Staff at hospitals, nursing homes and funeral homes no longer have to pass around a single piece of paper to complete a certificate. This has increased accuracy, timeliness and efficiency in the issuance of death certificates."

Training has been offered since the EDRS was piloted in 2011, with statewide roll-out beginning in 2012.

Once staff at the Alabama Department of Public Health and Center for Health Statistics saw how well received the program was, plans were put in place to make use of the system mandatory.

In 2014, a State Committee of Public Health rule went into effect that requires physicians who completed 10 or more death certificates in the previous calendar year as well as all coroners and medical examiners to complete death certificates electronically.

Additionally, the rule requires that an institution or funeral home shall submit death certificates electronically unless it is forwarding the death certificate to a physician, coroner or medical examiner who is not required by the rule to submit death certificates electronically.

Ms. Molchan Donald admits there are still some institutions, physicians and coroners that need to use EDRS.

"We are working to bring everyone involved on board to ensure 100 percent compliance with the rule requirement. We are pleased that we are able to provide death certificates to families of the deceased much faster than before, and the mandatory requirement for use of the secure system will help families receive death certificates sooner."

Vital records are issued by all 67 county health departments. Customers can obtain most vital records from the Center for Health Statistics through their local county health department in 30 minutes or less.

Records may also be obtained through the mail in about 7-10 days.

The Center for Health Statistics operates the vital records system and collects and tabulates health-related statistical data for the state of Alabama.

The Center files, stores and issues certified copies of vital records including birth, death, marriage and divorce certificates for events that occur in Alabama. =

For more information, please contact Catherine Molchan Donald at 334-206-5426 or visit adph.org/edrs.

ALA. CRIME RATE DECREASES FIVE PERCENT IN 2014

ALEA
Contributor

MONTGOMERY – Statewide crime decreased five percent during 2014 in the annual report released today by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Information Bureau.

"Each year, our Information Bureau uses the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program to analyze individual crime statistics reported by 350 local law enforcement agencies across Alabama.

Crime in Alabama is a publication containing an official statistical analysis of crime in these local jurisdictions throughout Alabama during the previous year," said Chief Information Officer Kevin Wright.

Also released are detailed supplemental reports for the 350 local law enforcement agencies, excerpted from the Crime in Alabama 2014 report, including 2014 Domestic Violence in Alabama, 2014 Juvenile Victims of Violent Crime in Alabama, and 2014 Drug-related Crime Statistics in Alabama.

Alabama's UCR Program, administered by ALEA's Information Bureau, provides uniform crime statistics to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The full Crime in Alabama 2014 publication and supplemental reports may be accessed online http://www.alea.gov/Home/wfContent.aspx?PLH1=plhACJIC-CrimeInAlabama.

Comparatively, the FBI's UCR publication, Crime in the United States, can also be accessed online at https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2014/crime-in-the-u.s.-2014/cius-home.

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DR. TOM MILLER APPOINTED ACTING ALA. HEALTH OFFICER

Jim McVay, Dr.P.A.
Contributor

MONTGOMERY – The State Committee of Public Health has appointed Tom Miller, M.D., M.P.H., as acting state health officer effective November 1, upon the retirement of Donald E. Williamson, M.D.

When the committee announced his appointment, Dr. Williamson said, "Dr. Miller has been an invaluable member of our team, and I have every confidence in him. He has done yeoman's work, especially in the past three years when I have been very involved with the Alabama Medicaid Agency."

Dr. Miller received his M.D. and completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of South Alabama in Mobile. He received a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

In his more than 25 years with the Alabama Department of Public Health, Dr. Miller has gained experience in leading many areas. His most recent position has been as chief medical officer, in which he has overseen the bureaus of Family Health Services, Clinical Laboratories, Communicable Disease, and Home and Community Services. His current responsibilities include maternal and child health, family planning, WIC, dental, lab testing, immunizations, TB, STD, HIV/AIDS, epidemiology and home care services. In addition, he works with the Bureau of Health Provider Standards and the Office of Radiation Control.

Dr. Miller is an active member of several professional organizations at the state and national level. In 2012, he finished his third term on the Prattville City Council, where he served as president pro tempore and president, and is involved in a number of community enrichment initiatives. He serves on the boards of the Autauga County United Way and the Prattville YMCA. He is a member of his local Rotary Club and of Toastmasters International. For the past four years, he has traveled to the Dominican Republic on medical mission trips.

He is active with the Alabama Medical Association's Foundation for Continuing Medical Education. In 2013, he became a member of the Committee for Review and Recognition that is part of the national Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, and was elected recently to a three-year term on its Board of Directors.

Dr. Williamson is concluding 23 years as Alabama's state health officer and 29 years of service in the department.



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CARING FOR CULLMAN CONCERT SEES BIG TURNOUT

NIGHT OF MUSIC BENEFITS GOOD SAMARITAN HEALTH CLINIC

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CULLMAN – The inspirational Caring for Cullman Concert was held Monday night, October 19th at the Civic Center. The Wallace State Singers gave a wonderful performance as the opening act for the night. Next, the well-known musical group, the Triumphant Quartet took the stage and sang the night away.

The Triumphant Quartet is known for their smooth harmonies and rich sound quickly.

Over time, they have gained national attention and recognition; their concerts are in big demand.

The group has been voted 'Fan Favorite Quartet in the Gospel Music field' for the last six years.

Each member of the group has been nominated for, and has received various awards. They have had three No. 1 songs and several other songs have climbed the Top 40 music charts.

"The concert was a great experience for our students," said Mark Neal, Wallace State Music Instructor.

"They had a great performance and got to see a professional group which to understand where their hard work can lead! Cullman needs more events like this not only for our community to attend but that enable our area to showcase its young talent."

The Good Samaritan Health Clinic provides quality healthcare services to low-income, uninsured residents of Cullman County. It operates as a primary care clinic and provides a full range of services and referrals to specialty physicians.

It offers the majority of its medications free of charge to its patients. They are able to coordinate care for their patients by providing them with in-clinic access to numerous healthcare services.

"We have had a really big turnout and we are so excited," said Jolanda Hutson, Executive Director of the Good Samaritan Health Clinic.

"I know they set out 400 chairs and they seem to be pretty full," she smiled.

"We are super excited about the community support – from the very beginning through sponsorships and help promoting the event. We are very grateful to the many civic organizations, churches and businesses that have helped us get the word out."

The 1st Annual Caring for Cullman Concert was a tremendous hit. People were enlightened by the beautiful music and the Good Samaritan Clinic received the financial help it needed.

To donate to the Good Samaritan Clinic visit goodsamaritancullman.com.



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The Triumphant Quartet put on a great show at Monday night's Caring for Cullman Concert at the Civic Center.

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HISTORICAL PROFILE

JOHANN GOTTFRIED CULLMANN
MILITARY STRATEGIST AND FIGHTER FOR THE PEOPLE

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CULLMAN – In last week's edition of CullmanSense we learned of Colonel Cullmann's humble beginnings. His parents were educators in the small village known for its delicious wine. He went to school and became a Civil Engineer. He married the lovely Josephine Loeb and they had a houseful of children. He became a large exporter to America and accumulated his first fortune. His political views were not the same as those of the government; he stood up for what he believed it. As a result, he found himself in the midst of a short-lived revolution and his newfound fortune was in jeopardy. He was 25 years old and this is what happened next!

During the Revolution of 1848, the Bavarian people rebelled against the unscrupulous rulers whose thrones they had freed in the Battle of Leipzig against Napoleon Bonaparte. They were led to believe they would be allowed to participate in a constitutional government, but those ideals were greedily stolen by the very people they put into power. Because Cullmann's political views conflicted with those of the established government (to deny its people what they considered to be their rights) he became a part of the overall rebellion in Bavaria.

The Hambach Castle of Neustadt was the center of this revolutionary activity and Cullmann was thoroughly involved. He was an enlightened young man who felt his homeland and its people were ready for democracy. However, the monarchy in Bavaria was saved by the intervention of the Prussian army. It gave Cullmann even more reason to loathe the Hohenzollern princes of Prussia and their minister, Otto von Bismarck.

Meanwhile, Cullmann made several attempts to re-establish himself as a business man. Unfortunately he had become well known for his revolutionary activities, which caused his bankruptcy. It was a difficult to recover, much less prosper in business ventures.

In 1863 rumor had it Cullmann was involved in a plot to assassinate the Bavarian ruler, Bismarck, by dynamiting the train on which he was supposed to be riding to Frankweiler. Turns out it wasn't a rumor after all, his idea to blow up the train was planned out and carried through! Cullmann and his band of compatriots blew up the train as it entered into the Frankweiler district. However, the Baron had been delayed and was not on the destroyed train. Doh!

By the time the Dano-German War of 1864 wrapped up, Cullmann had lost yet another fortune of around $50,000 as a war speculator. Cullmann remained heavily involved in the revolutionary activities of southern Bavaria. The Prussians nipped the uprisings in both instances Cullmann had been involved in. He faced further government irregularities and was faced with imprisonment as a debtor and for the assassination attempt. He decided to flee his homeland. To him it seemed obvious that all of Bavaria would soon fall under the oppressive rule of Prussia, and the freedom that Johann Cullmann craved would be impossible. After a lot of thought, Cullmann decided there was no future for him or his family in the land he called home. Besides, he had no desire to go to prison, much less be put to death, so he made plans to leave Bavaria.

Josephine, his wife, came from a wealthy banking family in Zweibrucken and had no desire to leave the area, especially with their small children. She returned to live with her family after her husband's departure.

Cullmann left his family and traveled to London. His plan was to go to the United States, but they were still battling their own Civil War and he knew that immigrants were often drafted into the army. His military days were over and he wanted no part of it so he waited until the Civil War was over and then immigrated to the United States in 1866.

When Cullmann arrived in the States, he immediately began to dream about a free German colony in the United States. He dreamed of a place where his friends and family, who loved freedom as much as he did, could come and live in peace. Most of us know that Cullman is the product of that dream, but do you know exactly how much work it took to make it happen? Be sure to read next week's edition of CullmanSense and find out.



CULLMAN COUNTY MUSEUM

A statue of Cullmann stands in downtown Cullman.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES: DONALD HAMBY MARKER

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HANCEVILLE – Donald Hamby Memorial Park is located in downtown Hanceville at the corner of Highway 91 and Highway 31. A beautiful gazebo sits in the middle of the park inviting the town's residents to stop by and relax for a bit.

While there, you are encouraged to think about the quality of life you have,



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thanks to the brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day in order to protect and serve us. In front of the gazebo there is a lovely plaque that reads as follows:

DONALD HAMBY MEMORIAL PARK

On August 31, 1985, approximately 2 1/2 miles north on U.S. Highway 31, Hanceville Police Officer Donald Hamby was killed and Reserve Police Officer Keith McAnalley was critically injured while assisting in a high speed pursuit. This park is named in memory of Donald Hamby and stands as a tribute to Keith McAnalley and their families for the sacrifices that were made.

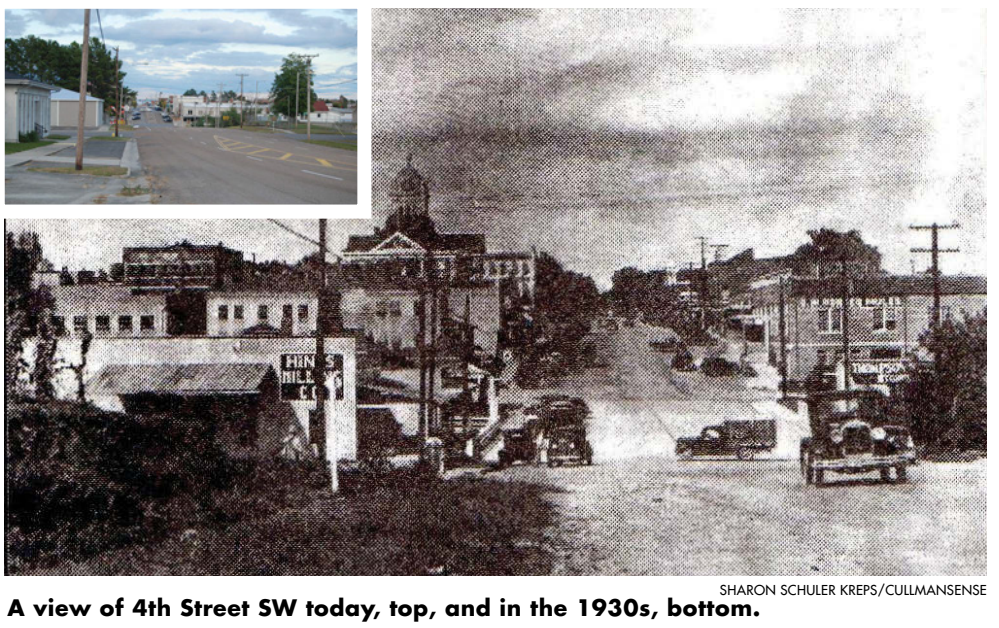
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MIRRORING HISTORY: 4TH STREET SW

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CULLMAN – The view looking east on 4th Street SW has changed over the years. The older photo was taken in the late 1930s.

The newer picture was taken in 2015. Even though the automobiles, buildings and overall scenery have changed, the heart of Cullman remains the same – it's a great place to live.



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A view of 4th Street SW today, top, and in the 1930s, bottom.

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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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UAH 'INSPIRES' PROGRAM CONTINUES TO IMPACT CULLMAN SCHOOLS

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VINEMONT – On Wednesday UAH students held an event at Vinemont High School. The event was a launch of a handful of weather balloons to demonstrate how NASA will use the same technology to gather data about Titan, the largest moon of Saturn.

The event was part of a program called the INspires Program. The program, co-founded by P.J. Benfield, a Research Engineer at UAH, aims to accomplish two different goals simultaneously.

UAH students who want to continue on in their studies lead the program. The students are sent into local high schools to demonstrate their knowledge and recruit young minds to the cause of modern math and science. But also, giving UAH students is an opportunity to learn from teaching is only one of the objectives. Another goal of the program is to get young high school and middle school students excited about science and math.

"This is a really great program," Benfield said, "because it gets kids, especially in middle and high school, to talk to younger kids. It's the best recruitment strategy you can have, really. We're the old guys, but the high schoolers are the rock stars."

The weather balloons the students launched were standard weather balloons, capable of flying at 100,000 feet high.

Each balloon was equipped with a GoPro, allowing a unique perspective and interesting footage that was gathered when the balloons finally fell back to earth on Friday.

But the program and the event benefits the community in other ways, as well as the businesses that choose to support the program.

"From a corporate standpoint," Benfield said "from a community standpoint, you're strengthening a community [when supporting a program like this] because you're increasing interest in science and math. AirGas is really great to donate the helium today."

Benfield described INspires as an outreach program for elementary and high school students so they know what college math and science will be like. The program has existed for 8 years, and has worked with every Cullman city and county school in the last 3 years.



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Vinemont students launch blue balloons while the weather modules are untethered.



Signing (from Front)

Catfish John, Ole Slantface (reprinted as Ol' Slantface), The Treasure Del Diablo, Blood Once Spilled and Showdown at Scatter Creek.

Wayne began writing in 1985 intending to shed light on a subject that is buried in the chronicles of American History – children who became orphans as a result of the Civil War.

"This book is about a slave trader kidnapping orphans off the streets of St. Louis in the middle of the Civil War to sell them into slavery," he said while pointing to one of his books. "Those orphans become the main characters in these other books," he grinned. "As they grow up you kind of follow them through their lives and see what's going on."

John has always had a passion for history and for the Wild West, probably because he is the grandson of 'The Duke' himself, John Wayne. But the news of his amazing heritage is a relatively new fact. He's only known about his famous grandfather for a few years now.

"My father was Billy Gene Hammock. He was born in Feb of 1935. He was not given the name Wayne because he was born out of wedlock to my grandmother," he explained. "The doctor who delivered my father was John C. Morrison M.D. For those of you who don't recognize this; John Wayne was born Marion Robert Morrison. Why the doctor covered up my father's birth was simple. The Duke was married to his first wife at the time and she was at home in California having a baby of her own."

"My father never knew who his earthly father was and he died not knowing," he continued. "After his death in 2009 my brothers and I sat around the dining room table and wondered, 'What is the big stinking secret? Why can't we know who our grandfather is?' You see, Granny was still alive at the time but she still wouldn't tell us."

"In November of 2012 I decided to do some digging. I found my answers in the newspaper from 1934. It was all there and I now have all of the pieces to the puzzle (which will be included in his autobiography). I know I am John Wayne's grandson, and soon I will release a biography which details all of what my brothers and I now know."

When John made his startling discovery, he contacted John Wayne Enterprises to inform them of his findings. Unfortunately they continue to vehemently deny his claim of ancestry to this day, even though his resemblance to The Duke uncanny. There are lots of people waiting to see the actual proof in his upcoming autobiography.

"I did not know any of this when I began writing my western novels way back in 1985," he chuckled. "How could I have? It is strange how life works. Your entire life is spent not knowing who your grandfather might be, and then one day you decide to put on a cowboy hat and your life changes forever. Only God could come up with a plan like this!"

From interesting tales of days gone by to his compelling quest to claim his heritage, John T. Wayne is someone with a few stories to tell. If you didn't get a chance to purchase his books at the Civil War Museum, you can always go to the bookstores or online at amazon.com/John-T.-Wayne/e/B00AF7FHVU.



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KICK BACK AT KARMA'S COFFEE HOUSE

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CULLMAN – Since July 22, Cullman resident Katie Nelms has been working diligently with her staff of seven baristas and cooks to give those in the area an unique venue to hangout, kick back and enjoy a hot cup of coffee or specialty tea with friends and likeminded individuals. So began Karma's Coffee House.

"I wanted a place where people could come to feel comfortable, be productive if needed but most importantly, be themselves. Our space is ideal because you can sit up front and chat with friends while your kids play in the kid friendly area or you can bring your laptop and transplant your office here for the day," Nelms said. "We see businessmen, mothers and teenagers and everyone in between every day."

Nelms said Karma's was born from an idea of creating a place where good people could come for a good cup of coffee. She said, "we went to the idea of what goes around comes around, like do good, be good and wound up with Karma's. It seemed to be most fitting and we quickly and easily grew a brand at that point."

While many may be intimidated by coffeehouses due to the nature of variations of lattes, mochas, double shot espressos and an assortment of other foreign drinks, Nelms said residents shouldn't worry as the baristas at Karma's are always willing to help a customer make a decision best suited for them.

"We make sure we work with you through your drink ordering process to help you figure out what fits you best. It is hard to pick from so many delicious things so we understand that you might need a minute to look or have a lot of questions. That's what we are here for," she said.

"Also, just because the name has coffee house in it, doesn't mean we only have coffee. We have something for almost everyone's taste buds."

Besides the many choices of herbal teas and coffees from some of the best growers and rosters in the nation, Nelms said she is also working with her staff to create new breakfast and lunch items, in order to give her customers the best of both food and drink.

"We pride ourselves in our quality of products for our beverages. Our roaster is based out of Maryville, Tennessee and they were recently awarded the bronze medal for their Organic Espresso at the 2015 Golden Bean Roasters Competition. This just happens to be the espresso that we serve daily in our espresso based beverages here at Karma's. It is literally one of the best in the country," she explained.

"We are proud to use Alabama's Organic Milk, also known as Working Cow's Dairy. They are a grass fed, non-homogenized organic farm in Alabama," she continued.

"We are expanding and changing our menu daily so always be on the lookout for new food items. We recently added a truly Southern chicken salad to our collection of chicken salads, which includes a dairy free and mayo free option."



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FACEBOOK/KARMA'S COFFEE HOUSE

Besides being a full-service Coffee House, Nelms said Karma's has the capability to rent out the coffee house for special events and luncheons.

Karma's Coffee House is located at, 103 1st Ave NE, Suite 140, next door to Rumor's Deli in the Warehouse District. They are open Mon-Thurs 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., Friday 6:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 8 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Karma's will be extending their Thursday hours until 9:00 p.m. during the months of November and December. For more information, follow Karma's Coffee House on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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.



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.

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous Meeting
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Fleeting Pleasures: Japanese Wood Block Prints from Georgia Museum of Art
The Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College is pleased to present "Fleeting Pleasures: Japanese Wood Block Prints from the Georgia Museum of Art" through December 3. Drawing from the outstanding collection of works on paper at the Georgia Museum of Art, this exhibition will provide a history and overview of Japanese woodblock prints or ukiyo-e, literally, pictures of the floating or fleeting world. As their name suggests, these landscapes, cityscapes and scenes of domestic life were intended to emphasize the impermanence and fleeting beauty of the world around us. The showing is taking place now through Dec. 3, 2015, with hours from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is free. Contact Donny Wilson at 256-352-8457 for more information.

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Jones Chapel First Baptist Church Revival
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Flu Shot Clinic
A Flu Shot Clinic will be held at the Cullman County Health Dept. Community Room from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be a $5 charge unless you have Medicaid or Medicare but you must bring your card with you.

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

WSCC Future Foundation Student Investment Luncheon & Auction Fundraiser
The annual WSCC Future Foundation Student Investment Luncheon & Auction Fundraiser will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Tom Drake Coliseum, located on the beautiful Wallace State Campus. Reservations are required. For reservation with payment: wsccfuturefoundation.org/SIL2015

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First Fest
A Petting Zoo, Food trucks, Trunk or Treat, inflatable, candy and tons of fun await anyone who attends the First Fest. The First Fest will be held at Cullman First Baptist Church, located at 3rd Ave SW between 6 St. SW and 5 St. SW, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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

CRMC Trunk or Treat
The annual CRMC Trunk or Treat will be held from 4 p.m. until 7p.m. at the hospital's front parking lot. There will be plenty of fun, games and food! Come out and enjoy of fun with the family!

Swamp John's Dinner
A Swamp John's Dinner will be held at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall from 4 p.m. until 11 p.m. The cost is $11 at the door, with all proceeds going to support youth ministries.

Halloween Costume Contest
A Halloween Costume Contest will be held at the Cullman Senior Center from 8 a.m. until noon. Awards will be given for Best Costume man and woman. A live band will be playing for those who'd care to dance along with fellowship with friends and a hot meal. For more information call 256-734-0145.

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
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Friday

Fall Bazaar
A Fall Bazaar will be hosted at Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. The church will be serving a country breakfast and lunch, including homemade fried pies, baked goods. Proceeds will benefit CPWM missions and projects. For more information call 256-737-9138.

Trunk or Treat
A Trunk or Treat will be held at Jones Chapel United Methodist Church from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Come out for the food, fun and fellowship!

Halloween Carnival
Longview Church of God, located at 2015 Co. Rd. 1269 in Vinemont, will be hosting a Halloween Carnival from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. There will be a cake walk, football toss, basketball games, fish pond, candy, and much more! For more information call 256-734-2566.

Trunk or Treat
Ole Time Way Baptist Church, located on Hwy 157, will host a Trunk or Treat from 5 p.m. until it slows down.

Gym Treat
A Gym Treat will be hosted at Ryan's Creek Baptist Church in the Family Life Center Gym, located at 22489 Co. Rd. 222 in Bremen, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. So come out for some candy, try your hands at our games, hot chocolate and bouncy slides.

Trunk or Treat
Johnson Grove Methodist Church, located at 275 Co. Rd. 151, in Brushy Pond will be hosting a morning show, Halloween Carnival from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

'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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TUESDAY
- Pickin' Under the Pavilion at the Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.
- 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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BOSOM BUDDIES TO HOLD FOOD FUNDRAISER

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CULLMAN – On November 21, between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Bosom Buddies of Cullman will be filling orders of ham and turkey dinners. The orders must be placed by the November 14 deadline.

Each order will cost $35, and will raise money to support Bosom Buddies of Cullman. The organization which helps raise money to support breast cancer research and treatment, is being opportunistic to get the word out about this event during October, which is the national Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

While players and fans of National Football League teams wear pink accented attire during October, Bosom Buddies of Cullman is taking a pragmatic and efficient approach to raising money.

A board member of Bosom Buddies brought the organization together with Fredd's catering to prepare these ham and turkey dinners to raise money. This is the first year that Bosom Buddies has held this event.

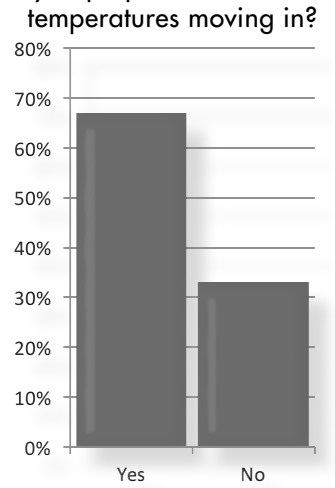
Although Bosom Buddies holds several fundraising events, the fundraising project that raises the most money are the sales that come from cookbooks, which occur all-year round.

Along with the cookbook sales, there is an annual motorcycle ride that raises money, as well as bake sales that occur intermittently throughout the year.

For information about making an order for the event, or to find out how to donate throughout the year, contact Mary Dyer at 256 339-0911 or Christina McAlpin at 256 338-6300. They can also be reached by e-mail at CullmanBosomBuddies@gmail.com.

Poll

Are you prepared for the cooler temperatures moving in?

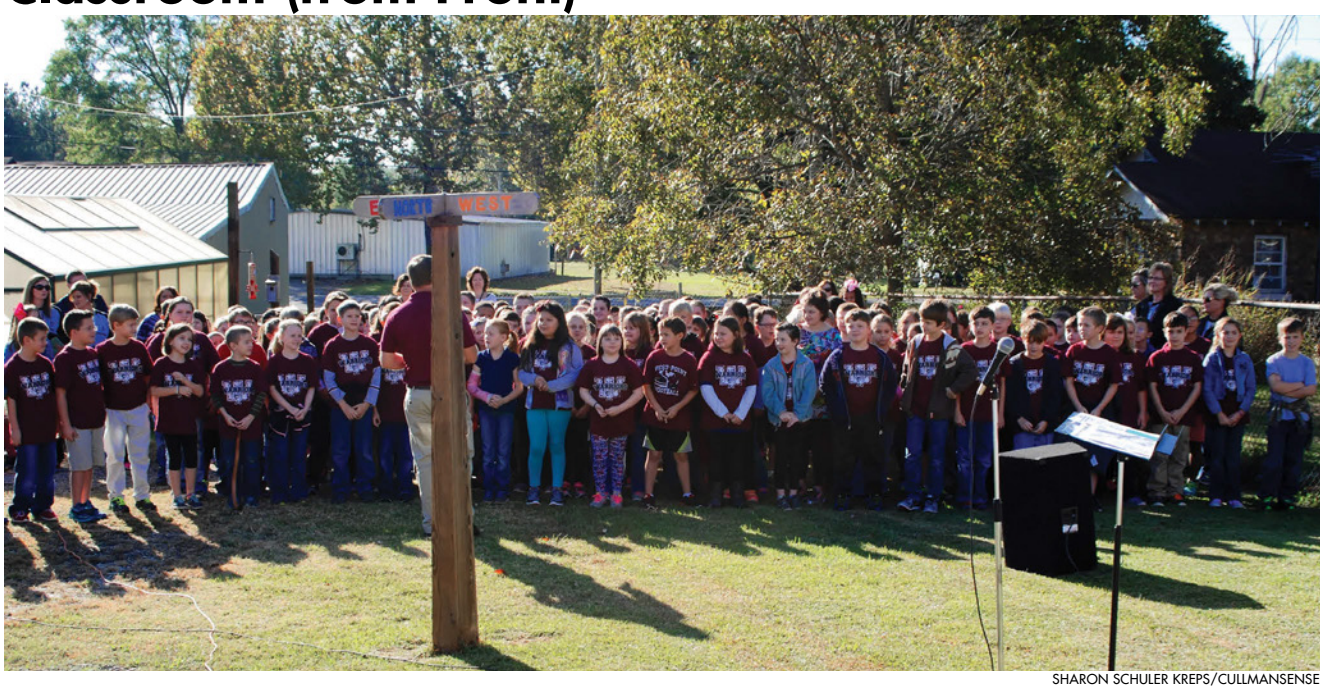


This Week's Poll

Did you celebrate Back to the Future Day?

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Classroom (from Front)



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMANSENSE

The anxious students gather to get their first experience in the outdoor classroom.

Sharon Schuler Kreps
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WEST POINT – On Wednesday, October 21st West Point Elementary became the first school in Cullman County, and the 61st school in Alabama, to become certified as an official Outdoor Classroom School through the Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program. James Fields, the Alabama Wildlife Federation Director, presented the school with an official Alabama Outdoor Classroom certification sign and an Outdoor Classroom Activity Kit.

The Activity Kit was full of materials and educational resources like magnifying loupes, compasses and field identification guides the children can use as they explore their outdoor classroom.

In addition to the Activity Kit, Dr. Doug Phillips with the Alabama Public Television show, Discovering Alabama, donated the entire Discovering Alabama DVD series.

The set includes approximately 80 DVDs that explore Alabama's wild places and natural resources.

"This is a work in progress," said Audrey Parker, the school's science lab instructor.

"We've had a lot of great volunteers from throughout the community help make this happen," she smiled.

"Basically what we did was write the grants and then the money was awarded to buy the materials," she explained happily.

"Then we asked for volunteers to come out and help put it all together. As you can tell, there is a lot that has been put together out here; this has all been through volunteer work. We are just so excited that we've finally met this phase in our outdoor classroom. We are just as excited to keep it going and having the kids come out and enjoy it for many years to come."

The West Point Elementary Outdoor Classroom includes an assortment of "learning stations" where students can participate in a variety of real-world studies including:

- Songbird habitat that provides observation and research opportunities as students monitor bluebirds that use the nesting boxes to raise their young and the ruby-throated hummingbirds that use the bird feeders
- Raised bed gardens where students learn how to grow, harvest and eat healthy vegetables and herbs
- A butterfly garden, where students study the life cycle stages of a butterfly and the migration patterns of butterflies like the Monarch butterfly that migrates to Mexico each winter
- A small fish pond that provides a home for a variety of fish and frogs
- A shade garden where native woodland wildflowers and other shade-loving plants can be studied
- A log decomposition station where students can observe the processes of decomposition and biodegradation
- A weather station that allows the students to monitor weather patterns and witness how different patterns cause changes in the environment
- An eastern box turtle habitat where students can learn about the behavior and physical characteristics of turtles including their hibernation activities
- An outdoor pavilion where students can sit with their teachers to discuss the data and observations they have collected in the outdoor classroom site.

"Studies have shown, from time to time, that the kids enjoy learning more and retain information much longer when activities are hands-on and conducted by teachers," said Fields.

"West Point Elementary School is the first school in Cullman County and the City to be certified by the state of Alabama to have an outdoor classroom program. West Point Elementary School will now become a model for all other schools, not only in this county, but throughout the great state of Alabama."

"I love the turtle habitat," said Talon Payne, 2nd grader.

"Turtles are fun to watch. Turtles are funny. If you go to the outdoor science lab you will find turtles. There are two turtles in the turtle habitat. There are berries in the turtle habitat. I like how the girl turtle curls up in her shell."

At present, over 300 schools across Alabama are developing and using outdoor classroom sites through the Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program.

For more information on the Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program, visit the Alabama Wildlife Federation's website atalabamawildlife.org/classrooms, or contact April Waltz, AWF Conservation Education Specialist and Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program Coordinator, at 256-882-9183 or aprilwaltz@alabamawildlife.org.

WHAT'S ONLINE



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

VINEMONT PILL BUST NETS METHADONE, VIMPAT, OXYCONTIN

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'... **QRNE.WS/402**



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CULLMAN HOSTS FALL ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY

Fall is in full swing, and by mid-October many Cullmanites begin wondering when and where the next seasonal festival will be. The finale to the autumnal event onslaught on October 31 is Halloween for most and Reformation Day for others. Until then, Cullman is hosting a variety of activities... **QRNE.WS/403**

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The Good Hope Trio's opportunity to perform at a NASCAR event on Oct. 24 was triggered by a series of fortunate events.

GOOD HOPE TRIO

GOOD HOPE TRIO PERFORMS 'DIFFICULT VERSION' OF NATIONAL ANTHEM FOR NASCAR

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GOOD HOPE — Saturday, October 24, Ty Parker, Rachel Roberts, and Gloria Crauswell performed as the Good Hope Trio and commenced the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series in Talladega.

Fox broadcast the national performance live at 11:30 a.m., but the group's distinguished opportunity was presented in an unexpected way.

"At first when I heard that someone was calling from Talladega I thought they were trying to get us to be a sponsor," Ty Parker, Good Hope Band Director and group member said.

"But the representative from NASCAR called me back and explained he wanted us to perform at the race," he continued.

Two percussionists from the Good Hope Marching Band, Gloria Crauswell and Rachel Roberts, teamed up with Parker to perfect what he calls a "pretty difficult version of the national anthem."

"It is slightly strange since the two of them are both drummers, but they each have amazing voices," he continued.

Crauswell, who has since graduated from Good Hope, will soon begin Marine boot camp, while Roberts is a senior.

According to Parker, the trio began singing at Good Hope athletics events last year and their largest performance had been at a statewide track and field meet.

At this meet a NASCAR representative's son competed. The representative was pleased with the group's performance and presented them with an even bigger opportunity.

"This just fell in our lap," Parker explained. "And when the rest of the band found out about it, they were excited, it was just like it was any of them doing it. I think it would be different if we [the Good Hope Trio] were out there looking for these gigs and trying to get noticed. But truly, this just fell in our lap and we're just happy to have the opportunity."

Parker hopes that Roberts, the Good Hope senior, will get noticed, as she is quite talented.

"She has an incredible voice," Parker said. "Me and Gloria sing backup, and Rachel takes the lead."

Parker's only concern is that the early morning warm up time might be hard on their voices.

"You know when you first wake up your voice is crap," he said. "And I don't want to mess up on national television, that would be awful."

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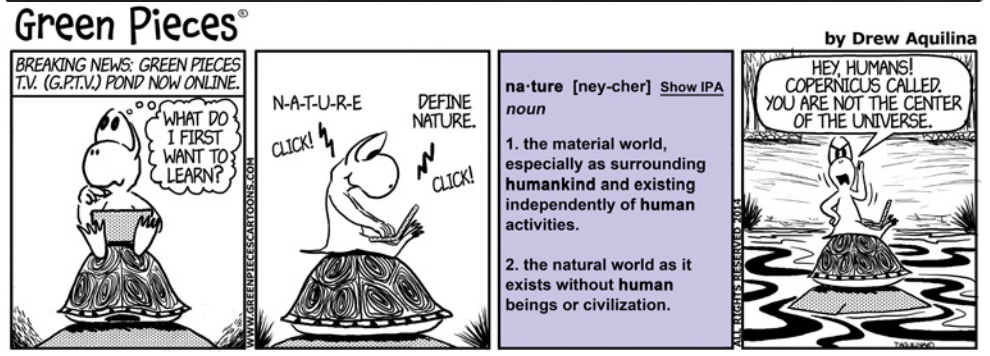
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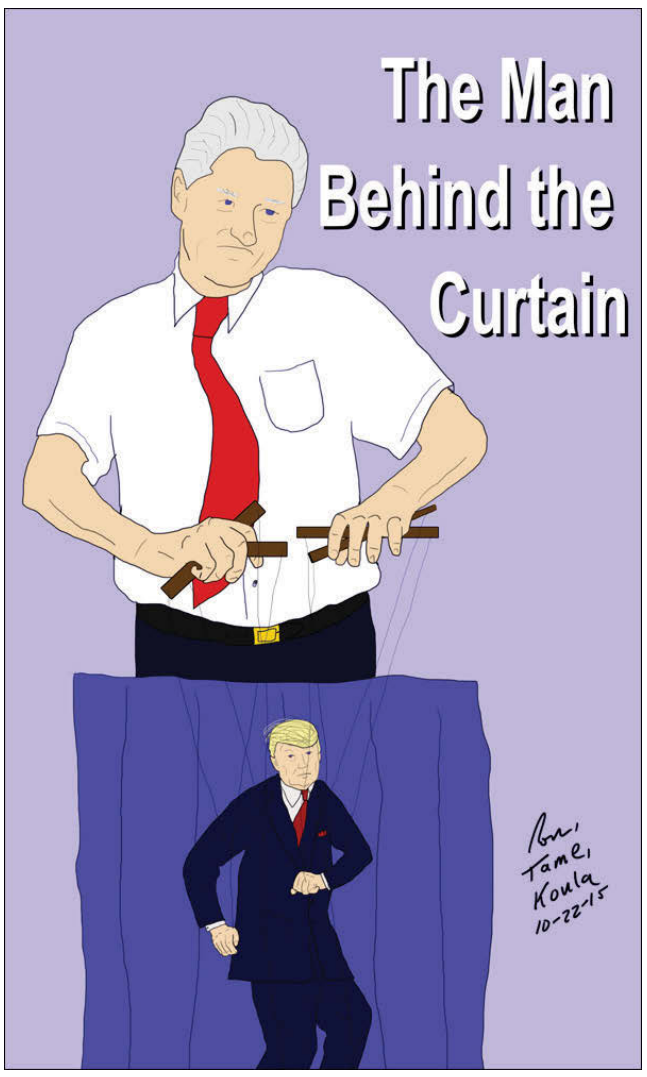
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OPINION

STILL TORTURE AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

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Thomas Buergenthal, 81, was a judge for the International Criminal Court (ICC) for 10 years. Last July he said the architects of systematic torture in the G.W. Bush Administration, Dick Cheney in particular, will eventually be prosecuted. Last year, President Obama also stated, "we tortured some folks," which is an admission to both a federal crime under the Federal Torture Act and a violation of the UN Convention against Torture.

Judge Buergenthal told Newsweek, "Some of us have long thought that Cheney, and a number of CIA agents who did what they did in those so-called black [sites], should appear before the ICC." As if to taunt the Fates, Cheney has said, "I'd do it again in a minute" when asked about the use of torture.

Additionally, according to two Senate reports, one in 2009 from the Armed Services Committee and one in 2014 from the Intelligence Committee, the America Psychological Association (APA) acted in the Bush/Cheney torture program as enablers. Singled out by name were psychologists James Mitchell and Bruce Jessen, who designed U.S. military and CIA torture methods and "were instrumental in persuading the CIA to adopt stress positions, temperature and dietary manipulation, sleep deprivation and waterboarding in interrogations," the Guardian reports.

The APA asked U.S. attorney David Hoffman to investigate complaints by some of its members over "collusion with the Bush administration to promote, support or facilitate" torture. The APA's strict code of conduct forbids its members from aiding in the torture, although the rules permit involvement with military interrogations.

In July, Hoffman completed his report and the APA's ethics chief Stephen Behnke – who stifled internal dissent over the collusion, suppressed ethics complaints, and manipulated membership resolutions and voting – quickly resigned.

The U.S. government knows who committed the crimes – and who destroyed videotape evidence – but Obama refuses to prosecute and his administration stands accused of actively hampering investigations into secret CIA torture sites. In fact, the only CIA officer ever prosecuted in this ongoing scandal was John Kiriakou. In 2007, he was imprisoned for two years for divulging the truth about the CIA torture. The agents breaking the laws remain free.

Both Kiriakou and Jihad Ahmed Mujstafa Diyab are owed official pardons by Obama. Diyab is a Syrian who has been imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay since 2002. He was cleared for release – without being accused of a crime – in 2009 but remains imprisoned.

Diyab is being brutalized by the "force-feeding" because of his long-lasting hunger strike. Steven Miles, a University of Minnesota Professor of Medicine, told the New York Times that being strapped into a restraint chair and having a tube pushed into your nose and down to your stomach is painful to endure. Dr. Miles says the prison has turned force-feeding into "a penal strategy dressed up to look a medical procedure." A lawyer for Diyab, Eric Lewis, told a federal court last October that the force-feeding constitutes torture because it inflicts "additional and gratuitous suffering" in order to compel prisoners to stop nonviolent protesting.

The UN Human Rights Committee has called for further investigations into the "unlawful killings and the use of torture in overseas operations" used by the U.S. The UN Committee against Torture has raised concerns over current interrogation rules used by the U.S., its failure to fully investigate allegations of torture, and the "draconian system of secrecy" and indefinite detention without charge or trial at Guantanamo Bay.

A full accounting and criminal investigation of the torture regime must be made, including disclosure of videotapes of CIA interrogations under Bush and of force-feeding under Obama.

There is no other way to demonstrate that law binds U.S. presidents, to ensure that such crimes are not repeated, to recover the right to condemn torture by other states, and to reduce the chances that captured U.S. soldiers will not be tortured using the same sickening rationale that Cheney still spews on Sunday talk shows.

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OPINION

DYSFUNCTION EXACTS A COST

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Contributor

Earlier this month, The Economist, the renowned British weekly, ran an editorial advocating an end to the U.S. dollar's supremacy as the world's chief currency. The magazine offered several economic motives and one supremely political one. "For how long," its editors wrote, "will countries be ready to tie their financial systems to America's fractious and dysfunctional politics?"

I want to be blunt here. Congress's inaction on a host of important issues — its inability to deal with our problems — is doing real damage to our country. It undermines our ability to lead in the world and causes undue economic and social hardship at home.

What strikes me hardest about that sentence in The Economist is that it reflects a sobering truth: people both at home and abroad now accept that our current unworkable politics shows no sign of changing and could intensify.

The truth is always complex. You will find plenty of mayors, governors, state legislators, and even federal officials who don't have the luxury of gamesmanship; they confront problems and solve them, often with great creativity. Those who discount us forget that we have a deep bench.

Yet if you look ahead at the next few months, it's hard to avoid a sinking feeling. The leadership battles put the Congress in even greater disarray just before a series of critical fiscal deadlines. Congress has to raise the debt ceiling by early November. It needs to craft a long-term budget deal. It has to come up with a multi-year plan for highway spending. It needs to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, which helps American businesses sell their goods overseas. It has to decide what to do with a series of tax breaks that are due to expire. These things will not happen without turmoil.

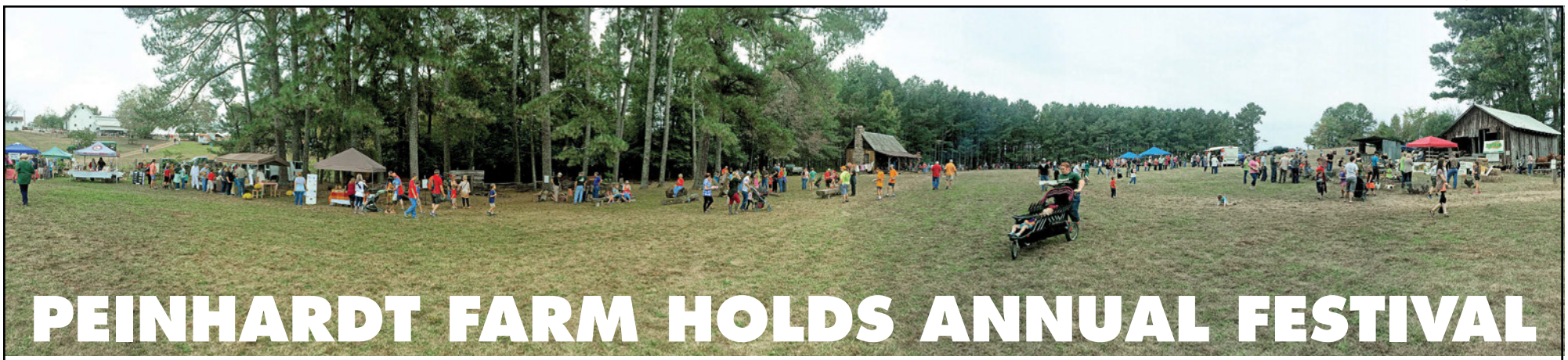
That's because congressional politics today are bewildering, free-swinging, unscripted, and unprecedented. I can't figure out how so many members of Congress reached a point where they cannot accept the fundamental political reality of our times. You need 60 votes to move legislation in the Senate, along with 67 votes to override a veto in the Senate and 290 votes to do so in the House. With the White House controlled by one party and Congress controlled by the other, those numbers are the fundamental fact of legislative life. They force a choice on members of Congress: to protest, make speeches, and strike ideological positions; or to govern. Too many members are opting for the first choice.

Yet if we're to get out of this mess, the starting point is to recognize the political reality of divided government. The parties have a right to their own hopes and aspirations, but they also need to take seriously the responsibility to govern. They need to find a way past the unhappiness and anger evident in the country.

Given the seriousness of our problems and the lack of progress on the policy agenda Congress is supposed to handle, there's really only one way forward: through negotiation and compromise. This has never been easy — learning to compromise on the issues without compromising one's own principles — but it's especially challenging now, when I worry that striking a deal has become a lost art.

Still, certain steps seem obvious. The congressional leadership must let the Congress work its will. Members should be allowed to vote straightforwardly on the major policy issues of the day, without leadership manipulating the process to control the result. The House should reject the Hastert Rule, under which a majority of the majority caucus is required to bring a bill to the floor. And both houses need to stop the outrageous use of huge omnibus bills adopted by short-cutting time-tested regular order procedures.

If Congress does not learn to compromise and negotiate, the country is headed for even deeper trouble than we're currently in. U.S. world leadership will slip, our ability to deal with economic and social issues at home will deteriorate, and the electorate will become even more embittered. Our future is in Congress's hands. It would be nice if they recognized it.



PEINHARDT FARM HOLDS ANNUAL FESTIVAL

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The once-a-year festival has become a tradition among local families.

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CULLMAN – On Saturday, local Peinhardt Farm held its annual Living History Farm Day, assuring anyone who was doubtful, that it indeed is Autumn.

This year the event, just like each year before it, attracted attendees both young and old. According to local Cullman resident, the festival is turned into an annual family affair:

"We come every year with the family," said Cullmanite Brent Rains. "We live in Cullman, we also have family who come up from Birmingham and some that come over from Guntersville to attend the event. We really enjoy it."

According to Peinhardt Farm, 'around 2,000 school kids visit Peinhardt Farm throughout the month of October.' In order to stoke the interest in farming in the community, Peinhardt Farm holds the annual event. They've done a decent job in producing interest by holding an event each year that local residents mark on their calendars, including local high schooler Isaiah Camp.

Camp attended the event last year, and this year brought his friend Hector Valasquez.

"I really like it," Velasquez said about the event. Velasquez and Camp were each slightly out of breath from competing in a tug-of-war event at the festival. It did not take Velasquez long to think of things he enjoyed at the Farm Day.

"I liked using that thing to squeeze the juice out of the apples," Velasquez said, seemingly fascinated with how apple juice is made. "And I liked all the music they played. I liked that," he continued.

8-year-old girl, Tomorrow Simmons, fancies herself an artist. "I liked doing the..." she said, as she got lost in the art of painting the pumpkin sitting in front of her. "I'm painting a nice pumpkin," she said. "I like the arts and crafts."

Simmons' mother, Wednesday, said that she and her daughter had driven by the event many times in years past.

"We just didn't have time," Wednesday said. "We finally came because I was just curious to see how the Living History Farm worked, and the culture of it intrigued me." Wednesday has advice to anyone who has heard of the Living History Farm Day but says they don't have the time to stop by: "Make the time. Come check it out."



If you missed the event this year, you can check it out next year, same place, same time.

Tale (from Front)

North Carolina and brought her to trial.

This homicide caused a scandal that rocked the nation. The Atlanta Constitution's famous writer Henry W. Grady championed the cause of Sothern, claiming that she defended her marriage by killing her husband's lover. He argued that had it been a case of a husband so protecting his marriage, the case would not have even gone to trial in the South. The issues of women and homicide but especially women killing women will be the subject of this episode.

Henry Grady's campaign was successful. Although sentenced to hang, Sothern only made the trip to the gallows in folk legends; the national outcry resulted in her sentence commuted to eight years in prison, of which she served only a few years of the sentence, and as a cook and a house cleaner, with her husband and growing number of children living with her.

Pickens County officials, however, argued that the murder was actually only a matter of revenge over gossip and dismissed claims of any affair.

Grady would achieve national fame for his causes including through his "New South" speech that was inspired by a visit he made to Pickens County during the Kath Sothern/Kate Southern affair.

Professor Davis has published articles about Kath Sothern's murder of Sis Fowler. He also teaches genealogy and history classes at Wallace State and helps to maintain a nationally famous family and local history collection that he largely created.

His scholarship for more than 1,000 publications, including more than forty books, has received national recognition.

For information on his continuing education classes in family history research contact mandi.perkins@wallacestate.edu.



Robert S. Davis

Banquet (from Front)

through our door. We talk to them about parenting. Most of them want to parent, but they need our help. They need our support, someone to walk with them. If they are abortion minded, we talk to them about adoption. Then we talk to them about the effects of abortion."

First Source for Women became a medical facility in 2008; this accreditation is a great accomplishment for the good of their clients. Pregnancy tests and ultrasounds are available free of charge for those that are in need.

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First Source for Women provides many other services to the community such as post abortion counseling, adoption support and counseling, childbirth classes, a father mentoring program and ongoing prenatal and parenting support classes - all available to the public free of charge.

The clinic depends on the generous donations from the community to continue their good work. Each and every month there are specific things that must get paid, like rent, director salary, utilities and insurance, advertisement, website, pregnancy testing supplies, and other expenditures. It takes approximately $4,000 to do this each month.

Funds are also needed for baby beds, diapers, new car seats, basic baby layettes, as well as real office needs such as toner cartridges, paper and a new computer for all their record-keeping needs.

The Fund Raising Dinner was underwritten so that every dollar raised at the event will go DIRECTLY TO HELPING WOMEN & BABIES in our community.

"We are so proud of the clinic and what it means to Hanceville," said Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail.

"I want to challenge you to go to the other mayors in the communities you live in and say, 'Hey Hanceville gives money to the First Source for Women, your community needs to give some money too. Write a check.'"

With only the one major fundraising event in October, the facility remains strapped for cash and volunteers year round. To donate to the organization call 256-352-5683 or e-mail firstsourceforwomen@yahoo.com.

