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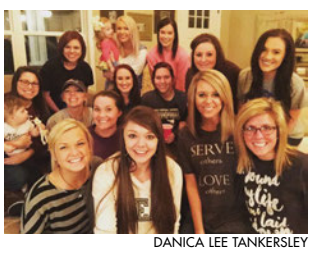

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MARCH 1 PRIMARY: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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CULLMAN – Alabama will be joining six other southern states on Tuesday, March 1 in what's being called the "SEC primaries." While the presidential primary has been the hot topic, Cullman residents have many decisions to make in state and local office races as well.

First off, it's important to remember that Alabama is an "open primary" state. That means that as a registered voter, you get to choose when you get to the polls whether you want to vote Republican or Democrat. While this means you don't have to be a registered Republican or Democrat to vote in those primaries, it is also important to remember that once you make your selection on election day, you can only vote in your selected party's primary. In short, if you pick "Republican" at the top of your ballot, you will only see Republican candidates.

You can find sample ballots for Cullman County here: http://www.cullmancourts.org/assets/probatecourt/PDFs/sampleBallot.PDF.

Here's a breakdown of what you can expect:

National- Candidates for U.S. President

The Democratic Primary Ballot

- Hillary Clinton
- Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente*
- Martin J. O'Malley*
- Bernie Sanders
- Uncommitted

*Important to remember- Clinton and Sanders are the only two candidates on the Democratic ballot with active campaigns.

The Republican Primary Ballot

- Jeb Bush*
- Ben Carson
- Chris Christie*
- Ted Cruz
- Carly Fiorina*
- Lindsey Graham*

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CULLMAN NAMED TREE CITY USA FOR 28TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR



Poster Contest 2nd Place Winner Elijah Pittman (East Elementary); Poster Contest 1st Place Winner Myra Arnold (East Elementary); Mayor Max A. Townson, Arborist Darrell Johns, Tree Commission Chairman Everett Wier, Albert Mayo of the Forestry Commission, Poster Contest 1st Place Winner Olivia Dudley (St. Paul's), Poster Contest 2nd Place Winner Kathryn Dueland (St. Paul's) and students from Ms. Ashley Lochridge's fifth-grade class of St. Paul's Lutheran School.

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POLITICS

ALA. ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SPEAK AT CULLMAN CO. REPUBLICAN BREAKFAST

Waid Harbison
Cullman County Republican Party

CULLMAN – Republican Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange will be the featured speaker at the March breakfast meeting of the Cullman County Republican Party. The meeting will take place on Saturday, March 5, at the Cullman Elks Lodge. The general public is encouraged to attend.

Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the meeting following at 8:15 a.m.

Breakfast will cost $10 and there will be no charge to attend the meeting.

Strange has led the fight in Alabama to push back the federal government and will be speaking on several ongoing lawsuits filed by a collection of states against Democratic President Barack Obama.

The meeting will also feature local legislators who will be given the opportunity to speak on the current legislative session in Montgomery; attendees will be encouraged to ask questions about any current legislative topics.

For more information on the Cullman County Republican Party or the monthly breakfast program, visit http://www.cullmangop.com/.

The Cullman Elks Lodge is located at 1525 Brantley Ave. NW.

Secretary of State Releases Details on SEC Primary Election Night Reporting

Office of Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill

MONTGOMERY – On March 1, the Office of the Secretary of State John Merrill will conduct a project to collect and report results for the state's Primary Election. The election night results will be reported to the Secretary of State's website at http://www.alabamavotes.gov/.

After the polls have closed on Tuesday at 7 p.m., the first results will be electronically transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State and streamed to the website. Polls do not close until 7 p.m. CST, and election results will be displayed and updated as precincts begin to report. This will include, but is not limited to, presidential primary results, federal, state and local elections, as well as all amendments.

"For the first time in the history of our state, all 67 counties have committed to participate in our election night reporting," said Merrill. "We want everyone who is interested, including media outlets, citizens and elected officials, to have the opportunity to view the results of the SEC Primary in real time. This will be a great resource for our citizens by ensuring the information is readily

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WELFARE CHECKUP LEADS TO SEX OFFENDER ARREST

Bradley Williams
CCSO

BERLIN – On Friday, Feb. 18, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) arrested Nathaniel Scott Pilgrim, 24, of Berlin, a registered sex offender, for chemical endangerment of a child and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

The arrest took place in Berlin after a welfare check on the safety of a minor child was requested by the Department of Human Resources (DHR). Once establishing probable cause to search the home, CCSO deputies discovered a spent meth lab and classic drug paraphernalia items. The Cullman Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET) arrived and assisted in the disposal of the spent meth lab. "Most importantly I am glad deputies were able to get the child out that environment. A child being around a spent meth lab and a sex offender is a very bad combination," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "Again, I am very glad of the job the deputies did in arresting this guy and more importantly getting the child away from that environment."

Pilgrim is currently being held at the Cullman County Detention Center on no bond.



Nathaniel Scott Pilgrim CCSO

CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD, MONTGOMERY NEW ASSISTANT CHIEF OF CPD

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CULLMAN – The Cullman City Council met Monday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m., and Craig Montgomery, a 23-year veteran with the Cullman Police Department, was named Assistant Chief of Police, filling the vacancy left by Craig Green who recently retired. Many members of the CPD were in attendance in support of Montgomery.

Susan Sisk was commended for her five years of service with the CPD as a dispatcher.

"Dispatch is one of the hardest jobs in this city. They do not receive the recognition and thanks that they deserve," noted CPD Chief Kenny Culpepper.

Also recognized was Patrol Sgt. Todd Craig, for his fifteen years of service with the department.

A $240,000 request from Water Superintendent Chris Freeman for a new directional drill, its training, and accessories was approved.

Additionally, Resolution No. 2016 – 49 carried, entering the city into a contractual relationship with Retail Strategies, LLC for recruitment of new retailers. The company is responsible for the previous recruitment of Dick's Sporting Goods, Buffalo Wild Wings, Publix and several other retailers. The contract totals $34,750.

The city entered into another contract with the approval of Resolution No. 2016 – 50. Under the contract, St. John & Associates, Inc. will provide a sewer evaluation study for $98,280.

Resolution No. 2016 – 51 was added and approved to begin repair on Larkwood Bridge as soon as FEMA approves and water levels lower making the repair work possible. The bridge has been closed since the Christmas Day flooding.

Resolution No. 2016 – 52, entering into contract with Latham and Associates, for $53,200 for professional engineering services for the street department facility, was approved.

All members were in attendance.

HANCEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETS THURSDAY NIGHT; CRIME, AIREVAC AMONG TOPICS

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HANCEVILLE – The City of Hanceville City Council came together for their twice monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb 25 at 7 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall.

The meeting was called to order and Councilman Jimmy Sawyer led those in attendance in prayer before the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those present included city council members Greg Baker, Jimmy Sawyer, Doug Batemon and Charles Wilson. Mayor Kenneth Nail and Councilwoman Kim Brown were absent.

During new business, the invoicing of Shoals Electric Co, Inc., which was responsible for replacing the traffic light at Highway 31 and Commercial Street for the sum of $25,750 was approved. $24,575 will be reimbursed by the insurance company of the responsible party in the traffic accident which caused the damage.

No old business nor public comments were presented.

The bank accounts balance sheet was accepted.

Councilman Charles Wilson noted the influx of people to Hanceville over the past week because of the AHSAA Northwest Regional Basketball Tournament held at Wallace State Community College, which "was good for revenue."

Hanceville Police Chief Bob Long reported 15 felonies, 26 misdemeanors, 3 accidents and 19 people arrested with warrants, with total arrests numbering 48. Of note was the recent arrest made in heroin trafficking in the city. Long said he expects another distribution arrest soon.

Long clarified that the recently obtained mine-resistant ambush protected vehicle (MRAP) has no weapons on it, stating, "It is not an assault vehicle. It is a rescue type vehicle."

A wrecked patrol vehicle will be replaced and a car camera system will be ordered within the next week for the replacement vehicle. At that time, Long reports, "All of our patrol cars that are on patrol on a regular basis will then have a car camera system in them."

Hanceville Fire Chief Rodger Green reported his department has received 64 calls total this month so far. The fire department and AirEvac have started to share space as a part of the agreement for the city to provide AirEvac services to all of its citizens. Additionally, 10 sets of turnout gear arrived today which were purchased with the help of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

The council approved the Feb. 11 regular council meeting minutes.

The council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for March 10. The work session will begin thirty minutes prior at 6:30 p.m.

Find the City of Hanceville online at http://www.cityofhanceville.net/ and https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Hanceville-Alabama-289040293781.

COMMISSION MEETING HELD; NEW BUSINESSES IN BAILEYTON AND DODGE CITY

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Commission meeting, held Feb. 23, was thorough and efficient with Kerry Watson, Place 1, Garry Marchman, Place 2 and Chairman Kenneth Walker in attendance. All thirteen items of new business were discussed, voted on and passed.

The commission approved the negotiation of a contract with an employee assistance program provider, Birmingham's American Behavioral, for approximately $9,000 per year. The $1.65 cost per county employee will also cover their eligible dependents according to Judy Bradford, the county's human resources specialist. EAPs help individuals and families with various issues which may negatively impact their work performance.

Bradford's department, along with County Attorney Chad Floyd, has also worked for the past several years updating the Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook. The commission adopted the revision which will replace the 2010 printed version.

Tax abatements were confirmed for new businesses in both Baileyton and Dodge City. QHA Metal Products, located in Baileyton, is expected to employ 10 residents and received a $200,000 abatement for equipment. Baileyton Mayor Johnny Dyer encouraged everyone to attend their next council meeting on Monday, March 1 at 7 pm.

Jenkins & Jenkins, LLC opened approximately 10 months ago in Dodge City, providing 10 jobs initially. The business has already grown to the point of expansion and received $600,000 total in tax abatements, $250,000 for machinery and personal property and $350,000 for a new and existing building.

Lea Scott was reappointed to the Library Board of Trustees with the new term expiring on Sep. 30, 2019 and Dewayne Goodwin, current chairman of the E-911 Board of Commissioners, was reappointed with his new term ending Sep. 1, 2019.

The commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month with the next meeting scheduled for March 8 at 10 a.m. with the work session, which is open to the public as well, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The meetings are held on the first floor of the courthouse in the commission conference room for the work session and commission meeting room for the 10 a.m. meeting.

Don't forget to vote in the March 1 primary election, where there are three candidates running for the position of Chairman of the Cullman County Commission. Incumbent Kenneth Walker faces challengers Darrell Hicks and Eric L. Parker.

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HILLARY CLINTON TO MAKE CAMPAIGN STOP IN ALABAMA

Office of Alabama Secretary of State John H. Merrill

MONTGOMERY – Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill confirmed this morning that Hillary Clinton will make a campaign stop in Alabama. On Saturday, Feb. 27, Clinton is scheduled to hold a "Get Out the Vote" rally in Birmingham, on the campus of Miles College, in the school's gymnasium. The event is scheduled to begin at 12:45 p.m. with doors opening at 11:15 a.m.

Members of the public who are interested in attending can find more information here: https://www.hillaryclinton.com/events/view/1921466/

"We are excited to have Secretary Clinton back in our state, and we want to welcome her!" said Merrill.

"I am thrilled with how the SEC primary has developed and what it means for our people to have personal interaction with these candidates. With the Alabama primary being a less than week away, it is a very exciting time for our people to have the opportunity to speak with presidential candidates. Thanks to the assistance and full support of the Alabama legislature, one of the most significant things we have done in the Secretary of State's Office is change the primary date to March 1. As secretary of state, I will continue to position Alabama and the South as a place where presidential candidates are willing to make an effort to visit and meet our remarkable people."

Media interested in credentials for this event should RSVP at the link above by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26.

For more information on meeting the candidates, please contact the Office of the Secretary of State at 334-242-7200. This communication is not an endorsement of any particular candidate or political party but an effort to encourage voter participation and registration, as well as participation in the SEC primary, which will be held on March 1, 2016.

For more information, visit Secretary of State John H. Merrill's http://www.sos.alabama.gov.



Hillary Clinton CONTRIBUTED

ADOL Releases More than $85 Million in Tax Credits to Employers

Tara Hutchison
Alabama Department of Labor

MONTGOMERY – Alabama Department of Labor Commissioner Fitzgerald Washington announced today that nearly 33,000 Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) certifications, representing a potential $85,932,400 in tax credits, were released in January by the Department to participating employers due to Congressional re-authorization of the WOTC program.

The WOTC program is a federally-funded program that provides incentives to businesses to hire individuals who have historically faced barriers to employment. Examples of WOTC eligible employees include: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipients, Food Stamp recipients, youth, ex-felons, Supplemental Security Income recipients, veterans and those with disabilities, among others.

"These tax credits not only provide employers with an incentive to fill their open positions, but they also provide those who have struggled with finding gainful employment an opportunity to be productive citizens and care for their families," said Washington.

"Additionally, these credits mean that $85 million dollars is now circulating in Alabama's economy, allowing for additional hiring and the purchase of goods and services."

Approximately $112 million was released for the whole of 2015, putting 2016 on track to be a banner year for WOTC tax credits.

Additional information regarding the WOTC program is available at http://labor.alabama.gov/wotc/default.aspx.





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NO. 12 WSCC SOFTBALL HAS PERFECT WEEKEND IN GULF SHORES; WSCC BASEBALL WINS THREE GAMES IN MISSISSIPPI



WSCC

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State's 12th-ranked softball team was perfect at the Sun Chief Classic tournament over the weekend, reeling off five victories in Gulf Shores.

The Lady Lions (13-15) collected wins over Georgia Highlands, Walters State, Baton Rouge Community College, 8th-ranked Chattanooga State and Pearl River Community College, extending their winning streak to seven games.

Wallace State sophomore third baseman Katie Parr has the early conference lead in home runs (6) after she finished with four homers, nine RBIs and eight runs scored in Gulf Shores.

In a 12-2 victory over Baton Rouge, Parr, a Hayden graduate, went 3 for 4 with three homers and six RBIs. She also homered against Pearl River.

Freshman Taylor Beshears went 8 for 20 in the tournament for the Lady Lions, raising her team-leading batting average to .391.

She had four doubles, five RBIs and scored four runs.

Amber Hammonds had a hit in each game for Wallace State, scoring six runs, swiping five bases and finishing with four RBIs, sophomore Jennifer Gonzalez had five hits and scored seven runs and Shelby Brown finished with five hits, including a homer, against Georgia Highlands.

Freshman righty Brittany Ledbetter (4-2) was impressive on the mound for the Lions, tossing a pair of complete games. She went the distance against Walters State, recording 10 strikeouts and scattering one earned run on five hits.

She followed it with a complete-game effort against the nationally-ranked Tigers, striking out three and allowing three runs.

Ledbetter also notched a save in the 5-2 victory over Georgia Highlands with two scoreless innings.

Wallace State's Savannah Bolton, a freshman from Danville, was the winning pitcher against Georgia Highlands, and Jessie Butler earned the win against Pearl River.

Wallace State softball is the defending Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) champion and has won nine league titles overall.

The Lady Lions are back in action Thursday as they travel to Columbia State for a doubleheader.

Wallace State baseball wins three games in East Mississippi Tournament

Wallace State's baseball team also had a successful weekend, winning three of four games at the East Central Mississippi Tournament in Scooba, Mississippi.

Sophomore outfielder Turner Vincent cranked a walk-off two-run homer in a 5-3 victory over Faulkner State on Saturday, capping consecutive wins against the Sun Chiefs.

Wallace State (7-6) lost to Southeastern (Iowa) Community College, 4-3, in its tournament opener.

Freshman Brad Norman went 3 for 4 with an RBI for Wallace State, Andrew Plunkett had a pair of hits, including a double and a run scored, and Cole Collins was 2 for 3 with a stolen base.

Gerrio Rahming added a run-scoring double for the Lions and Kris Franklin had a double.

Garrett Suchey started for the Lions, and Jansen Acton pitched three scoreless innings out of the bullpen.

Wallace State strung together three straight wins to close the weekend, beating Faulkner State 9-1 and 5-3, and Baton Rouge Community College, 9-5.

Four Wallace State players tallied multi-hit games in the 9-1 victory over the Sun Chiefs.

Lance Cleveland went 3 for 4 with a run scored, Rahming finished 3 for 4 with a pair of doubles, a triple, two RBIs and two runs scored, Plunkett had two hits, including a two-run bomb, and Vincent went 2 for 2 with two RBIs, two runs scored and a stolen base.

Braxton Light, a freshman from Southside-Gadsden, earned his first collegiate win with five dominant innings.

He recorded 11 strikeouts and allowed only one run on one hit. Blake Schilleci hurled two scoreless innings, striking out four.

Vincent's walk-off homer lifted the Lions in its Saturday opener, and they added a 9-5 victory over Baton Rouge CC.

Wallace State travels to Faulkner State on Friday for a doubleheader.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit http://athletics.wallacestate.edu.

COUNTY SPORTS SCHEDULE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 29

MONDAY
Baseball
Hanceville at Hayden 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Vinemont at West Point 6 p.m.
Good Hope at Fairview 6:30 p.m.

Softball
Good Hope at Hayden 4:30
West Point vs Danville 4:30

Soccer
West Point at Priceville 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Fairview vs Brewer 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

TUESDAY
Baseball
Cullman vs Pelham 4:30 p.m.
Hanceville vs Hayden 4:30 p.m.
Fairview at Oneonta 4:30 p.m.

Softball
Cullman at Corner 5:30 p.m.
Vinemont vs Cold Springs 4 p.m.
Huntsville vs Southeastern 4:30 p.m.
Good Hope vs Cordova 5 p.m.

Soccer
Cullman vs Hoover 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m

THURSDAY
Baseball
West Point vs Priceville 6:30 p.m.

Softball
Hanceville at Cleveland 4:30 p.m.
Good Hope at West Point 4 p.m.

Soccer
Cullman vs Brewer 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
West Point vs Danville 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Fairview at JB Pennington
5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

FRIDAY
Baseball
Cullman vs Smiths Station 6:30 p.m.
Huntsville at Good Hope 2 p.m.
Vinemont at Holly Pond 4 p.m.
Fairview at Cold Springs 6 p.m.

Softball
Vinemont vs Cleveland 4:30 p.m.

Soccer
Fairview vs Oneonta 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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PREP BASKETBALL SCORING WRAP-UP

THURSDAY
Softball
Good Hope 3, West Point 2

Soccer
Danville 7, West Point 0 (girls)
Danville 5, West Point 1 (boys)

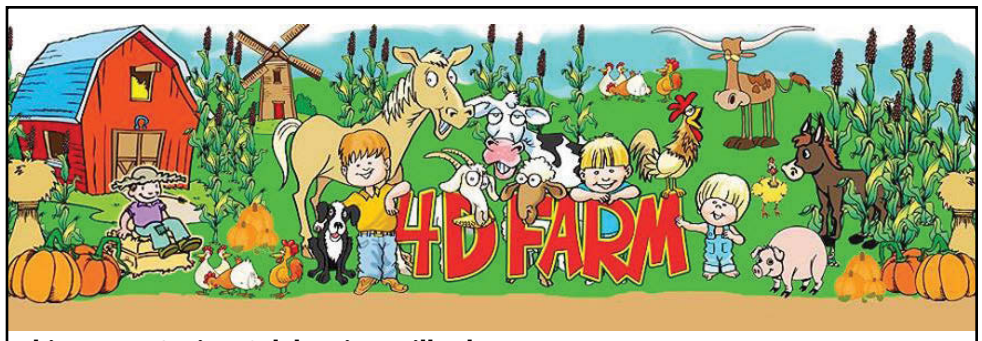
FRIDAY
Baseball
Cullman 4, Thompson 0

Softball
Hanceville 1, Fairview 0
Hayden 10, Good Hope 0

Soccer
Cullman 4, Randolph 0
Cullman 7, Westminster Christian 0

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4D FAMILY FARM

This year's Spring Celebration will take place March 25-26 and April 2.

ANNUAL 4D FAMILY FARM SPRING CELEBRATION

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CULLMAN – On Friday and Saturday, March 25-26 and Saturday, April 2, 4D Family Farm will open to the public for its Spring Celebration for the fourth year in a row.

The celebration, which will be from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. all three days, will include a 250-foot zip-line, a two-story play barn, an 80-foot slide and a huge jumping pillow. The Easter Bunny will be at the farm and there will be egg hunts on March 25-26.

The cost of admission to the event is $8 per person, including tax.

"It is very much so a bargain considering all the activities we have," Owner Beth Daniel said.

The farm is only open twice a year to the public: during the month of October for fall activities, and a few select days each spring.

"We were open much more last year during the spring, but we found that business was very slow with no particular events or anything going on," Daniel said.

The egg hunt, a staple of the Easter season, will be run differently this year than in years past.

"We would fill the plastic eggs with candy in the past," Daniel said, "but some kids would end up with 20 eggs and some would only have three or four. So we decided that we want all the kids to find about 11 eggs, and then everyone gets a treat bag at the end."

Kids 12 and under will be allowed to participate in the egg hunt, but Daniel said that really, it is for kids 10 and under.

The egg hunt will be held on both March 25 and 26.

Easter Bunny visits and egg hunts will only be taking place the weekend of Easter (March 25-26), but all other spring farm favorites will be available on April 2.

When asked how many people she expected to attend this year's Spring Celebration, Daniel said she really does not like to count heads and keep numbers.

"Each person who comes is a blessing and we're glad to have them," she said.

The 4D Family Farm is located at 7182 County Road 703 in Cullman. 718

For more information, visit http://www.4dfamilyfarm.com/ or https://www.facebook.com/4DFarm.

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FAIRVIEW FAIR QUEEN REP. PAGEANT NEARS

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FAIRVIEW – On Friday, March 11 at 6 p.m. the Fairview High School Fair Queen Representative Pageant will be held in the Fairview High School auditorium.

The pageant will be the precursor to the Miss Fairala Pageant, which will be held the following day on Saturday, March 12 at 6 p.m.

According to Whitney Haynes of Fairview High School, girls in grades 9-12 are eligible to participate in the Miss Fairala pageant.

Girls in the 11th grade may participate in the Fairview Fair Queen Pageant on the previous day, the winner of which will represent Fairview in the Cullman County Fair Queen Pageant in the fall.

The Fairview Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) sponsors the pageants and all proceeds go to benefit chapter projects and activities.



Back row: Mckenna Chambers, Rebecca Overton, August Stancil Front row: Grace Martin, Morgan Wilson FHS

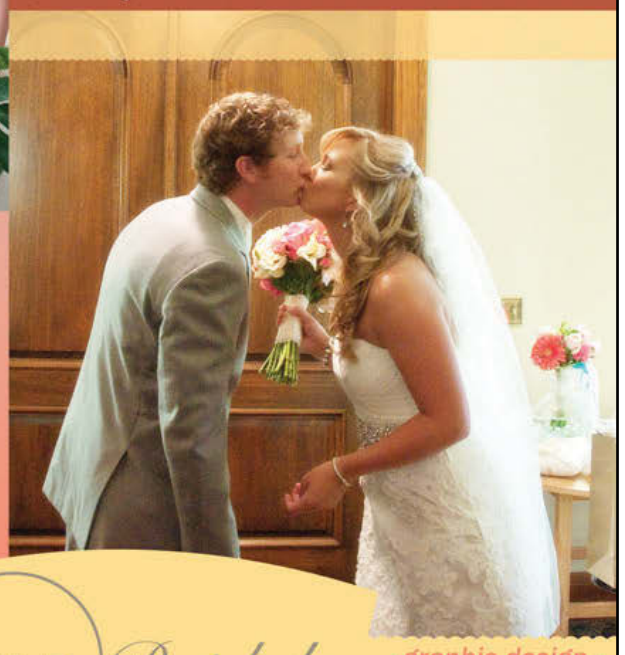
Admission to the 2016 Fairview High School Fair Queen Representative Pageant is $5 at the door.

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CULLMAN - Before making it through the door of a welcoming home on Thursday night in Cullman, the air was filled with the sound of laughter and joy. As the door opened, greetings were called out by a chorus of voices.

"Hey sweetie!"

"Where's my hug?"

"Did you find us okay?"

Bread, in the form of pizza, chips and dip, was broken. Encouragement, love and friendship were the business at hand.

Sitting alone in the corner is not an option with The Sisterhood, one of 120 small groups offered through Desperation Church this semester.

Ashley Wilson, one of the leaders of The Sisterhood described her first small group meeting.

"My friend made me come to my first small group. She texted me three days beforehand to remind me and then again the day before. I was afraid she would come after me if I didn't go," she laughed.

In a church that sees over 2,000 people worshipping over two campuses every Sunday morning, it would be easy to feel lost in a sea of strange, new faces. Small groups are Desperation Church's answer to that possible intimidation.

Linda Stone, Desperation Church's small groups administrator, shared, "Small groups are important for learning and growing, but at Desperation Church, small groups are also designed to help us care for one another. As our church grows larger, we must remain small at the same time."

The Sisterhood's mission is to provide "an encouraging atmosphere where women can meet, hang out and face the world's problems together."

Their goals are simple. They want to encourage each other and build authentic friendships. Their laughter and joy are genuine.Saige Smith is proud that the ladies "celebrate each other's successes," a sentiment shared by the other group members.

"I think The Sisterhood is where I found my friends at. These friendships are the grown-up relationships that I have now. I love that we've committed to build relationships without cutting each other down or talking behind each other's back. We are girls who are committed to loving and helping each other," explained Wilson.



The Sisterhood meets on Thursday nights at different members' homes.

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Sisterhood member Katie Dansby reported, "The Sisterhood is the door that opened me up to my walk with Christ. It was the door that got me there. I would not be here without my small group. I know it was God's plan to give me this beginning."

New to the group is McKenzie Jacobsen who, when asked what led her to The Sisterhood, replied, "My friend. She comes to this group, and I want more girlfriends who I can actually connect with, hang out with and talk to about stuff that really matters."

Jacobsen's best friend, Jessica Watson, laughed and said, "I told her that I was signing up for this small group and she was coming with me!"

"For those who are plugged into small groups, they are given a support system so they never have to be in the hospital or funeral home, or at a graduation service or wedding ceremony alone! In your small group you are surrounded by a group of people who help you avoid crisis or provide spiritual and emotional support when you are going through it," said Stone.

For more information about The Sisterhood or any other small groups at Desperation Church, including times and locations, visit http://www.desperationchurch.tv/smallgroups/.

Desperation Church has two campuses. In Cullman, at 202 Elizabeth St. NE, and in Jasper, at 204 19th St. E #100.

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Monday

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Kiwanis Club
The Cullman Kiwanis Club invites all local men and women who are interested in taking part in community service along with great fellowship, fun, networking, and learning to attend their weekly meeting at noon each Monday at St. John's Church Christ Hall. Come see what Kiwanis is all about and enjoy a great luncheon meal as well.

Domestic Violence Survivors' Support Group
Victim Services of Cullman's Domestic Violence Survivors' Support Group meets every Monday from 5-7 p.m. at the old County Board of Education Building (310 Third Ave. SE) Childcare is available. Call 256-775-2600 for more information. Crisis Line: 256-734-6100.

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Free English Classes
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Tuesday

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE
Alabama will be joining six other southern states on Tuesday, March 1 in what's being called the "SEC primaries." While the presidential primary has been the hot topic, Cullman residents have many decisions to make in state and local office races as well. For more information, visit http://qrne.ws/vote.

Fairview Town Council Meeting
6 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall, 7525 AL Highway 69 N

Swamp John's Dinner at East Elementary School
Tickets are $12 each. Money goes to the sixth-grade trip to Washington, D.C. in May. Pick up dinner from 4-7 p.m. at the school; to-go plates only, choice of fish, shrimp or chicken.

WSCC Pacific Northwest Trip- Informational Meeting
Tour the Pacific Northwest. The Wallace State Community College Alumni Association is now taking reservations for an eight-day, seven-night trip that begins June 17 in Portland, Oregon and ends in San Francisco, California on June 24. The Alumni Association will hold an informational meeting about this and the other trips planned for 2016 on Tuesday, March 1, at 5:30 p.m., on the 2nd floor of the James C. Bailey Center. Anyone who registers for a trip during the meeting will be entered into a drawing to win $200 to go toward the deposit of a trip.

Dodge City Senior Citizen Luncheon
Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Come enjoy fun, food and games at Dodge City Town Hall.

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Board Games at the Library
Each Tuesday the Cullman County Public Library will host a gaming program from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. A variety of board games, cards and dominoes are available for play at the library for teens and adults.

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Cullman Knifty Knitters
Members of the Cullman Knifty Knitters group meet each Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Cullman County Library. Everyone is invited to 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 are also invited to take part in these weekly meetings. Please call Lesia for more information at 256-734-2720 ext. 23.

Ladies' Auxiliary VFW Dance at Post 2214
The Ladies' Auxiliary of VFW Post 2214 invites the community to their weekly Tuesday night dances at the VFW Post building. The country line dance starts at 7:00 pm each Tuesday night, with admission of only $5 per person. Concessions are available, and all proceeds benefit the Auxiliary's local projects.

Special Needs Bowling Night
Individuals with special needs and their families are invited to the Cullman Area Special Needs Bowling Nights, every Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at the Cullman Bowling Center. Please RSVP before 12 noon the days of the events. The charge is $3 per person. For more information, contact Rhonda at 256-962-2208.

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Celebrate Recovery
Meets at Holly Pond Methodist Church on Tuesday nights. Free meal at 6 p.m. Program starts at 6:30 p.m. Two court stamps available. Open to everyone with a Hurt, Habit or Hang-up. 37851 AL Highway 91 in Holly Pond.

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Wednesday

Good Hope Senior Center Meeting
Seniors meet every Wednesday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Pot Luck Lunch at 11 a.m., games, crafts, special speakers and more Contact Gene Bradford at 256-636-2100 or Jackie Gentry at 256-739-0403.

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Saint Monica's Group
Saint Monica's Group is for those who are addicted to drugs or alcohol. The meetings begin at 7 p.m. each week in the Rectory basement of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. For more information, please contact either Brian at 256-595-5015 or Rita at 256-507-0358.

Wednesday Lunch Buffet at TP Country Club
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Divorce Care Support Group
The Link of Cullman County, 6 p.m. Call Denise at 256-590-3719 for more information.

Thursday

Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Gala
March 3 at Stone Bridge Farms, Brown Stone Centre, 6-10 p.m. The theme this year is "Great Leaders Serve." Peter Good, who trains owners and managers of Chick-fil-A will be guest speaker. The After Party will feature "The Cigar Room" and "The Lotus Club." The Emily Joseph Band will provide the entertainment. The Gala's theme this year will be focused around the popular British drama series, "Downton Abbey." Dress to coordinate with the theme - you might win a contest! General Admission tickets are available NOW - call 256-734-0454 or email Debbie Matthews at dmatthews@cullmanchamber.org.

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Friday

Huge Rummage Sale
Sponsored by Cullman First United Methodist Church's United Methodist Women on Friday, March 4 from 7 a.m.- 2 p.m. and Saturday, March 5 from 8 a.m.-noon. Sale will be held in the church gym. Park in back of the church. Church address is 320 Third St. SE. Proceeds benefit many local agencies in Cullman County. Contact Beth Montgomery at 256-747-6438 for more information.

West Point Band Booster 33rd Annual IPRA/ SPRA Stars and Stripes Rodeo
Hope to see everyone at this year's 33rd Annual RAM IPRA/SPRA Stars and Stripes Rodeo! Friday night is School Spirit and Band Appreciation Night. Saturday night is Scout and Military Appreciation Night. We will crown our 2016 Rodeo Queens on Saturday Night. Fun for all - you won't want to miss a thing! Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center, 17645 U.S. Highway 31 N. Doors open at 5 p.m., rodeo starts at 8 p.m.

Lenten Fish Fry Supper
Cullman Knights of Columbus will sponsor Lenten Fish Fry Suppers each Friday leading up to Easter. To be held in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Family Life Center, the supper, either eat-in or take-out, will run from 5-6:45 p.m., leading up to weekly Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. in the church. Meals are $8 a plate or a family can eat for $25. Baked or fried fish with traditional accompaniments will be served, with all proceeds used for the Knights of Columbus church and community projects. All are welcome to attend the dinners. For more information, call Barbara G. Ragsdale at 256-347-3471.

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Cullman Senior Center Gospel Singing
The Cullman Senior Center will have a Gospel Singing beginning at 9:30 a.m. every Friday. Special guests share devotions at 10:30 a.m. A hot meal is served at 11:30 a.m. daily. For more information, call 256-734-0145. The Cullman Senior Center is located at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW.

Friday Night Dance at the VFW
Cullman's VFW Post 2214 invites everyone to their weekly Friday night dances at the VFW Hall from 7-10 p.m. The cost is $5 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.

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Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday at the Red Door Café
8 a.m.-1 p.m. A portion of every Green Eggs and Ham breakfast sold will go to Cullman's Good Samaritan Clinic. For more info, call 256-734-0599.

Mothers Helping Mothers MHM Community 2016 Expo
Will be at the old Abundant Grace Church (the new The Link of Cullman County building), 708 Ninth St. SE, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE admission! Everyone welcome! 40+ vendors and crafters! Register for door prizes, you do not have to be present to win! For more information, contact Tiffiney Crawford at 256-337-5865.

Farm Kids Club: Natural Egg Dying at the North Alabama Agriplex
Our Farm Kids Club: Natural Egg Dying is Saturday, March 5. To register, visit http://qrne.ws/fkc. Please complete one form for each child for each date. We will email you to confirm your registration. Programs are Saturdays 9-10:30 a.m. Programs are designed for ages 5 - 12.

Cullman Co. Republican Party Monthly Breakfast Meeting- Featuring AL AG Luther Strange
Republican Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange will be the featured speaker at the March breakfast meeting of the Cullman County Republican Party. The meeting will take place on Saturday, March 5, at the Cullman Elks Lodge. The general public is encouraged to attend. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the meeting following at 8:15 a.m. Breakfast will cost $10; there will be no charge to attend the meeting. The meeting will also feature local legislators who will be given the opportunity to speak on the current legislative session in Montgomery; attendees will be encouraged to ask questions about any current legislative topics. For more information on the Cullman County Republican Party or the monthly breakfast program, visit http://www.cullmangop.com/.

Lions Club Annual Fish and Ham Dinner
Fish and Ham Dinner fundraiser Saturday, March 5 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Cullman Middle School cafeteria. Eat in or carry out, drive-thru available on north side. $10 per plate. Purchase tickets from any Lions Club member or from Rennards Gallery, The Brandin' Iron, Peek Auto Parts, Ponder Wrecker Service, Business Solutions of Cullman, Ed White Jewelers, Doug Doggett Jewelers, Cullman Veterinary Hospital or East Side Barber Shop.

War Recovery
From 1-2 p.m. at Redemption Assembly of God. 516 Shaeffel Rd. Cullman. We have court refer. in Cullman Co. Call Susan, 256-620-6966 for more info.

Saving Forgotten Warriors
Organization helps area disabled Marine and Vietnam veteran Cpl. Kenneth Beasley and other area veterans in need. Clean-up days for Cpl. Beasley are each Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Beasley's home at 185 Co. Road 823. Volunteers are needed and donations are accepted. See Facebook page "Saving Forgotten Warriors" for more info or call Jeremy (352-440-4076), Tammy (256-286-3136) or Josh (256-615-5263).

Saturday Night Dance at the VFW
Cullman's VFW Post 2214 invites everyone to their weekly Saturday night dances which begin at 7 p.m. and last until 10 p.m. The Boogie Night Band provides music on Saturday nights. Entrance fee is $5 for each individual. Come on out and bring your dancing shoes and enjoy an evening of great music, fun and fellowship!

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Bob's Grief Support Group
On the last Thursday of each month, Bob's Grief Support Group meets at the Chapel at Smith Lake Park. For more information, please call 256-595-7331.

Relay For Life of Cullman County: 2016 Calendar Announcements
• Relay For Life Team Spirit Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 10, First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall; contact Helen Allen, 256-709-4019; www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal
• Relay For Life Team Spirit Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 7, First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall; contact Helen Allen, 256-709-4019; www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal
• Relay For Life Team Spirit Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 28, First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall; contact Helen Allen, 256-709-4019; www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal
• Relay For Life Survivors' Breakfast, 7 a.m., Wednesday, May 4, Cullman Church of Christ; contact Helen Allen, 256-709-4019; www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal
• Relay For Life of Cullman County, 6 p.m.-midnight, Friday, May 6, Cullman County Fairgrounds; contact Helen Allen, 256-709-4019; www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal

Project Closet
At Longview Church of God, on the second Wednesday of each month from noon - 6 p.m., the public is welcome to come and shop for clothes at no charge. Donations of clothing are accepted, and shoppers can swap donations for any clothing in the closet. Call 256-734-2566 for more information.

Cullman Senior Center Creating Cookbook
Cookbook will be created this summer. The center is asking for seniors age 60 and older to submit their favorite recipes. You can also submit a recipe in memory of a loved one. Mail recipes to: Cullman Senior Center, 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman, AL 35055. Please include your name and phone number.

Food Assistance
Every second Saturday at Harmony Word of Life Church. NEW HOURS: 1 - 3 p.m. Take Highway 157 to Battleground, turn right onto County Road 1212, go half mile to County Road 1204, turn left and drive a half mile. 256-739-2956.

Cullman Parks & Rec Community Classes at the Cullman Civic Center
Yoga- Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Ballroom, Latin and Swing Dancing - Thursdays, $10 per class; Oil Painting and Acrylics - Mondays from 6:30 - 9 p.m.; Nia Dance Fitness / Ageless Grace - Tuesdays at 9 a.m.; Rock Climbing (at Hurricane Creek Park) - Saturdays at 10 a.m., $25, call to register at 256-734-2125; Wilderness Survival Course - Sundays with reservation, call to register at 256-734-2125. For more information, contact Waid Harbison at 256-734-9157.

Free GED Classes
Sponsored by Wallace State Community College Adult Education Program. Call 256-352-8077 or 1-866-352-WSCC for more information.

Clothes Closet
Addington Chapel UMC in Bremen has clothes available free to those in need. No qualifications or paperwork needed. Call 256-287-1791 or 256-287-1828

Renew Our Rivers Lake Cleanup
Friday, March 25, 8 a.m. - noon; Smith Lake, sites to be determined. Contact Eddie Hand at 256- 287-1545.

YPCullman (Young Professionals Cullman)
March 17, Karma's Coffee House at 6 p.m. YPCullman is an outlet for the next generation of leaders to channel their energy and enhance their leadership potential. This new program is designed for young professionals, ages 22-39. Over time, we envision YPCullman members to take strides in several facets of the Cullman area, including but not limited to: community awareness and concern, committee involvement, entrepreneurial roundtables, and eventually leadership roles. Employers please send this to your employees ages 22-39! If you would like to sign up, email mbartlett@cullmanchamber.org.

Masonics of Cullman County Meetings
Held at 7 p.m. at the following locations: Baileyton 472 (first and third Thursday, call 256-796-6611); Cullman 421 (Mondays, call 256-734-1231); Logan 500 (second and fourth Tuesday, call 256-747-4243 or 256-747-2908); Simcoe 854 (second and fourth Thursday, call 256-796-5794 or 256-796-5018); Vinemont 562 (first and third Thursday, call 256-796-7244).

Cullman County Commission Meetings
The Cullman County Commission meets every second and fourth Tuesday, except in cases where the meeting date falls on a holiday, in which case the meeting is moved to the following day. Meetings are scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Commission office conference room, first floor, Cullman County Courthouse, unless otherwise specified.

Cullman County Community Development Commission Meeting
The Cullman County Community Development Commission (CCCDC) will meet on April 7 at 6 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex,1714 Tally Ho Street SW.

Camp Seale Harris Cullman Spring Family Fun Day
An event for children with diabetes and their families, Camp Seale Harris Cullman Spring Family Fun Day will be held on March 13 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center. The event is sponsored by the Cullman Community Lions Club and is FREE. Register by March 10. Contact info@southeasterndiabetes.org.

2016 Strawberry Festival
May 6-7, 2016, at the Festhalle Farmer's Market and Depot Park, a host of local farmers will offer strawberries to purchase both days of the event. Strawberry-themed foods, ice cream, drinks and more will also be a part of the festival. Huge lineup of music to be announced on April 1, free kids' games and rides, dozens of craft vendors and a car show. Food trucks will also be on-site both days. The event will kick off during the day Friday with Senior Day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; the festival will run from 4-10 p.m. on Friday, and 8 a.m.-10 p.m. on Saturday. For more information on CP&R's 2016 Strawberry Festival, visit www.cullmanrecreation.org or call 256-734-9157.

2016 Fairview High School Fair Queen Pageant
Friday, March 11, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the FHS auditorium. Admission is $5 at the door. The pageant is sponsored by Fairview High School FCCLA and all proceeds will go towards club projects and activities.

Southern Rock Racing Series
On Friday and Saturday, March 11-12, the first race in the Southern Rock Racing Series will be held at Cullman's Stony Lonesome OHV Park. The SRRS will hold its event at Stony Lonesome for the first time, in what will be called the Southern Points Race. According to the SRRS, the sport of recreational rock crawling and hill climbing has evolved quickly in the southeast into what is being called "rock bouncing." High-horsepower buggies are built to launch up insane climbs, and fast. The event will kick off on Friday, March 11 at about 3 p.m. For more info, visit http://qrne.ws/ohv.

"American Made Movie" at WSCC's Evelyn Burrow Museum
"American Made Movie," the next free movie on the Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers, will be screened on March 10 at 6 p.m. at the Evelyn Burrow Museum. The film looks back on the glory days of manufacturing in the United States, when there was a more balanced relationship between the goods produced and consumed, and illustrates how technology and globalization have changed the competitive landscape for companies doing business in America and overseas. Admission is free. For more information, visit http://www.burrowmuseum.org/ or call 256-352-8457.

Military Order of the Purple Heart
Chapter 2212 meets the third Thursday of each month at Ryan's Restaurant in Cullman. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting to follow. Contact Joey D'Andrea for more info. 256-734-4733

St. Bernard Preparatory School Open House
Friday, March 11 at 8 a.m. Families will have an opportunity to see a day of instruction in progress and experience the life at St. Bernard Prep. St. Bernard is a coed college prep Catholic boarding and day school for students in grades 7-12. To register, call 256-739-6682.

Cullman Pilot Club Spring 2016 Charity Fundraiser
The Pilot Club of Cullman will host its spring 2016 charity fundraiser, Professional Women's Fashion Show and Luncheon: "Dancing in the Street," on Wednesday, April 27 at the Cullman Civic Center. The event will be "a way of celebrating Administrative Professional's Day." Doors will open at 11 a.m. so attendees can shop the booths set up by area businesses. Boxed lunches provided by Sweet Peppers Deli will be served at 11:30 a.m., with a fashion show beginning soon thereafter. Door prizes will be given away during the show. Tickets for the event are $20 and can be purchased at the Cullman County Museum or the Cullman Civic Center.
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The Link of Cullman County's GROW 2016
The Link of Cullman County's annual event and auction, GROW 2016, will take place on Tuesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. at Loft 212, located at 212 Fourth St. SW. Doors will open and the silent auction will begin at 5 p.m., with dinner following at 6 p.m. Shane Quick, of Premier Productions and founder of Rock the South, will be the night's guest speaker. Tickets are $25 per person. Tickets can be purchased online at https://goo.gl/Lgb9iY. For more information about the event, call 256-775-0028 or email info@linkingcullman.org.

Walk MS: Cullman
March 19 at 9 a.m. at Heritage Park. Walk MS: Cullman: Ending multiple sclerosis for good will take all of us. It's why Walk MS matters so much. And it's why you matter so much. Walk MS helps us team up with friends, loved ones and co-workers to change the world for everyone affected by MS. Together, we become a powerful force. And with every step we take, every dollar we raise...we're that much closer. Together, we will end MS forever. http://qrne.ws/ms.

Colors of Cancer Day
April 2; We will start off the day with a 5K at the Fairgrounds. Registration is at 7 a.m., 5K run will start at 8 a.m., and awards will be handed out at 9 a.m. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. in the North Shopping Center and be lead up Highway 31 by Cindy, the pink firetruck, to the Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds will host a Drum Line Competition between area high schools at noon. Vendor Booths, Food and a Bounce House will be available during the afternoon. There will be a Balloon Release at 2 p.m. to end the day. More info: Amanda Rogers at amanda.rogers@crmchospital.com or Becky Richardson at brichardson1957@yahoo.com.

Color Me Cullman 5K
April 9 at 8 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Park; The Color Me Cullman 5K is a colorful experience where we promote healthiness and happiness. Our event is all about people of all different speeds, ages, shapes, and sizes ready to get COLORFUL! Come on out to Sportsman Lake wearing a white T-shirt as your blank canvas and get ready to become a piece of artwork!

2016 Bloomin' Festival Arts & Crafts Fair
Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The 32nd Annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair to be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17, 2016. St. Bernard has been recognized by the Southeast Tourism Society consistently in the past nine years as a "Top Twenty Event in the Southeast."

"The Importance of Being Earnest" at WSCC
The Wallace State Theatre Department will present Oscar Wilde's satire, "The Importance of Being Earnest" March 10-13 at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre on the campus of Wallace State Community College. The shows will be held March 10-12 at 7 p.m., and March 13 at 2 p.m. Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for students. Reserve tickets by calling 256-352-8277. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

"American Made" Screening at WSCC
On Thursday, March 10 at 6 p.m. at the Evelyn Burrow Museum on the Campus of Wallace State Community College, film director Vincent Vittorio will be present a screening of his film "American Made." The screening a part of the Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers. "American Made" is a documentary about the outsourcing of American labor and the resurgence of an appreciation of locally made goods and produce. The film looks back on the glory days of manufacturing in the United States, when there was a more balanced relationship between the goods produced and consumed, and illustrates how technology and globalization have changed the competitive landscape for companies doing business in America and overseas. The event is free to attend.

"Arts in April Celebration" 2016 at WSCC
Wallace State Community College is seeking artists to participate in an exhibition of local community artworks Monday, April 4 - Saturday, April 30 as part of the annual 2016 Arts in April Celebration. In conjunction with WSCC's Earth Week Celebration, participants for this year's Arts in April Community Exhibition "Spring Upcycle" are invited to create artworks based on general themes of nature, its beauty and its conservation. More specifically this year participants are encouraged to use repurposed, recycled and found materials to create "upcycled" artworks which will become creative, imaginative, and lasting reminders of our everyday roles as recyclers and partners in conservation. The deadline for submitting is March 18. All entries should be ready and suitable for display when submitted. Contact Adrian Scott at 245-352-8145 or adrian.scott@wallacestate.edu for complete rules and guidelines or the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts front desk at 256-352-8277.

March Events at the North Alabama Agriplex
We have some great programs coming up in March! Our Farm Kids Club: Natural Egg Dying is March 5. We have another Movie Night on March 11 titled "Dirt! The Movie" (Jamie Lee Curtis narrates this one). Then on March 15 is our next book club on Nick Trout's NY Times Bestseller "Tell Me Where It Hurts". The following week is a Living Landscape class on apple trees by Linda Steele of Steele Orchard on March 22. The last week of March, on March 29, we have a Heritage Skills class on natural body care taught by our own VISTA Nicole. You can register on our website at agriplex.org under the registration tab. Please register and share!

Senior Spirit

A program sponsored by the City of Cullman Parks and Recreation Department that focuses on recreational, social and leisure opportunities for individuals 50 & over. There is no membership fee and programs are offered at the Donald E. Green Senior Center.

Exercise Area
An exercise area with several types of equipment is available for seniors to use provided they have a release form signed by their physician.
Date: Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri.
Time: 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Fitness for Life
Walking and light cardio stretching classes that help boost your energy.
Date: Year-round
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
Time: 8-9:15 a.m.
Instructor: Catherine Hasenbein

Line Dancing
Date: Year-round
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
Beginners: 9:15-10 a.m.
Adv. / Kickers: 10 a.m. - noon
Instructor: Sherry Boatright
Cost: FREE

Senior Spirit Singers
Join this group that sings old time Gospel Hymns. The group is available for Special Events, Revivals, Assisted Living facilities and Nursing Homes throughout the Community.
Date: Mondays
Time: 10 a.m.
Instructor: Helen Orr
Cost: FREE

Sacred Harp Singing
(Fa-So-La)
Learn this old style of traditional singing that took root in the Southern region of the United States as a part of the larger tradition of shape note music.
Date: 1st & 3rd Wed. of each month Time: 9-11 a.m.

Monday Jam Session
Come together with other seniors to listen to pickers as they play old time country music or try your talent at picking and singing with them.
Date: Every Monday
Time: 1- 4 p.m.
Group Leader: Barbara Whitehead

Fun & Games
Bring a friend or make new ones with a fun filled day of fellowship, card playing or dominos.
Date: Tuesdays
Time: 9 a.m.-until

Bingo
Date: Tuesdays
Time: 1 p.m.
Play a minimum of 12 games

Art Classes
Art classes in oils, acrylics and other venues. This is a relaxing and rewarding activity. Seniors are responsible for furnishing their own supplies.
Date: The 1st Tues. of each month
Time: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Instructor: Nance DiPiero
Cost: $10 per class

Bunco
A parlor game played in teams with three dice.
Date: 1st Wednesday of each Month
Time: 1 p.m.

Yoga
Health benefits associated with Yoga are improved flexibility, more strength, improved posture, and relaxation. Classes can be done from a mat or in a chair.
Date: Tues. 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Thurs. 4-5 p.m.
Instructor: Fabian Holland
Cost: Free

Dulcimer Classes
Take lessons to learn the Appalachian dulcimer, generally regarded as one of the easiest string instruments to learn. The traditional way to play the instrument is to lay it flat on the lap and pluck or strum the strings with the right hand, while fretting with the left.
Date: Every Friday
Time: 1 p.m.
Instructor: Craig Mann
Cost: $10 for 1 hour

Pool Table
Pool table is available for play from 8 a.m. -5 p.m. Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri.

WII Bowling
Date: Wednesday & Friday
Time: 1 p.m.
WII bowling is also available when the room is not being used for other activities.

LIONS CLUB ANNUAL FISH AND HAM DINNER MARCH 5

Will Hogue
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CULLMAN – On Saturday, March 5 the Cullman Lions Club will hold its annual Fish and Ham Dinner. The event, which the organization has been hosting since 1971, is the club's second biggest fundraiser next to the Cullman County Fair.

The dinner will be from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. in the cafeteria at Cullman Middle School. Patrons can eat in, carry out or pick up from the drive thru.

"When anyone comes (to the ham and fish dinner), they're making a donation to us, and we're in turn just putting that money right back into the community," said Tommy Warhurst, member of the Cullman Lions Club and leader of the two biggest fundraising committees in the club.

The menu for this year is a choice of catfish filet or ham, baked potato, slaw, hushpuppies, dessert and drink, all for just $10.

"The cost of everything has gone up since we've been doing this," Warhurst said. "But the price of the plates has stayed the same. We've worked hard to keep the price down for people." Plates can be purchased the day of the event; no advanced purchases necessary; however, tickets are available from any Lions Club member or from Rennards Gallery, The Brandin' Iron, Peek Auto Parts, Ponder Wrecker Service, Business Solutions of Cullman, Ed White Jewelers, Doug Doggett Jewelers, Cullman Veterinary Hospital or East Side Barber Shop. For more information, visit http://qrne.ws/lc. Find the event on Facebook at http://qrne.ws/lc2.

ENTRIES SOUGHT FOR LOCAL ART SHOW AT WSCC

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State Community College is seeking entries for its annual "Arts in April Celebration" planned for April 4-30 at the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts.

The theme for the 2016 exhibit is "Spring Upcycle" and participants are invited to create artworks based on general themes of nature, its beauty and conservation.

More specifically, this year participants are encouraged to use repurposed, recycled and found materials to create "upcycled" artworks which will become creative, imaginative and lasting reminders of our everyday roles as recyclers and partners in conservation.

Any imagery and subject matter which participants feel creatively communicate this theme is welcome. Artworks which do not relate to the theme of "Spring Upcycle" are still gladly welcome for exhibition in this community showcase.

The media categories in which artwork can be submitted include: drawing, painting, photography, ceramic/sculpture, computer art, multimedia and crafts.

Each artist may submit a total of two artworks from any of the five categories. Only original works of art will be accepted.

Age divisions for the exhibition include: Kindergarten through second grade, third through fifth grade, sixth through eighth grade, ninth through 12th grade and adult.

Any Wallace State student, employee, public and home school-aged children and adults in the Wallace State service area are eligible to participate.

The deadline for submitting is March 18. All entries should be ready and suitable for display when submitted.

Contact Adrian Scott at 245-352-8145 or adrian.scott@wallacestate.edu for complete rules and guidelines or the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts front desk at 256-352-8277.

A reception will be held from 10 a.m.- noon on Saturday, April 30. The reception is open to all exhibitors and the public.

Primary (from Front)

- Mike Huckabee*
- John R. Kasich
- Rand Paul*
- Marco Rubio
- Rick Santorum*
- Donald J. Trump
- Uncommitted

**Important to remember- Carson, Cruz, Kasich, Rubio and Trump are the only candidates on the Republican ballot with active campaigns.*

State- Candidates for U.S. Senate
The Democratic Primary Ballot
- Ron Crumpton
- Charles Nana

The Republican Primary Ballot
- Marcus Bowman
- John Martin
- Johnathan McConnell
- Shadrack McGill
- Incumbent Richard Shelby

State- Candidates for U.S. House of Representatives, 4th Congressional District
The Democratic Primary Ballot
- None

The Republican Primary Ballot
- Incumbent Robert Aderholt
- Phil Norris

State- Candidates for Alabama Supreme Court Associate Justice, Place 3
The Democratic Primary Ballot
- None

The Republican Primary Ballot
- Donna J. Beaulieu
- Incumbent Tom Parker

State- Candidates for Alabama Public Service Commission President
The president of the Alabama Public Service Commission works with the other two members of the Commission to regulate the state's utility companies.

The Democratic Primary Ballot
- None

The Republican Primary Ballot
- Incumbent Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh
- Terry Dunn

Local- Chairman, Cullman County Commission
The Democratic Primary Ballot
- None

The Republican Primary Ballot
- Darrell Hicks
- Eric Parker
- Incumbent Kenneth Walker

Local- Cullman County Board of Education, West Point, District 1
The Democratic Primary Ballot
- None

The Republican Primary Ballot
- Patrick Klein
- Incumbent Gene Sullins

Local- Cullman County Board of Education, Holly Pond, District 3

The Democratic Primary Ballot
- None

The Republican Primary Ballot
- Heath Allbright
- Sam Benefield
- Destry Stone
- Incumbent James A. Thompson

NOTE: Cullman County Board of Education, Cold Springs, District 5 candidate Wayne Myrex will NOT appear on the March 1 primary ballot, as he is running unopposed.

Proposed Statewide Amendment
Appearing on both ballots will be the proposed amendment to the state constitution which states "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the legislature to provide a retirement program for district attorneys and circuit clerks of the state who are first elected or appointed on or after November 8, 2016. (Proposed by Act 2015-342)."

District attorneys and circuit clerks currently receive retirement pay but do not contribute to their retirement. The amendment would change that by requiring an 8.5 percent retirement fund contribution by newcomer officials which is estimated to save state taxpayers approximately $200 million dollars over the next three decades.

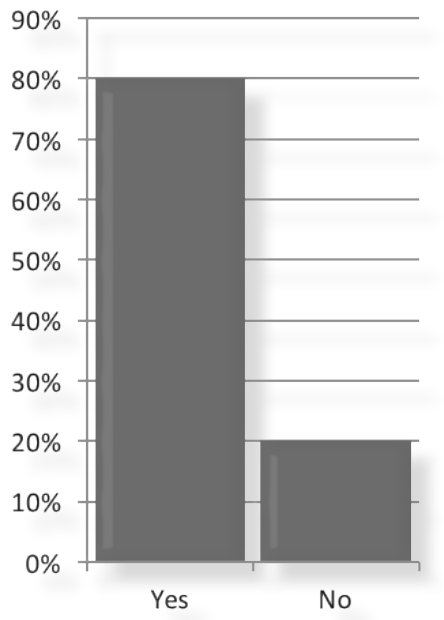
When do you vote?
Alabama polls will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1.

What do you need?
Voters are required to present photo identification on election day. The most common IDs are valid driver's license, valid non-driver ID card, valid U.S. passport, valid student ID from a public or private college in Alabama or valid military ID. Many other identification options are available.

Where do you go for more information?
To see identification requirements, locate your polling place or other voter information, go to www.alabamavotes.gov.

Poll

Are you paying attention to the U.S. presidential election?



This Week's Poll

Will you be voting Tuesday?

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Light a Candle, Spread HOPE

RELAY FOR LIFE
American Cancer Society

Join your community in the fight against cancer! At Relay For Life, teams take turns walking or running around the track. Teams consist of people representing companies, churches, clubs, organizations and families. During Relay For Life, team members enjoy games, food, music and camaraderie while camping out on the surrounding grounds.

Participants also share in a special luminaria ceremony to remember those individuals who have been affected by cancer. Candles are lit in honor or memory of those touched by cancer and placed around the track. You are invited to support this effort by making a luminaria donation and having a candle lit in honor of a loved one who has been touched by cancer. Simply fill out the back of this form and return to a team member, team captain or mail your order to the address listed on the reverse side.

Thank you for your support. For more information, call 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

Luminaria Order Form

Minimum donation: $10.00 each

Yes, I would like to make a luminaria donation in honor of or in memory of the following:

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Total amount enclosed: $_____
Payment method: Check ____ Cash ____

Thank you for your donation. Please make checks payable to the **American Cancer Society**. Return to:

Attn: Tess Kimbrough
1024 County Road 730
Cullman, Al 35055

Tree (from Front)

Leanne H. West
Contributor

CULLMAN – The Arbor Day Foundation has designated Cullman, Alabama, a Tree City USA community for the 28th consecutive year!

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forestry Service.

Four standards must be met in order to become a Tree City USA: (1) The community must have a tree board or department. (2) The community must have a tree care ordinance. (3) The community must have a forestry program with annual expenditures of at least $2 per capita. (4) The community must have an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

On Feb. 25, Cullman Mayor Max A. Townson, City Arborist Darrell Johns, Albert Mayo of the Alabama Forestry Commission, Cullman Tree Commission members Everett Wier (Chairman) and Helen Marie Dahlke, and others met at Cullman City Hall for the official Tree City USA Dedication Ceremony.

During the ceremony, which took place on the front lawn of City Hall in sunny, but blustery, weather, the winners of the annual Arbor Day Poster Contest were honored.

Townson presented $25 checks to 1st Place winners Myra Arnold (East Elementary) and Olivia Dudley (St. Paul's Elementary).

Second place winners Elijah Pittman (St. Paul's Elementary) and Kathryn Dueland (East Elementary) received $15 checks.

Townson also presented the official Arbor Week Proclamation to Johns, proclaiming the week of Feb. 21-27, 2016 "Arbor Week" in the City of Cullman.

The mayor encouraged all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our city's Community Forestry Program.

Cullman Forestry Specialist Albert Mayo presented the mayor with the official Tree City USA flag and other materials.

The Tree City USA flag was raised in front of Cullman City Hall, where it will fly for one year.

The annual Tree Seedling Sale was also held on Feb. 25. Tree seedlings of a variety of species were sold, with the proceeds benefiting the Forestry Awareness Week program.

For more information on trees or the Tree City USA program contact the Cullman County Forestry office at cullman.county@forestry.alabama.gov or 256-734-0573, or visit www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

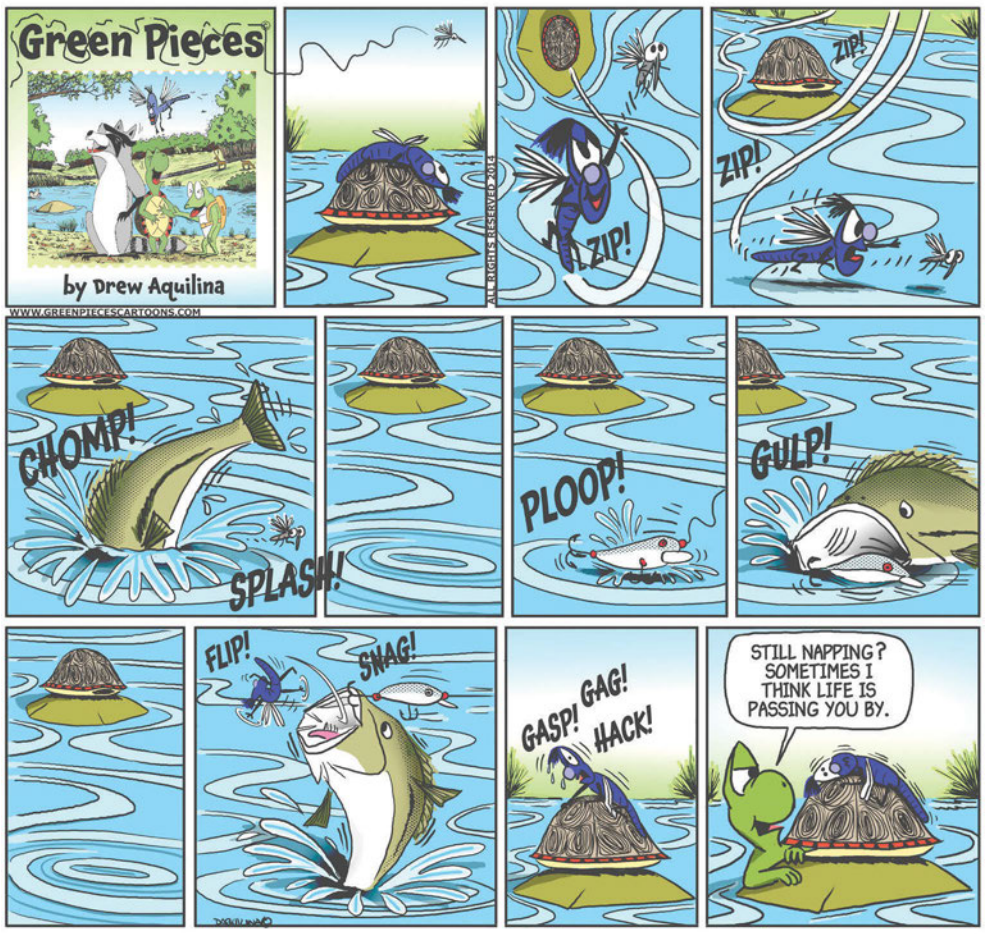
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available. I want to thank Alabama's probate judges and other county officials for their partnership with this project. This launch would not have been possible without their full support and outstanding leadership."

For more information, please call the Office of the Secretary of State at 334-242-7200.

For an overview of what voters can expect on Tuesday, visit http://qrne.ws/vote.

COMICS







Mary Glenn Schuler

Funeral Service for Mary Glenn Schuler, age 72, of Cullman, will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at Sacred Heart Church with Father Patrick Egan, OSB officiating; burial at Good Hope Cemetery.

Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Schuler passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016 at Grandview Medical Center. She was born Monday, Feb. 14, 1944 in Macon, Georgia to Glenn Ray Reid and Mavis Ruby Hendrix Reid.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Benjamin Reid.

Survivors include her husband, John Schuler; two daughters, Angela Adcock and Sharon Schuler Kreps, two sons, John Schuler, Jr. and David Schuler; twelve grandchildren, Katherine "Katie" Adcock, Sarah Adcock, Mary Adcock, Aiden Adcock, Andrew Kreps, William Kreps, Mary Kreps, Isaac Schuler, Madeline Schuler, Benny Schuler, Brody Schuler, and Macy Schuler; three great-grandchildren, Cicily Adcock, Sydney Harris, and Grace Chambers; one sister, Nancy Reid Joiner, and one brother, Glenn Reid, Jr.,.

Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at Sacred Heart Church, with a Rosary at 7 p.m.

Information provided by Cullman Heritage Funeral Home

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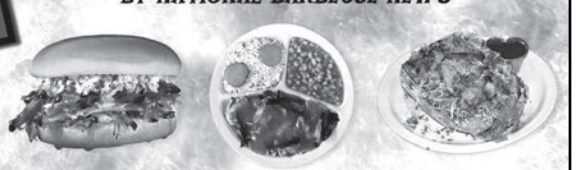
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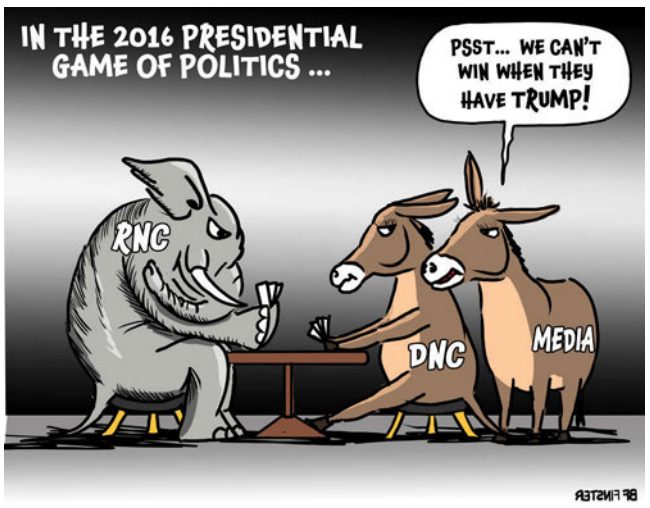
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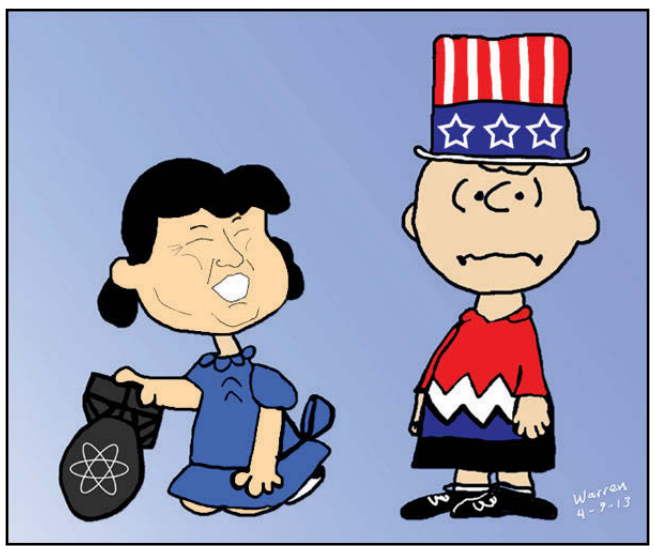
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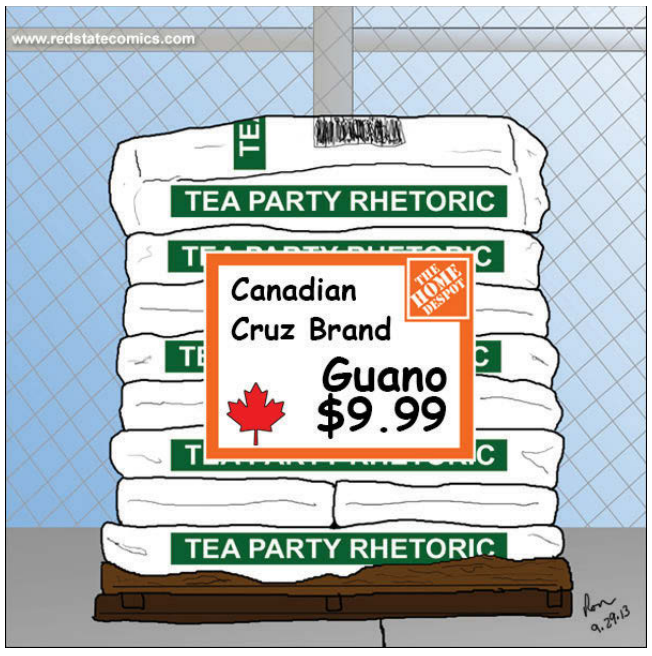


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OPINION

STIFLING ACADEMIC FREEDOM, THE NRA WAY

Laura Finley
PeaceVoice

That conservative forces have long sought to squash dissent and curtail rigorous academic debate on campuses is far from a secret. From the militarization of many campuses, academic repression of faculty, excessive and difficult-to-navigate bureaucracies, limitations on free speech and more, college students, staff and faculty members today face many challenges as they seek to explore, debate, and take action on critical and difficult issues. The gun lobby has seized on this environment of academic stifling, promoting firearms as the answer to an array of problems on campuses and beyond. Don't want to get raped? Carry a gun, or it's your own fault. The best way to prevent an active shooter situation? Everyone pack heat. The chilling effect of the campus carry laws that have been enacted has been immediately visible.

The state of Texas passed a campus carry law that is set to take effect on August 1, 2016. Already, professors at the University of Houston were told that once the new law is effective, they might want to "be careful discussing sensitive topics," "drop certain topics from your curriculum," "'Not go there' if you sense anger," "limit students access off hours," "go to appointment-only office hours," and "only meet 'that student' in controlled circumstances." Evidently, if I taught at that university my sociology classes could no longer cover well...anything. The NRA supports campus carry bills being considered in Florida, and in a memo to NRA members and friends dated November 2, 2015, NRA Past President Marion Hammer denounced educators who oppose the bill, amping up the rhetoric about how gun-free campuses are unsafe, there "murderers, rapists, terrorists, and robbers may commit crimes without fear of being harmed by their victims." Hammer's memo even uses quotations around the words "educators," clearly implying that the many college administrators, professors and faculty members who do not support campus carry laws have dubious credentials.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) has noted that case law is clear: faculty have primary responsibility for determining curriculum, and academic freedom is critical for teaching their courses such that they include the most essential and evolving topics in their fields.

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) has issued similar calls to vigorously resist efforts to undermine academic freedom by people with "ideological or commercial agendas." It is hard to see the NRA and its cronies as anything but having both an ideological and commercial agenda.

The courts have long noted that the primary purpose of higher education is to afford a marketplace for the full exchange of ideas. It is through this exchange that students come to see the very real problems in the world and how they might be part of the solution. That is next to impossible when faculty are told to abort discussion of anything that might stimulate or even upset a student, who then might start firing indiscriminately.

While surely we must consider how to keep our campuses safe, arming campus security and students, faculty and staff like they are living in occupied zones is counter to creating any sense of peace or community. Our students deserve better. We deserve better.

OPINION

WHAT IS GOING ON WITH KANYE AND WHAT IS HE DOING?

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NEW YORK CITY – There was something picturesque about Kanye West standing at Madison Square Garden with his laptop in front of him, his successful hip-hop friends behind him - many of whom are featured on the album that he would play from his laptop on the MSG speakers via AUX cord - and his Yeezy Season 3 fashion show in front of him. The picture was an American megastar standing with a spotlight on him in The World's Most Famous Arena in front of the latest collection from his fashion line; the picture was the image that the sound on his latest album conjures in the listener's mind. The 18-song, 56-minute-long album that would be released at the end of the week was exemplified in the image that all those in attendance to Yeezy Season 3 saw: this is "The Life of Pablo."

"TLOP," West's seventh solo album, is not his best album. But, it is the best representation of what West is the best in the world at: making an album. I was able to buy a ticket to the fashion show/album release and listening party at MSG. It was bizarre and ridiculous, but there was an undeniable sense that something big was happening; West was showing something else about himself that no one had seen before, and everything about him we all already knew existed.

West is the best conductor alive on earth right now. He is able to imagine a sound, take talented artists, craft an apparatus that best suits them and then have them do what they're best at: Rihanna on "Famous," Chance the Rapper on "Ultralight Beam" and inexplicably Post Malone on "Fade." Not to mention the prayer given by Kirk Franklin on ULB and the Kendrick Lamar verse on "No More Parties in L.A." and even West himself on "I Love Kanye."

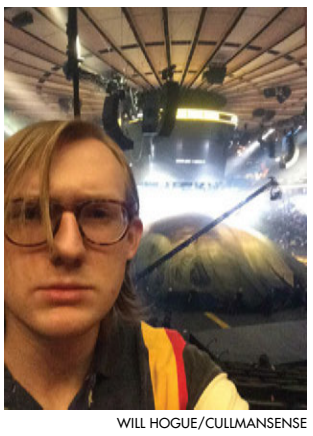
West is the best at envisioning what he wants for a completed album. West's visions are also the best possible versions of whatever he wants to make.

On "TLOP," 'Ye is confident, excited, conceited, solemn, pugnacious, vulgar, serene, thoughtful, ignorant, spiritual and complete. And, looking back though any life, you can find all those elements listed above. "The Life of Pablo" is not wrapped in a bow and it isn't resting in a coffin. It isn't and cannot be contained in a single box.

Sure, West stood in MSG, The World's Most Famous Box, as he debuted what would grow to be "TLOP," but in that moment he wasn't just in MSG. He was all over Twitter, he was in people's headphones around the world and he was even on people's feet.

There are some who say West has gone off the rails recently. Some like to say that his most recent album is sloppy and not well put together enough. West's latest album is actually just a snapshot of his life right now, and that is what art is. West turned MSG into a giant art gallery, and the piece of art was a life.

A life can't be kept in a box, so sorry if "The Life of Pablo" isn't as well packaged as you'd like it to be.



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CullmanSense reporter Will Hogue, based in NYC, has some thoughts on Kanye West, and he wants you to hear them.



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