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FREE MEAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN LAUNCHING THIS SUMMER

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CULLMAN – The Cullman City Schools Child Nutrition Program recently announced that they will be hosting a free meal program this summer.

The Summer Feeding Program will run from June 1 through July 29 at West Elementary School. No meals will be served on July 4.

Breakfast will be served from 9-10:30 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. each day. Meals are free to all children under the age of 18, regardless of school attended or income status. Adult meals will be available for a charge.

The program is looking for volunteers. This would be a great opportunity for teenagers who need community service hours.

For more information, contact Cullman City Schools Child Nutrition Program Assistant Director Terri Abbott at 256-297-0493 or 256-734-2233, ext. 9052.

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MEMORY GARDENS BILL AWAITS BENTLEY'S SIGNATURE



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MONTGOMERY – In a letter penned to the community last week, Alabama Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview, updated his constituents on the status of his Memory Gardens legislation in Montgomery. (See end of article for letter.)

He shared, "My legislation to address the situation at Cullman Memory Gardens passed this week and awaits the Governor's signature to become law. This is the beginning to give relief to the families of those resting there."

The bill, which saw changes after the public's input at a community meeting held by Shedd on February 20, was also supported by Alabama Sen. Paul Bussman, R-Cullman.

"We made it clear the county commission is not involved or P8

UNRESOLVED "ISSUES" BEHIND SECOND LETTER TO REMOVE CCRS FROM FACILITIES

First request to vacate arrived in September 2015

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CULLMAN – Late Tuesday evening a letter was posted to the Cullman County Rescue Squad Facebook page. The letter states the group must vacate the premises, located at 1520 Sportsman Lake Road, no later than June 30, 2016.

The certified letter indicates that the correspondence is the second request to vacate the property. The letter, sent by Cullman County Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker states "Your (Rescue Squad) time and service over the years have been invaluable to both Cullman County and its citizens."

The letter also indicates the Rescue Squad has "developed several issues over the past months" and goes on to read "Cullman County has tried to be proactive in working through your (Rescue Squad) issues; however, your (Rescue Squad) issues continue to go unresolved."

The issues at hand have not been discussed and attempts to reach Chairman Walker and members of the Cullman County Rescue Squad were unsuccessful before the deadline for print.

Visit CullmanSense.com for more information as the story develops Wednesday, including a copy of the letter that was sent to the Cullman County Rescue Squad.

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LARGEST FLAG EVER FLOWN IN CULLMAN TO BE RAISED JUNE 14

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BATTLEGROUND – Battleground, on the western border of Cullman County, has been home to Stoney Creek Christian Camp and Camp 2540 for several years now, built on 50 acres and seeking guidance from the New Testament.

Opting to closely follow Matthew 25:40, which reads, "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me," the camps provide a Christian summer camp experience for underprivileged children.

The ownership of the Stoney Creek property has been transferred to Liberty Communications, LLC, "a Veteran-owned business with a long history of operating high-adventure and military-style training programs."

On Flag Day and the United States Army's birthday, June 14, Camp Liberty will host a large, patriotic event celebrating the opening of Camp Liberty's Extreme Military Challenge. Starting at 2 p.m., the party will see the raising of a 30'x50' American flag on a 70' tall flagpole, which is reported to be the largest flag ever flown in the county.

The event will also include a cookout.

The Extreme Military Challenge will host over 200 men and women from around the world where their curriculum will be "based on the Army's Values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage."

Additionally, Camp 2540 is planned to take place on June 13-16 with a May 21 registration deadline. There will be openings for a total of 100 children, 50 girls and 50 boys.

Liberty Communications has agreed to continue to financially support Camp 2540, and the free camp will still be the highlight of many children's summer.

Children who would otherwise not know the fun, adventure and learning of God's grace without their generosity.

While the children's camp experience will continue on as before, many other things have changed since the acquisition by Liberty.

The facility can cater to many events including weddings, receptions, training programs, church retreats, family reunions, company picnics, JROTC cadet leadership and training programs, tactical training for law enforcement and much more.

With the numerous amenities such as the swimming pool, a 5,000+ square foot multi-purpose building under construction, running track, obstacle course and more, Camp Liberty is certain to be the "special place, dedicated to the men and women of the Armed Forces and our First Responders, who epitomize the American Spirit. From the sight of Old Glory waving proudly in the Alabama breeze to the sound of the 'Star Spangled Banner' played daily in honor of our country, you will gain a deep sense of patriotic pride from the moment you arrive on Camp Liberty" which they describe.

Camp Liberty is located at 15719 Alabama Highway 157, Battleground, AL 35179 and their helpful staff can be reached by telephone at 844-962-1776 or email at admissions@xmccamp.com.

ST. BERNARD PREP HOSTS HONORS NIGHT

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard Prep

CULLMAN – St. Bernard Preparatory School recently honored outstanding students for their academic achievements during the 2015-16 school year. Faculty, students, parents and friends gathered in the Fazi-Richard Athletic Center to applaud the dedication and achievements of the senior class, as well as the student body.

High School Headmaster, Mr. Dan Baillargeon welcomed guests and offered his congratulations to the students and faculty for their outstanding work. After Fr. Bede Marcy, school chaplain, offered an opening prayer, Middle School Headmaster, William Calvert, commented on the achievements students had made during the year.

This year's class of graduating seniors has, thus far, earned $6.5 million in college grants and scholarships. Awarding selected scholarships to their academic programs were the following: the University of North Alabama, University of Alabama-Huntsville, University of Alabama-Birmingham, University of Alabama, Auburn University, Jacksonville State University, University of Montevallo and Birmingham-Southern College. Cullman Electric Cooperative's Lynda Carter and Philip Garrison awarded a $1,000 scholarship to senior Thomas Bolin.

Academic awards were presented by the departments of English, Physical Education, Fine Arts, Science, Social Studies/Theology, Foreign Languages and Mathematics. Following an intermission, the evening concluded with school recognition awards as well as awards for the Knights of the Altar. The culmination of the evening was the awarding of the Christian Service Award.

The Christian Service Award, the school's highest non-academic award, was presented to senior Alli Messick. Qualifications for this award include outstanding character and striving to live according to the example of Christ. The award recognizes a life characterized by Christian love shown through one's daily good example of true selflessness, working for the good of individuals and of the community. Important qualities are goodness of character, behavior; respect shown to all people; volunteers time, talent. Messick, who began at St. Bernard as a seventh-grade student, is the daughter of Keith and Leah Messick of Cullman.

Fr. Joel Martin, president of St. Bernard Prep, congratulated each student honored for their achievements and offered encouragement to keep up the good work.





Man Arrested for Electronic Solicitation of a Child

Bradley Williams
CCSO

HANCEVILLE – On Friday, May 6, investigators with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office arrested Dylon Chase Shook, 20, of Hanceville, for electronic solicitation of a child under the age of 12.

CCSO investigators were alerted to the matter after a relative of the victim discovered inappropriate pictures between the victim and the suspect on a social media app. Investigators worked diligently to uncover all the electronic forensics from the social media app that the suspect used to contact the victim.

Due to the graphic nature of this crime and the involvement of a minor child, the CCSO can only release limited details.

"I would first of all like to say how brave I think this child is for coming forward and we need to keep the child in our prayers," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "Also, I would like to tell all the parents who have young children who use social media like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc, to monitor your children's private messages because predators use social media to find innocent victims."

Shook is being held at the Cullman County Detention Center on a $30,000 bond.

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BENTLEY AWARDS GRANTS TO HELP LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS CUT ENERGY COSTS

Russell Sellers
ADECA

MONTGOMERY – Some low-income and elderly Alabama residents who need help reducing their utility bills will get assistance from $950,000 in grants awarded by Gov. Robert Bentley.

The grants support Alabama's Weatherization Assistance Program which provides funds to improve the energy efficiency and safety of qualifying homes.

Priority is given to those with disabilities, the elderly and low-income households with children.

"Energy bills can be difficult for Alabamians with limited income and resources," Bentley said. "By making improvements to the energy efficiency of homes, this program helps lower utility bills for our residents who are most in need. I am pleased to award these grants to agencies that will help our citizens."

An energy audit is conducted of each home that qualifies for weatherization assistance to determine the most cost-efficient measures.

Common improvements include installing extra insulation in the attic, walls and floor; sealing air leaks around doors and windows; repairs or tune-ups for air conditioning and heating units; and replacing incandescent light bulbs with high-efficiency compact fluorescents.

In addition to lowering energy bills, the improvements can reduce the risk of fire and other hazards.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs administers the program from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Bentley awarded the grants to 16 community agencies across the state that manage the program at the local level and receive applications from individuals who wish to be considered for monetary assistance.

Below is a list of each grant, the recipient agency, counties served and the agency telephone number:

- $42,923 to Central Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (Lee, Macon and Russell) 334-262-4300
- $25,607 to Community Action Committee Inc. of Chambers-Tallapoosa-Coosa (Chambers, Coosa and Tallapoosa) 256-825-4287
- $60,755 to Community Action Agency of Central Alabama (Autauga, Chilton, Dallas, Elmore, Perry and Shelby) 334-567-4361
- $17,279 to Alabama Council on Human Relations Inc. (Lee) 334-821-8336
- $25,745 to Community Action of Etowah County (Etowah) 256-546-9271
- $52,045 to Community Action Partnership of Huntsville-Madison and Limestone Counties (Madison and Limestone) 256-851-9800
- $113,065 to Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity (Jefferson) 205-327-7500
- $86,939 to Mobile Community Action Inc. (Choctaw, Mobile and Washington) 251-457-5700
- $51,768 to Montgomery County Commission (Montgomery) 334-832-1210
- **$61,025 to Community Action Partnership of North Alabama Inc. (Cullman, Lawrence, Marion, Morgan, Walker and Winston) 256-734-5170**
- $69,293 to Community Action Agency of Northeast Alabama Inc. (Blount, Cherokee, DeKalb, Jackson, Marshall and St. Clair) 256-638-4430
- $34,577 to Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama Inc. (Colbert, Franklin and Lauderdale) 256-766-4330
- $102,793 to Organized Community Action Program Inc. (Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lowndes and Pike) 334-566-1712
- $68,770 to Community Action Agency of South Alabama (Baldwin, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Marengo, Monroe and Wilcox) 251-626-2646
- $60,236 to Community Action Agency of Talladega, Clay, Randolph, Calhoun and Cleburne (Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne, Randolph and Talladega) 256-362-6611
- $77,180 to Community Service Programs of West Alabama Inc. (Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, Sumter and Tuscaloosa) 205-752-5429.

CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETS- AIR GUARD TECH. SGT. PRESENTS FLAG; CONNECTED PARK AWARDED FUNDS

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CULLMAN – The Cullman City Council met on Monday, May 9, with all members present.

Efficient yet busy, the meeting saw the council agree to provide financial assistance in the amount of $2,500 to the Cullman City Parks and Recreation's Connected Park project, City Clerk Wes Moore acknowledged for his dedication and hard work in the Alabama High School Athletic Association Track and Field meet hosted at Oliver Woodard Stadium over this past weekend and Air National Guard Technical Sgt. Justin Hollingsworth applauded for his service in Operation Resolute Support.

With the meeting called to order, the invocation was given by Cullman City Police Chief Kenny Culpepper.

During Hollingsworth's presentation, Culpepper shared, "I would like to say how much we appreciate all of our members of the police department and city employees that are with the Guard and reserves and the efforts they give for our country. But also I would like to thank the City and the police department for all of the support that we get as reserves when we deploy."

Hollingsworth, who was deployed with the 438th Security Forces TAAC-AIR, presented the police department with the flag he carried with him on a mission in Kabul, Afghanistan, explaining, "Our main mission was to train, advise and assist the Afghan Air Force to be a more dependable and a more sustainable air force."

He went on, "The mission we went on that night was to go with the Afghan pilots who had never flown at night. So, we're there just in case of an emergency landing, just kind of riding along with them. The cool backstory on that flag is we actually got shot at when I carried the flag that night, but it was nothing crazy."

Hollingsworth, younger brother to Councilman Clint Hollingsworth, was given a standing ovation and much praise. The elder brother noted, "That's my little brother, but he's got more gray hair!"

The surge of visitors to Cullman over the past weekend was a hot topic with Tourism Chair Hollingsworth, and he noted the dedication of the city employees handling the influx of people and the cooperation of all departments working together being keys to the success of the track meets, softball and baseball tournaments, Relay for Life, Strawberry Festival and other events held.

Five petitions were presented to the council, including the request for the 2016 Oktoberfest celebration.

Submitted by Marsha Franks, president of Cullman Oktoberfest, the event is scheduled for Oct. 5-9 to be held in roughly the same areas as this past weekend's Strawberry Festival.

The event request form noted "German music, food, dancing, arts and crafts, car show and other non-traditional activities" would take place. Her request was granted.

Kerry Zozoka, of the Heritage Village subdivision off of Welti Road, submitted a request to hold a neighborhood block party on Saturday, May 21, which was approved.

A request for a special event permit for a road closure for the 5th birthday party of community member Trent Moore's son was presented to the council.

Approved, the May 28 party will close down 11th Street Northeast between Main Avenue Northeast and Second Avenue Northeast from 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.

The council approved the use of the Cullman parking deck for a May 13 car show and a special event permit for the show itself which was submitted by Cherrelle Fancher of Fancher Education Service.

Lastly, no action was taken by the council on the request to surplus a 30-foot easement on the north side of Greg and Kim Arndt's 13th Street Northeast property.

Rather, the issue will be passed to the planning commission.

The first resolution of the evening, Resolution No. 2016 – 69 which aims to support the planned all-inclusive playground, Connected Park, passed with the strong support of the council.

The resolution budgets $2,500 to be provided to the fundraising campaign efforts.

The project is designed to accommodate Cullman citizens of all ages with special needs and will be in the Ingle Park location.

Council President Pro-Tem Jenny Folsom shared her feelings, "The Connected Park will be an outstanding addition to our community. It is going to serve all ages and all abilities of people whatever their physical or mental ability might be. It's going to be a wonderful addition!"

Three resolutions were added, including an agreement with the City and the East Cullman Water District over a boundary resolution for an area behind Cullman Regional Medical Center.

Folsom noted that the resolution, in works for some time, will allow for the tentative future water and sewer needs of any CRMC expansion to be met by the city.

The final two resolutions included the initial removal of possible contaminates and clean-up efforts in line with Alabama Department of Environmental Management guidelines for the old water treatment plant located off Eva Road.

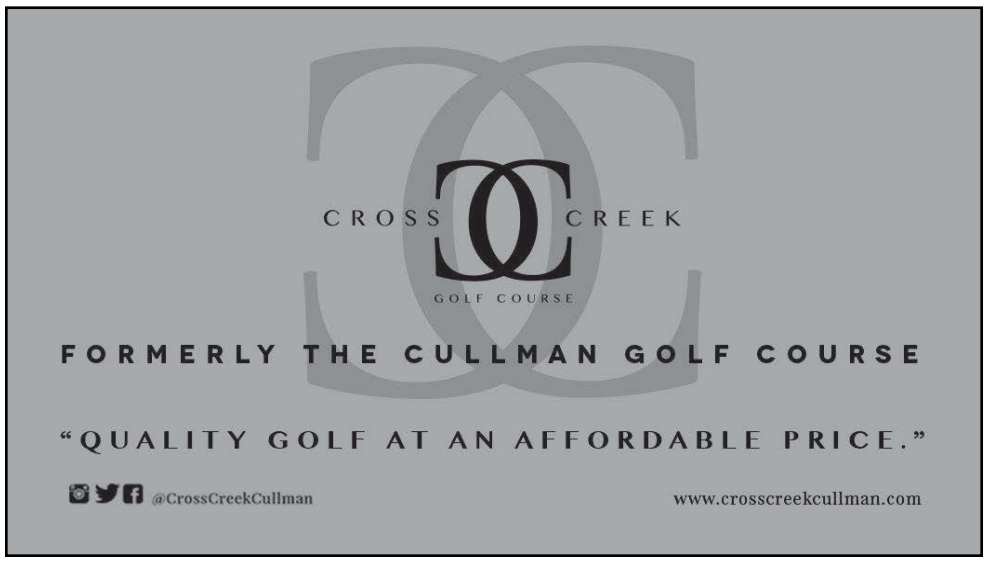
The members of the Cullman City Council and their committees are as follows:

1. General Government - Council President Pro-Tem Jenny Folsom
2. Public Works - Council Member Johnny Cook
3. Public Safety - Council Member Andy Page
4. Tourism - Council Member Clint Hollingsworth
5. Utilities - Council President Garlan Gudger

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PREP BASEBALL

CULLMAN ADVANCES TO SEMIFINALS IN THRILLING FASHION

Josh McBrayer
Sports Correspondent

CULLMAN – It was a hard fought victory for Cullman Saturday afternoon as they were able to top a tough Oxford team by the final of 8-5.

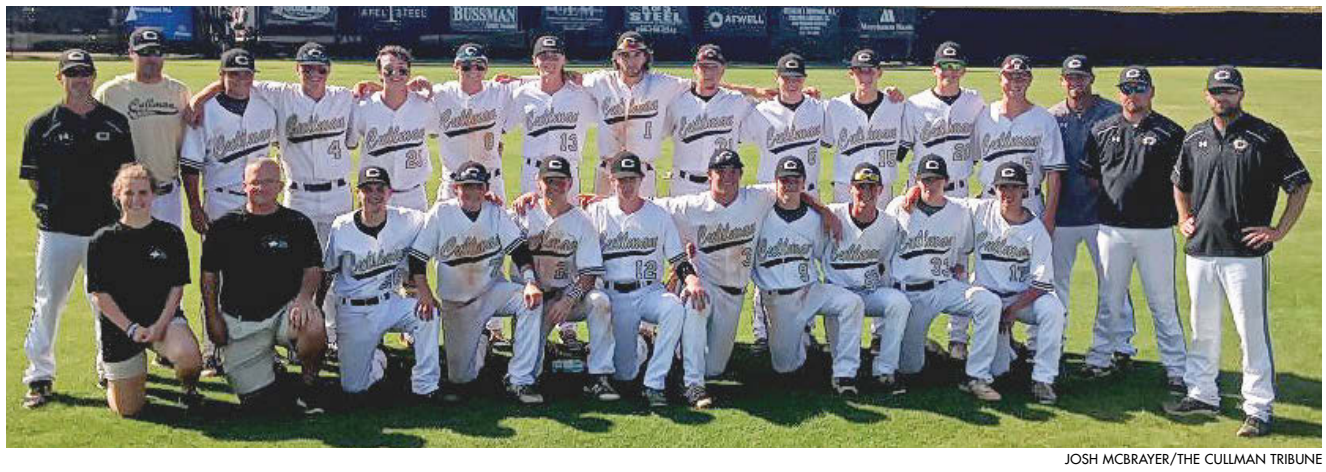
Cullman looked like they were going to cruise into the semifinals when they hung four big runs on the board in the first. Kolby Robinson and Levi Thomas led off the game with back-to-back walks.

Slugger Owen Lovell quickly brought in Robinson when he blasted a single to left center.

Noah Fondren brought Thomas home with a single of his own to put the Cats on top 2-0, but they were not done.

Jacob Heatherly would smash a booming double to the wall to bring home Lovell, and two batters later Wheeler Eastman hit a sacrifice fly to score Fondren and give Cullman a comfortable 4-0 lead after one inning of play. Oxford dented the run column in the second inning when Jacob Sears drew a walk and Brennan McCullough brought him home with a double.

Two innings later the Yellow Jackets would tie the game on a pair of Cullman miscues and a hit batsman. Brody Syer would give Oxford their first (and only) lead of the game with an RBI ground out that scored Derek Miller who had singled, moved up on a sac bunt and raced to third on a passed ball.



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Cullman did not take kindly to being down as they roared back in the bottom of the fifth to retake the lead, a lead that they would not relinquish.

Lovell and Fondren led off the inning with back-to-back singles and Heatherly would walk to load the bases.

Carter Bowen and Eastman would both productively ground out, picking up an RBI each. Caleb Lipsey would follow with a two-out single to score Heatherly and put the Cats on top for good, 7-5.

Fondren would pick up an insurance run for the Cats as he laid down a perfectly placed squeeze bunt in the bottom of the sixth that scored Thomas, who had singled earlier in the inning. Will Morrison would take care of the Yellow Jackets in the top of the seventh to seal the win.

And just like that, the Bearcats advance to the 6A state semifinals at Southside-Gadsden on Friday. Stay connected to cullmansense.com, the Cullman Tribune and follow us on Twitter @CS_SportsEditor and @CullmanSense for live updates from the field.

WALLACE STATE'S SYLAS ELLIOTT NAMED JACK NICKLAUS AWARD SEMIFINALIST; WSCC BASEBALL WRAPS UP REGULAR SEASON

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State sophomore golfer Sylas Elliott has been named a 2016 Jack Nicklaus National Player of the Year Award semifinalist.

Finalists in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) ranks will be named Wednesday and recipients named June 2. The five finalists to receive the Jack Nicklaus National Player of the Year Award will compete in the Barbasol Shootout for an exemption into the PGA TOUR's Barbasol Championship, held July 14-17, at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Grand National in Opelika.

Elliott, a Cullman High graduate, has been one of Wallace State's top golfers over the last two seasons as the Lions have won consecutive Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC)/Region 22 titles.

Elliott is less than a month removed from winning low medalist honors at the ACCC tournament for the second year in a row, and he was a two-time champion of Wallace State's Fall Invitational each September.

Elliott, who has signed to play at South Alabama next season, was a 2nd-team NJCAA All-American as a freshman for the Lions, who placed fifth in the nation in 2015.

Elliott finished 10th individually in the nation at last season's national championship.

Wallace State's men's golf team makes its 21st national tournament appearance beginning Sunday at the Duran Golf Club in Melbourne, Florida.

Wallace State's women's golf team plays in its first national tournament beginning Monday, May 16 at Dayton Beach, Florida.

Wallace State baseball set for postseason

Wallace State's baseball team wrapped up the regular season over the weekend, salvaging one game in its four-game set against Shelton State.

The Lions (32-23) split a doubleheader at home against the Bucs on Saturday, winning the opener, 12-8. Shelton State swept a pair in Tuscaloosa last Thursday.

Wallace State, which finished fourth in the ACCC North Division, opens ACCC tournament play Friday at 12:30 p.m. against Faulkner State at Ozark's Eagle Stadium.

Wallace State was the conference tournament runner-up last season, reeling off five consecutive victories in the elimination bracket to finish second for the second time in four seasons.

Wallace State coach Randy Putman has led the program to the postseason in 25 of 27 years at the college. He currently has 971 career victories with the Lions.



Sylas Elliott WSCC

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

CULLMAN'S LUKE WILSON ENDS HIS BEARCAT CAREER TIED FOR THIRD IN STATE IN 6A

Johnny Thornton
Sports Correspondent

HUNTSVILLE – All season, Luke Wilson has had his name near the top of the leaderboard in Alabama High School golf competition.

That didn't change on Tuesday. The Cullman senior played competitive and was in contention for the 6A title in the AHSAA state tournament.

Wilson wound up with a third place tie, shooting 1-under par for the two-day event, a score of 143.

The talented Wilson just missed claiming the state championship trophy by one stroke.

Matt Lorenz of Gulf Shores opened with a 69 Monday, but struggled with a 1-over 73 on Tuesday.

Lorenz got tied by Charles Wood of Spanish Fort who fired a final round 70 to recover from a three-stroke deficit and end the two-day, 36-hole tournament with a 142.

The pair earned co-championship honors in a field where the top seven golfers in this classification were separated by three strokes.

Six of the seven shot between 2-under and even par with the last 1-over par.

Wilson and Christopher Owens of Northview were next with a 143. Owens shook off a first round 73 and came back Tuesday with a 2-under par 70.

Owens and Wood had the lowest round on Tuesday at 2-under 70.

Wilson was even par Tuesday with a 72 after having a 1-under 71 to start his quest for success.

But Lorenz was able to shoot 3-under and have the best score on Monday for the 6A division. He was the only golfer to fire a 69, but knew he had plenty of people to challenge him when the final round resumed Tuesday at 9:42 a.m.

Lorenz slipped to a 73 that enabled Wilson, Owens and Padraic Sim of Spanish Fort to stay on his heels.

Wilson kept his score around even par, unable to raise it lower and move to the top of the 6A leaderboard.

Sim dropped from second to a tie for fifth with Jack Goldasich of Homewood. Both carded a two-day 144, even par. John Snoddy from Homewood followed his teammate Goldasich and Sim with a 145, 1-over par.

Wilson was playing solid golf entering the last segment of the AHSAA postseason. He shot a 3-under par 69 last Monday at a wet Terri Pines Country Club to win the sub-state and punch his ticket to Huntsville.

That was the best score in the sub-state that was interrupted by a thunderstorm in the afternoon and was drenched from heavy rain the day before.

Wilson leaves the prep game with a successful career for the Bearcats. Now he will focus his skills on playing for the Wallace State Lions, who have won 13 Alabama Community College Conference championships all-time, including the last three years.

The Lions recently won the NJCAA District 4 championship at Terri Pines to get them qualified for the nationals this weekend in Melbourne, Florida.

Wilson follows the footsteps of another Cullman golfer, Sylas Elliott, who is in his sophomore season at Wallace.



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FAITH

GROUND ZERO MEN'S CONFERENCE HELD AT WSCC

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AMY HASENBEIN LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

HANCEVILLE – The Ground Zero Men's Conference, sponsored by Alabama Sen. Paul Bussman, R-Cullman, was held on Saturday morning at Wallace State Community College's School of Nursing.

In its second year, but the first year with its new name, the Ground Zero Men's Conference sought to inspire and motivate the men in our community to become active in their relationships at home, in their communities and with God. Seeking to equip our community's young men with the strength to make positive choices and decisions in their day-to-day lives, the conference was designed to provide them with an additional layer of reinforcement given by networking with men who act as mentors.

When asked why he felt the need to sponsor the event, Bussman explained, "I was at a convention in North Carolina where one of the North Carolina State professors was talking about men and statistics and where men are and what they're doing. It was very clear to me that, with the statistics, men are not going into education. Men are not going into the workforce like they used to and men are not staying with their families like they used to. That stirred an interest in me and showed me that we're going to have to make a change in that statistic. With the conference, our goal, locally, is to try to motivate men to be engaged and get back involved in their families, get back involved with their kids and their community and do whatever they need to do to be leaders."

This year's presenters included Auburn University's football chaplain and campus leader for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Rev. Chette Williams. He also serves in a larger capacity as the State Director for Urban Ministries for the FCA.

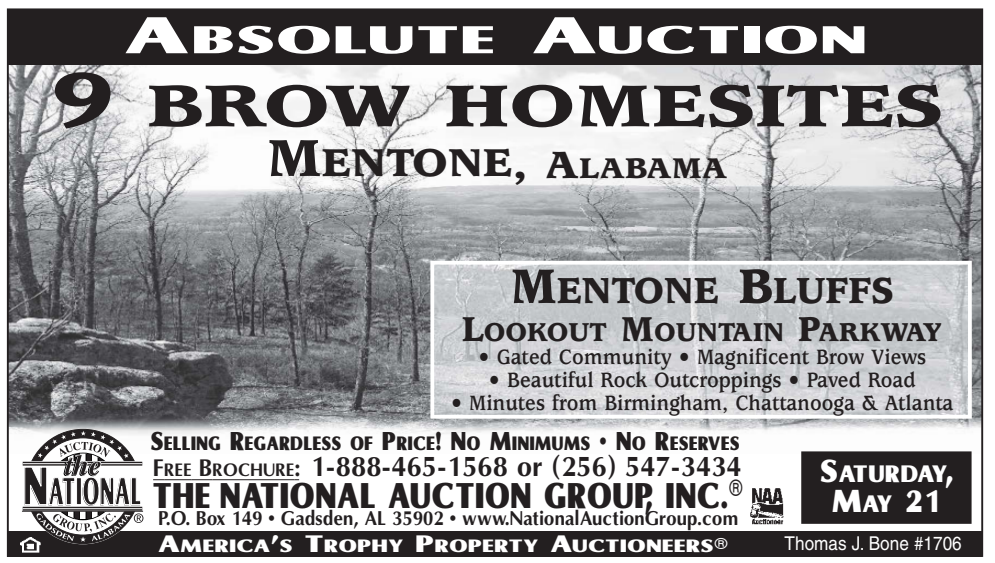
Williams was an active member of the Tiger's football team from 1982-84, when Auburn won the Sugar Bowl, the Citrus Bowl and the Liberty Bowl.

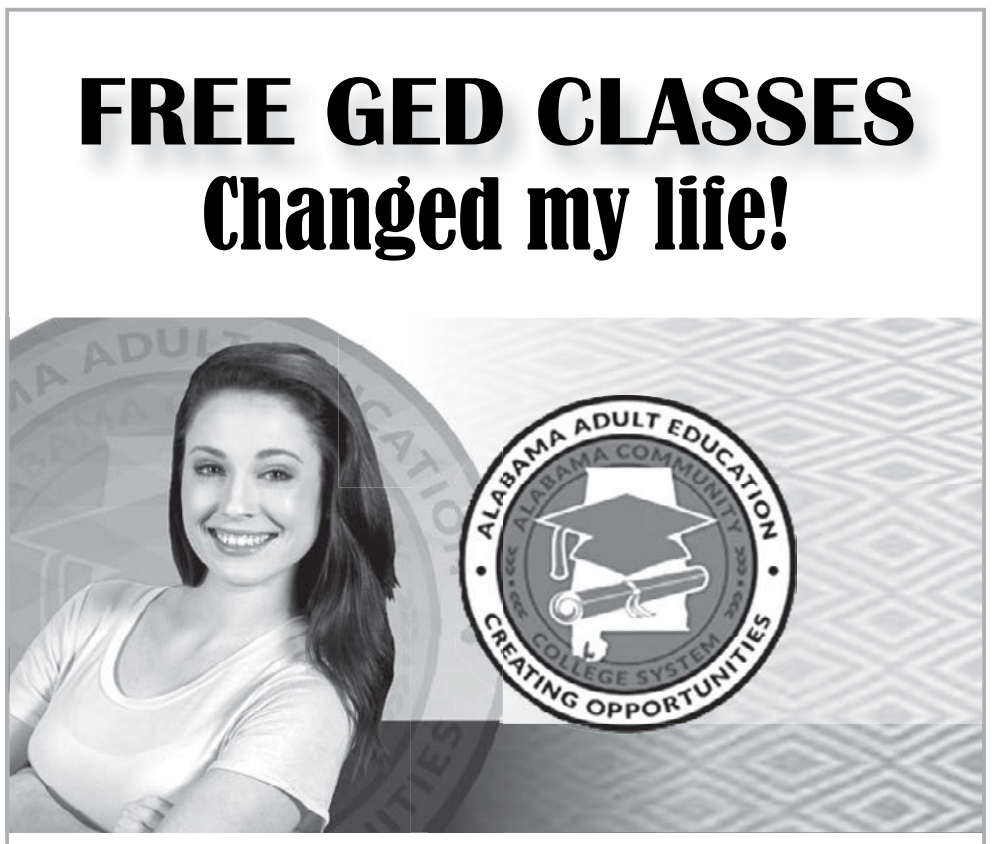
Mark Geist, motivational speaker and Annex Security Team member from the Battle of Benghazi, was a well-qualified presenter with 12 years of active duty as a Marine, deputy sheriff and chief of police in Colorado counties, and as a private security contractor.

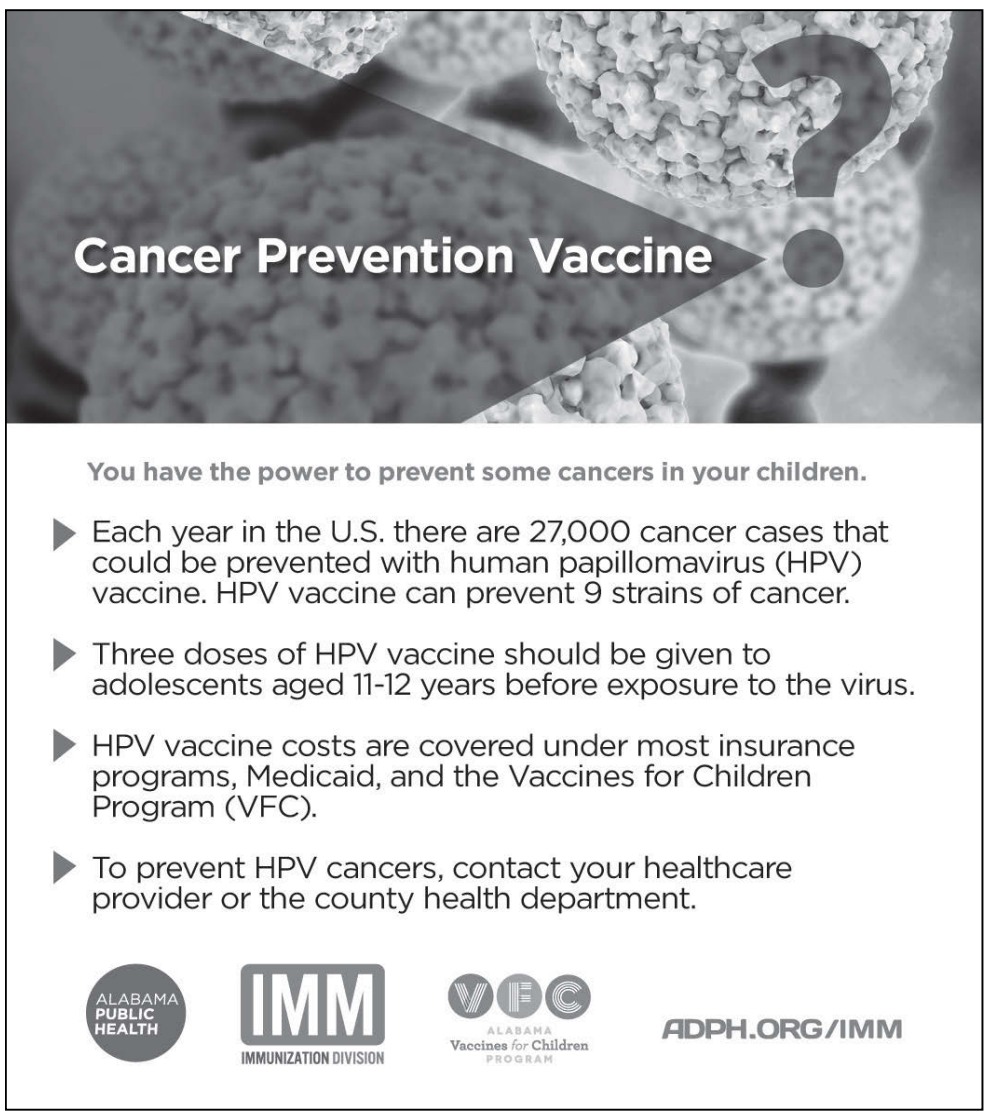
While working in Libya, Geist is credited with being a member of the team that saved more than 25 American lives.

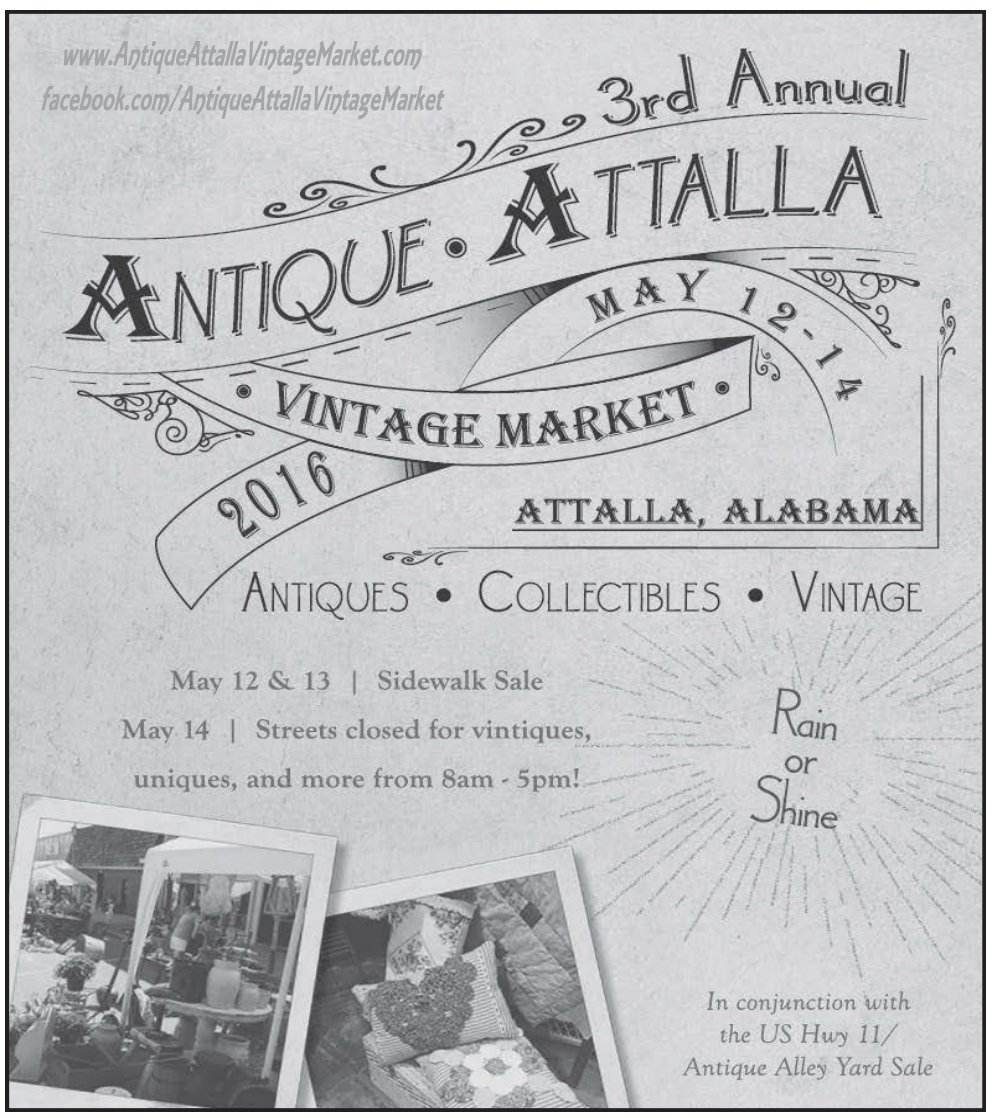
Lastly, Daystar Church's lead pastor, Jerry Lawson, was on hand to give his words of motivation and inspiration to the crowd. With his early ministerial career spent as a youth pastor before founding Daystar Church, Lawson was well versed at relating to all members of the audience.

The conference was open to men, both young and old, aged 10 and up and was free to participants.









IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
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Carl Willard Thomas, Deceased) Case No.:25-CV-2015-900120.00
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Gaylia Murphree, Administratrix cum)
Testamento Annexo of)
The Estate of Carl Willard Thomas,)
Deceased)
)
Vs.)
)
John D. Thomas, Bobby Joe Thomas,)
Clifton Thomas, Bonnie F. Davis,)
David Thomas, Randy Thomas,)
Andena Frank, Darlene Thomas, Larry)
Thomas, Martha Thomas, Susan Thomas,)
Ricky Thomas, Gene Mayfield, Marcina)
Guffy, Chris Thomas, Tammy Thomas,)
Danny Helms, Dewayne Helms, Margie)
Spitalsky, Evelyn Adkin, Diane Hoops,)
unknown heirs Of The Estate of Carl)
Willard Thomas; A parcel of Land in the)
Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter)
and the Southeast quarter of the Southwest)
Quarter of Section 1, township 10, South,)
Range 1, West, and being more particularly)
described as follows:)
Beginning at the Southeast corner of the)
Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter;)
thence west along the quarter line a distance)
of 660 feet; thence north to Harris)
Road; thence in a northeasterly direction)
along Harris Road to the East forty line;)
thence continue in a)
Northeasterly direction along Harris Road)
approximately 200 feet; thence south to the)
south line of the Southwest quarter of the)
Southeast quarter to a point)
Which is 200 feet east of the beginning point)
thence west a distance of 200 feet to the point)
of beginning.)
Less and Except the following two parcels)
of land:)
Parcel 1: A tract of land being in the)
Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter)
of Section 1, Township 10 South, Range 1)
West, Cullman County, Alabama described)
as: Commencing at the intersection of the)
east line of Said quarter-quarter section with)
the southerly right of way of Harris paved)
County Road: thence Southwesterly along)
said right of way 10 feet to the point of)
beginning; thence South 347 feet; thence)
North 73 degrees30 minutes West 248 feet to)
the southerly right of way of said Harris)
Road; thence Northeasterly along said right)
of way 200 feet to the point of beginning,)
being 1 acre, more or less.)
Parcel 11: A tract of land in the SW ¼ of the)
SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 1,)
Township 10 South, Range 1 West and being)
more particularly described as follows:)
Beginning at the intersection of the east line)
of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ with the southerly)
R.O.W. of Harris road, thence northeasterly)
along said R.O.W. 200" thence south 220')
thence southwesterly and parallel with)
Harris road 201' thence north 220" to the)
southerly R.O.W. of Harris road, thence)
northeasterly along said R.O.W. 10' to the)
P.O.B. Being 1 acre more or less.)
Dr. Terry L. Dawson, Palisades Collection,)
LLC, Ford Motor Credit DBA Primus)
Financial Services, Midland Funding, LLC,)
Sophian Capital Corporation; Great Seneca)
Financial Corporation; Midland Credit)
Management, Inc.; Department of Revenue)
State of Alabama; Velocity Investments;)
Integrity Sports Medicine; Citibank (South)
Dakota) NA; Merlyn Funding, LLC)
And C, D, E, F, G, and all other persons)
Claiming any present, future, contingent,)
Remainder, reversion or other interest in)
Said lands,)
Defendants)

FILED IN OFFICE
APR 28 2016
LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

NOTICE OF FILING LAWSUIT

NOTICE TO the following Defendants:

Ricky Thomas, Randy Thomas , Darlene Thomas, Larry Thomas, Susan Thomas, Martha Thomas, Jeffery Mayfield, Chris Thomas, Tammy Thomas, Dwayne Helms, and the unknown heirs of Carl Willard Thomas, deceased, all unknown heirs, and all other persons claiming any present future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in those lands more particularly described as follows: A parcel of land in the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter and the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 10, South, Range 1, West, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter; thence west along the quarter line a distance of 660 feet; thence north to Harris Road; thence in a northeasterly direction along Harris Road to the East forty line; thence continue in a northeasterly direction along Harris Road approximately 200 feet thence south to the south line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast quarter to a point which point is 20 feet east of the beginning point; thence west a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning. Less and except the following two parcels of property:

Parcel 1: A tract of land being in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of section 1, Township 10 South, Range 1 West, Cullman County, Alabama described as : Commencing at the intersection of the East line of said quarter-quarter section with the Southerly right of way of Harris Paved County Road: thence Southwesterly along right of way 10 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 347 feet; thence North 73 degrees 40 minutes West 100 feet; thence North 12 degrees 30 minutes West 248 feet to the Southerly right of way of said Harris Road; thence Northeasterly along said right of way 200 feet to the pint of beginning, being 1 acre more or less. Description taken from survey of Orvis E. Askea dated 22 March, 1991.

Parcel 11: A tract of land in the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ and the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 1,Township 10 South, Range 1 West and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the east line of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ with the southerly R.O.W. of Harris Road, thence northeasterly along said R.O.W. 200 feet thence south 220 feet thence southwesterly and parallel with Harris Road 210 feet thence north 220 feet to the southerly R.O.W. of Harris Road, thence northeasterly along said R.O.W. 10 feet to the P.O.B., being 1 acre more or less.

Your are hereby advised that the Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Sale and Division of those lands described as: A parcel of land in the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter and the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 10, South, Range 1, West, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter; thence west along the quarter line a distance of 660 feet; thence north to Harris Road; thence in a northeasterly direction along Harris Road to the East forty line; thence continue in a northeasterly direction along Harris Road approximately 200 feet thence south to the south line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast quarter to a point which point is 20 feet east of the beginning point; thence west a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning. Less and except the following two parcels of property:

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The aforesaid Defendants must answer said complaint by June 27, 2016 or, thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the said Defendants, in Cullman County Circuit Court Case No. 2015-900120.00.

Done this the 28th day of April, 2016.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Court of Cullman County

Attorney for Plaintiff
Beverly Paschal Poston
200 First Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-739-3970

25-JU-2008-000385.03
CIRCUIT COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
LISA MCSWAIN, CLERK

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF)
)
) Case No.: JU-2008-000385.03
)
HYDRICK EMMA BETH)
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NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of Emma Beth Hydrick, born on or about 08/20/2006 to Melissa Hydrick, respond to the Petition by the 26th day of May, 2016, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, P.O. Box 561, Cullman, AL 35056-0561, (256) 739-9300 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 11th day of April, 2016.

/s/ WELLS R. TURNER III
JUVENILE JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
MAXINE D. COLLETT, Deceased,) CASE NO. PC2016-096

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **AARON DAROLD COLLETT, MARY BOYD**, and **JOEL M. DRIVER**, Personal Representatives/Co-Executors, on the estate of **MAXINE D. COLLETT** on the 8th day of April, 2016 by the **Honorable TAMMY BROWN**, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by the law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Gregory A. Johnson
Gregory A. Johnson
Attorney for Estate of Maxine D. Collett
100 4th Avenue N.E.
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 739-0006

TO: Publisher of **The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
HONORABLE TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1. Earl's Body Shop will offer for sale at public auction the following vehicles on June 21, 2016 at 7:00 a.m.
1999 Cadillac Deville, Vin. #1G6KD54Y8XU721120.
1989 Chevrolet S10, Vin. #1GCCTI4Z3K2179547.
1987 Dodge D150, Vin. #1B7HD14W1HS475796.
2000 Pontiac Sunfire, Vin. #1G2JB5249Y7249657.

To Unknown Owners, Secured Parties, or leinholders pursuant to the Code of Al. AL. 32-13-1, notice is hereby given the following vehicles located at Earl's Body Shop, Inc. will be offered for sale at public auction. The owner secured parties or leinholders have the right to contest the sell of vehicle by filing within ten days before the date of sale of vehicle an application for hearing to be conducted before the Judge of the District Court of Cullman County. Accumulated charges indicated are approximate. The public auction will be held at 2251 Decatur Ave. NW, on June 21, 2016, at 7:00 a.m.
2000 Dodge Caravan, 7-4-2015, 7662 County Road 223, $1,155.00, Vin. #1B4GP44G7YB608247.
1992 Toyota Camry, 8-22-2015, I-65, $1,100.00, Vin. #4T1SK12EONU056615.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on September 2, 2009 by James M. Strater, Jr. and wife Rachel Strater, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1608, Page 750 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on June 3, 2016:

Begin at the NW corner of Sec. 21 T9S R1W, thence S2°28'30"W, a distance of 1,266.7 feet to a point on the North right of way of Alabama Highway #69 and the true point of beginning; thence N89°00'E along said right of way a distance of 259.3 feet to a point; thence N2°13'40"W, a distance of 220.0 feet to a point; thence N87°46'20"E, a distance of 200.0 feet to a point; thence N2°13'40"W, a distance of 234.05 feet to a point in the center of Duck Creek; thence continue along the center of said creek by the following bearings and distances: S64°50'21"W, 215.5 feet; thence S61°47'53"W, 90.0 feet; thence S50°23'14"W, 205.6 feet to a point; thence S2°28'30"W, a distance of 200.95 feet to the point of beginning. Said land lying and being in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼, Sec. 21, T9S, R1W, Cullman County, Alabama.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-May 11, 18, 25, 2016

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on November 30, 2007 by Phillip E. Stephens and wife Sandra Eileen Edmons n/k/a Sandra G. Stephens, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1546, Page 782 and Modification executed on April 22, 2009 and recorded in MTG Book 1597, Page 20 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on June 3, 2016:

All that part of the SE ¼ of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, more particularly described as: Commencing at the NW corner of the SE ¼ of said Section 11; thence S 88 degrees 58 minutes 14 seconds E along the north line of the SE ¼ of said Section 11 a distance of 41.06 feet to the west right of way of County Road 1528 (County Road 51 deed); thence along said right of way by the following chord bearings and distances: S 0 degrees 47 minutes 17 seconds E 26.22 feet; thence S 4 degrees 3 minutes 21 seconds E 66.23 feet; thence S 12 degrees 56 minutes 3 seconds E 12.79 feet to a point in line with the extension of an existing fence line and the true point of beginning ; leaving said right of way run S 0 degrees 7 minutes 13 seconds W along the line marking the extension of said fence line and the fence line a distance of 265.11 feet; thence N 88 degrees 13 minutes 9 seconds E a distance of 199.55 feet to the west right of way of County Road 1528; thence along said right of way by the following chord bearings and distances: N 43 degrees 43 minutes 31 seconds W 64.15 feet; thence N 47 degrees 49 minutes 34 seconds W 85.78 feet, thence N 44 degrees 13 minutes 00 seconds W 52.41 feet, thence N 33 degrees 7 minutes 9 seconds W 52.19 feet, thence N 23 degrees 21 minutes 11 seconds W 48.45 feet, thence N 12 degrees 56 minutes 3 seconds W a distance of 29.96 feet to the true point of beginning and containing .5 acres, more or less.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-May 11, 18, 25, 2016

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on July 19, 2012 by Donna Mann, an unmarried woman, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1682, Page 507 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on June 3, 2016:

Begin at the southwest corner of the NW ¼ of Section 14, Township 9 South, Range 4 West; thence N01°00'E along the west line of Section 14 225 feet; thence S88°23'53"E 228.72 feet to an existing iron; thence N01°00'E 105 feet; thence S89°09'35"W 200 feet to the true point of beginning. Said property lying in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 14, Township 9, Range 4 West. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-May 11, 18, 25, 2016

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on March 14, 2006 by Angelique C. Kline, Richard D. Kline, wife and husband, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book 1465, Page 265 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on June 3, 2016:

Lots 4, 5 and 6 of the survey made by Joe R. Harkins on 31st day of December, 1969. Said land lying and being tin the Northeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama, and said survey being recorded in Deed Book 290 Page 676=B of the records of the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.
Subject to mineral heretofore granted or reserved and not owned by the Grantors.
Subject to all rights of ways and easements.
Source of Title/Description: Deed Book 540 Page 327 and Survey of H.D. Harris, Al. Reg. No. 5742, dated October 27, 2005.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-May 11, 18, 25, 2016

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE

DAKOTA JORDAN AKER CASE NO: AD2016-026

A MINOR CHILD. DOB: 09-28-2000

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION TO BE PUBLISHED

TO: JOSHUA DEWAYNE AKER OR ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS, WHO MIGHT BE THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE NAMED MINOR CHILD.

YOU ARE BEING NOTIFIED THAT A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA BY NATHANIEL LEE CREASEY, IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST PUBLICATION. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 28th DAY OF April, 2016.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
VIRGINIA CALVERT,) Case No. PC 2016-082
)
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to Rockwell Calvert, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Virginia Calvert, deceased, on the 28th day of April, 2016, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Rockwell Calvert
Rockwell Calvert
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Virginia Calvert, deceased

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for Estate of
Virginia Calvert, Deceased
200 First Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

TO: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for 3 consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Beverly Paschal Poston
Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for the Estate of
Virginia Calvert, deceased

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2016-120

THE ESTATE OF DONNA SUE LEWIS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Donna Sue Lewis, deceased, have been granted to Katie Savannah Funderburg on the 2nd day May, 2016, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Katie Savannah Funderburg, Personal Representative,
and
Thomas A. Smith, Jr., Attorney for the Estate

TO: *Cullman Tribune*:

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

Thomas A. Smith Jr.
Smith & Smith LLP
328 1st Avenue SE
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
256-734-4721

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC-2016-078

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KEVIN EDWARD McCOWN, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF KEVIN EDWARD McCOWN, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Peggy Davis Chaffin on the 14th day of April, 2016, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Peggy Davis Chaffin, Personal Representative,
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Smith & Smith LLP
328 1st Avenue SE
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
256-734-4721

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

SYLVIA PRICE,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2016-900046.00**

WILLIAM PAUL PRICE,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

William Paul Price, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Sylvia Price's Complaint for Divorce by June 22, 2016 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2016-900046.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 21st day of April, 2016.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
MELVIN HASTING
P.O. BOX 517
CULLMAN, AL 35056-0517

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Keith Samuel Bradford, deceased CASE NO. PC 2016-106

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF KEITH SAMUEL BRADFORD, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Mary Bradford Daniel on the 26th day of April, 2016, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Mary Bradford Daniel, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
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Fax: (256) 734-4774
e-mail: steve@smithandsmithllp.com

STATE OF ALABAMA IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO: PC2016-291

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: NORMA FAYE HENRY

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PETITION TO PROBATE COPY WILL

TO: **ANTHONY DEWAYNE TUBBS, FRANKLIN DEE TUBBS, ALAN TUBBS, SUSAN ELAINE HALL, GINGER NORMAN AND ANY OTHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN RELATIVES OF NORMA FAYE HENRY.**

Please take notice that the Probate Court of Cullman County shall hold a hearing on the above matter on **the 28th day of June, 2016 AT 10:00 am/pm** in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, for the Petition to Probate Copy Will filed in said Court by Manuel Tubbs. That any objection to the Petition to Probate Copy Will should be known in writing and filed with this Court before the day and time of said hearing.

Dated this 10th day of ~~March~~ May, 2016.

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for three (3) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

OF COUNSEL:
RANDY A. HAMES
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
427 SECOND AVENUE SW
CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby give to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80:

1992 Ford Explorer, Vin. #1FMDU32X8NUC67738.
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NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of Alizabeth Williams born on or about 07/30/2014 to Mikayla Williams, respond to the Petition by the 26 day of May, 2015, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, P.O. Box 561, Cullman, AL 35056-0561, (256) 739-9300 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 14th day of April, 2016.

/s/ WELLS R. TURNER III
JUVENILE JUDGE

14th
day of April, 16
Clerk of Circuit Court

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
May 12, 2016

MOTHER AND SON FIND, RESCUE INJURED HAWK WHILE FISHING ON MOTHER'S DAY

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CULLMAN – Paula Campbell and her son Austin Miller were fishing in Cullman on Sunday when her son said a bird spiraled into the water.

"I told my son to, as best he could, bring the bird in towards the bank," Campbell said. She and her Miller were able to fish the hawk out of the water, and when they got him on dry land, the bird did not seem very active.

"We helped him try to stand up; he was not dead, but he was not acting too lively either," said Campbell.

"He did not seem like he was able to fly."

In order to find out what she needed to do, Campbell called around to local authorities. Those working at the police station on Mother's Day instructed Campbell to find an open grassy area and leave the hawk there.

"Well, I wasn't going to do that," Campbell said.

She didn't give up her search for options. Finally, Campbell got through to Dr. Bruce Lee at Lee's Veterinary Hospital.

Campbell dropped the hawk off at the hospital Monday morning, and after an initial examination, Lee said that, although there is some damage to the bird's feathers and some bruising, there are no broken bones and the hawk should make a full recovery.

The hawk is either a Red Wing or a Broad Wing, according to Lee; however, it is also very young, which makes it hard to distinguish between the two.

"I'm just an animal person," Campbell said. "I've doctored up squirrels and baby raccoons."

If anyone comes upon an injured animal in the wild, Campbell has a little bit of advice.

"Just don't be scared," she said. "Don't give up trying to help the animal, and don't be scared. Usually the animals are more scared of you than you are of them."

She added that she does not help snakes or spiders.

The hawk remained with the veterinarian and will be released into the wild as soon as it is healed.

For guidelines on how to capture or transport an injured raptor (hawk, owl, eagle, etc.), a great resource is the Alabama Wildlife Center in Pelham. Visit https://www.awrc.org/Found%20Injured%20Raptor or call the Wildlife Help Line at 205-663-7930, ext. 2 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m., seven days a week.



PAULA CAMPBELL

CRMC TO HOST STROKE PREVENTION AND TIPS LUNCH-AND-LEARN SEMINAR

Meredith Easterwood
CRMC

CULLMAN – Do you know the signs of a stroke? Do you know what steps to take if a loved one shows these signs? Join Cullman Regional Medical Center's Director of Emergency Services, Frank Cunningham, RN and Director of Cardiovascular Services, Carla Fewell, RN as they discuss a few of the many important, life-saving stroke prevention tips during an informative lunch-and-learn seminar on Thursday, May 19 at 11:30 a.m.

The seminar will be held in CRMC's Colonel Cullman Room in the Community Education Center in Professional Office Building 2 (1912 AL Highway 157, POB 2, Cullman, AL 35058).

Free cholesterol and blood pressure screenings will be available immediately following the program.

The cost of the lunch-and-learn seminar is $5 for WomenFirst and SeniorChoice members and $8 for others. Call 256-735-5600 to register.

Gardens (from Front)

obligated. The primary change is the money from county sales tax. It is not available until the board acquires the cemetery and is limited to $50,000 instead of $50,000 annually. I really believe we will be able to accomplish our goal of local ownership and control without spending any tax dollars, but the $50,000 is available if needed," explained Shedd regarding the bill alterations.

While still unsure of when Bentley will sign the bill, Bussman feels "there should be no reason for the governor to stop its passage."

Shedd continued, "Once the governor signs the legislation we can appoint the board and begin to organize a nonprofit. We will have to wait until foreclosure is complete and bankruptcy is over and then deal with the first mortgage holder.

I think we are moving closer to having this matter resolved maybe in two or three months. It may take longer, but I don't think so."

In his letter, Shedd made clear what has motivated him throughout the legislation's journey.

"Most importantly, the families of those resting at Cullman Memory Gardens can have peace knowing families can be buried together, final resting places can be visited without any concern and the entire property will be returned to the dignity and peaceful place their loved ones thought they would get when they made their purchase.

Everyone, including the men and women who fought for our country now resting at Cullman Memory Gardens, will be honored with a dignified final resting place."

The cemetery has been left in disrepair for years following the owner's bankruptcy which left the property's upkeep in the hands of dedicated volunteers who have continued to do the best they can with what they have.

Most volunteers have loved ones buried at the cemetery and found the dilapidation to be unacceptable, therefore took it upon themselves to provide the landscaping and cleaning duties.

Below is the full letter from Shedd to the community.

My legislation to address the situation at Cullman Memory Gardens passed this week and awaits the Governor's signature to become law.This is the beginning to give relief to the families of those resting there.

I lowered the original legislation to correct some of the concerns I heard at the public hearing and calls after the advertising. That is the purpose of public hearings.

I believe we have a way worked out with this legislation for Cullman Memory Gardens to become locally owned by a nonprofit without any cost to the taxpayers. That is my goal.

One thing I fundamentally disagree with some people on is this is not "bailing out" a business. I heard this same argument in the 1980s when I was chairman of the County Commission when we purchased the building and 20 acres at Holly Pond from Holly Manufacturing after they closed.

Some people told me we'd have to sell it for scrap. We took that building and land and turned it into the Lee Company with 500 jobs and substantial new investment by the company that provided good jobs and economic development in the Holly Pond area for about 25 years. And, the County got all of its money back plus interest.

The late Mayor Dane Estes said it was the county's first "spec" building.

What if I had given in to those who opposed me then? We would have missed 25 years of good jobs in Holly Pond and all of the economic development that went with it and the future jobs coming to come to Holly Pond in place of the Lee Company.

So, sometimes people don't understand all that's involved. And then, sometimes all the whooping and hollering is organized political rhetoric for political gain and loss of certain politicians. That was the case at Holly Pond and that was the case recently when I proposed my cemetery legislation to solve the Cullman Memory Gardens problem.

The business (owners of Cullman Memory Gardens) already (got) "bailed out" in bankruptcy, not with my legislation.

And, two different sets of owners made off with millions of dollars. Fraud would be my description.

So, now we have in place a mechanism to acquire Cullman Memory Gardens locally, organize a nonprofit that can own and operate Cullman Memory Gardens.

It won't happen immediately, but it will happen.

Most importantly, the families of those resting at Cullman Memory Gardens can have peace knowing families can be buried together, final resting places can be visited without any concern and the entire property will be returned to the dignity and peaceful place their loved ones thought they would get when they made their purchase.

Everyone, including the men and women who fought for our country now resting at Cullman Memory Gardens, will be honored with a dignified final resting place.

I respect the opinions of those who disagree with me on this issue.

But, I must say, I feel good about my decision.

Sincerely,

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SPECIAL PEOPLE CATCH A SPECIAL SHOW

Carmike Theater shows sensory-friendly version of "Ratchet and Clank"

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Autism and Special Needs Family Support Group joined forces with Cullman's Carmike Theater to host a sensory-friendly movie night on Friday afternoon, May 6. The special showing was for individuals and their families who are dealing with sensory issues related to delays or disabilities.

"Sensory-friendly movies are wonderful for the families of autistic and special needs individuals," said Rhonda Davis, Cullman Autism & Special Needs Family Support Group coordinator.

"A sensory-friendly movie is a little different than a regular movie showing; the sound is brought down and the lights are brought up about halfway each for those who cannot sit in total darkness," she explained.

"A lot of them need to get up and walk around, especially if they have a lot of sensory issues. We also don't show the previews, we go right to the movie because a lot of them have short attention spans," she smiled.

Close to 100 people with special needs, along with family members and caretakers, were at the movie theater for the event.

They munched on popcorn and laughed out loud as they enjoyed the movie, "Ratchet and Clank," an animated tale set in space complete with a brainy robot and his sidekick.

"We have never been to a sensory-friendly movie before," said Carla Sandlin, who was there with her 6-year-old son, Tyson. "This is very exciting; he has been talking about this all week."

Tyson goes to school at the Cullman County Child Development Center and he couldn't wait to get into his seat in the theater!

Admission was free to all attendees with developmental delays and/or special needs.

Their family and friends who accompanied them were given a special discounted admission rate of $7.

"My favorite part about going to the movies is seeing the picture," said Matthew. "It is a lot of fun to get out and do something different."

"We are going to be on TV! I'm going to have to tell my mom," said Horace, as he pointed to a news camera that was filming everyone for an upcoming newscast.

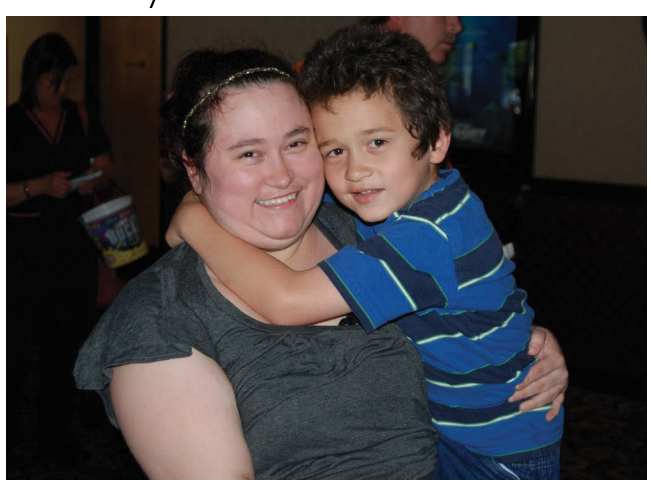
He and his buddies had a great time hamming it up during the interview before the movie started.

The Cullman Autism & Special Needs Family Support Group ministers to people of all ages and all disabilities, not just autism. It is a family group that supports each other and enjoys different activities together throughout the year.

For more information about the Cullman Autism & Special Needs Family Support Group and any upcoming events, call Rhonda Davis at 256-962-2208 or emailpdrd@hotmail.com or CullmanNetworkingGroup@autism-alabama.org.

Be sure to follow them on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/365701250298039/.

Cullman Autism & Special Needs Family Support Group is affiliated with the Autism Society of Alabama. They meet on the second Saturday of each month from 5-7 p.m. at the Margaret Jean Jones Center located at 1807 Beech Ave. SE in Cullman.







People of all ages enjoyed the sensory-friendly movie, "Ratchet and Clank" at the Carmike 10 theater Friday afternoon.

SHARON SCHULER KREPS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Relay (from Front)

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CULLMAN – This year's Relay For Life was held on Friday, May 6 at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. People from all over Cullman County came together as a group to honor all the local cancer survivors and to remember those lost. It was a very special day for those who have been affected by cancer.

The festivities began at 4:30 p.m. when the band Steel took the stage and entertained the crowd. They continued to play as the survivors ate dinner together as a group. The opening ceremonies began at 6 p.m. with the Color Guard, National Anthem and invocation followed by special speaker, Navy Lieutenant Mickey Williams, who lost his left leg to cancer.

"Myself, like thousands if not millions of other patients and caregivers have benefitted from the direct generosity of people gathered here today," said Williams.

"The love and generosity is overwhelming at times. The love and generosity between complete strangers who choose to fight back against this terrible disease. I am the beneficiary of endless efforts, love and generosity and I have an expansive family out there who have come together to fight this battle. Many of the drugs and therapies I myself have received and benefitted from are directly related to the funding and research that came about through Relay For Life."

Brad Talley and the local chapter of the Boozefighters Motorcycle Club made a special appearance during the opening ceremonies.

The group recognized the American Cancer Society members who have worked with the organization for 20 years or more. Afterwards, Talley presented them with a check for $18,000 to go to the ACS.

After the survivors walked across the stage announcing their names and the number of years they have been cancer-free, they gathered behind the tower of hope and got ready to make their survivor lap around the walking trail. But before they began their walk, the Booze Fighters made rounds on their motorcycles.

Myrna Hermetz, 53 years a cancer survivor, then led the group around the track, waving and smiling from her "chariot," a golf cart.

"This means a lot to me; I have been cancer-free for six years," said Brenda Glover.

"I have two sisters that have had cancer and they are both cancer-free now too. I thought it would be good to bring my daughter Kaitlin (who is 9 years old) with me tonight so she can experience what people have been through and see what they are going through. It means a whole lot to us.

"For those people, who are just being diagnosed with cancer, never give up hope," Glover smiled.

"There's always a light at the end of the tunnel and without God, they can't get through it. They have got to have the inspiration. There's always hope. If they have their last breath, there is hope that they can make it. It is a very hard thing to go through, and I would do anything I could to help them. There is always hope."

After dark, luminarias, paper bags containing votive candles, were scattered throughout the fairgrounds. Each was personalized with a name, photo, message or drawing in memory of or in honor of a friend or loved one affected by cancer.

Later into the evening, there were fun and games for everyone. The Wallace State Singers put on a show and there was a T-shirt contest afterwards. The crowd enjoyed the bra and boxer short competitions and the womanless beauty pageant. There was even a Relay Idol Contest, which was a spoof; people performed skits, sang songs, etc.

In closing, the Fight Back Ceremony featured Fight Back speaker Gary Cornelius. He spoke words of encouragement and hope and the crowd responded with a burst of cheers and applause. It was a wonderful way to end the day.

This year there were were 49 teams with 310 participants. Together they raised $113,222.78 for the ACS. What a difference Cullman County has made in the fight against cancer!

Relay For Life of Cullman County is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and is open to the community. Any groups or individuals are welcome to form a team and raise funds for ACS. The funds are used for research, support services, education and advocacy.

Find more information at www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal.

See the full photo gallery at http://qrne.ws/rfl.



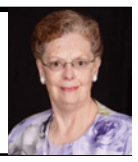
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NEWS FROM THE POND

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



HOLLY POND – Good morning *Tribune* readers and families. Another beautiful week of weather has come and gone. It's beginning to feel like summertime instead of springtime and I am seeing lots of great gardens as I go up and down the road. There are some very pretty flowers and plants in bloom.

This has been a very busy week for the Holly Pond Civitan Club members and guests. For another year during the Relay for Life week, the local club was asked to prepare and serve the Cancer Survivor's Breakfast. The breakfast was held on Wednesday morning at the Cullman Church of Christ.

We held a preparatory meeting on Tuesday afternoon to get as much done early as possible and cooked and served on Wednesday morning. The members of Holly Pond Civitan Club did a good job.

They included: Walt and Julia Floyd, Jimmie Carnell, Gladys Wisener, Sharon and Bill Oliver, Janice Murphree, Lynn Jetton, Lyndall House, Tammy Baker, Terri McIntosh, Melba Palys, Bart and Ashley Dye. Civitans were assisted by members of the Holly Pond High School Key Club. Holly Pond High School Key Club members included: Javier Figueroa, Kayley Fortner, Taylor Osling, Tiffany Blackmon, Brianne Bherven, Serena Knedlik, Griffin Stephens and Libby Maddox.

These students along with others had worked the day before at the Special Olympics. A special thank you is extended to Mrs. Melba Palys for furnishing these names. They are a great group of students and worked very hard to be helpful in every way possible.

The Relay for Life Cancer Survivors Breakfast was organized by members of the Beta Chapter of the ADK Teachers Sorority. These members planned the program, printed the agenda, decorated the dining hall, registered attendees, secured and handed out "Survivor" T-shirts, and finally assisted with clean-up.

Some of their members had been teachers at the local school.

Among those I remembered were: Sharon Oliver, Jan Pierce, Bobbie Pope, Linda Walker, Mitzi Smallwood and Rhonda VanZandt. The dining hall was beautifully decorated in shades of purple as a tribute to the survivors' hope and courage.

Several others of our local students were participants in the 3-A State Track Meet held on Saturday at Cullman High School. Congratulations are extended to Melissa Clingman, who placed second in the shot put and third place in the discus. Mat Cahoon placed second in the javelin and third place in the high jump.

Time is fast approaching for the end of this school year. Awards day is coming up and is a special day for the graduating senior class. I always look forward to attending our local day. It's amazing all the awards these students will receive.

Until next week, stay cool and be safe.

TRIBUNE ARCHIVES

TRIBUNE FILES OF YESTERYEAR

From The Files Of 1903:

Judge Oceola Kyle is endorsed as a candidate to succeed himself as judge of the eighth judicial circuit by J.B. Brown, F.E. Saint John, George H. Parker, J.J. Curtis, S.J. Griffin, Judge Herrin, Captain Hewlett Emil Ahlrich, O.S. Roden, Judge Fuller, J.W. Austin, Judge Johnson and Robert L. Hipp.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fehler was a son on January 10th, the same day a baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Scott Sizemore.

Archie Maples, who has been quite ill with pneumonia, is now broken out with smallpox.

M.S. Chance and Eugene Sparks have formed a partnership and occupy one of the German Bank storerooms for their store.

George Hoenig tells us that he has now been a resident of Cullman for 25 years.

Bills are now before both houses of congress providing for an appropriation of 24 million dollars, to be used during the next three years, as a fund for national and aid to road improvement.

The social calm of the past week was broken on Wednesday, when Mrs. A. Dreker entertained the B.B. Club. Miss Rachael Crothers delighted the club with several readings, which were unsurpassed.

Also little Misses Olga Dreher and Elsa Hartung caused many a smile and loving remarks as the little girls imitated the "grownup" B.B. members.

At dusk, of day, the guests were invited into the dining room, where at small tables, each accommodating four women, the elaborate menu consisting of potato salad, sandwiches, nuts, relishes, coffee, Charlotte Russe and cake, were served.

T.C. Holmes and John Morgan have added to the appearance of their dwellings by the addition of verandas.

B.A. Eddy has moved to Crane Hill and will carry the mail.

From The Files Of 1933:

The Cullman High School has been closed on account of lack of funds in the state educational department and has reopened as a private school. 322 students were registered, when the school closed and 153 have entered the private school.

William E. Grimmett, 81, died on Sunday.

Elected officers of the Leeth Bank, at the annual meeting of stockholders on January 9th, were H.C. Arnold, president; W.S. Leeth and Doctor G.W. Bledsoe, vice-presidents and J.A. Dunlap, cashier.

Other directors in addition are William E. James, Cal Leeth, Doctor J.C. Martin, J.P. Young and Homer F. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edwards announce the birth of son on January 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Waller (Margaret McMinn) announce the birth of a daughter, born last Sunday.

The First Baptist B.Y.P.U. enjoyed a progressive dinner party, on Friday night, at the home of Reverend and Mrs. J.E. Marion.

The main course was at the church, the salad at the home of Mrs. L.J. Vogel and the dessert at the home of Miss Wynelle Taylor.

Mrs. W.A. Sheppard, of Bessemer is at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. W.A. Scott, who is ill.

The Ladies Aid of Christ English Lutheran Church will serve their annual oyster supper, on January 17th.

Mrs. Clarence Green, Onis and Dorothy spent last weekend with relatives, in Hanceville.

About 100 students are attending the private school in Hanceville.

"Beads On A String" was presented at Mountain View School by Bertis Pattillo, Gordon Cole, Woodrow James, Spencer Walker, Rhea Dodson, Geneva Mae Burnett, Lillie Pattillo and Mildred Woodard.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

WHAT IS THAT IN THE SWIMMING POOL?

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



When Jean and I bought our current house it came with a giant hole in the back yard. Jed and Granny called theirs a cement pond. I have called mine a number of things and have been tempted on a couple of occasions to fill it full of cement! My family loves that thing dearly, and I love my family dearly, so I have not called for the cement truck yet. I must say though, at my age I am too old to have a baby and that swimming pool is about like taking care of one.

When I was a boy we didn't have to do anything to our swimming hole but move the cows out of the way and jump in! The water was always a lovely shade of green. The one thing that our pool has in common with the creeks and ponds I swam in is the creatures I find in it. I have found almost everything in it except fish. So far this year I have pulled out three turtles, one snake, one chipmunk and numerous lizards, salamanders and worms. Frog season has not even arrived yet, but I have already fished out (or should that be frogged out) about a dozen. Before long I'll be plagued with more frogs than Pharaoh was when Moses was trying to get him to let his people go. I'll have tree frogs, bullfrogs and toads. When my daily frog count gets to about fifty I'll be the one wanting to go somewhere!

Over the years that we have lived in this house with the hole in the back yard I have removed other creatures, including squirrels, birds, mice, moles and one black Labrador retriever.

No, the dog didn't drown and actually I didn't remove him, he removed himself. One nice summer day as I stood by the pool this unknown dog walked down the steps of our deck, down the steps into the pool, swam about two or three laps, walked back up the steps, shook himself off and headed on to wherever he had come from. He didn't even say "thank you!"

There are also the non-breathing items that find their way into the water. Even though we have few trees in our yard, I always manage to have a pool full of them each fall.

My neighbor's leaves have no sense of property lines. I posted no trespassing signs, but those leaves pay no attention whatsoever. Some of the trees shed these little squiggly things that look like worms each spring. One or two of the trees are Sweet Gums. Have you ever stepped on a sweet gum ball with your bare feet? That will cause you to say, "Glory," but not "Hallelujah!" That flash flood we had back in December washed mud across my yard, into the pool and turned it as brown as a cow pond. Did Moses send a mud plague on the Egyptians? Pollen in the spring and enough little boys in the summer, turns the water yellow.

Around the first of June all that work and attention will pay off. No, not because I'll dive in. I must have gone swimming 93,398,887 times as a boy, so I guess I burned out. The thrill for me now is simply watching my family have so much fun in that hole in my back yard. It is work to maintain, but it is a labor of love. Whether it is for God, family, friends or country, the things we do for the ones we love should bring us a blessing!

FOLK TALK

THE FLOATING LAWN-MOWER

Doctor Robert Ham
Tribune Contributor



I was told by a friend that I should buy a lawnmower like the one he saw while he was visiting in England. He told me that the lawnmower was about the size of a normal mower, but it had no wheels and instead of rolling across the grass it floated.

He said they called it a hover mower and it flew like a hover craft.

I then pulled up the photo and description of this unique mower from the internet.

There may already be a riding hover mower, but my lawn is too small to use a riding mower.

A few years ago, the engine of my push mower died.

I then began using my weed eater to cut my lawn. It now takes me about thirty minutes to mow my entire lawn.

Some of us remember pushing a lawnmower that had no mower. It ran on man power.

When I was a kid I used this simple push mower to mow our lawn and four other neighbor's yards.

I was in high school before my father bought a gasoline powered mower.

The blades on this lawnmower rotated up and over like the old push mower.

While visiting in Florida I watched a yardman trying to mow a small lawn with a large riding mower.

He had to back up the big mower several times to finish mowing the yard.

I enjoy seeing a beautiful large golf course size lawn, but mowing is not something that gives me pleasure.

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HEALTH

DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM STARTS MAY 11

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CULLMAN – With the overwhelming prevalence of diabetes in our local community, education is the key to prevention and treatment to help those who suffer from the seventh leading cause of death in the United States.

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System is providing its DEEP – Diabetes Empowerment Education Program to those adults diagnosed with diabetes and people without diabetes. All are welcome.

The six-session program will focus on understanding and monitoring your body, diabetes risk factors, the importance of physical activity and meal planning, complications from the disease and learning about medication options.

As 9.3 percent of the population in our country is living with diabetes, the tools taught during the classes will prove to be indispensable to community members. Each year, 1.4 million Americans are diagnosed, making the educational sessions an asset to many.

Presented by Donna Shanklin, regional extension agent in ACES Human Nutrition, Diet & Health, the six-week program will be on Wednesday afternoons from 1- 2:30 p.m. beginning May 11 and continuing weekly through June 29.

The classes will be held at the Cullman ACES office at 402 Arnold St. NE, Suite G-1.

Registration can be taken by phone at 256-737-9386 or by contacting Shanklin at drs0009@aces.edu.

For more information, visit http://offices.aces.edu/cullman/2015/12/03/diabetes-education-programming-in-2016/.

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PHARMACY TOPICS *by Rex Smith*

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There is some good news for people with eye complications from diabetes. A network of researchers has found that the drug Lucentis (ranibizumab) can be highly effective for treating proliferative diabetic retinopathy, an eye disease that can occur as a complication of diabetes. The researchers say this is the first major advance in therapy in 40 years. Diabetic retinopathy is the leading cause of vision loss and blindness among working-age Americans. An advanced stage, called proliferative diabetic retinopathy, occurs when abnormal blood vessels grow near the retina, the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye. These new vessels can leak blood, which can obscure vision and damage the retina. Lucentis is one of several drugs called VEGF inhibitors that can block this process.

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Antibiotics may be linked to a serious disruption in brain function, called delirium and other brain problems, more than previously thought, according to a "Views and Reviews" article published in *Neurology*, a medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology. Delirium causes mental confusion that may be accompanied by hallucinations and agitation. Medications are often the cause of delirium, but antibiotics are not necessarily the first medications doctors may suspect.

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New research published in the journal *Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice* shows for the first time that there is an association of verapamil, which is widely used to treat high blood pressure, irregular heartbeat and migraine headaches, with lower fasting glucose levels in humans with diabetes.

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Thursday

2016 Tourism & Community Improvement Awards
May 12. Doors open at 9 a.m. Brunch & Awards Ceremony starts at 10 a.m. Stone Bridge Farms – Brown Stone Centre, 281 County Road 717. The Cullman Tourism Awards recognize remarkable individuals, businesses and organizations who contribute to the success of the tourism industry in the Cullman area. The Community Improvement Award inspires businesses and organizations to take action to preserve, protect and promote community improvement in Cullman. Our third annual Cullman Area Tourism & Community Improvement Awards program will feature the theme of "Cullman Makers." To give you a better idea of what we mean by "maker," we mean celebrating our Cullman creativity and innovation by bringing together highly curated, handpicked top talent that "make" things of interest such as: music, designs, buildings, farms, art, food, beer, clothing, soap, coffee and tea – essentially the top makers in their respective trades. Cullman Makers will fill booths where you can peruse and purchase their handmade goods. We will also have live music to enjoy. Register at cullmanchamber.org.

Electric Jam
Thursday, May 12 at Grace Episcopal Church. 305 Arnold Street NE. Jazz, Blues & Rock. Free - Food, Music, Fun! If you play or sing you're invited to jam with us! Covered Dish Supper 5:30-6 p.m. Jam 6-8 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share. Every second Thursday of the month!

CRMC FREE Stroke Prevention Community Screening
In recognition of National Stroke Month, Cullman Regional Medical Center is hosting a FREE Stroke Prevention Community Screening on Thursday, May 12, by appointment only. Worried about Stroke? Are you over the age of 50? Do you have high cholesterol? Does your family have a history of strokes? If so, call to schedule your appointment TODAY. 6 tests for FREE: Lipid Panel (Cholesterol and Glucose), Body Mass Index, EKG (Electrocardiogram), Blood Pressure, ABI Screening and Bone Density Screening. To schedule an appointment, call 256-735-5600.

Dodge City Town Council Meeting
Thursday, May 12 at 6 p.m. at Dodge City Town Hall

Hanceville City Council Meeting
Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall

Cullman Farmers Market – Festhalle
Fresh, local produce, breads and meats, along with plants and crafts. The Farmers Market is now open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. through October. Located at 209 First Ave. NE.

CP&R Community Classes- Dance Lessons
Ballroom, Latin and Swing Dancing - Thursdays, $10 per class. Cullman Civic Center. For more information, contact Waid Harbison at 256-734-9157.

Cullman Caring for Kids- United Way Food Bank
The food bank is open every Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - noon for eligible families. Located at 402 Arnold St. NE Ste. W-1. For more information, or to make a donation, call 256-739-1111. www.cullmancaringforkids.com

Overeaters Anonymous
Overeaters Anonymous will be meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the Carriage House, located behind Grace Episcopal Church. For more information, contact 724-376-2124 or 256-352-1143.

Cullman Senior Center Live Band and Karaoke
The Cullman Senior Center will have a live band or karaoke every Thursday from 8 a.m. - noon. For more information, call 256-734-0145. The Cullman Senior Center is located at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW.

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Friday

Healing Service& Candlelight Procession at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
All are invited to join us on Friday, May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, for a 7 p.m. Healing Service & Candlelight Procession at the Lourdes Grotto. A replica of the original miraculous Grotto in Lourdes, France was dedicated here at the Shrine in Hanceville in 2008. A stone from the original Grotto has been mounted in the Shrine Grotto for the veneration of the faithful. The Grotto is handicap accessible and wheelchairs are available, if needed. A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who make a pilgrimage to the Lourdes Grotto here by fulfilling the usual norms and conditions. Join us as we honor Our Blessed Mother and ask her intercession for the healing of our bodies and souls. For more information, call 205-795-5717, or visit our website: www.olamshrine.com. 3222 County Rd. 548, Hanceville, AL 35077

North Alabama Agriplex Little Farmers: Strawberries
Please register online at www.agriplex.org or call 256-297-1044. Still room in Touring Farms for Kids, Sewing Camp and Garden camp! May 13, 9 a.m.- Little Farmers, Strawberries for preschoolers and adult; A few spots left!

Hanceville Farmer's Market
The Hanceville Farmer's Market has locally-grown fruits, vegetables and meats, as well as arts and crafts. They are open on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Located at 200 Bangor Ave.

Cullman Caring for Kids- United Way Food Bank
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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.

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Saturday

American Legion Post 4 Monthly Meeting
Saturday, May 14, 6-8 p.m. Join us for our Monthly Meeting held at the VFW. Dinner is served at 6 p.m., meeting to follow beginning at 7 p.m. 112 Veterans Drive. Every second Thursday at 6 p.m.

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.

Stony Lonesome 5K Mud Run
May 14 at 8 a.m. Where mud and mayhem come together. Runners will grind their way through the challenging course which will feature: crawling through grimy mud, climb over high walls, splash across a wooden bridge, and traverse through obstacles packed throughout this muddy course. With spectators cheering, this event will surely be a memorable experience for anyone daring to take on the Stony Lonesome Mud Run! Registration is $30, 13 and up only!

Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Holly Pond Lions Club will be holding a pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 14. This event is traditionally a very successful fundraising occasion, with proceeds going for upkeep of the Holly Pond Cemetery. It will be held at the Senior Center in Lions Club Park starting at 6 a.m. and continuing until 10 a.m. Our Lions always work very hard and do a great job with this event.

Dinner on First
The Cullman City Parks and Recreation Foundation Board will be hosting its inaugural Dinner on First event to raise funds for the planned Connected Park project, which will feature an all-inclusive playground accessible to children of all abilities and special needs. The event is slated to kick off on Saturday, May 14, at 6 p.m. Catered by Dyron's Low Country Restaurant. The farm-to-table style meal will be hosted in the historic Warehouse District on First Avenue just south of the Festhalle Marketplatz. An after party will kick off at 8:30 p.m. where acoustic group Round 2 will provide music to accompany many other activities. Tickets are available online at http://cullmanrecreation.org/dinner-on-first/. Tickets can be purchased as a single for $100, a couple for $200 or a table for $800. All proceeds directly benefit the Connected Park project. For more information on the Dinner on First event, contact Christy Turner at 256-734-9157.

3rd Annual Nicholas Fillinger Memorial Run 5K Run/Walk
Saturday, May 14, 8 a.m. at St. Bernard Trails, 1600 St. Bernard Dr. SE. Nicholas died tragically in a training accident in September 2013. St. Bernard was one of his favorite places to run. The run benefits the Nicholas Fillinger Foundation as well as the Grace Chapel Choir (a youth community service choir) that Nicholas was a member of. The proceeds help fund their summer choir tour which is to San Diego, Phoenix and Las Vegas this year. In addition to musical performances they will be serving in various inner-city missions and helping with community service projects. The Nicholas Fillinger Foundation ministers to orphans and children rescued from human trafficking. It also ministers locally in educating young athletes about safe and healthy training techniques. Packet pick-up and Race Day registration - 7- 7:45 a.m. The race will begin at 8 a.m. Post-race refreshments and celebration (with mini-concert from choir) - 8:25-9 a.m. Awards at approximately 9:15 a.m. http://qrne.ws/nf

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CP&R Community Classes- Rock Climbing
Hurricane Creek Park - Saturdays at 10 a.m., $25, call to register at 256-734-2125. For more information, contact Waid Harbison at 256-734-9157.

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 and in-need veterans. Volunteers are needed and donations are accepted. See Facebook page "SFW" for more info or call Jeremy (352-440-4076), Tammy (256-286-3136) or Josh (256-615-5263).

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Sunday

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church
Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have a singing, Sunday night, May 15, at 6 p.m. "Canaan's Crossing" from Arab will be special guests. The church is located by U.S. Highway 278, approximately two miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986 or 256-590-4468.

CP&R Community Classes- Wilderness Survival Course
Sundays with reservation, call to register at 256-734-2125. For more information, contact Waid Harbison at 256-734-9157.

Sunday Brunch Buffet at TP Country Club
Sunday Brunch Buffet at TP Country Club from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call 256-739-0738 for more information.

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Monday

North Alabama Agriplex Heritage Skills: Floral Arranging
Please register online at www.agriplex.org or call 256-297-1044. Still room in Touring Farms for Kids, Sewing Camp and Garden camp! May 16, 6 p.m. - Heritage Skills: Floral Arranging - Steve Brannon of Fairview Florist will lead this course on floral arranging using homegrown flowers. Participants are welcome to bring their own flowers and vase, but both will also be provided. Register online at Agriplex.org.

Garden City Town Council Meeting
Monday, May 16 at 6 p.m. at Garden City Town Hall

West Point Town Council Meeting
Monday, May 16 at 6 p.m. at West Point Town Hall

CP&R Community Classes- Painting
Oil Painting and Acrylics - Mondays from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at Cullman Civic Center. For more information, contact Waid Harbison at 256-734-9157.

Storytime at the Library
Storytime at the library every Monday and Tuesday at 10 a.m. Join us for fun! Listen to stories, learn songs and make crafts. Contact 256-734-1068 for more information.

Cullman Caring for Kids- United Way Food Bank
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Overeaters Anonymous
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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

Cullman County Auburn Club Meeting Announcement
The Cullman County Auburn Club has scheduled their annual Scholarship Banquet for Tuesday, May 17 at the Cullman Civic Center. Guest speaker for the banquet will be Bruce Pearl, the head basketball coach of Auburn University's basketball team. Auburn's national champion mascot, Aubie, along with representatives from the alumni office and other AU offices, schools and departments will be there. In addition to the buffet meal, there will be a silent auction, autographs and AU memorabilia available to purchase. The banquet will be held at the Cullman Civic Center, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a Tiger Walk for the coach. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Tickets for the event are on sale for $35.00 for adults and $15.00 for children (12 and under). For ticket information contact the Cullman County Auburn Club, P. 0. Box 2785, Cullman, AL 35056 or 256-734-8461. No tickets will be sold at the door for the event. Cut-off date for ticket sales is May 13.

North Alabama Agriplex Book Club: "The Cabaret of Plants"
Please register online at www.agriplex.org or call 256-297-1044. Still room in Touring Farms for Kids, Sewing Camp and Garden camp! May 17, 6 p.m.- Book Club: "The Cabaret of Plants" by Richard Mabey - Mabey takes us on a round the world journey looking at the interactions of humans and plants. The New York Times calls it "Highly entertaining... Without being sentimental about it, Mr. Mabey gets us to look at life from the plants' point of view. His science is sound, he's witty and his language is engaging." The Guardian calls it "a happy tangle of beautiful stories and studies from a career that has stepped between science and poetry, or as its subtitle says, between botany and the imagination."

Cullman City School Board Meeting
The Cullman City Board of Education will hold the regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room, 301 1st Street, N.E., Cullman

Cullman Farmers Market – Festhalle
Fresh, local produce, breads and meats, along with plants and crafts. The Farmers Market is now open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. through October. Located at 209 First Ave. NE.

CP&R Community Classes- Yoga and Dance Fitness
Yoga- Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Nia Dance Fitness / Ageless Grace - Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Cullman Civic Center. For more information, contact Waid Harbison at 256-734-9157.

Lunch at VFW Post 2214
Everyone come to Tuesday's lunch at the VFW Post in Cullman. Starts at 11:30, $5 per plate. We have carryout if you can't stay and eat with us. We always have a great time. Love to see new folks and enjoy the usual group. See you on Tuesday.

Storytime at the Library
Storytime at the library every Monday and Tuesday at 10 a.m. Join us for fun! Listen to stories, learn songs and make crafts. Contact 256-734-1068 for more information.

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.

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.

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

2016 May Morning Blend
Wednesday, May 18 from 8-9 a.m. at Karma's Coffee House. Chamber Staff will welcome members and visitors to Karma's every month to discuss the hottest topics in business and share tips, ideas and viewpoints. Register at cullmanchamber.org.

2016 Member Appreciation Cookout
Wednesday, May 18 from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce. Free to Chamber members, but reservation requested.

Hanceville Farmer's Market
The Hanceville Farmer's Market has locally-grown fruits, vegetables and meats, as well as arts and crafts. They are open on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Located at 200 Bangor Ave.

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.

Cullman Senior Center Bingo
Play Bingo at the Cullman Senior Center every Monday and Wednesday. Activities from 8 a.m. - noon. 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.

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
Lunch Buffet at TP Country Club from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Call 256-739-0738 for more information.

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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.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Electric Jam
Grace Episcopal Church. 305 Arnold Street NE. Jazz, Blues & Rock. Free - Food, Music, Fun! If you play or sing you're invited to jam with us! Covered Dish Supper 5:30-6 p.m. Jam 6-8 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share. Every second Thursday of the month!

Wallace State Horticulture Department's Spring Plant Sale
Going on daily. Easter lilies, vegetables, flowers, annuals, hanging baskets, shrubs and more will be for sale from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., each weekday, while supplies last. The horticulture department is located on the southwest portion of the Wallace State campus. From Highway 31, enter the campus at the College Drive entrance (the entrance across from Hardee's) and drive to the back of campus toward Tom Drake Coliseum. Turn left onto Industrial Drive and then right onto Lions Lane, crossing over the bridge next to the lake. At the stop sign turn left; the horticulture building will be on the right.

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.

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.

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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

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 City Head Start
Now accepting applications for the 2016-17 school year. Must live in city limits and be 3-4 years-old on or before Sep. 2 and meet qualifications. Call 256-734-0234 for more info.

Rock the South
June 3-4 at Heritage Park. Check out www.rockthesouth.com for more details.

Cullman Community Lions Club Meetings
First and third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center

Tornado Awareness Training
June 10 from 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. in the Cullman County EMA training room (basement) located at 2020 Beech Avenue SE. For more information about the event, call 256-739-5410, email cullmancountyema@gmail.com or visit www.cullmanema.org. Find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CullmanCountyEMA/.

Cullman Caring for Kids Yard Sale
June 1-4, all proceeds go to Cullman Caring for Kids. Our yard sale will be held at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. If you have anything you would like to donate to be sold at the yard sale you can contact us at our office 256-739-1111. We are a nonprofit organization, and receipts will be given at the time of donation.

CP&R Therapeutic Recreation Program Events
The program uses recreational activities, leisure and play to enhance the quality of life for individuals with physical, mental, social or emotional limitations or abilities. The program targets more than play and uses the power of recreation and leisure activities to support the rehabilitation process and promote overall wellness. Activities are targeted at education, teaching, playing and participation in a number of meaningful activities. The program offers several events, activities, and ongoing programs throughout the year. It is open to all ages of anyone with special needs of varying levels. The program's activities are free to attend and are supported by the efforts of the Cullman City Parks and Recreation Department. For any questions regarding the program contact Kelly Pulliam at 256-734-9157 or kpulliam@cullmanrecreation.org.
Upcoming Events
• No Limits Dance Class / July & August / Civic Center
• Swim Night & Cook Out / August 2 / 6 p.m. / CWAC
• Pizza & Bingo Night / September 8 / 5:30 p.m. / Civic Center

Dirt Therapy Day 2016 at Stony Lonesome OHV Park
July 9. Who's ready for Dirt Therapy Day? We're working on a whole bunch of fun activities including our MUD BOG! So, keep an eye on our Facebook for more information! https://www.facebook.com/stonylonesomeohv/

Youth Flag Football
Registration April 1 – June 30 @ Cullman Civic Center; $90 fee includes jersey & trophy; Practices begin in July and games will begin in August going through part of October. For more information, call Heritage Park at 256-739-9931.

Yellowhammer Classic Charity Golf Tournament
June 10 at Terri Pines Country Club, sponsored by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Thomas Jefferson Denney Camp 1442. All proceeds will go to Children's Hospital Miracle Network and Cullman Caring for Kids United Way Food Bank.

Blalock Family Reunion
The Blalock Reunion will be on Sunday, June 12, at Mike Blalock's residence in Birmingham. For more information, call 205-451-9390.

Hanceville Class of 1958 Reunion
The Hanceville Class of 1958 reunion will be on Saturday, May 28, at 10 a.m., at the Moody Center in Hanceville.

Phillips Family Reunion
The John Marion and Frances Compton Phillips reunion and luncheon will be on Saturday, June 25, at 10 a.m. at the Brushy Pond Community Center.

Guthery Family Reunion
The Guthery Reunion will be on Saturday, June 11, at the West Point Community Center.

Sinyard Family Reunion
The Sinyard Reunion will be on Saturday, August 13, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Moody Center.

Little Mister & Miss Cullman County Pageant
Sunday, May 29 at 3 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center. Deadline for entries is Sunday, May 15. http://www.divineroyaltypageants.com/cullman-county-pageant.html

The Link of Cullman County's 2016 Reverse the Cycle Sprint Triathlon
Saturday, June 18 at Smith Lake Park; INDIVIDUAL RACE: 3-MILE RUN, 7-10-MILE BIKE RIDE and 200-YD POOL SWIM; KID'S RACE (up to 15 years): 1-MILE RUN, 2-MILE BIKE RIDE and 50-YD POOL SWIM. For more info: http://linkingcullman.org/reversethecyclesprinttriathlon/

City of Cullman Municipal Election
August 23, the election for City of Cullman mayor, council and school board will be held August 23. For more information on the upcoming municipal election contact the City Clerk's office.

Center Point Homecoming
Center Point Baptist Church, by 1584 County Road 1650, Cullman, will hold Homecoming on June 5, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be at noon. Special guests will be The Burks. Singing begins around 1:30 p.m.

Good Hope Outlaws Youth Football, Cheer & Majorette Fundraiser
Yard Sale on Saturday, May 28 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at A Lot of Cars in Good Hope on Highway 69. In addition, we will also be selling hot dogs, drinks, chips and baked goods. We are also taking orders for Boston Butts, whole chickens and slabs of ribs during the whole month of May, with pickup at the yard sale on the 28th. For more information, call Heather Mathis at 256-841-9081.

Denim & Diamonds Preakness Party to Benefit Hope Horses, Inc.
The Denim & Diamonds Preakness Party to benefit Hope Horses, Inc. will be on Saturday, May 21 at St. Bernard Abbey. Tickets: Individual $75; Couple $150 Send your ticket donation to: Hope Horses, Inc., 1301 Convent Road NE, Cullman, AL 35055. For more info, call 256-841-6290. 4:00 Pre-Race Social Hour & Hors D'oeuvres; Opening of Silent Auction; 5:15 "The Preakness Stakes;" 6:30 Speaker Andrew Winfrey; 6:45 Live Auction; 7:00 Live Music; 8:00 Closing of Silent Auction.

Boomtown Live at Berkley Bob's "Bluegrass at its Finest"
Boomtown, 2015 winners of Loretta Lynn's Pickin Jamboree, will be performing live at Berkley Bob's on Friday, May 20 from 7-9 p.m.

North Alabama Agriplex Upcoming Events
Please register online at www.agriplex.org or call 256-297-1044. Still room in Touring Farms for Kids, Sewing Camp and Garden camp!
• MONARCHS AND MILKWEED CELEBRATION: ON JUNE 11
• June 11, 9-10:30 a.m. - Farm Kids Club: Butterflies - At this Farm Kids Club we will dive into the world of butterflies. Join us as we discuss their development from egg to butterfly, their migration, food, and everything else to know about them. We will have live butterflies and plants to help them on their development. $5 per child, $10 max

per family. Registration required. Register on-line at Agriplex.org.
• June 11, 2 p.m. - Living Landscapes: Monarchs - Monarchs have gotten a lot of publicity recently and for a good reason. Come learn about this beautiful creature and what you can do to help them. Everyone will leave with some monarch friendly plants and additional plants will be available for purchase. Register on-line at Agriplex.org.
• June 11, 7 p.m. - Movie Night: "DisneyNature Wings of Life" - This family friendly movie narrated by Meryl Streep provides "a stunning adventure full of intrigue, drama and mesmerizing beauty." This "intimate and unprecedented look at butterflies, hummingbirds, bees, bats and flowers is a celebration of life, as a third of the world's food supply depends on these incredible -- and increasingly threatened -- creatures." Free. All ages welcome and refreshments provided.
• June 4, 1-4 p.m. - Heritage Skills: Blacksmithing - Allan Kress will teach this class on Blacksmithing using the facilities at Peinhardt Farm. Adults and ages 12 and up with a parent are welcome to join. Due to the class's nature, space is very limited. $15 and preregistration required. Register on-line at Agriplex.org. FULL
• June 9, 6 p.m.- Home Irrigation Workshop with Tim Crowe from County Extension
• June 21, 6 p.m.- Book Club: "Salt Sugar Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us" by Michael Moss - From Amazon: "Every year, the average American eats thirty-three pounds of cheese and seventy pounds of sugar ... It comes from processed food, an industry that hauls in $1 trillion in annual sales. In Salt Sugar Fat, Pulitzer Prize–winning investigative reporter Michael Moss shows how we ended up here." This is a NY Times Bestseller, James Beard Award Winner and best book of the year by The Atlantic, The Huffington Post, Men's Journal, MSN and Publishers Weekly.
• July 9, 9-10:30 a.m. - Farm Kids Club: Goats- Meet and greet goats and learn about these amazing animals. You can try your hand at milking a goat and taste some goat cheese. For ages 5 and up with an adult. $5 per child or $10 max per family. Register on-line at www.agriplex.org.

CP&R Senior Spirit Program Central America Cruise
Carnival Dream -January 22 – 29, 2017; New Orleans - Mahogany Bay Roatan - Belize City, Belize -Cozumel, Mexico. Interior Rooms - $1,100 per person, Balcony Rooms - $1,400 per person. Includes: Motor Coach transportation, Cruise, Taxes, Gratuities and Insurance. 1st Payment $75 by June 1, 2016. For more information, contact Angie Jochum at 256-734-4803.

Cullman Autism & Special Needs Family Support Group
Cullman Autism & Special Needs Family Support Group is affiliated with the Autism Society of Alabama. They meet on the second Saturday of each month from 5-7 p.m. at the Margaret Jean Jones Center located at 1807 Beech Ave. SE in Cullman.

CRMC Stroke Prevention and Tips Lunch-and-Learn Seminar
Do you know the signs of a stroke? Do you know what steps to take if a loved one shows these signs? Join Cullman Regional Medical Center's Director of Emergency Services, Frank Cunningham, RN and Director of Cardiovascular Services, Carla Fewell, RN as they discuss a few of the many important, life-saving stroke prevention tips during an informative lunch-and-learn seminar on Thursday, May 19 at 11:30 a.m. The seminar will be held in CRMC's Colonel Cullman Room in the Community Education Center in Professional Office Building 2 (1912 AL Highway 157, POB 2, Cullman, AL 35058). Free cholesterol and blood pressure screenings will be available immediately following the program. Cost of the lunch-and-learn seminar is $5 for WomenFirst and SeniorChoice members and $8 for others. Call 256-735-5600 to register.

ALDOT Public Meeting Regarding U.S. 278 E Repaving Project
The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) will be hosting a public meeting on Tuesday, May 24 regarding the repaving of U.S. Highway 278 East between Interstate 65 and East Point. The meeting will take place from 5-7 p.m. in the lunchroom of West Elementary School. Cullman Mayor Max A. Townson recommends community members attend the meeting, as roads and driveways in the affected area will be closed while the work takes place. According to ALDOT's Seth Burkett, there is no firm start date for the repaving project yet, but it will be this summer. West Elementary is located at 303 Rosemont Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

Camp Liberty Flag Raising
On Flag Day and the United States Army's birthday, June 14, Camp Liberty will host a large, patriotic event celebrating the opening of Camp Liberty's Extreme Military Challenge. Starting at 2 p.m., the party will see the raising of a 30'x50' American flag on a 70' tall flagpole, which is reported to be the largest flag ever flown in the county. The event will also include a cookout. Camp Liberty is located at 15719 Alabama Highway 157, Battleground, AL 35179 and their helpful staff can be reached by telephone at 844-962-1776 or email at admissions@xmccamp.com.

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.

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Service held May 12; Nichols Funeral Home directed
Rev. Billy Wayne Moon
Service held May 12; Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directed
Clarcie U.V. Garrison
Service to be held May 13; Nichols Funeral Home directing
Bonnie Mathews
Service to be held May 14; Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directing
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WSCC NEWS

TAKE PREREQUISITE COURSES THIS SUMMER FOR FALL ADMISSION TO EMT PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

Wallace State Community College

HANCEVILLE – Students wishing to enter the Wallace State Emergency Medical Technician's Paramedic program this fall are encouraged to take summer courses in order to complete prerequisites.

"We're staring a fall paramedic program, so anyone interested in that would need to take their EMT classes in the summer," said Allen Patterson, head of the EMS program at Wallace State. Curriculum changes now allow for students to enter paramedic training directly after completing these prerequisite courses.

Some of those prerequisites are the regular CPR for healthcare professionals, the Emergency Vehicle Operations course and the regular EMT course, which include classroom and clinical courses.

The EMT 118 and EMT 119 courses are the Emergency Vehicle Operations courses.

Along with clinical experience with the ambulance service for hands-on training with patients, the students will learn how to drive an ambulance and how to work in the back of a moving ambulance.

Allen Patterson is the head of the Wallace State Emergency Medical Services program.



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"We use the CDL (Commercial Driver's License) course on campus for the emergency vehicle operations course," Patterson said.

"Students have to weave through a figure eight serpentine, accelerate from one end of the course to the other and get up to 40 mph and stop the ambulance without running over cones and stopping a proper distance from the cones."

All of this is accomplished while other EMT students are in the back of the ambulance, learning how to work on a patient in a moving vehicle.

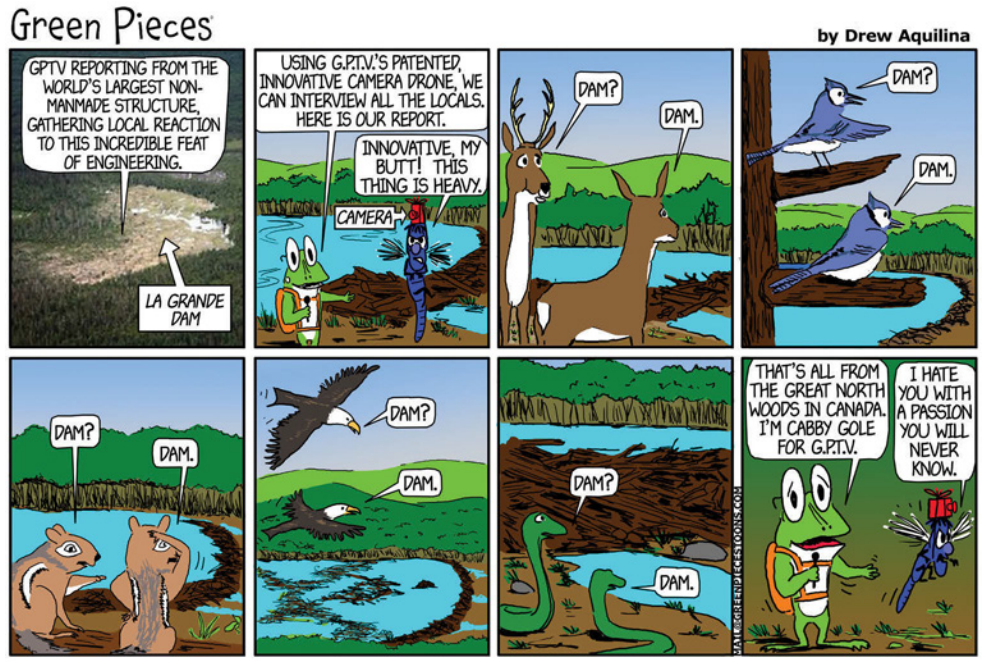
"We do require all other students who also do the driving to ride in the back, like a patient would, so they feel what it's like to be in the back so they are thinking of that as they are transporting patients," Patterson said.

"It also shows them to be a courteous driver to their partner working in the back."

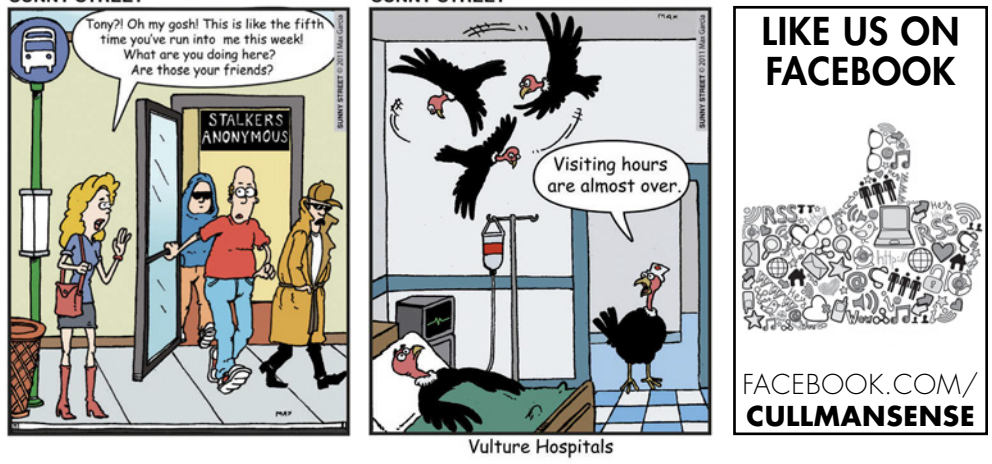
Students can also submit their applications for the Fall 2016 semester through August 1, Patterson said.

For more information about the program, contact Patterson at 256-352-8335 or allen.patterson@wallacestate.edu, or visit www.wallacestate.edu.

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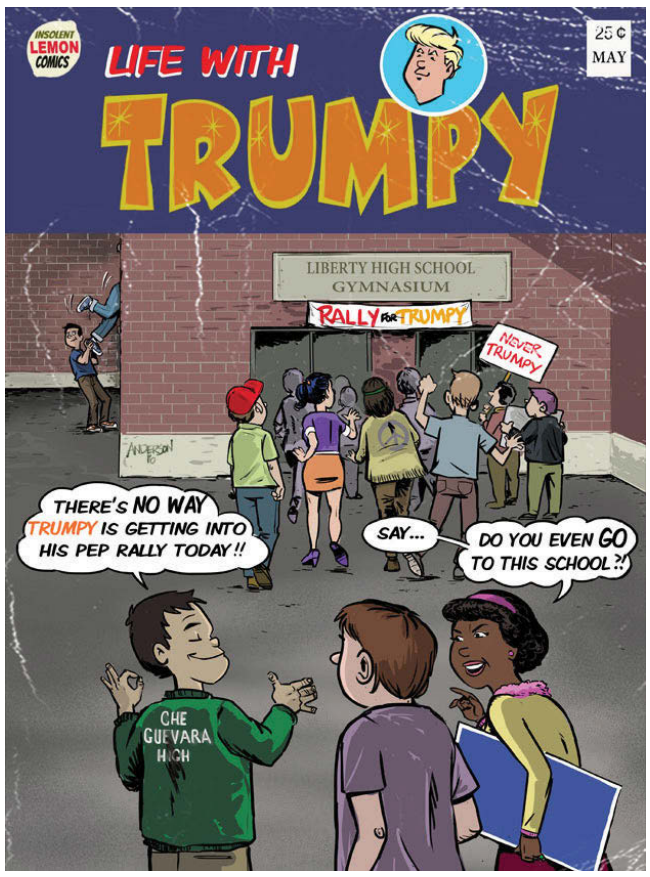
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MOTHER

There was the day we just sat
and talked.
Whatever was on my agenda,
I canceled.
Whatever you had planned you
dismissed.
And we sat on a hill overlooking
a pasture and the busy world
went on without us.
Unconventional yet more important
now than then.



By: Randy C. Hale
Tribune Contributor

OPINION

PRESIDENT OBAMA SHOULD MEET A-BOMB SURVIVORS, AND HEED THEIR CALL TO BAN THE BOMB

Kevin Martin
PeaceVoice

President Obama is considering a visit to Hiroshima during the G-7 economic summit in Japan later this month. Hiroshima is an impressively rebuilt, thriving city of a million people. The city was obliterated by the first atomic bomb, dropped by the United States on August 6, 1945, followed by the second bomb that devastated Nagasaki three days later, killing a total of more than 200,000 people.

Remarkably, many Hibakusha, atomic bomb survivors, are still alive today, though they often suffer from various radiation-caused illnesses or other physical ailments 71 years after the bombs were dropped.

Eighty-three year old Shigeko Sasamori was a young girl when the "fire bomb" (the words "atomic bomb" were not yet known) exploded a mile from where she stood. In the unimaginable chaos that engulfed the city after its devastation, Shigeko and her family were relatively fortunate, as their collapsed house barely missed crushing her mother to death, and after a period of severe disorientation and separation, Shigeko was reunited with her parents.

Initially, everyone feared for Shigeko's life, as she had severe burns covering much of her body. After diligent care at a hospital in Tokyo, Shigeko came to the United States as a "Hiroshima Maiden," young women brought to this country for badly needed plastic surgery by peace activist Norman Cousins (an early leader of the anti-nuclear group SANE), the Quaker organization American Friends Service Committee, and others including surgeons at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. Cousins and his wife later adopted Shigeko, so she had both a Japanese and American family.

This brief description doesn't do justice to Shigeko's story, nor the immense suffering she and other Hibakusha have endured for more than seven decades. However, their main message is not about their travails, but rather their steadfast advocacy for the global elimination of nuclear weapons, which they want to see in their lifetimes.

Shigeko plans to be in Hiroshima if President Obama visits. On a recent speaking tour sponsored by New Jersey Peace Action, Shigeko said, "In order to eliminate all nuclear weapons, not only Hibakusha, but also all citizens of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and all over the world need to get together to work for it." Further, Shigeko stated, "I wish President Obama would come to Hiroshima. If he does, I would like to sneak through security and shake his hand, holding on until he says he will eliminate all nuclear weapons."

The thought of a kindly, diminutive 83-year old grandmother sneaking through security is amusing, and the president can avoid it by meeting with Shigeko and other Hibakusha to listen to their hard-earned wisdom and passionate desire for peace.

Should he travel to Hiroshima, the president needn't apologize for what happened in 1945; it would be pointless, and nobody is asking him to do so, least of all the Hibakusha, who just want to see the global elimination of nuclear weapons so no one ever again suffers as they did. Obama might ask their forgiveness for not accomplishing more in his time in office to fulfill "...America's commitment to seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons," as he stated in his 2009 Prague speech.

Barack Obama is likely the U.S. president most concerned about the scourge of nuclear weapons since John Kennedy. He has accomplished a great deal, including reducing and securing nuclear weapons-grade materials around the globe, negotiating the New START agreement with Russia cutting deployed, strategic nuclear warheads by roughly one-third to 1.550 each, and brokering the historic agreement to freeze Iran's nuclear program well short of the Bomb, averting another potentially catastrophic war in the Middle East.

Yet those achievements are severely undercut by plans for a 30-year, $1 trillion complete overhaul of the U.S. nuclear weapons complex, from the research laboratories and production facilities to new warheads to missiles, planes and submarines to deliver them. This trillion-dollar train wreck destroys U.S. credibility on non-proliferation, and is the worst misappropriation of our tax dollars imaginable; the world needs to move toward eliminating nuclear weapons, not upgrading them. The list of better uses for those funds is very long, but for starters, how about using that money to address climate change instead of building new nukes?

Should the president visit Hiroshima with concrete initiatives in hand, such as cancelling that 30-year Dr. Strangelove plan and moving aggressively on further nuclear disarmament measures such as initiating international negotiations for global nuclear abolition, further cuts in the U.S. nuclear arsenal and removing our weapons from hair-trigger alert, then asking forgiveness from Shigeko and the other Hibakusha would be unnecessary. Indeed, he would likely receive a warm embrace from these proud, persistent peacemakers, and gratitude from people all over the world.

OPINION

YES TO ASSERTIVE, NO TO AGGRESSIVE

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I teach and write in the field of Peace and Conflict Studies, with a special focus on strategic nonviolence. It is a rich field, growing in its scholarship and its widespread usage. I'm so enthused by this—the more we wage our conflicts with nonviolence the lower the costs.

Counting the costs of conflict, we normally think of blood and treasure, of casualties and expense. We are slowly beginning to also count other costs, including our environment, our relationships, our civil rights, our human rights, our metrics of democracy, and more. Nonviolence is superior to violence in every way if we read the research and consider all the costs.

Nonviolence can fail, of course, and in the most robust of struggles—trying to overthrow a dictator, for example—nonviolent struggle only works about 53 percent of the time. Of course violent insurgency only succeeds 26 percent of the time, about half as often as does nonviolence. This is disturbing to those who define revolution as violent. I hope they get over it. Wake up and smell the flowers instead of the cordite...

One secret to nonviolent success is communication. When we are quiet the injustices we see or suffer are allowed to continue. When we are aggressive—either violent or demeaning, threatening, and insulting—that strengthens the resolve of the opponent and progress is unlikely. The best path to victory is assertion—visualize a thin bright line between you and the oppressor. Shrink back from the line and nothing changes. Charge over the line and all defenses spring into counter-aggression, counterattack. But go up to the line with insistent civil assertion, creative and resilient, and your chances for winning your objectives are radically increased.

These principles are basic, but ignored all too often, as we see in many conflicts domestic and transnational, in families and workplaces, in neighborhoods and in towns, in regions and states.

The destructive, adversarial conflicts that result are often heartbreaking to observe. From a belligerent North Korean dictator to a misogynist Donald Trump, the results are not impressive. Ruling over others is a poor path to sustainable gains and doing so in an aggressive manner will only generate pushback. If that resistance is civil but insistent, assertive but not aggressive, it can achieve what no one thought possible.

If I had predicted publicly in 1985 that the Philippines would see Marcos deposed without a single fired shot, that the Berlin Wall would fall in a massive nonviolent uprising, that Nelson Mandela would be liberated and apartheid would end without a widely predicted bloodbath, that Pinochet would fall in Chile to mass nonviolent power, and that Slobodan Milosevic would create horrific wars in the Balkans but would be deposed by nonviolence, I might have been diagnosed as delusional.

These cases and 1,000 more are chronicled in a Swarthmore database that is growing constantly. We are humans—we have great big brains that are hard-wired for all possible responses, from violent to nonviolent, which makes us the unique species neurologically capable of infinite, illimitable choice. Let's be wise about it.

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2016: SUNSHINE, FAMILY TIME AND, OH YEAH, STRAWBERRIES!

Annual event pays homage to strawberry farmers then and now

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CULLMAN – The blocked off streets of downtown Cullman provided the perfect spot for vendors of all kinds at Depot Park, farmers at the Festhalle, a stage for musicians, a kids' zone filled with inflatables and throngs of 2016 Strawberry Festival goers on May 6-7.

The two-day festival kicked off on Friday with special events specifically for senior citizens, including Leiper's Fork Bluegrass Band and free lunches to the first 300 seniors.

Elders traveled from many surrounding cities, including Gardendale, Birmingham and Huntsville, to visit this year's celebration.

Their morning involved toe-tapping, visiting with friends and, of course, those famous Cullman strawberries.

In the mid-afternoon on Friday, the streets started hopping with activity and foot traffic.

The kids' zone opened up along with the Farmer's Market where the guests of honor, Cullman County strawberries, were available for purchase from many of our local farmers.

The car show, featuring fastback Mustangs, a late 60s Plymouth Road Runner, what looked to be a first generation Chevy Bel Air and many other beauties, was available for admiration and envy alike.

Live entertainment got the crowds moving on Friday evening with Clara Bell and the Creeps, Winston Ramble and Pine Hall Haints delighting the nighttime event attendees.

Friday's Festhalle Farmer's Market continued on Saturday morning along with the kids' zone and car show.

Saturday saw the crowd size swell with the craft and vendor booths splayed throughout Depot Park.

With something for everyone, this year's craft show and food vendors were a huge hit and no one walked away without a demonstration, new information, sampling of a tasty treat or a summer scent from a Scentsy vendor.

Saturday afternoon's entertainment, provided by the Cullman Community Band, Cullman Middle School choir, Cullman High School choir and Jazz Band, and Shannon McNeal, packed the area with families enjoying the shows.

The warmer springtime temperature made the waning shady areas the preferred spots for attendees viewing the bands.

As the afternoon turned to evening and the sun faded, the Overtones and Round 2 closed out 2016's event which has become a favorite to many in the community.

Many local eateries took advantage of the abundance of Cullman County strawberries, including Flavors Bakery and Karma's Coffeehouse.

Katie Nelms, owner of the warehouse district's favorite coffee shop, included the strawberries in her fresh squeezed strawberry lemonade and Flavors Bakery incorporated local berries in their strawberry pecan muffins, strawberry ice pops, strawberry ice cream and an assortment of other seasonal delicacies.

Additionally, businesses in the area reported a steep increase in foot traffic and noticeable revenue added to the books.

With the line for a good cup of coffee a little longer than usual, Nelms cited the additional local and out of town visitors who dropped by for coffee, a snack or lemonade.

"We have sold over 150 strawberry lemonades using Cullman strawberries so far and that was just yesterday. We expect to sell even more than that today," reported Nelms on Saturday.

Curtis Smith, a Bethsadia resident in his 70s, remembers attending the Strawberry Festival in the 1940s when he was a child.

"Back then we had floats and a queen and king of the festival. They grew strawberries by the loads and there were different places here in town where you could come sell them. You could just dump off a big load in no time."

Cullman is steeped in tradition and some of those observances are worth bringing back so that we have the opportunity to give thanks for our agricultural heritage.

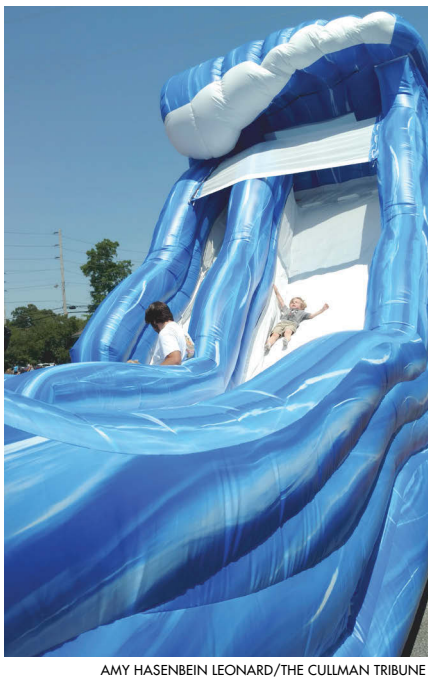
With the large crowds at the 2016 Strawberry Festival, our cherished farmers might need to bring a few more truckloads of strawberries to meet the demands of the crowds! Thank you to our farmers, then and now, for making Cullman what it is today.

See the full photo gallery at http://qrne.ws/sbf.









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