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Bob Stewart, Vietnam Veteran, Double Purple Heart Recipient, U.S. Astronaut and Retired Brigadier General


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The honorary event was held at Top of the Town restaurant.

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WSCC'S LET'S PRETEND HOSPITAL HELPS CHILDREN OVERCOME ANXIETY





Students from Cold Springs Elementary School enjoy their visit at the Let's Pretend Hospital on Thursday.

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'YOUR ABSENCE IS REQUESTED'

STUDENT INVESTMENT FOUNDATION HOPES NO ONE COMES TO FUNDRAISER

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CULLMAN – On Wednesday, November 11, The Student Investment Foundation is what it calls a 'No Show Ball.' The idea is that, rather than spending money on extraneous things for a fundraiser event, use that money to supplement donations.

The event's website states that "since this is a 'no-show' event" those attending don't have to "buy a fancy outfit, get a babysitter for the night," or "give up an evening."

Additionally, No Show Ball organizers do not have to "hire a guest speaker, cater food, ask for hundreds of volunteer hours to organize the event, or deduct the costs of hosting an event from [the attendees'] donation."

The goal for the event is to raise $250,000 dollars, according to the organization. The funds that are raised will be applied to "teacher grants and student technology" in Cullman schools.

The SIF's mission is to "to mobilize community support and raise funds to bridge the gap created by insufficient funding to Cullman County public schools, while providing academic improvement in math and science, the arts (art & music), technology, and character education," according to its website.

The SIF is independent of the Cullman school systems, but works alongside the schools to provide the best atmosphere for students to learn and maximize their abilities.

"No Show the Ball," the flyer for the event states, "and Show up for a Worthy Cause: Our Children."

All contributions are tax-deductible, according to a Facebook post by the Cullman City Schools official page.

"Instead of asking businesses

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DESPERATION CHURCH OFFERS ANNUAL 'LADIES EVENT'

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CULLMAN – On the morning of Saturday, November 14, Desperation Church will hold this year's installment of its annual 'Ladies Event'.

This event, according to Small Groups and Conference Coordinator at Desperation Church, Linda Stone, will help the ladies of the church get to know each other.

"The goal of this event," Stone said, "is to allow women to come together and to get to know each other, have enjoyable downtime away from everyday responsibilities, and to treat themselves to overdue relaxation."

Desperation Church holds many events and conferences throughout the year, according to Stone.

Stone says the events and conferences can cover topics targeted towards marriage and family, men, women, students, finances, and outreach.

The idea for the Ladies Event and for the conferences that go on during the year, comes from a conference team that, according to Stone, "brainstorms for events."

The Ladies Event will be on Saturday the 14, from 8 - 10 a.m. at the Cullman campus of Desperation Church.

"This Ladies Event is for fellowship and fun!" said Stone.

"We will have a hot chocolate bar, a light breakfast, and paint a winter door hanger."

"We will also extend an opportunity to support local and global missions," Stone continued.

"Some ways will include, but are not limited to: jewelry for Ugandan missions, providing a meal for patients under Hospice care, and-or adopting an angel from the angel tree for our community."

Stone also mentioned that Desperation Church's financial conference and its marriage conference are both scheduled and registration for those conferences will begin soon.

"You do not have to attend or be a member of Desperation Church to attend these events," Stone said.

To view upcoming events at Desperation Church and to register for future conferences, visit DesperationChurch.tv, or e-mail the church at Info@DesperationChurch.tv.

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WELFARE CHECKUP LEADS TO METH LAB DISCOVERY, SECOND ARREST IN A WEEK

Bradley Williams
Cullman County Sheriff's Office

VINEMONT — On Monday, November 2, 2015, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), with the assistance of the Cullman Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET), arrested Christopher Dewayne Kimbril, 43-year-old registered sex offender of Vinemont for Manufacturing 1st and Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The arrest originated in Vinemont, Ala. on County Road 1382 after deputies received a call from a citizen who had a woman walk up to her house, knock on the door, and claim to have been held hostage by a man down the road.

A deputy arrived on the scene to check the welfare of the woman.

The deputy quickly established the woman was clearly on drugs and delirious from the drugs in her system.

A short time later, deputies and CNET went to Kimbril's home, and after establishing probable cause to search, deputies discovered a homemade meth lab in his car.

The meth lab was removed from the home by Kimbril after the female had left the residence.

"I commend the deputies for this arrest and getting another meth lab and drug dealer off the streets and behind bars", said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry.

"I hope the drug manufacturers and dealers have gotten the message we will not tolerate drugs in our community," he added.

Kimbril is currently being held in the Cullman County Detention Center. His bond is set at $1,000,000.00.



Authorities found a homemade meth lab in Christopher Dewayne Kimbril's vehicle.

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CULLMAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE WARNS OF NOT SO NEW PHONE SCAM

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CULLMAN — On Tuesday, many Cullman residents began receiving phone calls from an individual falsely claiming to represent the Cullman Electric Cooperative. The scammer claims that they will immediately terminate the member's service if they are not wired cash through an untraceable source.

Many identify the call as fraudulent, but the scammer has manipulated others into paying them.

"Some people have people living in their home who depend on medical equipment that uses electricity to live," Cullman Electric Cooperative Communications Manager Brian Lacy said.

"Some people who had just paid their bill the previous week said that they panicked and paid the person on the phone."

Lacy stressed that although the scammer's script may sound official, the Cooperative instead utilizes an automated system to alert its members regarding their account.

"We don't ever, for any reason, make calls to people telling them that their service will be turned off if they don't pay immediately. If you ever get a call from us, it will be an automated voice, and it will say that 'you have until this date to pay'," Lacy said.

"If you receive a phone call from a person demanding payment immediately for a past due bill claiming to be from the Co-op, it is 100 percent, for sure, a scam."

Lacy said all the calls made Tuesday were from 251-727-8605, a Baldwin County, Mobile area code.

Lacy said that this sort of scam happens once or twice a year. "It's cyclical," he said.

While the Cooperative doesn't work alongside the police, they do point victims in their direction.

"We're not directly involved, you see," Lacy said.

"But the person scamming our members is pretending to be us. Once you have sent them your money, that's it. The money is untraceable at that point. You've been robbed."

ST. BERNARD HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard Contributor

CULLMAN – In spite of rainy weather, twenty-two potential students, already attending private schools in the Diocese of Birmingham, visited St. Bernard Prep on Sunday, November 1 for an insight of what the Benedictine Catholic School in Cullman has to offer.

St. Bernard Parents League provided refreshments and greeted visiting families with any questions or concerns they may have.

Diana Urbina, Director of Admissions, welcomed families to the school and gave a brief introduction of St. Bernard Prep.

Urbina who is a 2008 alumna of St. Bernard joined St. Bernard this year to carry on the valued traditions she was taught while attending boarding school for four years.

Fr. Joel Martin, President at St. Bernard Prep, provided a warm welcome to everyone in attendance and said they were all deserving of a gold medal for attending on such a messy day.

"While we have no medals, we do have plenty of cookies, "he laughed. He concluded with a prayer.

Daniel Baillargeon, who serves as principal of the high school, presented a slideshow with the assistance of St. Bernard Prep ambassadors emphasizing the importance of the school's mission statement which reads: "Heir to the time-honored Benedictine tradition, Saint Bernard Preparatory School's mission as a Catholic, college preparatory, residential school is the cultivation of a love of learning and a life of virtue in young men and women within a community of faith and scholarship."

Student Ambassadors greeted students, presented information and provided campus tours.

Parents were especially interested in several areas: the Catholic environment surrounding the school, the college prep curriculum offered, and the many opportunities outside the classroom for athletics and fine arts, and community service.

St. Bernard Prep is operated by the Benedictine monks of St. Bernard Abbey. Urbina urges anyone with any questions to contact the Admissions Office at 256-739-6682 or stbernardprep.com. To keep up with day to day activities at the school, like the school Facebook page at facebook.com/stbernardprep.



Visiting students register to participate in Open House at St. Bernard Prep.

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CULLMAN MAYOR MAX A. TOWNSON PROCLAIMS NOVEMBER 'ADOPTION MONTH'



OFFICE OF MAYOR MAX A. TOWNSON

P.J. Bicknell, Ashley Campbell, Amanda Buchanan, Mayor Townson, Callie Smith, Christy Webb, and Michael Key commence November as "Adoption Month".

Leanne H. West
Office of Mayor Max A. Townson

CULLMAN — On Thursday, November 5, 2015, Cullman Mayor Max A. Townson officially proclaimed the month of November 2015 "Adoption Month" in the City of Cullman.

Hundreds of children in Alabama — many of them in Cullman — are currently in foster care awaiting loving and caring homes.

Many find themselves in the foster care system because of parental neglect or abuse, and most have never known what it's like to have a stable and supportive family.

These children come from a variety of backgrounds and have varying needs — but all of them need forever families to provide the love and guidance they need to realize their full potential.

Adoption is the legal and social process by which a child born to one set of parents becomes the child of another parent or parents.

The decision to adopt is a very important and life-changing decision.

The Alabama Department of Human Resources, which has the responsibility of securing adoptive homes for children in foster care who become available for adoption through termination of parental rights, helps make the adoption process as smooth and efficient as possible.

"The City of Cullman appreciates the staff of the Cullman DHR who are dedicated to finding good families for children in our community," said Mayor Townson.

"I urge all of our citizens to take this opportunity to show support for those individuals who adopt children and for those organizations like the DHR that assist with the adoption process."

Those that were on hand to accept the proclamation on behalf of the Cullman County DHR were P.J. Bicknell (Foster Care Supervisor), Ashley Campbell (Adoption Social Worker), Amanda Buchanan (Program Supervisor), Callie Smith (Foster Care Resources), Christy Webb (Adoption Social Worker), and Michael Key (Foster Care Supervisor).

For more information on adoption, visit the Alabama Department of Human Resources website at dhr.alabama.gov or call the Cullman County DHR at 256-737-5300 during regular office hours.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

Robyn James
Contributor

MONTGOMERY – The month of November is National Family Caregiver Month. In Alabama alone, there is an estimated 818,000 caregivers, and through their care, $7.8 billion dollars is saved. Many family members do not consider themselves as a family caregiver, because helping another family member in need is the right thing to do.

However, a family caregiver is an unpaid individual, such as a spouse, partner, family member, friend, or neighbor, who assists another with their daily living activities and/or medical tasks.

Family caregivers play a critical role in our health and long term care system by providing a significant proportion of the care for both the chronically ill and aging.

Alabama also has an estimated 63,529 grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren as the family caregiver in their home, therefore saving money for the state.

To recognize family caregivers as Humble Heroes during November, the Alabama Department of Senior Services will raise awareness of caregiving issues and challenges, provide education and resources, and help those who live with and care for someone with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia.

The Department of Senior Services, in partnership with the 13 local Area Agencies on Aging, AARP, and other advocacy groups will host many local events across the state to provide free education, conduct free memory screenings and Virtual Dementia Tours, and have local experts available to answer questions and provide support.

A list of the local events can be found on the Alabama Department of Senior Services website at AlabamaAgeline.gov.

A "Give our Caregivers a Break" recognition event will be held on November 16,, 2015 during the hours of 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Alabama State Council of Arts, located in the Regions Bank building in downtown Montgomery, 201 Monroe Street.

Valuable information and resources for caregivers will be available and a recognition ceremony will be held to honor these Humble Heroes who sacrifice so much to care for their loved one.

All caregivers are encouraged to come and be a part of these events in and around the state to learn more and connect with those who may be going through some of the same experiences as they continue to care for their loved ones.

Ball (from Front)

and individuals to attend a Student Investment Foundation dinner, we are challenging them all to spend quality time with their families on Wednesday, November 11, 2015," part of the post reads.

The suggested donation amount is $25. Donations can be given to the Student Investment Foundation at any time through the organization's website, www.sites.google.com/site/studentinvestmentfoundation/donations.

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LET'S GO TO THE LIBRARY

NEW CCPL PROGRAM IS MORE THAN FUN AND GAMES

'TABLETOP TUESDAYS' OFFERS INDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE AS TEMPERATURE SINKS

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CULLMAN — The Cullman County Public Library is taking a 'Risk' with its new program. 'Tabletop Tuesdays' gives teens and adults an outlet to test their analytical skills, strategy, teamwork, and creativity.

Each Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m., the library will offer board games, cards, and dominoes available for everyone play.

"We have a lot of kids coming in after school so we wanted to give them a little something different to do while they are waiting for their parents to pick them up," said Sharon Townson, Assistant Library Director.

"They can test their skills at board games and such. It gives them a little something productive to do after they finish with their homework. We are also looking at having 'Wii Wednesdays' where the kids can play video games, too," she chuckled.

"We are trying to find things the kids would like to do, especially since the weather is starting to get a lot colder."

The new activities supplement the library's other free programs.

The Cullman County Public Library's main branch is located at 200 Clark Street NE, Cullman AL 35055.

For more information call 256-734-1068 or visit ccpls.com.



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On Nov. 3 the Cullman County Public Library began offering a variety of free-to-play board games each Tuesday.

Hospital (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE – The Nursing Department at Wallace State Community College held its 8th Annual Let's Pretend Hospital Nov. 3 – 6 at the School of Nursing and Center for Science Building. A combination of nursing students, faculty and staff from the nursing program welcomed over 1,000 first-graders from both private and public schools throughout Cullman County.

The goal of the 'Let's Pretend Hospital' was to help children understand the various hospital settings so they will understand what is going on in any possible hospital situations in the future.

The event also educated the children on healthy habits and safety measures.

"We have seven different pretend hospital rooms," said Ann Culpepper, Coordinator of Clinical Learning.

"We have Level 1 and Level 2 students working together, dressing up as various characters. Our goal is to expose children to the hospital environment, in an emergency situation, in a non-threatening way," she smiled.

"They get to climb into an ambulance and talk to a paramedic. They get to talk to a fireman and try his mask, which can be pretty scary looking. This way, if they were to see the firemen during a fire, they won't be so scared."

"We get lots of great feedback from the students and the teachers," she continued.

"They tell us it is one of their favorite fieldtrips. It's always exciting for us; we just hope that it makes a difference in a child that faces a hospital situation," she smiled warmly.

"Hanceville Fire and Rescue provided the firemen, paramedics, an ambulance and two fire trucks today," Culpepper added. "They stayed outside all day and talked to the kids. They have gone above and beyond and have been really nice to us."

The children, as well as their teachers, learned a lot and were entertained as well. They visited a variety of rooms, each with its own message including a:

• **Hand Washing/Bug Room** where children learned about the importance of hand washing. They talked about Good Bugs and Bad Bugs, like germs that make you sick. Children also got to look at germs through a microscope.

• **Operating Room** where children got to try on surgical masks and watch a pretend operation; one volunteer child will got to be pretend operated on.

• **X-ray Room** where children got to see and have pretend x-rays. They talked about what kinds of food to eat to keep their bones strong and healthy.

• **Patient Room** where children got to experience what a real hospital room looks like; one child got to be the pretend patient.

• **Safety Room** where children got bicycle, water, school bus and fire safety tips

• **Healthy Nutrition Room** where children learned how to choose healthy foods and snacks that is good for them.

• **Emergency Room** where children learned where to go if they have an injury. They also learned about calling 911 and tour an ambulance and fire truck.

"I think it's great," said Penny Collins, First Grade Teacher at Cold Springs.

"The children, before they come, they are kind of nervous about what they are going to see. When they hear the word 'hospital' it creates anxiety, but once we get here and they see the characters they tell me, 'Mrs. Collins, I'm not afraid of the hospital anymore. I think it would be neat because they take care of you.'"

"I liked the germ thing the best," 7-year-old Blaze Whitfield of Cold Springs Elementary chimed in. "I learned to wash my hands all day and all night!"

The week was a success. Thankfully Wallace State Community College is able to share their knowledge with the community.

The Let's Pretend Hospital is just one example of their commitment to excellence and helping others, in this case local first-graders, to learn and grow.

OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOV. 1 - NOV. 9

Ronal Dee Daniel
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Patsy Dale Curvin
Jenia Mae Griffith McPherson
Virginia "Ginny" Landman
Peggy Jean Mauircio
Kristie Louann Overton
Bettye Juanita Tillman
Clark Charles Branch, Jr.
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HISTORICAL PROFILE

JOHANN GOTTFRIED CULLMANN

SEARCHING FOR A PLACE TO FULFILL HIS DREAM

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In the past three weeks we have learned that Colonel Cullmann was born in a small village, the son German educators. He became a family man after marrying the lovely Miss Josephine Loeb and fathering several children. He became a large exporter to America and accumulated his first fortune, but due to his political views against the government, he found himself in the midst of a short-lived revolution where his newfound fortune was in danger.

Cullmann and his compatriots blew up a train as it entered the Frankweiler district in hopes to assassinate the Bavarian ruler, Otto von Bismarck.

The plan failed because Bismarck was not on the said train. Because of Cullmann's shenanigans, he was a wanted man, so he left his home and went to London, where he stayed until the American Civil War had ended.

Once in the United States, he studied law and passed the bar in only eight months. He practiced law in Cincinnati where many German people had immigrated.

He saved his money and used it in his travels – searching for a place to build his dream colony where his friends and family could live in freedom and flee the control of the Kaiser in Germany.

His wife didn't share his dream and stayed with her family in Germany. Cullmann's eldest son, Theodore, came to America with plans to help his father in his quest.

Unfortunately, he after being in Cincinnati for only a short time, he contracted typhoid fever and died in January 1873. He was only twenty-six years old.

Cullmann swallowed his grief and dug into his work – to find that special place to call home.

While trying to find the location he visualized in his mind, Cullmann traveled to Florence, Alabama. While there, he met a resident of this area, Governor R. M. Patton, and shared his dream with the governor.

Patton was enthusiastic and offered his full support. Unfortunately, the people of the region showed very little enthusiasm because they were so discouraged about their own condition following the war and offered nothing of a constructive nature.

The first attempt at settlement was made in an area now known as St. Florian sometime near the end of 1871, or early 1872. Cullmann lived in Florence and Tuscumbia for almost two years while he explored the area and tried to interest financiers into helping him buy land.

Alas, he was not successful because the southern people, depressed by tyranny and persecution, refused to sell land to 'foreigners' due to the ill will created from the aftermath of the Civil War.

Not only did the people oppose foreigners in their midst, but they had been accustomed to large plantations and found Cullmann's proposal of small farms unappealing.

Because most of the land was already privately owned, people were unwilling to sell it, therefore Cullmann was forced to continue his exploration elsewhere.

Most people would have been discouraged long before this, but not Johann Cullmann; he picked up where he left off and continued his search. He was determined to make his dream a reality.

Interesting side note, this was just a short time after Bismarck had defeated the French and proclaimed the German nation, with the Kaiser as ruler.

Before this time, Germany had been a collection of small states that were dominated by either Prussia or Bavaria. Now everything was controlled by Prussia.

Germany became a militaristic state under tyrannical control and would eventually fight two disastrous world wars. Obviously the state of affairs increased the pressure on Cullmann to find a colony for his friends and family in America.

Just think, had Johann Cullmann and his colleagues been successful in 1848, Germany might have become a democratic state which may have prevented one or both world wars.

With Germany running amuck, Cullmann desperately wanted his family and friends here in the States with him.

His dream loomed in the distance and far out of reach because the southerners remained uncooperative and disinterested. What was a guy to do? Be sure to read next week's Cullmansense to find out.

MIRRORING HISTORY

MILITARY HEROES THEN AND NOW

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CULLMAN – Veterans from throughout history have a lot in common. They served our country and protected it from harm. Even though they fought in different wars, their bravery is the same today as it was many, many years ago. Compare the faces of these two veterans.

James Daniel Brock served in the "Newnan Artillery" Company A, 12th Georgia Battalion during the Civil War.

Sergeant Justin Moser is a member of the United States Army Infantry 11B.

Though the two men served in different eras, they both deserve our thanks and admiration in putting their lives on the line to protect their country.





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VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION HELD DESPITE RAIN

AREA VETERANS HONORED AT SPORTSMAN LAKE AND AIRPORT

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CULLMAN – Area veterans who braved the cold, wet weather were honored at the Veterans Day Celebration at both Sportsman Lake Park and the Cullman Regional Airport on Saturday. Many of Cullman County citizens ventured out into the elements to pay tribute to the brave men and women who served our country and fought for our freedom over the years. The event featured the band Olde Towne Brass, a Civil War band that featured authentic Civil War uniforms, instruments and music of the time.

There were military vehicles on display, a performance by the White Nights Drill Team, speeches and plenty of food for everyone.

Many people spent the day remembering their war time and sharing their stories, despite the unfortunate weather.

"Rain is not important," said Ken Brown, retired USAF Colonel and Vietnam Veteran. "These guys spent a lot of time in the rain laying in a foxhole, so we should honor them for that."

The airport planned to offer Huey Helicopter rides and had tours of the infamous Memphis Belle, one of the first B-17 United States Army Air Forces heavy bombers to complete 25 combat missions with her crew intact.

Unfortunately, due to the wet weather, these activities did not happen.

"There's just not as much going on as we thought there would be because of the rain," said Ben Harrison, Cullman Regional Airport's General Manager.

"We do have several veterans here that are talking about their experiences on the aviation side. The Wallace State Jazz Band will be playing a concert, too," he smiled. "We are doing the best we can under the circumstances."

"The weather has really messed things up," said Gwen Parker, President of the Cullman Elks Lodge.

"It really breaks my heart. We had about 300 people for the opening ceremony this morning, but after it was over, they just kind of dwindled off. But we really appreciate everybody coming out and supporting our veterans. It's been very humbling and an honor to put the event on."

The Elks Lodge was responsible for the entire Veterans Day event this year.

They provided food for the veterans, helped with parking and shuttle service from the parking lot to the park and all the many things that got done behind the scenes.

The group went above and beyond to ensure the day went off without a hitch.

Even though the weather was uncooperative, the 2015 Veterans Day celebration turned out well.

The veterans were very appreciative of all the recognition they received at both Sportsman Lake and the Cullman Regional Airport. Special thanks to the Cullman Elk's Lodge for all their hard work and dedication in organizing the event this year.



Veterans and their families braved the weather with fellow residents to take part in this year's Veterans Day Celebration at the Cullman Regional Airport.

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A tank sits firmly at Veterans Memorial Park inside Sportsman Lake Park and serves as a constant reminder of the sacrifices so many made to enable freedom today.



The Olde Towne Brass, a Civil War reenactment band, performed for Veterans and residents alike at Saturday's Veterans Day Celebration at Sportsman Lake Park.

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CULLMAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL LIONS WIN ACEAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

CAPTURE FIRST BOYS VARSITY CHAMPIONSHIP IN ANY TROPHY

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MILLBROOK – The Cullman Christian School Lions defeated Victory Baptist School Eagles in the ACEAA Varsity Football State Championship 54-6.

Some might say this is revenge for the Lions after last year's defeat in the championship game to the Eagles, a game in which they were shut out. But, instead of payback, it was more like pay-day.

CCS boys sports have been at the doorstep of championships in football and basketball since the school opened its doors back in 2006. The school had varsity basketball in 2009. Football was not offered at the school until 2012.

Making it to the playoffs in all 6 seasons of varsity basketball, and 3-out-of-4 seasons in varsity football (the school was not allowed to compete in postseason play during its first season of football), being competitive in the ACEAA has never been a problem for the Lions.

The problem has been cashing in on the championship hardware that, until Friday, has eluded CCS.

Chase Cantrell, head coach of both boys varsity basketball and football teams at CCS, said that the championship win will help "put the school on the map."

"It will show people that we're here," Cantrell said. "Maybe some players that are mediocre at public schools want a chance to play. When they come here, they can be a star in this league." In the ACEAA, 6-man football is what the CCS Lions play. And in 6-man football, there is a lot more open field for playmakers to, well, make plays. Just like Luke Barlow, Brett Perry, and Will Siegenthaler did this season.

With wide-open spaces and Cantrell's creative playcalling, the Lions put up massive numbers this year, a year in which CCS outscored its opponents 463-69, according to Cantrell.

"No one put up any more than 14 points on us," Cantrell said looking back on his team's perfect 10-0 season.

It is easy to bloviate about the majesty of winning a high school state championship, but for the CCS players, it was much less earth-shattering than some have made it seem.



SHANE QUICK

"I wasn't awestruck or anything," Siegenthaler said about reports of his incredulity towards winning. "I wasn't 'staring at the scoreboard,' I was just looking at it," he said. In fact the players on this team don't view this win as a watershed moment, or anything.

Some of the senior players would cheerfully announce how many games were left until the end of the season each week in the locker-room after the games.

"I told the boys before the [state championship], 'it's your last one.' And then they all cheered," Cantrell laughed.

"I just can't wait to start basketball," Jackson Holbrook said. "Hopefully the momentum from this championship win will push us into the basketball season, because we start practice for that on Thursday."

There were reports of a dramatic and impassioned revenge-game for the Lions on Friday. But really, that's just total hyperbole.

There may have been aspects of perfection, redemption, and jubilation, but what really was going on Friday night was a group of friends who have grown up alongside each other having fun.

After all, as Coach Cantrell said, "half the starters were only playing because they were talked into it." Looks like it turned out just fine.

AGRIPLEX TEACHES RESIDENTS THE LOST ART OF STOOL MAKING

Sharon Schuler Kreps
sharon@cullmansense.com

CULLMAN – On Tuesday, November 3rd, the North Alabama Agriplex taught area residents how to make three legged stools. Bill Peinhardt held a captive audience as he demonstrated the art constructing rustic stools using old fashioned hand tools.

"There are really two goals to the class tonight; one is to show an appreciation for the things that can be done with hand tools," said Peinhardt.

"They can be done efficiently and done well prior to us having all our electric tools we have now. Think of all the things that were made a hundred years ago, before we had the electric tools, like cathedrals and all the houses with their beautiful woodwork. There was so many things were done by hand."

"The second goal is to appreciate, in Alabama, that we have woods that are wonderful," he continued.

"This is just part of the different wood we have here in Alabama," he said while pointing to the various boards, made from different trees, that were lined against the wall.

"Just look at them. Look at how beautiful they are. The old-timers a hundred years ago what Ash was used for - handles and baseball bats. Maple can be used to make them too."

After learning about the different kinds of wood and what they were used for, Peinhardt showed the class the many different kinds of hand tools that were used to create everyday things back in the good ole days.

Some of the equipment were antique and had obviously been used a lot over the years.

Fortunately, as Peinhardt demonstrated, they still come in handy today.

"I really like this class," said 12-year-old, Seth Aron. "I've only done something similar to this when I made small stakes for my tent when I couldn't find mine," he said as he chopped small slivers of wood at the end of a small log.

"I like to whittle at home a lot," he grinned. "I'll probably use my stool as a shelf to put all my knives when I get home."

Students took not only took home their handmade treasures, but also a wealth of knowledge.

The hands-on history lesson showed just how things were made, just like our ancestors did over a hundred years ago.

For informatio on upcoming classes and workshops offered by the Agriplex, call 256-297-1044 or e-mail cullmanag@gmail.com.

Visit their website at agriplex.org and follow them on Facebook at facebook.com/NorthAlabamaAgriplex.





Children ages 12 and up enjoyed making stools with their parents Tuesday night at the Agriplex.

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Monday

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.

Homecoming & Revival
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2015 Public Forum on 3 or 5 member Commission
The Governmental Affairs Committee will host a forum with Senator Paul Bussman for citizens to discuss the makeup of the Cullman County Commission--3 or 5 members, from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. It will be held in the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce's Freedom Insurance Room. The forum is free to attend. For more information call 256-734-0454.

Cullman City Council Meeting
The Cullman City Council Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium. For more information call 256-775-7109.

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Cornerstone Revival Ladies Prayer Meeting
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Tuesday

Blood Drive
Good Hope High School will be conducting a Red Cross Blood Drive from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the school's Band room.

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Cullman Senior Center
The Cullman Senior Center will have a live band or karaoke beginning at 8 a.m. until noon every Tuesday. A hot meal is served at 11:30 a.m. daily. For more information call 256-734-0145. Cullman Senior Center is located by Sportsman Lake Park.

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Yoga Classes
The Cullman City Parks and Recreation Senior Spirit Program will offer free yoga classes from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for men and women 50 years and older. The classes will held at the Donald E. Green Senior Center. Fabian Holland will conduct the class. May use mat or chair. To register, contact Angie Jochum or Catherine Hasenbein at 256-734-4803.

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

Fellowship and Friends
American Legion Post 4 will be working in conjunction with Applebee's to offer fellowship and friendship to their fellow veterans. Free meals will be available from a special menu to any and all veterans. This event will run from 11 a.m. until closing. Contact Don Reid form more information at 256-636-1913.

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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.

Thursday

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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

Cullman Senior Center
The Cullman Senior Center will have Gospel Singing beginning at 9:30 a.m. every Friday. Special guests bring a devotion at 10:30 a.m. A hot meal is served at 11:30 a.m. daily. For more information call 256-734-0145. Cullman Senior Center is located by Sportsman Lake Park.

Church Bazaar
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, located on Hwy. 31 N next to Area Vocational School in Vinemont, will be conducting a Church Bazaar. Lunch will be served from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., with carryouts available. For more information call 256-734-0563, 205-908-8271, or 256-620-5488.

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Friday Night Dance at the VFW
Cullman's VFW Post 2214 invites everyone to their weekly Friday night dances at the VFW Hall from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. The cost is $5.00 per person and music by the Golden Oldies and Country with the Midnight Highway Band will be filling the air. Funds raised go toward the building rental. Get your dancing shoes on and come out for a great evening of fun and entertainment.

'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

Fairview Christmas Bazaar
A Christmas Bazaar will be held at the Fairview Town Hall from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Breakfast biscuits being served. Soup, sandwich, dessert, and drink at lunch for a cost of $6. Baked goods, Arts & Crafts, White Elephant and more will be on site. The event is sponsored by Mt. Olive Church Ladies.

Bring Your Old Family Bible
The Wallace State Library, located at 801 Main St. NW, Hanceville, is working in conjunction with the National DAR Library in Washington, D.C. to photocopy family records, including old family bibles, to be preserved at the National DAR Library. For more information contact Brenda at 256-531-3442 or Athelia at 256-482-4495.

Cullman Lingerie Reunion
A reunion for former employees of Cullman Lingerie will be held at Ryan's Family Steak House, located at 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW, at 8 a.m. for breakfast.

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Annual Turkey Shoot
The Annual Turkey Shoot at the Cullman Moose Lodge will be held every Saturday until Dec. 19, starting at 8 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Cullman County Child Development Center. For more information call 256-255-5266.

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

Church Revival
A church revival will be held at Harmony Word of Life Church, located at 420 Co. Rd. 1204 in Vinemont, beginning at 7 p.m. Evangelist Kevin Mullins will be preaching. For more information contact Pastor Milligan at 256-739-2956 or 256-339-2372.

You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown
The Wallace State Community College Theatre will present "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," from November 5 through 8, 2015, in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Showtime will be at 7 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under. For tickets and more information, call 256-352-8277. The Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre is located in the Student Center.

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.

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- Live Music at Brothers
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Notices

WSCC Alumni Foundation 2016 Trips
The WSCC Alumni Foundation is planning a number of trips to popular tourist destinations throughout 2016. Please contact Gail at 256-352-8604 or by email at gailcrutchfield@wallacestate.edu.

New Gathering Place for East Battleground Baptist Church
East Battleground Baptist Church will now be hosting services in a mobile chapel on the home site. Members and visitors will be in this location until the new church is completed.

New Gathering Place for Bread of Life Church
Due to a fire in the Bread of Life Church in Holly Pond, members will now attend services in the old New Life Worship Center building, located at 721 Brooklyn Rd., Holly Pond, until further notice. Please contact Brenda at 256-507-2650.

CRMC OPENS WOMEN'S DIAGNOSTIC CENTER

Lindsey Dossey
CRMC Contributor

CULLMAN – The most common type of cancer found in women in breast cancer. Luckily, breast cancer is not the leading cause of cancer death in women – primarily due to mammograms. But ask any woman who's had a mammogram, and she'll definitely tell you the experience is anything but comfortable.

CRMC is changing the mammogram experience for women. From the moment the appointment is scheduled to when the test is complete.

"We realize that the women in our community want the highest level of quality and service," said CRMC Women's Diagnostic Center Supervisor Missy Riddle, R.T. (R)(M). "Therefore, we are enhancing the patient experience and adding additional services in order to provide that to our patients."

What's different about the service?

- **Concierge Service Desk** – All scheduling and registration for mammography and other women's tests are now done in the Women's Diagnostic Center.
- **Complimentary Beverage Station** – Relax and enjoy a hot cup of tea while you wait.
- **Spa Robes** – Enjoy warm spa-like robes during their tests rather the thin gowns of before.

What different about the quality of care?

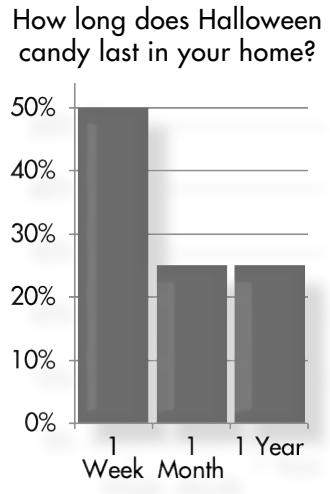
- **Reduced anxiety** – Many women with high-density breast tissue typically need follow-up testing after they receive mammogram results – which could be a few days to a week after your mammogram. NOW, these women can have a Breast-Specific Ultrasound procedure immediately following their mammogram, if needed.
- **Same Day testing for Bone Density** – We now offer Bone Density Test as well; therefore, women can make one trip and schedule all of their preventative screening tests in one day.

"We're excited to make it more convenient for Cullman area women," said Riddle. "We understand that women juggle a lot of things in life – work, home, kids, grandkids – and we want to make it easier for them to take care of themselves as well."

Join us for the new Women's Diagnostic Center Open House on Tuesday, November 17 at 5:30 p.m. for a tour of the newly, renovated center learn about the new tests available as well as the chance to win door prizes and meet the staff.

For more information visit the CRMC's website, crmchospital.com.

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This Week's Poll

Do you feel Russia will use nuclear weapons against ISIS in Syria?

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STUDY FINDS RX-ONLY POLICIES FOR PSE MEDICINES WOULD RAISE COSTS WITHOUT ADDRESSING METH SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Stephanie Petelos
Contributor

WASHINGTON – The economic consulting firm Matrix Global Advisors (MGA) today released a study by MGA CEO Alex Brill on the changing nature of methamphetamine (meth) production and abuse in the United States and proposals to address the problem. In particular, Brill examines proposals to restrict access (specifically Rx-only legislation) to cold and allergy medicines containing pseudoephedrine (PSE) and notes that such a drastic measure would cost consumers, insurers, state governments, and the federal government $130 million in the first year. Moreover, it would have no clear impact on either the supply of or demand for meth.

Instead of burdensome Rx-only policies, Brill suggests focusing on the primary source of meth in the United States – foreign production – and proposes increased drug interdiction at the U.S.-Mexico border.

"Meth production and use are still serious problems in certain states and regions of the country," Brill said. "However, prescription-only legislation to limit PSE medicines is a misguided solution. With up to 90 percent of meth in the United States coming from Mexico, prescription-only legislation fails to confront the true source of the epidemic or address demand."

Because Rx-only legislation would impose more than $40 million in costs on consumers, Brill suggests that states consider more targeted efforts that do not place an unnecessary burden on law-abiding citizens such as banning the sale of PSE products to known meth criminals. This can be done by working with the pharmaceutical industry to continue to expand programs such as the National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLEx). Additionally, the MGA study underscores the need to promote policies to diminish the demand for meth through education programs as well as treatment for those addicted to the drug. The study confirms a recent report from the National Association of Model State Drug Laws, which assessed the meth landscape in the two states with Rx-only laws – Mississippi and Oregon – and concluded that "the relationship between the PSE prescription laws and the decline in meth lab incidents is spurious."

"Drug use is a problem of supply and demand," said Brill. "Even if the supply of drugs is diminished, addicts will pursue alternatives. In addition to efforts to reduce the supply of meth, communities must work together to create education campaigns to stop drug abuse before it begins."

In addition to serving as CEO of Matrix Global Advisors, Brill is a research fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and previously served as the chief economist for the U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means.

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If you have questions, contact Joann Walls at 256-352-9799 or 256-590-2759. Email walls747234@bellsouth.net or call Deb at Hanceville City Hall at 256-352-9830 Ext 10.

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Keep this portion for future reference.

Drive down Hwy 31 to France Dodd Drive then turn and enter Wallace State Campus. Go pass the Nursing Training Building and continue until you reach College Drive NW. The parade will assemble on College Drive NW. From College Drive NW the parade will enter through the traffic light at the intersection of HWY 31 across from Hardees and proceed south on Hwy 31. Tentative plans are to turn into the Hanceville Nursing Home and loop through the parking lot. The parade will re-enter Hwy 31 and continue down Hwy 31 and turn right at James Auto Parts where the parade will disband at the Hanceville Fire Station. The line-up will begin at 12:00 noon.

WHAT'S ONLINE

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WALMART PLANS TO HIRE 1,500 HOLIDAY WORKERS IN ALABAMA; WAGES BEGIN AT $9 AN HOUR

Walmart announced this week it expects to hire approximately 1,500 associates at more than 100 stores in Alabama over the next few months to help during the busy holiday... **QRNE.WS/406**



EAGLES GO DOWN TO DEFEAT IN ROUND ONE OF 2A AHSAA PLAYOFFS

An explosive offense by the Sulligent Blue Devils broke open a close AHSAA Class 2A playoff game with the Cold Springs Eagles Thursday night. The Blue Devils ran off 28 unanswered points in the 2nd quarter and eliminated the Eagles from the postseason by the final score of 63-27. **QRNE.WS/407**

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Dinner (from Front)

Sharon Schuler Kreps
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CULLMAN – On Friday, November 6, Cullman County Veterans and their families met at Top of the Town restaurant and attended the 2nd Annual Heroes Dinner. The event was filled with class and style while the veterans – our heroes were honored for their brave service to our country.

The guest speaker for the evening was Vietnam Veteran, double Purple Heart recipient, U.S. Astronaut and retired Brigadier General Bob Stewart.

There was also a special honorary guest there that evening, Mrs. Linda Morgan, widow of Captain Robert Morgan, the pilot of the notorious Memphis Belle.

During the dinner, a clip from the original Memphis Bell in 1943 was shown. Film footage from Astronaut Bob Stewart's historic Challenger Shuttle mission also played.

"There is a vast misunderstanding, not only about the Vietnam War, but who we soldiers, sailors and airmen are," Stewart began.

"We are civilians before we put on our uniforms, and we are civilians after we get back from wearing that uniform. As for me, there will never be another time in my life that I am not the soldier, not once. My allegiances were forged in the skies over Vietnam."

"There is a special bond between soldiers, particularly with those that served through action that the average citizen doesn't understand," he continued.

"Career minded people often ask me what the highlight of my career is. It was my service as a helicopter gunship pilot in Vietnam. The reason is because I was dealing with a bunch of people, day in and day out in whom I could place absolute trust. I would lay my life in their hands everyday and they would return that trust. It was absolute trust. It's easy for people to sit around with no stress on them and say, 'I've got your back'. The combat soldier demonstrates it, day in and day out. That's what makes life in combat even tolerable."

Many veterans, especially the older ones of World War II, verbally agreed with a lot of what Stewart said in his speech.

She spoke with such wisdom and compassion. Afterwards everyone in attendance stood and applauded him.

At the end of the night, he was given a beautiful painting of himself as an astronaut in space hovering about the city of Cullman. The painting was done by Cullman artist, Pam Willingham. Stewart was left speechless as when he was presented to him.

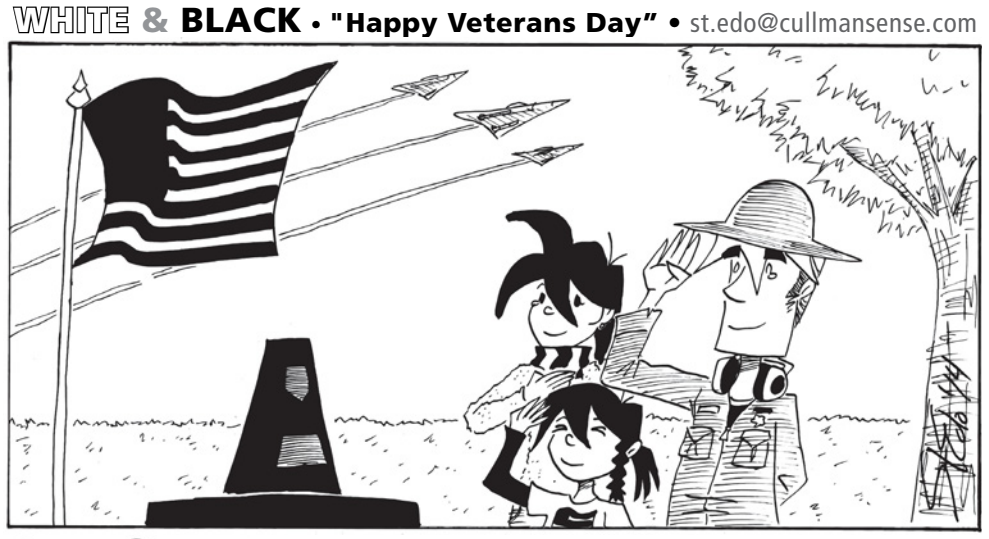
"I am so proud of all the veterans that are here tonight," said Ken Brown, retired USAF Colonel, Vietnam Veteran and Master of Ceremonies.

"They are a great, great group of guys. I am really proud of all the people who thought enough of our veterans to come out here tonight and honor them. I hope all the citizens of Cullman County will come out and do the same tomorrow. We will have a lot of veterans out there and it would be nice to have people come out and pat them on the back."

The 2nd Annual Heroes Dinner honored local veterans in a special way and served as a thank you for their brave service to our country.

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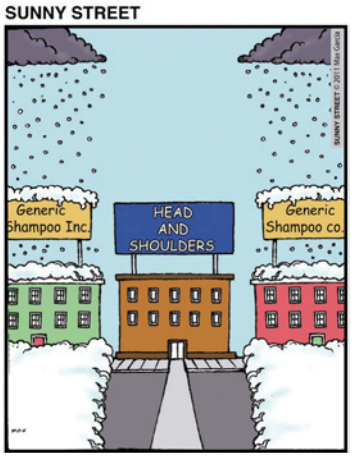


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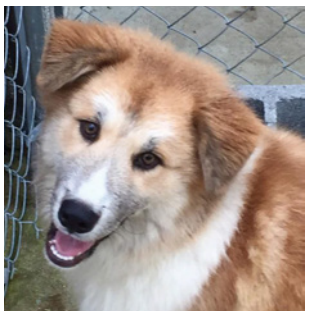
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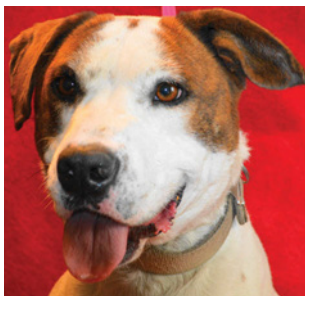
PETS OF THE WEEK

RIDDLE



Hello my name is Riddle and I am about 1 years old. I am a Collie mix and I currently weigh 42 lbs. I am a stray but if no one claims me by 11/10/15 at 9:30 a.m. I will be put up for adoption at that time. My adoption fee is $90 and that includes my spay/neuter, vaccines, wormer, and also covers my general exam at the Vet, the rabies vaccine, 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 adopting me.

ROXIE



Hello my name is Roxie and I am about 5 years old. I am a Jack Russell Terrier Mix and I currently weigh 40 lbs. My adoption fee is $25 because I came to the Shelter already spayed. 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 a great deal and I will give you a lifetime of love and loyalty.

ADOPT THESE PETS TODAY

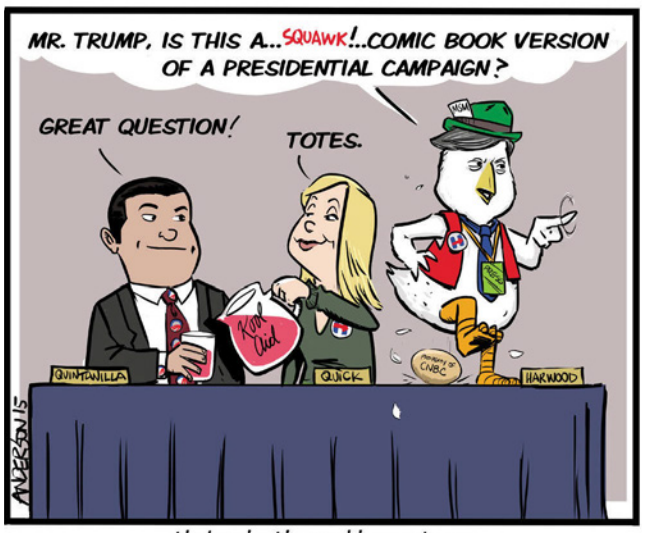
Both of these dogs have an adoption fee of $90 that will include their general exam at the Vet, vaccines, wormer, rabies shot, microchip, spay/neuter, and free 45 days of pet health insurance. Pet Depot will give you a bag of food (you pay taxes) as their way of supporting adoption.

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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OPINION

DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM HAS DEEP ROOTS IN AMERICAN LIFE

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The shock and disbelief with which many political pundits have responded to Bernie Sanders' description of himself as a "democratic socialist"—a supporter of democratic control of the economy—provide a clear indication of how little they know about the popularity and influence of democratic socialism over the course of American history.

How else could they miss the existence of a thriving Socialist Party, led by Eugene Debs (one of the nation's most famous union leaders) and Norman Thomas (a distinguished Presbyterian minister), during the early decades of the twentieth century?

Or the democratic socialist administrations elected to govern Milwaukee, Bridgeport, Flint, Minneapolis, Schenectady, Racine, Davenport, Butte, Pasadena, and numerous other U.S. cities?

Or the democratic socialists, such as Victor Berger, Meyer London, and Ron Dellums, elected to Congress?

Or the programs long championed by democratic socialists that, eventually, were put into place by Republican and Democratic administrations—from the Pure Food and Drug Act to the income tax, from minimum wage laws to maximum hour laws, from unemployment insurance to public power, from Social Security to Medicare?

Most startling of all, they have missed the many prominent Americans who, though now deceased, were democratic socialists during substantial portions of their lives.

These include labor leaders like Walter Reuther (president, United Auto Workers and vice-president, AFL-CIO), David Dubinsky (president, International Ladies Garment Workers Union), Sidney Hillman (president, Amalgamated Clothing Workers), Jerry Wurf (president, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees), and William Winpisinger (president, International Association of Machinists). Even Samuel Gompers—the founder and long-time president of the American Federation of Labor who, in the latter part of his life, clashed with Debs and other socialist union leaders—was initially a socialist.

Numerous popular novelists and other writers also embraced democratic socialism, including Jack London, Upton Sinclair, Carl Sandburg, William Carlos Williams, Thorstein Veblen, C. Wright Mills, Erich Fromm, Michael Harrington, Irving Howe, and Howard Zinn. Eminent scientists, too, became democratic socialists, including Charles Steinmetz and Albert Einstein.

Many well-known social reformers also joined the ranks of America's democratic socialists, among them Elizabeth Cady Stanton (women's rights crusader), John Dewey (educator), Helen Keller (author and lecturer), and Margaret Sanger (birth control pioneer). Within the civil rights movement, particularly, a very important role was played by democratic socialists, among them W.E.B. Du Bois, A. Philip Randolph, Bayard Rustin, and James Farmer.

In fact, although very few people know it, even Martin Luther King, Jr. was a democratic socialist. "I am much more socialistic in my economic theory than capitalistic," he wrote to Coretta Scott (soon to become his wife) on July 18, 1952.

This belief system continued throughout his life, and, in the late 1960s, contributed to his shift from championing racial equality to championing economic equality. In a 1966 speech to his staff, King declared: "Something is wrong . . . with capitalism."

He added: "Call it democracy, or call it democratic socialism, but there must be a better distribution of wealth within this country for all of God's children."

Plans for the Poor People's Campaign followed, as did his death while promoting the unionization of Memphis's exploited sanitation workers.

Some might argue that democratic socialism, like these individuals, is dead and gone, replaced by its hierarchical enemies, corporate capitalism on the Right and Communism on the Left.

But that contention is belied by the continued existence of large, democratic socialist parties that either govern other democratic nations or provide the major opposition to the conservative governments of those nations: the British Labour Party, the French Socialist Party, the Swedish Social Democratic Party, the Australian Labor Party, the Brazilian Democratic Workers Party, the German Social Democratic Party, the Irish Labour Party, Mexico's Party of the Democratic Revolution, South Africa's African National Congress, the Israeli Labor Party, the New Zealand Labour Party, Chile's Socialist Party, and many, many more around the world.

Nor is democratic socialism dead in the United States. In response to rising economic inequality and, particularly, the blatant greed and power of the wealthy and their corporations, Democratic Socialists of America—a descendant of the old Socialist Party of America, though an organization rather than a third party—is growing rapidly.

Not surprisingly, it is fervently backing Bernie Sanders' campaign for the presidency.

Meanwhile, Democratic Party leaders are suddenly shying away from their corporate dalliances and picking up a few programmatic ideas from Sanders, democratic socialists, and their allies. These include a $15 per hour minimum wage, expansion of Social Security, free college tuition, and opposition to two pro-corporate ventures: the Keystone XL pipeline and the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

If the political pundits would look around, they would even discover a significant number of prominent U.S. democratic socialists at work in a variety of fields.

They include muckraking authors like Barbara Ehrenreich, journalists like Harold Meyerson, actors like Ed Asner and Wallace Shawn, intellectuals like Noam Chomsky and Cornel West, documentary film-makers like Michael Moore, TV commentators like Lawrence O'Donnell, science fiction writers like Kim Stanley Robinson, feminist leaders like Gloria Steinem, peace movement veterans like David McReynolds, and academics like Frances Fox Piven.

These and many other democratic socialists, among them Bernie Sanders, have played an important role in American life. It's a shame that so many political "experts" haven't noticed it.

POWER IN THE WORD: THE GOSPEL THAT WORKS!

WALKING IN THE GOD-KIND OF LOVE

Dr. Henry W. Roberts, II
Word of Life Community Church

I want to discuss with you today God's "Hesed Agape" love. Agape is a Greek word. I want you to put this Hebrew word in front of it, "hesed": Hesed agape, which means unconditional love. This type of love is the type of love that God has for us, but not only that, it is the foundation of the love walk. He loves us in spite of whether it rains and we come to church or not. He loves us in spite of whether we pay our tithes and give our offerings like we should. He loves us whether we are full of the devil, or full of the Holy Spirit.

He has unconditional love for us. When you think of hesed agape love, it passes everything else. As we grow in relationships, not only in our households but abroad, we need to try and practice it and get into a place where we practice this love walk. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, that ye have love one for another."

The street is a reflection of our home. So, how you treat people in the world – if you are mean and nasty with folks outside, in the world, so to speak, with people on the job, then guess what? You are probably mean and nasty at home. That is your model.

What you will be doing is raising your children where they become mean and nasty and obnoxious, because of the model they see.

If you are at home, and all you do is argue and fuss in front of your kids, what do you think they are going to grow up doing? Arguing and fussing because that is the model they have seen.

We have to get to a place where we show people how to love like Jesus loved, unconditionally.

That does not mean you are not going to have disagreements, but you should find a place where you are going to disagree, not in front of everybody.

When the children are there, do not be arguing and fussing in front of those kids. Get in the car and take a drive. Try to get yourself where you work that thing out and come back together.

It is not how well you speak in tongues. You can come in here and speak in tongues today and go out of here and still be mean and evil, still be prejudice, still hold grudges, still walk in unforgiveness. But Jesus said, "I need My people walking in love."

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'BUC-3' HELICOPTER AND VIETNAM MEMORABILIA ON DISPLAY

VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS SHARE RESTORED HELICOPTER'S HISTORY

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CULLMAN – On Friday, November 6th, members of the North Alabama Chapter of Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (NAVHPA) came to Cullman High School and talked to students about their Huey Helicopter and its role in the Vietnam War. The students were able to sit inside the helicopter and hear about the role helicopter pilots played in the war.

"This is an actual Vietnam helicopter," said John McDaniel of the NAVHPA.

"It served in Vietnam, then went to the National Guard and some different places before it became a ranger or target helicopter. They (the Vietnamese) fired some missiles at it, so it was pretty beat up. It sat for twenty years out on the range with no maintenance or anything."

"Our group, the North Alabama Chapter of Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, took it on as a project to fix it up," he continued.

"We take it around to schools and different patriotic veterans events, so today we are at Cullman High School. Tomorrow we will be over at Sportsman Lake Park."

The BUC-3 is a UH-1C/M 'Huey' helicopter. It was delivered to the Army in October 1966. She served a total of 22 months in Vietnam (from November 1968 to August 1970) with the 170th Assault Helicopter Company. She flew under the call sign 'BUC- 3'. From August 1971 until January 1972, she served with C Troop, 16th Air Cavalry Squadron and the 135th Assault Helicopter Company. Buc-3 was damaged by enemy fire on at least two occasions, which resulted in one wounded crewmember. After being designated as a target aircraft late in her life, she wound up on the range at Redstone Arsenal.

In October 2009, she was transferred to the Huntsville Veterans Memorial Museum. In October 2011 she began a restoration process as a joint education project between the North Alabama Chapter, Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association and Save Our Flying Heritage Through a Flying Museum. BUC-3 flew over 1,400 combat hours in Vietnam.

"They told me, 'When you start flying you are handed an empty bag of experience and a full bag of luck. The objective is to get your bag of experience full before your bag of luck gets empty," McDaniel chuckled. "I'm no longer flying. Me and this thing are alike, our flying days are over."

BUC-3's restoration was a true labor of love and just like any war hero, she has a story to tell. For those that missed seeing her, she is available for patriotic occasions or school and charitable events in the greater Huntsville and Madison County area.

For more information, visit navhpa.org/#!blank/cecw.



The restored BUC-3 'Huey' helicopter was on display at Cullman High School on Friday.

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