The Cullman Tribune

VOLUME 143 • NUMBER 23 • JUNE 2, 2016

$0.50 • USPS 139-700

CULLMAN, ALABAMA • PHONE: 256-739-1351

SERVING THE CULLMAN AREA SINCE 1874



JOYCE NIX

117TH GRADUATION HELD AT SAINT BERNARD P8



CONTRIBUTED

MARY HOVATER ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR CULLMAN CITY SCHOOL BOARD PLACE 1 P3

SUSPECT SHOT BY CULLMAN PD IN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER, ADDITIONAL CHARGES PENDING P2



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMAN TRIBUNE

PICKIN' AND PIDDLIN' FUNDRAISER HELD FOR OLD LOGAN SCHOOL P6

TONY FRANKLIN NAMED WALLACE STATE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS COACH P4

SEVERAL SUMMER EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR SPECIAL NEEDS COMMUNITY

Amy Hasenbein Leonard
amy@cullmansense.com

CULLMAN – The Cullman Autism and Special Needs Family Support Group has several group activities planned for this year's summer break in addition to their regularly scheduled events.

Bowling

Their special events for the summertime include summer bowling held on June 9 and 23 and July 7 and 21. Each night of bowling fun will be hosted at Cullman Bowling located at 1710 Talley Ho St. SW in Cullman from 5-7 p.m. Free for all age ranges of the special needs community, who are allowed to wear their own shoes if desired, bowling will be $5 for family members who will be required to wear bowling shoes.

Family Fun Day at Sportsman Lake Park

A family fun day will be held at Sportsman Lake Park on Saturday, June 11 from 3-7 p.m. with confirmation requested by June 10 to Sarah Bates at 256-338-1301 for a group discount if twenty or more participants RSVP.

Tents will be set up near Memorial Pavilion and the splash pad to provide shade, so families are encouraged to come enjoy the relief from the heat by playing in the water area at the splash pad from 3- 5 p.m. Sportsman Lake Park will provide one free round of putt-putt golf and one free train ride for each special needs attendee and one parent. There will be a charge for additional family members of $3 per person. Little ones under the age of 1 will be allowed a free train ride and those under the age of 2 qualify for free golf.

Dinner of grilled hot dogs and P6

LIVING HISTORY

A CHAT WITH 90-YEAR-OLD IMOGENE (DRAKE) LAWRENCE, ONE OF THE TRIBUNE'S FIRST FEMALE REPORTERS



Imogene Lawrence SHARON SCHULER KREPS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
then and now – she still loves to talk about news in the North Vinemont community.



"I started when I was 13, I think. Maybe I was 14. At the time, my mother didn't take the paper and somebody told me that if I wrote the community news, they would send me the paper."

– Imogene Lawrence

P4

Be Safe on the Water this Summer: Drowning Deaths are Preventable

"We want people to have a good time, but most importantly, we want them to be safe."

- Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry

Sharon Schuler Kreps
sharon@cullmansense.com

CULLMAN – Summer vacation is here and that means kids all over Cullman County will be out in the hot weather enjoying the break. Swimming pools have been uncovered, cleaned up and are ready for use while Smith Lake and other swimming holes in the area invite people of all ages to enjoy and cool off. Many families will also be headed to the beach in the next couple of months.

While swimming may seem to come naturally to some people, P8

SPOTLIGHT ON: ADDICTION

ADDICTION: THE LUCKIEST GUY I KNOW, PART 3

Amy Hasenbein Leonard
amy@cullmansense.com

CULLMAN – Tom continues his story, "In March 2011 I knew I was at a point where I couldn't go on. I had no place of my own and was sleeping on the couch at a longtime friend's house who was using too. My body was dying, my mind was dying, I was miserable any time I was awake. I would gather change to go buy vodka every morning. Once, on the way to the liquor store at 9:30 a.m., I saw a pint of liquor in the grass by the sidewalk. It was a Seagram's gin pint and it was half full. I picked it up and drank it. I had no idea that it was actually even gin, but I was willing to take the gamble. It was very warm gin, and it was just what I needed. This was such a low point for me. I couldn't conceive of waking up again and doing the same thing. It was death or quit drinking and both sounded reasonable."

Program Director of the Walker Baptist Hospital Detox Program, Christopher Allen, educates patients and their families every day with the facts. "There are four factors that influence addiction; biology (your physical self) psychology (thoughts and feelings) social environment and spirituality. Any good plan of recovery should include all four of those and most good treatment centers will address all four of those to P16

INDEX

Sports - P4

Calendar - P12

Classifieds - P13

Comics - P14

Obituaries - P13

PRINTED LOCALLY @ PRINTING Alabama Web Press

SUSPECT SHOT BY CULLMAN PD IN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER, ADDITIONAL CHARGES PENDING

Johnny Thornton
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper reported late this week that a suspect who was shot by an officer during an incident in April is currently in the Cullman County Detention Center.

Billy Joe Martin, 38, of Cullman was walking between Austin Avenue and Interbitzen Street on the night of April 26 when he was approached by two officers on patrol. They were investigating a high-speed chase incident from the night before, with Martin possibly involved.

The officers asked Martin to go with them for questioning. According to reports, Martin allegedly refused the request and drew a firearm against the two officers.

Cullman Police Officer Don Slocumb fired his weapon, injuring the suspect. Martin was air lifted to Huntsville Hospital with injuries and remained in the hospital for an undisclosed period of time. No one else sustained injuries from the incident.

Slocumb was transferred to desk duty as the investigation was handled by the CPD along with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency.

Slocumb followed police procedure and is now back to regular duty with the department, Culpepper said.

Additional charges against Martin in this case are pending.

The investigation into the chase from the day before with reports indicating Martin was involved, is ongoing.

Hanceville City Council meets, tension over AMIC payment and Forest Drive project

Amy Hasenbein Leonard
amy@cullmansense.com

HANCEVILLE – The City of Hanceville held a regular council meeting on Thursday night where many notable new business items were key topics of the evening. A quorum was met with council members Charles Wilson, Greg Baker, Kim Brown, Doug Batemon and Mayor Kenneth Nail present along with City Clerk Tania Wilcox and City Attorney Dan Willingham. Absent from the meeting was Councilman Jimmy Sawyer.

The evening's agenda included contentious topics such as the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation invoice (AMIC), the Forest Drive repaving project and the Romine building. However, rays of hope were provided by Joey Hester from the North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments (NARCOG) and Brenda Carter, one of the owners of a new business in downtown Hanceville.

Hester, NARCOG's Regional Planning and Development Commission director, will be helping the City apply for a grant which would provide a total of $30,000 for studies, workshops, documentation and plans for improvement in the downtown Hanceville area. The City would be responsible for a $3,000 contribution and NARCOG would match that amount. A public hearing will be scheduled before the July 1 grant application deadline and the $3,000 payment would not be due for approximately a year, which is when Hester estimated the work would begin. Hester cited Falkville as an example; the town was given the grant last year and workshops are now underway.

The AMIC invoice for a $25,000 deductible that is the result of a settled lawsuit is due and the council voted to pay that invoice. The City has already paid approximately $13,000 in insurance deductibles this fiscal year, therefore the total will be brought up to $38,000 in actual payouts opposed to the budgeted amount of $10,000 which was projected to cover the entire year. It was not decided which budget the extra money would be taken from.

Four additional contractors were contacted to submit bids on the Forest Drive project and none responded. Reed, Wiregrass, Stanley and Good Hope Contracting did not submit bids by the deadline, and since the council previously rejected the only offer from the original bid letting, the project died but can be added back to a later agenda if needed. Concern was voiced over the lack of funding for Forest Drive due to the unforeseen cost of the Hopewell Road project.

The council agreed to continue their support of the Hanceville Quarterback Club by advertising in the high school football program and renewing their field sign. Councilman Charles Wilson abstained from the vote due to his membership in the club.

Nolan Bradford, current owner of half of the Romine building, asked for the council to consider selling the back half of the building as well. Bradford has repaired, remodeled and rented out his owned portion and wants the opportunity to do the same for the other portion. The council agreed to advertise and accept sealed bids on the remaining part of the building which it owns. Nail abstained from the vote due to his business relationship with Bradford.

The new businesses housed in the front of the Romine building will be holding their grand openings on Thursday, June 2 with the ribbon cutting at the C Street Café, located at 106 Commercial St. SE, scheduled for 10 a.m. The café is open on Mondays-Saturdays from 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Hanceville City Council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The work session begins at 6:30 p.m. and the regular meeting follows at 7 p.m. The public is welcome and invited to both. The next meeting will be held on June 9 and the downtown (Main Street/ Historic Downtown Hanceville Revitalization) meeting will be on Monday, June 13 at 6 p.m.

SHOE DRIVE TO BENEFIT CHILDREN'S OF ALABAMA

Amy Hasenbein Leonard
amy@cullmansense.com

CULLMAN – In the dark, back corner of most people's closet lives a pile of neglected, shoved-aside-for-newer-model shoes. Kids and teens who are in the midst of growth spurts can go through seemingly countless pairs of shoes a year. But, what do we do with all of the leftover shoes that are too nice for the trash but not in our consistent wardrobe rotation?

The Cullman County Shoe Drive for Children's of Alabama, sponsored by the Cullman Kiwanis Club and aided by numerous schools and churches in the area, has a solution for the shoe mountain epidemic. Used, but still wearable, pairs of shoes can be donated at various locations throughout the county. It is requested that pairs of shoes be tied together to ensure no shoe gets left behind.

Handling the logistics of the shoe drive is the Holly Pond Key Club, who have ensured that the collection boxes will be available until late September. Once collected, the shoes will be sold to a nonprofit organization, Funds2Org, who then distribute the shoes to third-world countries. The money earned from the shoes will be donated to Children's of Alabama.

Bob Palys of Cullman Kiwanis Club explained why Children's of Alabama was selected to receive the financial aid generated by the shoe drive. "We have chosen Children's of Alabama because of its dedication and commitment to children. In 2015, there were approximately 6,000 inpatient/outpatient days on which children from Cullman County were treated. Children's totaled over 750,000 patient days in caring for children from all 67 Alabama counties, 41 other states and eight foreign countries."

Opening in 1911, Children's of Alabama is a private, nonprofit medical center that is dedicated to the sole practice of pediatric medicine. As the nation's third largest pediatric hospital at its Birmingham campus, Children's provides the home for the University of Alabama at Birmingham's pediatric programs. In addition to the hospital in Birmingham, Children's also has more than 10 outpatient, pediatric centers in the state.

Drop-off box locations:

- Addison School
- Cold Springs Middle School
- Cullman High School
- East Elementary
- Fairview Elementary School
- Fairview Middle School
- Fairview High School Key Club
- Hanceville Elementary School
- Hanceville Middle School
- Harmony School
- Holly Pond Elementary School
- Holly Pond Middle School
- Holly Pond High School
- Vinemont Middle School
- Wallace State Community College
- Welti School
- Winston County Schools
- Concord Baptist Church Fairview
- Duck River Baptist Church
- New Home Baptist Church Holly Pond
- St. Andrews Church
- St. John's Church
- Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- Cullman Cabinet
- Rusken Packaging
- People's Bank in Baileyton, Cullman, Hanceville and Holly Pond
- Cullman Kiwanis Club
- Winston County Kiwanis Club

If you are interested in placing a drop-off container at your church, business, school or community center, 25 donation boxes, donated by Rusken Packaging, are available to be delivered to your location. These containers can be claimed and delivery scheduled by contacting Todd Abbott of Wallace State Community College at 256-352-8258 or by email at todd.abbott@wallacestate.edu.

For more information about the shoe drive or the Kiwanis Club and its civic duties, please contact Bob Palys at 256-352-2793. Visit the Cullman County Shoe Drive for Children's of Alabama Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/cullmancountyshoedrive/.

POSITION AVAILABLE

CPC OB/GYN seeking a qualified applicant for the positon of Medical Assistant/Nurse to a board certified OB/GYN physician. Medical office experience required and certification required. Applicant must be customer service oriented, able to multi-task and be proficient on a computer and electronic health record. Full Time position with excellent benefits. EOE. Send resume via fax to Sonia Terry at 256-736-6226 or by mail to CPC OB/GYN, ATTN: Sonia Terry, 1800 AL Hwy 157, Suite 302, Cullman, AL 35058.

The Cullman Tribune
Cullman County's Oldest Business, Serving the area since 1874
Publication Number USPS-139-700
Telephone: 256-739-1351 Fax: 1-256-739-4422
Humble Roots, LLC
Published Weekly at 219 2nd Avenue SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055
Entered as periodical material at the Cullman Post Office
Periodical postage paid at Cullman, Alabama 35055

POSTMASTER: SEND ADDRESS CHANGE TO:
The Cullman Tribune
219 Second Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Email Address: news@culltrib.com

ANNUALLY BASED RATES
Cullman.....$40.00
Outside Cullman.....$50.00
Local Senior Citizens.....$37.00
Outside Cullman County Senior Rates.....$46.00

Noah Galilee – Publisher
Dustin Isom – Editor
Wendy Sack – Newsroom Editor
Amy Leonard – Reporter/Entertainment
Sharon Kreps – Reporter/History
Will Hogue – General Reporter
Josh McBrayer – Sports Reporter
Johnny Thornton – Sports Reporter
Kevin Bishop – Sports Reporter
Mike Simpson – Sales Representative
Robin Winton – Newsroom Manager
Delton Blalock – Editor Emeritus

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2016

MARY HOVATER ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR CULLMAN CITY SCHOOL BOARD PLACE 1

Wendy Sack
wendy@cullmansense.com

CULLMAN – Mary Hovater has officially announced her candidacy for Cullman City School Board, Place 1. The seat is being vacated by Kim Addison, who has announced that she will not seek reelection.

Hovater, a life-long resident of Cullman, graduated from Cullman High School in 1991 and Wallace State in 1994. She began working for NASA through the Cooperative Education Program at Wallace in 1993 and is now a technical manager at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville.

Hovater completed her Bachelor of Science degree at Athens State University in 1998 with a double major in physics and mathematics. Soon after, she was selected for full-time study through a NASA program and received her Master of Science degree in physics from the University of Alabama Huntsville in 2005. Since then, she has received her certification in project management, also from UAH.

She continues to reside in Cullman.

Hovater said she is running "as a way to give back to the community that has given, and continues to give, to me. Over the years, I have participated in local community events and organizations such as the Sacred Heart Parish Council, Oktoberfest, WSCC Alumni Association and Cullman Band Boosters."

Hovater held officer positions in these organizations, to include presidencies.

"As my two boys grew within this same wonderful school system, I decided to do more with the schools, and focused my work on the Band Boosters program and performing outreach with NASA to all the local schools," said Hovater.

"I began many years ago traveling to the local schools and talking about what I do at NASA and how Cullman is involved in many different ways with not only NASA but with the space community in general," she reflected.

"I take this information and promote Cullman at NASA, and frankly to anyone that will listen. I'm very proud of my city...of my home. Not only do I talk about cool space stuff, but I also promote good study habits, staying in school and non-traditional careers for both girls and boys."

Hovater said she plans to use the tools and techniques of partnership, strategy and marketing she has gained through her work with NASA to help promote and bolster the Cullman City Schools from a top 18 ranking in Alabama by U.S. News and World Report magazine to a top school in the Nation.

"We have the know-how to get us there. We just need that little extra push over the hump," she said.

Hovater is currently on what she calls a "Listening Tour" to gather information and gain understanding about education successes and issues from teachers, principals, parents, students, colleges, city government and more.

"I have already had fantastic visits with the (Cullman) Primary School Principal Mrs. Culpepper and some of the members of the Education Association," said Hovater. "I want those that know the schools to tell me about their needs from a school board, what their concerns are as teachers or parents, and so forth. I am even asking for feedback on my Facebook site. I want to learn and understand. I will talk later when I need to. For now, I need the education."

Hovater was asked to attend and participate in the capital planning meeting last summer for the city schools. This, she said, was the beginning of her thoughts toward candidacy.

"'I might really make a difference here' was the thought going through my head when we were discussing all the repairs and infrastructure needs at the schools," she said.

"I just knew in my heart I needed to at least try to help."

Hovater credits the teachers and faculty of the school system for her successful career.

"Without the guidance and push from my teachers through my years, including Wallace, there is no way I'd be doing what I get to do every day," she said.

"Education is so important, and so is the support we give our faculty. I want to be an ally for the teachers and administration, a voice for the parents and students and an advocate for fine arts, athletics and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities."



CONTRIBUTED

The municipal election will be held on Aug. 23, 2016.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2016

IT'S OFFICIAL, BARTLETT TO SEEK HIS FIRST FULL TERM

Wendy Sack
wendy@cullmansense.com

GOOD HOPE – Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett recently announced his intention to run for the same office in August. After being appointed mayor by the Good Hope City Council in 2014 after then-mayor Corey Harbison was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives, Bartlett has served as mayor for the last two years. Now he is seeking his first full term in the position. Bartlett was first elected to the Good Hope City Council in 2008.

Bartlett has been an active member of the Good Hope community for many years, particularly in education. He was a teacher, coach and bus driver at Good Hope School for 28 years.

Some of his notable achievements as a city councilman include the establishment of many community events, including the Good Hope Thanksgiving meal that serves over 1,500 plates to citizens in and around Good Hope, the Good Hope Christmas parade and Christmas Day in the Park.

Since taking over the reins as mayor almost two years ago, Bartlett said, "I learn something new every day. The mayor's job is never-ending."

Bartlett's plans for his first full term include infrastructure improvements and attracting new businesses to the area.

Good Hope has several public works projects that will be completed within the next year, Bartlett said in a statement.

These include two that the City was awarded almost $1 million in grant money to help complete.

Good Hope also has the new 305 interchange that Bartlett hopes to promote as the new "happening" exit in Cullman County.

Good Hope is in the early stages of developing a traffic plan for access around the new interchange and has recently adopted a façade program for buildings located within commercial zones, said Bartlett.

He said he would rather take a proactive approach to growth and believes it better to be prepared and have a plan.

Bartlett says he hopes the citizens of Good Hope are pleased with his work as mayor and will allow him to serve them for his first full term.

"I have tried to make myself available day and night to help the citizens of Good Hope. I care about our community and the people that reside here," he said.

Qualifying for all municipal races will begin July 5, with municipal election taking place on Aug. 23.



CITY OF GOOD HOPE

YARD SALE

Do you want to find great deals on different items?!

FIND THEM!

Do you have items that you do not need any more?!

DONATE THEM!

Cullman Caring For Kids' annual Yard Sale will be held

Wednesday – Saturday

June 1st, 2nd 3rd, & 4th

From 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

at the Cullman County Fair Grounds
Exhibit Building 1

If you would like to make a donation, you may bring it to:

Cullman Caring For Kids

402 Arnold Street NE Suite W-1, Cullman, AL, 35055

Office: 256/739-1111

cullman city parks & recreation

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

www.cullmanrecreation.org
256-734-9157

- **Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center Water Park Opening May 28:** The outdoor waterpark, slides, lazy river, and kids play areas will open for the season on Saturday, May 28 from 10am-5pm. Day passes are just $10 per person, and memberships start at $39 per month. See a full listing of hours and information on our website!
- **Summer Track & Field:** This program is open to ages 5-18 giving younger athletes a taste of the sport of track and field, and middle and high school age students the ability to work on their events over the summer months. Cost is $100; registration is open at the Cullman Civic Center now through the first practice on May 31.
- **Summer Tennis Program:** Starts Monday June 6 for all ages who can hold a racquet to high school age students. Session I will take place for 4 weeks in June; the first day, participants will be placed into skill levels and assigned times. The program takes place Monday-Friday during the session. Registration is open now at the Civic Center through June 6.
- **Free Just Play Program:** Will take place weekly at a different CP&R neighborhood park on Fridays in June and July from 1-3pm. Ages 5-12 can come for organized games, relays, scavenger hunts, capture the flag, slip-n-slides, water balloons and more. See a schedule online at our website.
- **Youth Archery Camps** will take place June 14-16, July 5-7, and July 18-22. Kids ages 7 and up will play archery games, hone their skills, perform drills, and take part in competitions throughout the camp. Registration is open now at the Civic Center. Space is limited, so sign up ASAP.
- **Youth Art Camp** will take place June 28-30 at the Cullman Civic Center from 10am-3pm each day. Camp will include nature projects, crafts, and other fun projects. Registration is open at the Civic Center and limited, so register ASAP.
- **Flag Football Registration:** CP&R is offering a safer alternative to learning and enjoying the sport of football. Registration is open now at the Civic Center or online for ages 5-14; practices start in August and games start in September.

WSCC SPORTS

TONY FRANKLIN NAMED WALLACE STATE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS COACH

Russell Moore
WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE – Tony Franklin, a longtime high school tennis coach in Alabama, has been named Wallace State's new men's and women's tennis coach as the college prepares to field men's and women's tennis this fall for the first time since 2004.

Franklin will lead the Wallace State tennis programs after spending 26 seasons as tennis coach at Benjamin Russell High School in Alexander City, where he coached both the boys' and girls' programs throughout his career.

"I'm honored, excited and very fortunate to have this opportunity. I've wanted to coach at this level for a long time," said Franklin, who has also served as a tennis pro at Willow Point Country Club in Alex City for the last eight years.

"I know how successful the Wallace State tennis programs once were, and it's going to be our goal to get back to that spot."

Before the tennis programs were discontinued in 2004, they accounted for four of the seven NJCAA national titles earned by Wallace State athletics and won multiple conference championships.

The men's program won NJCAA Division II titles in 1995 and 1996 and the women in 1995 and 1999.

Franklin, 55, has been around the game his entire life. He played tennis at Sulligent High School and played collegiately at the former Brewer State College (now Bevill State) in Fayette and Huntingdon College in Montgomery.

He earned his master's degree at Auburn University – Montgomery.

While Franklin was coaching tennis at Benjamin Russell, he served as a sixth-grade teacher at Radney Elementary School in Alex City.

As a tennis pro and enthusiast, Franklin watched Central Alabama Community College develop its tennis programs in Alex City and it increased his desire even more into potentially leading a collegiate program one day.

"When I interviewed, I thanked Wallace State for bringing tennis back, whether I got the job or not. It gives high school athletes an opportunity to play they might not otherwise have, and it's a sport they can continue all their lives," Franklin said.

Wallace State athletics began to lay the foundation last fall of reintroducing its tennis programs, and Paul Creech, a member of the United States Tennis Association (USTA), served as the college's tennis recruiter until Franklin's appointment.

Clint Watson, already a Wallace State student and a Cullman graduate, was the first individual to sign a letter of intent to play tennis for the Lions during the new era and many talented players have followed.

Franklin welcomed Cullman's Jacob Lambert on Wednesday after recently having Lakken Long (Muscle Shoals) and Luke Bowden (Cullman) sign letter of intents.

Wallace State offers six scholarships apiece for the men's and women's programs.

"Paul Creech did a lot of recruiting before I came on board and did a great job. He signed some great tennis players and even better kids. I can't say enough about the job Paul did," Franklin said.

"As a former high school coach, I've seen a lot of our new team members play. I'm familiar with their potential because they gave my team problems in high school. So I'm excited about our first season."

One of Franklin's favorite aspects about tennis is the life lessons it teaches you throughout the course of a match.

"Tennis is a match full of problem solving. That's what life is. You go to work every day and have to solve problems," Franklin said.

"I like to instill mental toughness in my players. When things don't go well in a match, you can't pout and get mad. You have to think about what your opponent is doing, what you are doing and how you can change things to be successful."

With the addition of men's and women's tennis, Wallace State now offers scholarships to potential athletes in 10 different sports, joining baseball, softball, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, men's and women's golf and cheerleading.



Tony Franklin WSCC

"Wallace State is such a great environment, and the athletics department is dedicated to winning. I knew about the success at Wallace State, and once I dug deeper into the program, I knew I wanted to be a part of this place," Franklin said.

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

28 TEAMS COMPETE IN USSSA MEMORIAL DAY SOFTBALL CLASSIC

Johnny Thornton
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Cullman's Heritage Park and the Field of Miracles were active on the Memorial Day holiday weekend with the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) presenting the Memorial Day Softball Classic.

The tournament featured 28 teams among four age divisions with ball clubs coming from numerous towns across north and central Alabama.

This is a sampling for a huge tournament the city will be hosting in late June. So far, 82 teams have signed up to compete in the USSSA Class C State Tournament the weekend of June 24-26.

Heritage Park, along with the Field of Miracles is a regular stop on the USSSA tour, and the 28 teams that visited this weekend were almost as many that went to Fultondale for a one-day tournament on Saturday and the Battle of the Bats Classic in Huntsville on Saturday and Sunday.

They wound up with 29 participants.

Parity was shown in the USSSA tournament, with eight teams from eight different locations reaching the championship round in their respective age divisions.

In the 10-under, Hits 05 from Athens won the title by a 9-5 margin over LC Pride from Moulton.

The 12-under title was captured by the North Alabama Rush from Hartselle in scoring a 10-2 decision over Kraze from the Florence area.

The Birmingham Vipers were the best in the 14-under, shutting out the NYSNC Lightning from Jasper 12-0.

The Vipers posted two shutouts on the way to taking home the crown in this age group.

And the North Alabama Sting from Hatton got past the Bama Black Hawks from Huntsville in the 16-under by the margin of 5-2.

As of Memorial Day weekend, eight teams are signed up for the state tournament in the 8-under division, six teams in the eight-open division, 22 in the 10-under, 26 in the 12-under, 20 in the 14-under and two in the 18-under.

The deadline to get a team entered in this state tournament is June 21.

To enter, contact USSSA Event Director James Baker at 256-990-0978.

Lawrence (from Front)

Sharon Schuler Kreps
sharon@cullmansense.com

VINEMONT – The Cullman Tribune has been around since 1874, so it goes without saying that over the years, countless reporters have contributed their talents to the newspaper. Take, for example, Mrs. Imogene (Drake) Lawrence. At 90-years-old, Lawrence has seen many changes since her days of reporting the news in and around North Vinemont. Thankfully, though, one thing remains the same; people still enjoy reading about events happening in their community.

I recently had the honor of interviewing Lawrence. Together we sat, one lady reporter to another, and talked about our days at the Tribune. Surprisingly, there were a lot of similarities even though our time at the Tribune holds a gap of over 60 years!

"It's been a long time since I wrote for The Cullman Tribune," Lawrence began.

"I started when I was 13, I think. Maybe I was 14. At the time, my mother didn't take the paper and somebody told me that if I wrote the community news, they would send me the paper," she smiled.

"I think it was Mr. Arnold himself (the Tribune's then-publisher) who told me that. So I started writing the North Vinemont News and wrote every year until October 1950 when I went to Detroit, Michigan. I lived up there five months and then I came back home to Alabama. Someone else had taken my place at the Tribune by then.

"I wrote silly things really. I had asked Mr. Arnold what kind of news was I supposed to write about and he said, 'just anything, you know; things that happen in the community.' So I would report who visited so-and-so on Sundays and if somebody went on vacation. I would tell who had gone on dates on the weekends and when people got married. We (my girlfriends and I) were always tickled when the boys read about our dates in the paper," she giggled. "There was just something about the news."

Celebrating the good things in life is the best part of the job. Sadly, just like today, the news wasn't always good.

"I was writing for the paper during the war (WWII)," she began.

"There was a lot to write about back then; lots of people were getting telegrams and some of them weren't very enjoyable. I remember when my first cousin, Able Drake, got a telegram. It was to notify him that his son was missing in action. That was really big news in my community. It wasn't too long after he had gotten another telegram saying that his son was killed in action."

I could totally relate to what Lawrence was telling me. I shudder at the tragic news I come across, but I also enjoy writing about the many good things going on in the community as well.

The difference between the two of us is that my reporting spans all over Cullman County, thanks to modern gadgets like smartphones, the internet and my car. They help me get my information in a snap. But back in the 1930s and 40s, reporters had to find their own news a little differently.

"We didn't have telephones back then; there were only about three or four families in the community that did, be we never used them. I just wrote what I heard, which was usually what was talked about on my front porch. Back then we always visited our neighbors or they would come and visit us. That's where I would find out what was going on.

"One year it was my daddy's birthday, I don't how old he was, but our honored guest was Big Jim Folsom and his family. They came out and spent the day with us for the party. That was a big write-up.

"Sometimes I would be in town and would walk by the Tribune office. Mr. Arnold would be sitting there in the window and I would go in and tell him, 'I don't know anything worth writing about,' but he would always tell me, 'you're doing good, just keep writing.'"

A little encouragement goes a long way, which is something I can totally relate to.

So once we finish our work, there's another big difference between the two of us that I realize. Today, when I complete an article, I simply zip it via email to my editor. Back in Lawrence's day, she would pay 3 cents to send it via snail-mail to Arnold!

Lawrence and I had a wonderful visit. She and her daughters made the perfect hostesses. We shared some delicious cake and lots of stories.

Together we laughed about silly things that Lawrence and I, as reporters, shared; one being our love for seeing our work in the newspaper and saving each edition until we completely run out of room and have to throw them out!

There's just something neat about the women of the Cullman Tribune; no matter how old or how young they are, they enjoy what they do and make lots of new friends along the way. Community matters, indeed.

SUMMER COURSES START AT WALLACE STATE CAMPUSES IN HANCEVILLE, ONEONTA

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC Contributor

HANCEVILLE – More than 3,000 students have enrolled in summer classes at Wallace State Community College at its main campus in Hanceville and the new Oneonta campus center in Blount County.

Classes started last Thursday for the summer semester, and will continue through August 5. Regular and Mini Term (two, five-week terms) classes are being offered in dozens of courses, with traditional classes offered during the day and evening on campus, as well as online courses.

Attending classes during the summer term has a number of benefits, said Jennifer Hill, assistant dean of enrollment management at Wallace State. For recent high school graduates, it's a chance to make an easier transition into college while avoiding the larger crowds of incoming students in the fall. It is easier to get enrolled in many summer classes due to the fewer number of students competing for seats in classes. It's also a good time for students at four-year colleges to take courses for credit that can transfer back to the degree they are working on there.

The latter are called transient students, Hill said, and enrollment by those students is up 16 percent over last summer.

New Wallace State students Kross Roden and Nick Mosley of Vinemont fall into the new high school graduates category. The 2016 VHS graduates were completing the registration process Thursday morning to enter into the Welding program. Both said they wanted to go ahead and start taking classes this summer so they could get a head start in the program and finish as soon as possible. Each is taking four classes this summer.

Wallace State freshman Shania Flanigan of Hanceville is registered for 17 hours of coursework this summer, rounding out her first year on campus. A music education major – a change from physical therapy –Flanigan is catching up on some of her core courses this summer after a busy fall and spring. She said taking the summer courses would help keep her on track for graduating on time and transferring to Alabama State University.

As full-time students this summer, Flanigan, Mosley and Roden are in the minority.

The majority of students enrolled in summer classes take classes part-time, Hill said. Some students use summer to catch up on a few classes or get a few classes ahead. Others find the lack of summer Pell grant funding to be an obstacle to full-time enrollment, and their class schedule is abbreviated due to the need to work. However, statistics show that those who maintain momentum of taking classes through summer, even part-time, are more likely to complete college, and so the reinstatement or summer Pell, which was cut some years ago, is again being discussed in Congressional circles.

Registration for regular and Mini Term I ended May 27. Mini Term II will be held June 28 through Aug. 5, with registration on June 27. Priority registration for Fall 2016 begins on June 20, with classes starting on August 17.

For more information about Wallace State, visit www.wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-8000.

2ND ANNUAL CRUZE FEST AND SWAP MEET THIS SATURDAY

Amy Hasenbein Leonard
amy@cullmansense.com

CULLMAN – Coming right on the heels of last weekend's Memorial Day Festival, the second annual Cruze Fest and Swap Meet will be held at Smith Lake Park this Saturday, June 4 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sponsored by Smith Lake Park, Bill Smith GMC, Tony Serra Nissan, MyWay Transporation, Eckenrod Ford, Cullman Chrysler/Dodge, B&B Customs, McGriff Tire, Cullman Bounce House and Party Rentals and Keystone Automotive, the event will feature door prizes, food vendors and the car show. LifeSouth will be on hand to take blood donations from people who wish to give back while enjoying the day's activities. As always, the park will have camping, cabin rentals, canoeing, kayaking and swimming in the pool and lake available.

Registration for the participants in the car show is from 7-11 a.m. With an entry fee of $15 per vehicle, the car show is open to cars, trucks, bikes and even tractors.

With collector cars being a huge feature, the all-American classics such as 1960s Chevy Chevelles and Ford Mustangs are guaranteed to have spot at the show.

As a contrast, Eckenrod Ford will be bringing a new Mustang to hang out with its predecessors and other dealerships will be driving in some of their newer models as well.

Instead of that trophies that are customarily awarded at car shows, Cruze Fest will feature a $1,000 money tree for registered participants.

Each car show vehicle will be assigned a number, and toward the end of the event, numbers will be drawn. When a participant's number is called he or she will pick an envelope from the money tree. In the envelope will be denominations of cash ranging from $10 to $100.

"Last year we had 105 vehicles on display and I'm hoping that, with the high temperature only supposed to be around 85 or so degrees, we'll have more people turn out. Last year we had it in front of the stage area and had a band play. It was super-hot, like 95 degrees, last year," said Smith Lake Park Manager Tony Harris.

With the hot sun of a June day being a possible deterrent for some people who wish to attend, Harris and his staff have come up with a new spot in the park for the show.

"This year we're moving to the left of the pool near the wooded area. We're going to have it back behind the stage in the wooded area heading out toward the water this year. I think it'll be pretty scenery and we'll get some shade from the sun."

As reported last week, the possibility of incorporating Cruze Fest with the Memorial Day Festival is being explored by Harris in hopes of increasing attendance for next year's holiday celebration. No decision has been made yet.

Harris is quick to thank his sponsors, noting, "We have a lot of good sponsors and all of them are behind me and gave me money to keep it going this year."

Admission to Cruze Fest is free for all ages. Smith Lake Park is located at 403 County Road 386, Cullman, AL 35057 and can be reached at 256-739-2916.

VBS 2016
Standard
Deep Sea Discovery

Come join us for our 2016 Vacation Bible School as we experience a Deep Sea Discovery! Get ready for a life-changing adventure taking place at East Side Baptist Church in Cullman.



Date: Sunday, June 26 VBS Family Kick-Off

Dinner & Registration	5:00pm-6:00pm
Games for the Whole Family	6:00pm-6:30pm
VBS Starts for the Kids/East Side	6:30pm-7:30pm
Coffee House for Parents	
Celebration Reef	7:30pm-8:00pm

Monday, June 27-Thursday, June 30
VBS for: 3 year olds through students completing 6th grade 9:00am-Noon

Place: East Side Baptist Church
1111 Third Street
Cullman, AL 35055

Please register online at www.eastsidecullman.com

Contact:
Brandy Roat, East Side Ministry Assistant, **256-734-6144**
Church Email: **eastside@eastsidecullman.com**
Website: **www.eastsidecullman.com**
Facebook: **East Side Baptist Church, Cullman**



RABIES CLINIC
June 4, 2016

Alabama State Law requires all dogs and cats 3 months of age and older to be vaccinated. The State Health Department is requiring a countrywide check on dogs and cats that are eligible for vaccination. There will be a door to door check after July, 1 2016. The cost of the rabies vaccination will be $12.00. The Rabies Clinic will be under the supervision of the Cullman veterinarians. Please have all pets on a leash or in a carrier

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Logan Methodist Church
Mt. Hope Baptist church - Crane Hill
East Elementary School

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Valley Grove Grocery, Old Hwy 69
Whitlock's General Store - Trimble
Dodge City - Heritage Pharmacy
Etha Baptist Church
Enon Church - Eva Road
Springhill Church, Hwy 278 West
Holly Pond High School

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Good Hope High School
West Elementary School
Hanceville High School
Fairview High School
Vinemont High School
Jones Chapel School
Cross Creek Tractor

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Calvert's Store - Brushy Pond
Simcoe Baptist Church
Garden City School
Parkside School
Battleground School
West Point High School
South Walter Gin

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Cold Springs High School
Welti School
Arkadelphia Fire Station
Old Joppa School
Tractor Supply Co.
White City Community Center

Rain or Shine

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
June 2, 2016

PICKIN' AND PIDDLIN' FUNDRAISER HELD FOR OLD LOGAN SCHOOL

Sharon Schuler Kreps
sharon@cullmansense.com

LOGAN – The Logan Preservation Foundation recently hosted a night of music and storytelling at the Logan Junior High Community Center. The evening was filled with bluegrass music by the band Chimney Branch and piddlin', or storytelling, by local folks. BBQ plates, hot dogs and homemade ice cream were enjoyed, which made for a night of fun and entertainment. The night had a dual purpose: to reunite old friends from the community and to raise money to maintain the old school building. Logan Jr. High School played a main role in the Logan community for over 80 years. Although it closed its doors 2006, the building still stands and is now used as a community center. The Logan Preservation Foundation was formed to help preserve the school for the use of the community. Their mission is to provide a safe place for community functions and special events and to provide opportunities for the community to teach, promote and preserve the heritage of the Logan community through the restoration and preservation of the Old Logan School.

Chimney Branch played the night away and several guests got up and buck danced like champs. Several songs were crowd favorites, including a song about Cullman County sweet potatoes. The group was very energetic and really hammed it up as they played.

Even though the Logan Preservation Foundation has held several musical fundraising events in the past, they decided to do something a little different this time. They added storytelling by a few of the locals.

"The storytelling thing is getting to be pretty big in a few places like Florence and Troy," said Attorney C. Blake West. "That's where I got the name; Troy calls theirs 'Piddlin.' I think 'Pickers and Piddlers' just sounds good. We are going to try and do this a couple more times, see what we can come up with. I'm hoping it will really take off."



Chimney Branch played the night away at the Pickin' and Piddlin' music fundraiser at the old Logan Jr. High School.

SHARON SCHULER KREPS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West served as the night's emcee and after telling a couple stories about his silly 6-year-old son Brooks, he introduced the night's first piddler.

"Tonight our first piddler is Coach Riley Duke," he said. "Coach taught here at Logan Jr. High School for 30 years," he grinned. "Yeah, he taught here for a very long time. He is a great guy and has lots of stories to tell."

Duke shared several stories about his teaching days at the Jr. High School. It was obvious he loved his job and had a tender heart for his mischievous students all those years ago.

Other piddlers that night were Sharon Schuler Kreps and Mike Ledbetter. Kreps told a couple stories from her childhood and Ledbetter told of his adventures during his days as an airline pilot. He and West shared a few funny stories from their days in and around Auburn. Even though the piddlin' part of the night was something different and new, everyone seemed to enjoy it and laughed at some of the silly stories that were shared. The Logan Jr. High Community Center proved to be an excellent place to meet new people and have good fun. There will be more Pickin' and Piddlin' events this summer, but in the meantime, citizens can help save the school by joining the Logan Preservation Foundation or by renting rooms for events such as reunions, showers, birthday parties, etc.; attending fundraisers and volunteering. For information, contact Amy at 256-338-1675 or email loganjrhigh@gmail.com.

Visit the group online at loganjuniorhigh.com or http://qrne.ws/logan.

CCPL SUMMER "HEALTH AND FITNESS" READING PROGRAM KICKS OFF

Sharon Schuler Kreps
sharon@cullmansense.com

CULLMAN – The Cullman County Public Library is proud to hold their brand new summer program series, "Health and Fitness," that began June 1. Starting at 10 a.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the month of June, the library will offer a variety of entertaining programs for children – all free of charge!

"'On Your Mark, Get Set... READ' is a five-state collaborative summer library program that is health and fitness-based," Cullman County Library Director Sharon Townson explained.

"Our goal is to keep children reading during summer months to maintain strong reading skills. We also want to keep our materials as accessible as possible.

"The library is a place to discover new things. Visit the library to see the magic show, and when you leave check out a couple of books on magic tricks. Children can check out books in print, on CD or even through Camellia.net (e-books & audio) so they can read on mobile devices. We also offer digital magazines through ZINIO for mobile devices as well. With the digital access, we offer books and magazines 24/7 to meet our busy schedules."

The library isn't just for children; there are all kinds of great things for adults to do as well.

For example, for those who love to research their family histories, big things are about to happen!

"We just found out yesterday the Alabama Public Library Service is going to provide all Alabama public libraries with Ancestry.com access," Townson announced.

"We should be able to use it sometime in July. People have to come to the library to use it though, because it will be verified by IP addresses."

To keep up with all the free activities and fun, check out the library's Facebook calendar at facebook.com/Cullman-County-Public-Library-System-180877525291010/.

The main branch of the Cullman County Public Library is located at 200 Clark St. NE. For more information on the reading program, call 256-734-2720.

EARL'S BODY SHOP
2251 Decatur Ave., N.W.
734-2406

LAWN MOWER BATTERIES
Heavy Duty
$29.80 Exchange
A-1 BATTERY SUPPLY
2172 Co. Rd. 1169
Fromhold Rd., N.W., Cullman - Since 1979
256-734-9438
WE BUY OLD BATTERIES

Events (from Front)

hamburgers will begin at 5 p.m. The meats, buns and drinks will be provided; however, donations of side dishes and desserts are needed. Please let Bates know what you will be bringing when you call to RSVP. Also, please bring your own chairs as seating will be limited.

Sensory-Friendly Trip to Cullman Fire Station No. 2
On Friday, July 15 at 10 a.m., the gang will head out for a free sensory-friendly trip to Cullman Fire Station No. 2 which will include safety tips and a tour of Cullman's newest fire station by the fire fighters and a visit from members of the Cullman Police Department. The fire station is near Marvin's at 1711 Main Ave. SW in Cullman. Lunch at Bojangles' Famous Chicken 'n Biscuits, at 1821 Cherokee Ave. SW, will follow the tour. Bates has requested RSVPs via the group's Facebook page for this event.

Sensory-Friendly Movies
Sensory-friendly movie days will continue this summer at the Carmike 10 in Cullman at 1950 Marketplatz Center. The movies are free to all aged special needs folks and the cost to accompanying family members is $4 each. The cost covers a drink and a popcorn. Families who plan to attend are asked to RSVP with Rhonda at 256-962-2208 or Sarah at 256-338-1301.

With Thursday morning showtimes of 10 a.m., the movies this summer will include "Alvin and the Chipmunks – Road Chip" on June 2, "Home" on June 23 and "The Peanuts Movie" on July 28.

Monday Night Free Swim
Monday night free swims will continue to be sponsored by the Cullman City Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Program (http://cullmanrecreation.org/programs-events/therapeutic-recreation/). Free swims are held from 6-8 p.m., and swimmers and their families are asked to sign in at the front desk of the Cullman Wellness and Aquatics Center upon arrival.

Find the Cullman Autism and Special Needs Family Support Group on Facebook at http://qrne.ws/support.

Subscribe to The Cullman Tribune today and have it delivered to your door!

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
In County - $40
• Senior Citizens - $37

Out of County - $50
• Senior Citizens - $46



JOHNNY'S since 1949
We'll Serve No Swine Before Its Time
BAR-B-Q
OPEN TUESDAY - SATURDAY 10 A.M. - 9 P.M.
CALL-IN / FAMILY DINING / PICK-UP WINDOW
AWARDED "BEST OF THE BEST BBQ IN AMERICA" BY NATIONAL BARBECUE NEWS
• 1401 4th St. SW Cullman, AL 35055 • 256-734-8539 • johnnysbarbq.com

BABY POWDER
OR OTHER TALCUM POWDER LINKED TO
OVARIAN CANCER
Long-term use of baby/talcum powder is linked to ovarian cancer. If you or a loved one suffered from ovarian cancer after using Johnson's Baby Powder, Shower to Shower or other talcum powder, you may be entitled to substantial compensation. Call us at 1-800-THE-EAGLE now. No fees or costs until your case is settled or won. We practice law only in Arizona, but associate with lawyers throughout the U.S.
Attorney Deborah Kerr
915 W. Camelback Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85013
GOLDBERG & OSBORNE
1-800-THE-EAGLE
(1-800-843-3245)
www.1800theeagle.com
Open 7 Days a Week
No representation is made that the quality of legal services is greater than the quality of legal services provided by other lawyers.

Cullman Stock Yard, Inc.
75 County Road 1339
Cullman, AL 35058
(256) 734-4531
www.cullmanstockyard.com
Keith and Hoagy Parrish
Cattle Sale - Thursday 8:30 a.m.

"Your Agents. Your Neighbors. Your Friends."
KNIGHT-FREE INSURANCE
256.734.4060
Auto-Owners Insurance



Now Hiring RNs
Call 1-855-866-6914
or pre-apply at alacare.com/careers
alacare
HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE
©Alacare 2016 Alacare is an equal opportunity employer

CROSS CREEK
GOLF COURSE
FORMERLY THE CULLMAN GOLF COURSE
"QUALITY GOLF AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE."
@CrossCreekCullman
www.crosscreekcullman.com

PHARMACY TOPICS *by Eddy Hoenig*

Hospital Discount West



Front row, Left to right: Anita Antaillia, Karen Metz, RN, Kathryne Striker and Sue Miller. Back row: Sonja Duke and Eddy Hoenig, Rph.

The use of antidepressants, especially selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, during the final two trimesters of pregnancy was associated with increased risk for autism spectrum disorder in children, according to an article published online by *JAMA Pediatrics*. Antidepressants (Ads) are widely used during pregnancy to treat depression. Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental syndrome characterized by altered communication, language and social interaction and by particular patterns of interests and behaviors.

***

Among patients undergoing major cancer operations, the preoperative use of blood-thinning drugs such as heparin does not increase rates of major bleeding or transfusions, and is associated with a decreased risk of blood clots, according to new study results published in the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*. Venous thromboembolism (VTE) is a common occurrence in cancer patients. Those undergoing major operations are at higher risk of deep vein thrombosis (DVT), a condition that occurs when blood in the vein pools, usually in the calf or thigh and forms a clot. The consequences can be serious, because the blood clot can break loose from the leg vein, travel to the lungs and block the blood vessels that supply the lungs. This complication, called a pulmonary embolism, can be fatal.

***

Taking certain antidepressants for depression is linked to a heightened risk of subsequent mania and bipolar disorder, reveals research published in the online journal *BMJ Open*. The strongest association seemed to be for serotonin reuptake inhibitors, or SSRIs for short and the dual action antidepressant venlafaxine, the analysis indicated.

***

Presented as a service to the community by **Hospital Discount Pharmacy**.

HOSPITAL DISCOUNT PHARMACY & WELLNESS CENTERS
"Caring For You Since 1968"
West
1201 4th St. S.W.
734-7658
Central
209 4th Ave. N.E.
734-6013

117TH GRADUATION HELD AT SAINT BERNARD

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard Contributor

CULLMAN – Saint Bernard Preparatory School celebrated its 117th commencement on Sunday, May 22 in an impressive ceremony conducted in the Abbey Church and under the direction of Father Joel Martin, president of the School. This year's class of 45 seniors was the largest class to graduate since the reopening of the preparatory school in 1984.

After the opening prayer led by the school Chaplain, Father Bede Marcy, and the singing of the national anthem led by the Director of Fine Arts, Joshua Agnew, the program began with an introduction of the board of directors and the school faculty.

As part of the commencement exercises, the Saint Bernard Board of Directors recognized two alumni who received the "Distinguished Alumnus Award." Reverend Monsignor Owen F. Campion (Class of 1962), associate publisher of Our Sunday Visitor Publishing and editor of The Priest magazine, and Mr. Christopher J. Rooney (Class of 1963), retired senior vice president for AT&T Worldwide Customer Service, were inducted into the Class of Distinguished Alumni for 2016.

Father Marcus Voss, alumni director and director of development of Saint Bernard Prep School, presided over this portion of the graduation ceremonies.

The commencement address was delivered by Cullman attorney R. Champ Crocker (SBP Class of 1994). Crocker attended Saint Bernard Prep for high school and is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and the Samford Cumberland School of Law.

"Having the Saint Bernard experience taught me many things about life," Crocker said. "When you walk out those doors today, you will be much different than the first time you walked through them." Quoting from the Old Testament Book of Joshua 1:9, Crocker said, "Do not be terrified. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." He challenged each senior to be open to those who "agree or disagree with you. Be who you are and be a leader."

After the commencement address, Dan Baillargeon, headmaster of Saint Bernard Preparatory School, announced this year's graduation awards. Samuel George received the valedictorian award while Christopher Woods was named salutatorian.

In giving the general excellence medal, the highest award given to a graduating senior, Father Joel stated that "the criteria for this award requires that a student must be enrolled at Saint Bernard Prep for the last two full years, be dedicated to academic excellence, exercise leadership and represent the values of the school." The 2016 general excellence medal was presented to David Schartung.

The graduating seniors were called forward by Baillargeon and diplomas were presented by Abbot Cletus Meagher with Father Joel Martin assisting him.



Saint Bernard graduation honorees JOYCE NIX

After the awarding of the diplomas, Samuel George gave the valedictory address during which he reminded his classmates that things in life will change but the values and high ideals of their alma mater will remain the same.

In his closing remarks, Baillargeon noted that this year's graduating seniors had the distinction of earning $6.5 million dollars in scholarships and were accepted into colleges and universities across the United States.

Father Joel Martin ended the ceremony calling attention to the role that challenges play in life.

"We need challenges because we come alive in struggles," he said. "We have high expectations for your future. Go and take St. Bernard with you."

Music for the graduation exercises was provided by Br. Raphael Pattarozzi, as well as the Alabama Pipes and Drums Corps.

The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Honor Guard of the Father Leo Carter Assembly 2624 also participated in the ceremonies.

Following the prayer and dismissal by Abbot Cletus Meagher, a reception was held in the Saint Bernard Dining Hall.

Drowning (from Front)

everyone needs to be careful and understand that the water can be extremely dangerous.

Nationwide, drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental deaths of children and adolescents. Drowning is a silent killer.

When a child drowns, you won't hear a cry or even a splash. It can happen very quickly.

"I am unsure of how many drowning deaths we've had over the past five years," said Jeremy Kilpatrick, Cullman County coroner.

"In 2015 there was one drowning (suicide) and so far this year there have been three."

"We want people to have a good time," said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, "but most importantly, we want them to be safe. Don't drink and drive, and don't drive distracted. With more people out for the holiday and summer vacation, there's going to be an increased chance for accidents, on roads and on the water. We also ask people who are going to be on the lake at night to make sure all their lighting equipment is working to prevent an accident."

While Gentry gives some great advice, the American Red Cross has more information about water safety (http://www.redcross.org/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/water-safety).

They suggest you make water safety your priority. They also urge everyone to prevent unsupervised access to the water and maintain constant supervision and to know what to do in an emergency. Also, if a child is missing, check the water first. Seconds count in preventing death or disability.

Make Water Safety Your Priority

- Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone. Even at a public pool or a lifeguarded beach, use the buddy system!
- Ensure that everyone in the family learns to swim well. Enroll in age-appropriate Red Cross water orientation and Learn-to-Swim courses.
- Never leave a young child unattended near water and do not trust a child's life to another child; teach children to always ask permission to go near water.
- Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets around water, but do not rely on life jackets alone.
- Establish rules for your family and enforce them without fail. For example, set limits based on each person's ability, do not let anyone play around drains and suction fittings, and do not allow swimmers to hyperventilate before swimming under water or have breath-holding contests.
- Even if you do not plan on swimming, be cautious around natural bodies of water including ocean shoreline, rivers and lakes. Cold temperatures, currents and underwater hazards can make a fall into these bodies of water dangerous.
- If you go boating, wear a life jacket! Most boating fatalities occur from drowning.
- Avoid alcohol use. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance and coordination; affects swimming and diving skills; and reduces the body's ability to stay warm.

Prevent Unsupervised Access to the Water

- Install and use barriers around your home pool or hot tub. Safety covers and pool alarms should be added as additional layers of protection.
- Ensure that pool barriers enclose the entire pool area, are at least 4-feet high with gates that are self-closing, self-latching and open outward, and away from the pool. The latch should be high enough to be out of a small child's reach.
- If you have an above-ground or inflatable pool, remove access ladders and secure the safety cover whenever the pool is not in use.
- Remove any structures that provide access to the pool, such as outdoor furniture, climbable trees, decorative walls and playground equipment.
- Keep toys that are not in use away from the pool and out of sight. Toys can attract young children to the pool.

Maintain Constant Supervision

- Actively supervise kids whenever around the water—even if lifeguards are present. Do not just drop your kids off at the public pool or leave them at the beach—designate a responsible adult to supervise.
- Always stay within arm's reach of young children and avoid distractions when supervising children around water.

Know What to Do in an Emergency. If a child is missing, check the water first. Seconds count in preventing death or disability.

- Know how and when to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number.
- If you own a home pool or hot tub, have appropriate equipment, such as reaching or throwing equipment, a cell phone, life jackets and a first aid kit.
- Enroll in Red Cross home pool safety, water safety, first aid and CPR/AED courses to learn how to prevent and respond to emergencies.

Swimming lessons are very important, especially for children.

Thankfully the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center will be offering swimming lessons to the public beginning June 6.

Group Swim Lessons:

- Session I: June 6 – 16
- Session II: June 20 – 30
- Session III: July 11 – 21

Must be at least 3 years old. Lessons are Monday-Thursday for 2 weeks at 8 a.m. or 9 a.m. Cost is $70 per child; members of the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center will receive a discount. Registration will take place at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center.

Private Swim Lessons:

Offered anytime during operational hours at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center. Thirty-minute lessons are $20 per child. Preferred to be 3 years old. Registration is at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center.

The Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center is located at 1636 Field of Miracles Drive SW, Cullman, AL 35055. For more information, call 256-775-7946.

Enjoy the summer break – make fantastic memories with your children. Pack a picnic lunch and go swimming with your family and friends. Please take our advice and be safe in all that you do, especially around the water. Drowning happens, but it doesn't have to!

Pepsi Cola
Distributing Company
205 Olive St. SW, Cullman, AL 256-734-9454

Toni Marsh – Business Development
The Sumrall Agency
Allstate
You're in good hands.
Allstate 1406 2nd Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055
Office 256-217-5447 Cell 256-345-7672 Fax 256-217-4351
tonimarsh@allstate.com Auto, Home, Business, Life

FALLEN VETERANS HONORED AT MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Sharon Schuler Kreps
sharon@cullmansense.com

CULLMAN – On Saturday, Cullman's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214 hosted a Memorial Day program at Veteran's Park at Sportsman Lake. The program honored the Floyd family, whose brother Talmadge was killed in action during WWII in February 1945. Talmadge Floyd was honored as a representative of all of the names inscribed on the walls of all the monuments at the park.

"We are here today to pay tribute to each and every American whose name is on a war memorial in our park," said retired United States Air Force Col. and Vietnam veteran Ken Brown. "Since I was asked to organize this program today, I wanted to make certain we offered details on the life behind just one of the names inscribed here. By doing so, we can honor his memory, honor his family and hopefully allow him to represent all the fallen we remember here today. This morning I would like to make a few remarks about Talmadge Floyd, who was killed in action in the closing days of World War II."

Talmadge Floyd was born in 1921. He and his family lived and worked on a farm near West Point, which is where he attended school. While not in school, he spent most of his time working on the family farm. He eventually took a job with the N.C. Arnold Lumber Company and later joined the Army in the summer of 1944. He was 23 years old. Before leaving home, Talmadge married a Cullman girl, Ms. Audie Cagle, and the happy couple had a son whom they named Dwight.

"Family and friends say that Talmadge had a great attitude about serving his country and mankind," said Brown. "He had lots of friends, was happy and upbeat and was always positive. He left Cullman in September 1944, went to basic training, sailed to Europe and arrived on the front line in December of that year, just in time for the Battle of the Bulge.

"He was a rifleman in the 358th Regiment of the 90th Division. On Feb. 9, 1945, just 90 days before the end of the war, Talmadge was killed as his unit attempted to penetrate the famous Siegfried Line into Germany. His friend Charlie Glover, also from Cullman, was with Talmadge when he was killed. When Charlie returned home after the war, he was able to comfort the Floyd family who had agonized and wondered about Talmadge's suffering. Charlie told them that he was killed instantly and did not suffer.

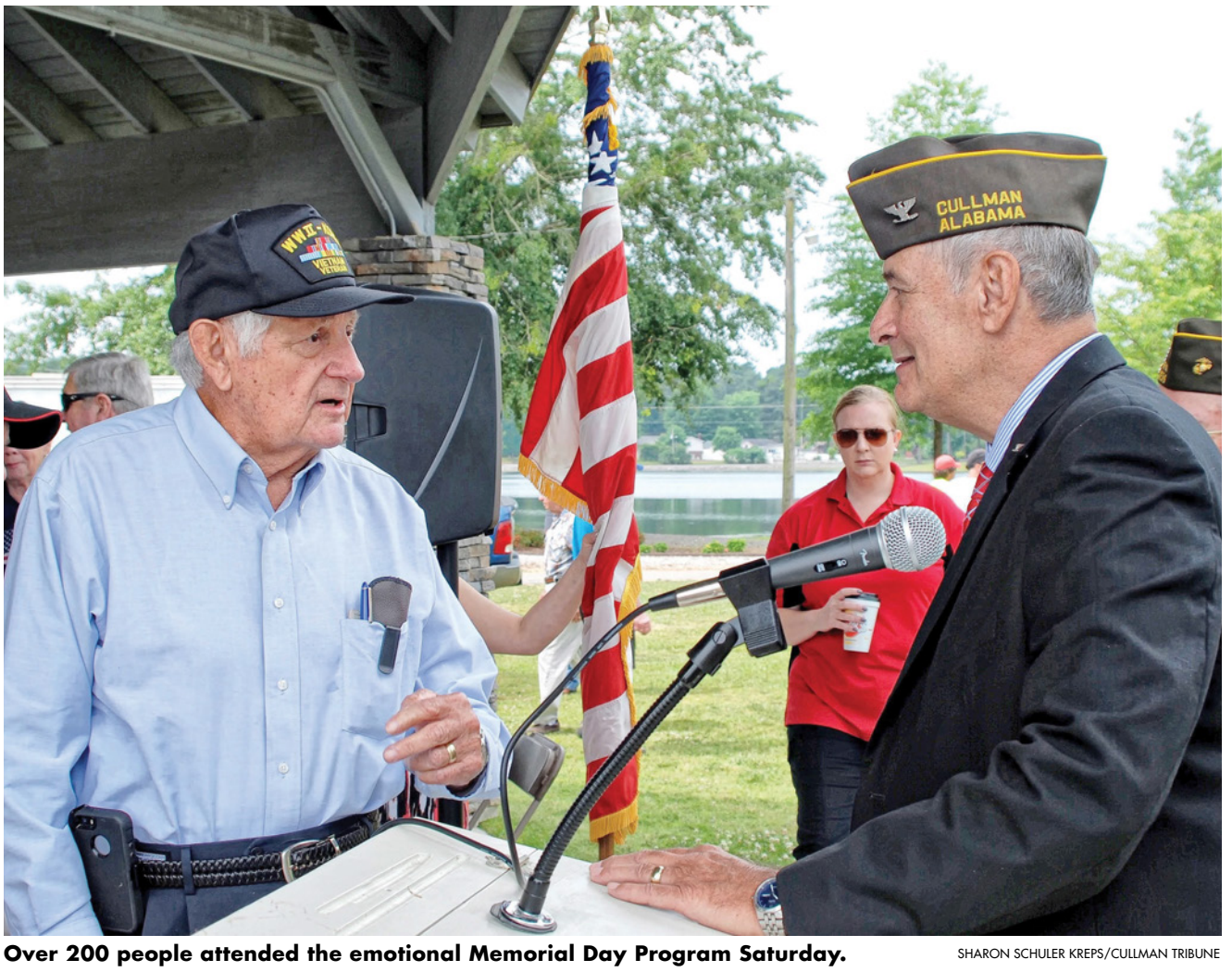
"The 90th Division was in the thick of the action," Brown explained. "When Gen. Patton was asked to recommend 10 percent of his command for award of the Presidential Unit Citation, he singled out the 90th Division as the only entire unit to be so recognized. The 90th lost 3,870 people who were killed and over 21,000 who were wounded. This, as we are often reminded, is the cost of freedom."

On behalf of the community and grateful nation, Col. Julian Campbell, who served with the Army Air Corps in World War II and piloted 40 B-26 Bomber missions in the European Theater, presented a framed flag to the Floyd family as a small token of appreciation for Talmadge Floyd's sacrifice.

"And so Talmadge, we are gathered here today, still enjoying the sweet freedom that you bought us, with thankful hearts for your selfless devotion to your country," said Col. Brown as the flag was being presented. "And to Margaret (Talmadge's sister) and the Floyd family, on behalf of our community and a grateful nation, we say thank you for giving us a patriot like Talmadge."

Cullman Mayor Max A. Townson also spoke to the gathered crowd.

Freedom isn't free. It comes with a price. This Memorial Day, take a few minutes to remember those who sacrificed their lives, like Talmadge Floyd, so that we are able to freely enjoy ours. Without them, we wouldn't be able to do the things we freely choose to do. The staff at the Cullman Tribune wants to wish everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day – with many more to come.



Over 200 people attended the emotional Memorial Day Program Saturday. SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMAN TRIBUNE



dr. matt DELLINGER
your family & cosmetic dentist

We are a family dental practice seeing all ages. We also enjoy doing cosmetic dentistry and we are accepting new patients.

Call us about our Botox specials.

PROVIDER FOR MOST INSURANCES

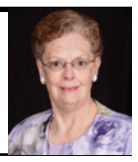
Dr. Matt Dellinger
210 Main Ave NW
Cullman, AL
256-734-2778

Monday 7:30 - 5:30
Tuesday 7:30 - 5:30
Wednesday 7:30 - 5:00
Thursday 7:30 - 5:30
Friday 7:30 - 12:00



NEWS FROM THE POND

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



Good morning Tribune readers and families. Everything is turning hot, hot, hot. It seems as if summertime has appeared with a vengeance. I love the hot weather. Our old folks' pains are not as pronounced this time of the year.

The Holly Pond High School Alumni Association held their twenty-seventh annual banquet on May 28th in the high school lunchroom. Wayne Hays, president, presided. Special guests were the Kenny, Dianne Bailey and their Bluegrass Band, The Possibles. This was their second appearance at the banquet. The class of 1966 was especially recognized as this is their 50th year since graduation. Kay Collier Mann and Gail Reeves Wood, officers, presented their reports. The nominating committee, consisting of Jackie Satterfield, Julia Carnell Floyd and Randy Sparks presented the officers for the coming year.

Wayne Hays was re-elected as president. The meeting was closed by the singing of the Alma Mater, led by Mrs. Polly Easterwood.

The highlight of this annual event was the awarding of scholarships, which are presented to deserving students each year by this association. This year's winners are: Brianne Elizabeth Brewis, Sheena Marie Clemons and Elizabeth Thompson.

Brianne Brewis is the daughter of Chris and Beth Brewis. She received a $2,000 scholarship including the Dane Estes Scholarship. Brianne has been accepted to Jacksonville State University, University of Alabama/ Birmingham, Snead State Community College, Gadsden State Community College and Wallace State Community College.

This outstanding student has a number of choices and I am sure it will be difficult for her. Her field of study will be in nursing.

Sheena Clemons is the daughter of Phillip and Shelia Clemmons. She also received a $2,000scholarship. She has been accepted at Wallace State where her field of study will be sonography.

Elizabeth Thompson is the daughter of James and Teresa Thompson, and also received a $2,000 scholarship. She has been accepted at Auburn University.

Her field of study will be poultry science and agricultural economics. A big congratulation is extended to all three of these winners. We wish them each great success in the pursuit of their educational goals.

The regular business session of the Holly Pond Civitan Club was held Tuesday night in the Guy Hunt Conference room at the library. Bill Oliver, president, presided.

Lyndell House presented a devotional and asked for those who were mentioned on the prayer list. The financial report and the minutes were approved as presented.

During the business session the following items were discussed and voted on. Recommended from the club's board was a motion to purchase three large coffee pots for club and community events.

Tim Hayes made an amendment to the motion that we don't spend over $300.00. This amendment was approved. No report from the nominating committee was presented. A new member, Mrs. Terri McIntosh was introduced.

The board recommended that the $250.00 budgeted for support of the Civitan International Research Center be used toward the golf sponsorship of Walter Floyd in an up-coming tournament that is also in support of the Research Center. The motion was approved.

The board also requested that the club give $20.00 for miscellaneous funds to each of the two young students attending the leadership training conference in Searcy, Arkansas, this summer. This motion was also approved.

Two guests attending this meeting were Terri McIntosh and Mary Hickey. Members attending were: Bill and Sharon Oliver, Lyndell House, Janice Murphree, Bart and Ashley Dye, Jimmie Dean Carnell, Tim Hayes, Paul Brown, Lynn Jetton, Walter and Judy Floyd.

Mrs. Nancy Horton was honored by her family with a birthday luncheon on Saturday, May 28th at the home of Walter and Judy Floyd. Mrs. Horton will be celebrating her birthday on May 31st.

Among those attending were: Walt and Judy Floyd, Lane and Nancy Horton, of Hanceville, Candace and Paul Auffant, of Birmingham, Gina Webb, of Vinemont, Jimmie Dean Carnell, of Holly Pond and Wes and Arianna Hargraves, of Atlanta.

Until next week, be safe, and keep cool if possible.

TRIBUNE ARCHIVES

TRIBUNE FILES OF YESTERYEAR

From The Files Of 1904:
Born to Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Searcy on Thursday, June 9th, was a daughter.

Mrs. Fanny Digsby and Thomas L. Lawrence were married on June 7th, with Elder T.C. King officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Cook, of Chicago, arrived here Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Cook.

Professor J.M. Kilpatrick, who recently closed a successful school at Cottondale, is now located here, where he will sell insurance this summer.

Members of the Annual Fishing Club, who went to Sanford Bridge Thursday were: O.S. Roden, J.A. McConnell, J.J. Fowler, T.D. McMinn, Doctor Carl Hartung, Will Brunner, C.C. Scheuing, Nick Worley, A.L. York and J.W. Sparks.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Buettner, a girl, on June 9th.

Eddie Estes is a merchant at Bright.

Ice cream and cold drinks are served at Fairview, every Sunday.

We have a hog, cow and horse law and it is now time for the City Council to pass a dog law. Dogs are becoming a nuisance.

Doctor Joe Monday's three lectures, at the courthouse, this week were largely attended.

Attorney F.E. Saint John has rented two rooms over the National Bank.

From The Files Of 1934:
Married Tuesday at the First Methodist Church in Birmingham were Miss Ruth Reeves and Blair Hays. Attending the wedding from Cullman were Doctor and Mrs. L. Hays, parents of the bridegroom, Doctor and Mrs. N.V. Culpepper and Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Reaves.

A freak egg brought to the Tribune by Ruben Davis of Route Seven, Cullman, has a "rising sun" on the shell.

Milton C. Bailey was killed by a train near Garden City, on Saturday night.

"Skeet" Kinney caught a 500-pound shark off the coast, at Pensacola, last week.

On June 7th, Miss Bonnie Jordan was married to Conrad Howard. After a wedding trip, they will reside here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kleibacher, Ruth and Charles, Junior and Helen Clark are vacationing at Fairhope.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Schlosser announce the arrival of a little daughter, on June 10th.

Mrs. H.D. Rodgers and son, of Houston, Texas, are guests of Mrs. L.A. Mackentepe.

Herbert Hancock of the United States Navy, is home on leave.

Doctor P.G. Hartung is attending the Kiwanis convention, in Toronto, Canada.

From The Files Of 1994:
The exact date of the organization of Center Hill Baptist Church is indefinite. The accounts of the church in the "olden days" are colorful and varied.

The earliest date that has been mentioned was an account related by Mrs. Omar Davis.

Mrs. Davis remembers her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Webb, telling her about Center Hill Church.

Mrs. Webb was born in July of 1845 and when she was 12 years old, her parents moved to this part of the country (that would be in 1857).

She said at this time Center Hill Church was already established and services were held on Sunday. During the week the building was used as a school. This was the center for community activities and was the only church for miles around.

The building was made of logs and on the inside was a huge open fireplace. The building was located a little south and west of the present church building. It faced south and the road which followed the section-line east and west.

This section-line is about 100 feet south of the present educational building. There was a dug well, almost in front of the log church, where weary travelers and school children could get water to drink.

The next account found was in the Archives of Samford University. This is in Coordination with the Baptist Historical Society. Mrs. Eugene S. Bee is librarian and was kind and helpful.

A record is on microfilm of the minutes of the Cullman Association for the year of 1886. These minutes give an account of Center Hill Baptist Church making an application for membership to the association.

The messengers from Center Hill were Brothers T.B. Moore, J.M. Murphree and B.E. Jackson. The pastor was the Reverend William Whaley and the Reverend A. Adams was associate pastor. The Clerk was Brother B.E. Jackson. Worship services were held twice each month and the membership was listed at 12.

A MISSION TRIP TO HAITI

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Bonjour! I recently returned from a week down south, way down south. Over the last twenty five years I have been privileged to participate in numerous mission trips. I have traveled and worked in locations across our own nation, as well as in several foreign countries. When I visited Hawaii, I found it so different from Alabama that while speaking to a group there I said, "Back in the states." I was embarrassed by my faux pas, when my new friends quickly reminded that I was still in the states.

From the moment we entered the Haitian capital of Port Au Prince, I immediately realized we were not "Back in the states." For one thing, I guess air conditioning has not made it down that far yet. Of course, for many there, neither has the King's English – Bill King's or England's. The language of Haiti is French but not ordinary French. They speak Creole French, similar to that of southern Louisiana. Since I speak neither French, nor Creole, without our interpreters I understood little. Before the week ended I had learned, "Kouman ou ye," which means "How are you," and I had taught the Haitian pastors I worked with to say, "How y'all." They even did so with my Appalachian accent. They smiled broadly and showed their intense excitement and appreciation at learning such a treasured greeting. Well, actually, they smiled at most things.

Because we took supplies for the orphanage we worked with we had more extra suitcases than we had hands to carry them.

Non-official porters waited like vultures to help with our luggage, of course for a small fee. We had been warned that once they left with your bags they might actually leave with your bags – permanently. We said, "No, no," and clung to our bags.

Our final destination of Jacmel, sets on the southern coast, several hours from Port Au Prince by rough dirt roads, but only twenty minutes by air. We opted for the plane ride. Because we had arrived so late we spent the night in the capital city at one of their finest inns. I think it was a Motel 4.

We had requested an early breakfast at the Motel 4 restaurant before we left. Have you ever eaten a bologna sub sandwich dripping with mayonnaise at 6:00 in the morning? Neither have I, but one of our team members has. We also had fresh watermelon juice. No, I'm not making this stuff up.

As soon as we disposed of our breakfast (one way or another) we headed to the airport. We hopped on a six passenger prop plane, piloted by an American named Roger. Roger had flown to Haiti to deliver a large plane. Six years later he and the plane were still there. The large plane sat grounded, but Roger earned his living shuttling passengers back and forth across the mountains. Our team had to split up so those who waited behind bought some really nice paintings because they couldn't say "No" in Creole. They did get them at a good price though. One of our team members rode shot gun. Roger told him to keep his door open until we took off to let air in. I was thankful – thankful for the fresh air and thankful I wasn't riding shotgun down the runway!

I am also thankful for the opportunity I had to teach Haitian pastors and to interact with those precious Haitian children at the orphanage. I am also thankful to live in the United States. Yes, we have our own problems, but they pale in comparison to many countries.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF **CASE NO: AD-2016-027**

THE ADOPTION OF AUSTIN LEE LIVELY,
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: TIMOTHY LEE LIVELY OR ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, OR UNDISCLOSED PERSONS, WHO MIGHT BE THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE NAMED MINOR CHILD.

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY JAMES E. LEE AND TINA TERESA LEE. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 25 DAY OF May, 2016.

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

ANDRIA RICHTER
Attorney for Petitioners
300 First Avenue SW, Suite 104
Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256) 775-7757

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2016-012**

IN THE MATTER OF:
BRYLEE KAY FREEMAN,
A minor child.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: BRITTNEY MICHELLE WILSON FREEMAN AND JOSHUA CAROL FREEMAN, NATURAL PARENTS OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED MINOR, WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY WHITNEY SHAWN KILGO AND REBECCA LASHAY KILGO. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 18 DAY OF May, 2016.

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

ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
Attorney for Petitioners
215 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256) 775-4444

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 3016-138

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF NORMA LEA BRADFORD, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Donna Sue Meeks and Oscar Herbert Bradford, Jr., on the 24th day of 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.

Donna Sue Meeks and Oscar Herbert Bradford, Jr.
Personal Representatives

Thomas A. Smith, Jr.
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Cullman County Judge of Probate

Thomas A. Smith, Jr.
Smith & Smith, LLP
P O Box 398
Cullman, AL 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:

2002 Dodge Ram Truck, Vin. #1D7HA16K92J199020.
2004 Pontiac GTO, Vin. #6G2VX12G74L311938.

The following vehicles will be sold on July 8, 2016, for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057. Phone number: 256-775-3754.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 – 06
TO VACATE AND SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY PUBLIC OR MUNICIPAL PURPOSE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Cullman is the owner of a vacate right of way from Lee Avenue SW to Cherokee Avenue SW.
2. The Cullman City Council finds and determines that this property is not needed by the City of Cullman for public or municipal purposes and hereby vacates the property and declares it surplus.
3. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sell this property for its fair market value.
4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 14th day of March, 2016. /s/Garlan E. Gudger, Jr - President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 14th day of March, 2016. /s/ Max A. Townson - Mayor

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO.: AD-2016-023

IN THE MATTER OF:
CHASE LEE LANE,
A minor child.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: HEATHER NICOLE TANNER AND ROSS DOUGLAS LANE
WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY ALVIN AND DELLAVINA EDWARDS. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS AS SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 10th DAY OF May, 2016.

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

ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
Attorney for Petitioners
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C.
215 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256)775-4444

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2016-009**

IN THE MATTER OF:
CADENCE DIANE LAWRENCE,
A minor child.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: TO ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, OR UNDISCLOSED PERSONS, WHO MIGHT BE THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE NAMED MINOR CHILD.

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY KENZIE CARTHELL CLEMMONS. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 12th DAY OF May, 2016.

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

MICHAEL HAYNES
Attorney for Petitioner
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 100
Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256) 737-5068

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 3016-136

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF OSCAR HERBERT BRADFORD, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Donna Sue Meeks on the 24th day of 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.

Donna Sue Meeks
Personal Representative

Thomas A. Smith, Jr.
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Cullman County Judge of Probate

Thomas A. Smith, Jr.
Smith & Smith, LLP
P O Box 398
Cullman, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE

PETITION OF JEFFREY TODD CHAPMAN &
TRACY CHAPMAN CASE NO: AD2016-029

FOR THE ADOPTION OF

JAYDEN LAKOTA SUSSKIN,

A Minor.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: KENYA BLAIR SUSSKIN, Natural mother address unknown

ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER, address unknown

The Petition for Adoption which is attached to this Notice is important and you must take immediate action to protect your rights. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written answer, either admitting or denying each allegation in the Petition to the Attorney for the Petitioner, whose name and address are shown below and you must file the original of your answer with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Cullman County, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055 or P.O. Box 970, Cullman, Alabama 35056. THIS ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF DELIVERY OF THIS NOTICE AND PETITION AS EVIDENCED BY THE RETURN AND, RECEIPT IF YOU INTEND TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION.

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Done this 20th day of May 2016.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

J. BRADLEY WILSON
Attorney for Petitioners
206 Ninth Street South West
Cullman, AL 35055

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made in the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Larry D Williams Husband And Cindy J Williams Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Cullman Savings Bank dated August 17, 2009; said mortgage being recorded in Book 1607, Page 4 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Branch Banking and Trust Company by assignment recorded in Deed Book 315, Page 818 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, Branch Banking and Trust Company, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 23rd day of June, 2016 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Commence at the southwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 11 South, Range 2 West; thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes East 350 feet; thence North 0 degrees 20 minutes West 629 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue North 0 degrees 20 minutes West 133 feet; thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes East 344.8 feet; thence South 15 degrees 08 minutes West 88.1 feet; thence South 14 degrees 13 minutes 04 seconds West 47.73 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes West 309.3 feet to the true point of beginning and containing 1.0 acres, more or less. Said land lying and being in the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4. of Section 14, Township 11 South, Range 2 West.

Said property is commonly known as 130 County Road 5401, Hanceville, AL 35077.
The indebtedness secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default under the terms of the Note secured by said Mortgage, including but not limited to, nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remains in default, and this sale will be made for the sole purpose of paying the same, including all expenses of the sale, attorney's fees, and all other payments provided for under the terms of said Mortgage.

Said property will be sold subject to the following items, which may affect the title to said real property: all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities, which constitute liens upon said property; all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way; the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law; and any other matters of record superior to said Mortgage. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the real property is Larry D Williams and Cindy J Williams or tenant(s).
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 a part of the foreclosure process.

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer, LLC
Two North Twentieth
2 20th Street North, Suite 1310
Birmingham, AL 35203
(800) 275-7171
FT21@mccallaraymer.com
File No. 914816
www.foreclosurehotline.net

Cullman Tribune
06/02/2016,06/09/2016,06/16/2016

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Thursday

Carmike Cinemas Summer Kid Series
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m. from June 2- August 4. This special includes admission to the chosen movie, a 16 oz. drink and 46 oz. popcorn for $4 plus tax. This is for all customers regardless of age. June 2 "Alvin and the Chipmunks- The Road Chip"

Main Street/ Historic Downtown Hanceville Revitalization Ribbon Cutting
The new businesses housed in the front of the Romine building will be holding their grand openings on Thursday, June 2 with the ribbon cutting at the C Street Café, located at 106 Commercial St. SE, scheduled for 10 a.m. The café is open on Mondays-Saturdays from 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

Cullman Caring for Kids Yard Sale
Wednesday-Saturday, June 1-4, from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cullman County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Building 1. All proceeds go to Cullman Caring for Kids.

Cullman Summer Library Program: "Health and Fitness"
Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the month of June at 10 a.m. at the Cullman Public Library, 200 Clark St. NE. Fun for all ages and all programs are free! For more information, contact Renee at 256-734-2720, ext. 32.

Sensory-Friendly Movie- "Alvin and the Chipmunks- The Road Chip"
The Cullman Autism and Special Needs Family Support Group has several group activities planned for this year's summer break in addition to their regularly scheduled events. Sensory-friendly movie days will continue this summer at the Carmike 10 in Cullman at 1950 Marketplatz Center. The movies are free to all aged special needs folks and the cost to accompanying family members is $4 each. The cost covers a drink and a popcorn. Families who plan to attend are asked to RSVP with Rhonda at 256-962-2208 or Sarah at 256-338-1301. With Thursday morning showtimes of 10 a.m., the movies this summer will include "Alvin and the Chipmunks – Road Chip" on June 2, "Home" on June 23 and "The Peanuts Movie" on July 28.

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.

AA Meeting
The Cullman Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 1519 St. Joseph St. NW. Every day at noon will be an open discussion meeting, Sunday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion and speaker meeting, Tuesday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion meeting (with meal at 6:30 p.m.), Wednesday at 7 p.m.; Thursday at 10:30 a.m. is women's big book study; and Friday at 7 p.m. is a closed discussion meeting (no card signed). All meetings are non-smoking. The last Tuesday of each month is open speaker meeting/ birthday night. For more information, contact the AA coordinator at 256-736-6000.

Addiction Recovery
The Link of Cullman County hosts Christ-centered, 12-Step Addiction Recovery meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. 1101 Third Ave. SE in Cullman. Call 256-775-0028 for more information.

Friday

Yard Sale
Seventh Street Baptist Church is having a yard sale at their church on Friday, June 3 from 7 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 4 from 7 a.m.-noon. All the merchandise is half-price on Saturday, so for a great selection, go by Friday to shop. Good variety of merchandise.

Cullman Caring for Kids Yard Sale
Wednesday-Saturday, June 1-4, from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cullman County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Building 1. All proceeds go to Cullman Caring for Kids.

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

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
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

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.

AA Meeting
The Cullman Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 1519 St. Joseph St. NW. Every day at noon will be an open discussion meeting, Sunday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion and speaker meeting, Tuesday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion meeting (with meal at 6:30 p.m.), Wednesday at 7 p.m.; Thursday at 10:30 a.m. is women's big book study; and Friday at 7 p.m. is a closed discussion meeting (no card signed). All meetings are non-smoking. The last Tuesday of each month is open speaker meeting/ birthday night. For more information, contact the AA coordinator at 256-736-6000.

Saturday

County-Wide Rabies Clinic
Saturday, June 4 from 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. $12 per vaccination. Various locations. See our Facebook page for more details.

2nd Annual Cruze Fest and Swap Meet
June 4, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Smith Lake Park. FREE. Cars, trucks, bikes and tractors- $15 registration fee.

Yard Sale
Seventh Street Baptist Church is having a yard sale at their church on Friday, June 3 from 7 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 4 from 7 a.m.-noon. All the merchandise is half-price on Saturday, so for a great selection, go by Friday to shop. Good variety of merchandise.

Cullman Caring for Kids Yard Sale
Wednesday-Saturday, June 1-4, from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cullman County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Building 1. All proceeds go to Cullman Caring for Kids.

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

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.

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.

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).

AA Meeting
The Cullman Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 1519 St. Joseph St. NW. Every day at noon will be an open discussion meeting, Sunday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion and speaker meeting, Tuesday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion meeting (with meal at 6:30 p.m.), Wednesday at 7 p.m.; Thursday at 10:30 a.m. is women's big book study; and Friday at 7 p.m. is a closed discussion meeting (no card signed). All meetings are non-smoking. The last Tuesday of each month is open speaker meeting/ birthday night. For more information, contact the AA coordinator at 256-736-6000.

Sunday

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.

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.

AA Meeting
The Cullman Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 1519 St. Joseph St. NW. Every day at noon will be an open discussion meeting, Sunday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion and speaker meeting, Tuesday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion meeting (with meal at 6:30 p.m.), Wednesday at 7 p.m.; Thursday at 10:30 a.m. is women's big book study; and Friday at 7 p.m. is a closed discussion meeting (no card signed). All meetings are non-smoking. The last Tuesday of each month is open speaker meeting/ birthday night. For more information, contact the AA coordinator at 256-736-6000.

Monday

WSCC Baseball 2016 Summer Camp
Wallace State's baseball team will host its 2016 Summer Camp at James C. Bailey Stadium on June 6-9 for those ages 5 to 10 years old and June 20-23 for those ages 11-18. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day and registration fee is $100. Participants will receive instruction from Wallace State coach Randy Putman, a NJCAA Hall of Fame coach, assistant coaches Chad Shannon and Luke Satterfield and a host of Wallace State players. Registration forms can be accessed at the Wallace State baseball page by visiting http://athletics.wallacestate.edu/sports/baseball/. For more information, contact coach Shannon at 256.338-9072 or email him at cshannon@ccboe.org.

City of Cullman Planning Commission Meeting
June 6, 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium

Baileyton Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 6 at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall

Fairview Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 6 at 6 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall

Holly Pond Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 6 at 7 p.m. at Holly Pond Library

Special Needs Freed Swim at the Aquatic Center
The Cullman Autism and Special Needs Family Support Group has several group activities planned for this year's summer break in addition to their regularly scheduled events. Monday night free swims will continue to be sponsored by the Cullman City Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Program (http://cullmanrecreation.org/programs-events/therapeutic-recreation/). Free swims are held from 6-8 p.m., and swimmers and their families are asked to sign in at the front desk of the Cullman Wellness and Aquatics Center upon arrival.

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
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

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.

Overeaters Anonymous
Overeaters Anonymous will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Carriage House, located behind Grace Episcopal Church. For more information, contact 724-376-2124 or 256-352-1143.

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.

AA Meeting
The Cullman Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 1519 St. Joseph St. NW. Every day at noon will be an open discussion meeting, Sunday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion and speaker meeting, Tuesday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion meeting (with meal at 6:30 p.m.), Wednesday at 7 p.m.; Thursday at 10:30 a.m. is women's big book study; and Friday at 7 p.m. is a closed discussion meeting (no card signed). All meetings are non-smoking. The last Tuesday of each month is open speaker meeting/ birthday night. For more information, contact the AA coordinator at 256-736-6000.

Free English Classes
The Link of Cullman County hosts classes, 10 a.m. on Mondays and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays. Beginner and Advanced classes available. Call 256-775-0028 for information.

Tuesday

Carmike Cinemas Summer Kid Series
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m. from June 2- August 4. This special includes admission to the chosen movie, a 16 oz. drink and 46 oz. popcorn for $4 plus tax. This is for all customers regardless of age. June 7 "The Croods"

WSCC Baseball 2016 Summer Camp
Wallace State's baseball team will host its 2016 Summer Camp at James C. Bailey Stadium on June 6-9 for those ages 5 to 10 years old and June 20-23 for those ages 11-18. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day and registration fee is $100. Participants will receive instruction from Wallace State coach Randy Putman, a NJCAA Hall of Fame coach, assistant coaches Chad Shannon and Luke Satterfield and a host of Wallace State players. Registration forms can be accessed at the Wallace State baseball page by visiting http://athletics.wallacestate.edu/sports/baseball/. For more information, contact coach Shannon at 256.338-9072 or email him at cshannon@ccboe.org.

Cullman Summer Library Program: "Health and Fitness"
Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the month of June at 10 a.m. at the Cullman Public Library, 200 Clark St. NE. Fun for all ages and all programs are free! For more information, contact Renee at 256-734-2720, ext. 32.

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.

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

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.

AA Meeting
The Cullman Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 1519 St. Joseph St. NW. Every day at noon will be an open discussion meeting, Sunday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion and speaker meeting, Tuesday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion meeting (with meal at 6:30 p.m.), Wednesday at 7 p.m.; Thursday at 10:30 a.m. is women's big book study; and Friday at 7 p.m. is a closed discussion meeting (no card signed). All meetings are non-smoking. The last Tuesday of each month is open speaker meeting/ birthday night. For more information, contact the AA coordinator at 256-736-6000.

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.

Addiction Recovery
The Link of Cullman County hosting Christ-centered, 12-Step Addiction Recovery meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. 1101 Third Ave. SE in Cullman. Call 256-775-0028 for more information.

Free English Classes
The Link of Cullman County hosts classes, 10 a.m. on Mondays and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays. Beginner and Advanced classes available. Call 256-775-0028 for information.

Wednesday

WSCC Baseball 2016 Summer Camp
Wallace State's baseball team will host its 2016 Summer Camp at James C. Bailey Stadium on June 6-9 for those ages 5 to 10 years old and June 20-23 for those ages 11-18. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day and registration fee is $100. Participants will receive instruction from Wallace State coach Randy Putman, a NJCAA Hall of Fame coach, assistant coaches Chad Shannon and Luke Satterfield and a host of Wallace State players. Registration forms can be accessed at the Wallace State baseball page by visiting http://athletics.wallacestate.edu/sports/baseball/. For more information, contact coach Shannon at 256.338-9072 or email him at cshannon@ccboe.org.

Summer Garden Camp
The North Alabama Agriplex still has space available in its hands-on, educational summer programs. The Summer Garden Camp meets four times and has classes for kids ages 3-5 (with an adult) and ages 6 to 10 drop-off. Garden Camp runs from 9-11 on June 8 and 22, July 6 and 20. Camp costs $35 and each camper will receive a t-shirt and take home projects.

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 Summer Library Program: "Health and Fitness"
Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the month of June at 10 a.m. at the Cullman Public Library, 200 Clark St. NE. Fun for all ages and all programs are free! For more information, contact Renee at 256-734-2720, ext. 32.

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.

AA Meeting
The Cullman Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 1519 St. Joseph St. NW. Every day at noon will be an open discussion meeting, Sunday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion and speaker meeting, Tuesday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion meeting (with meal at 6:30 p.m.), Wednesday at 7 p.m.; Thursday at 10:30 a.m. is women's big book study; and Friday at 7 p.m. is a closed discussion meeting (no card signed). All meetings are non-smoking. The last Tuesday of each month is open speaker meeting/ birthday night. For more information, contact the AA coordinator at 256-736-6000.

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

Sensory-Friendly Movies
The Cullman Autism and Special Needs Family Support Group has several group activities planned for this year's summer break in addition to their regularly scheduled events. Sensory-friendly movie days will continue this summer at the Carmike 10 in Cullman at 1950 Marketplatz Center. The movies are free to all aged special needs folks and the cost to accompanying family members is $4 each. The cost covers a drink and a popcorn. Families who plan to attend are asked to RSVP with Rhonda at 256-962-2208 or Sarah at 256-338-1301. With Thursday morning showtimes of 10 a.m., the movies this summer will include "Alvin and the Chipmunks – Road Chip" on June 2, "Home" on June 23 and "The Peanuts Movie" on July 28.

Sensory-Friendly Trip to Cullman Fire Station No. 2
The Cullman Autism and Special Needs Family Support Group has several group activities planned for this year's summer break in addition to their regularly scheduled events. On Friday, July 15 at 10 a.m., the gang will head out for a free sensory-friendly trip to Cullman Fire Station No. 2 which will include safety tips and a tour of Cullman's newest fire station by the fire fighters and a visit from members of the Cullman Police Department. The fire station is near Marvin's at 1711 Main Ave. SW in Cullman. Lunch at Bojangles' Famous Chicken 'n Biscuits, at 1821 Cherokee Ave. SW, will follow the tour. Bates has requested RSVPs via the group's Facebook page for this event.

Special Needs Bowling
The Cullman Autism and Special Needs Family Support Group has several group activities planned for this year's summer break in addition to their regularly scheduled events. Their special events for the summertime include summer bowling held on June 9 and 23 and July 7 and 21. Each night of bowling fun will be hosted at Cullman Bowling located at 1710 Talley Ho St. SW in Cullman from 5-7 p.m. Free for all age ranges of the special needs community, who are allowed to wear their own shoes if desired, bowling will be $5 for family members who will be required to wear bowling shoes.

Family Fun Day at Sportsman Lake Park
The Cullman Autism and Special Needs Family Support Group has several group activities planned for this year's summer break in addition to their regularly scheduled events. A family fun day will be held at Sportsman Lake Park on Saturday, June 11 from 3-7 p.m. with confirmation requested by June 10 to Sarah Bates at 256-338-1301 for a group discount if twenty or more participants RSVP. Tents will be set up near Memorial Pavilion and the splash pad to provide shade, so families are encouraged to come enjoy the relief from the heat by playing in the water area at the splash pad from 3- 5 p.m. Sportsman Lake Park will provide one free round of putt-putt golf and one free train ride for each special needs attendee and one parent. There will be a charge for additional family members of $3 per person. Little ones under the age of 1 will be allowed a free train ride and those under the age of 2 qualify for free golf. Dinner of grilled hot dogs and hamburgers will begin at 5 p.m. The meats, buns and drinks will be provided; however, donations of side dishes and desserts are needed. Please let Bates know what you will be bringing when you call to RSVP. Also, please bring your own chairs as seating will be limited.

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!

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.

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.

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 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/.

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/

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.

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.

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/

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

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! Looking for summer fun for your kids? The North Alabama Agriplex still has space available in its hands-on, educational summer programs. The Summer Garden Camp meets four times and has classes for kids ages 3-5 (with an adult) and ages 6 to 10 drop-off. Garden Camp runs from 9-11 on June 8 and 22, July 6 and 20. Camp costs $35 and each camper will receive a t-shirt and take home projects. Touring Farms for Kids is a two day hands-on, educational farm tour around Cullman County for kids ages 7-13. It runs on June 15 and 16 from 8:00-3:00pm. The camp costs $25 and covers both lunches, all snacks, a t-shirt, and $5 voucher for Festhalle Farmer's market. To register, go to www.Agriplex.org. Call 256-297-1044 for more questions. All Camps start at the North Alabama Agriplex Heritage Center at 1714 Talley Ho St, Cullman, AL 35055.
• MONARCHS AND MILKWEED CELEBRATION: ON JUNE 11
o 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.
o 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.
o 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 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.

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.

Cullman County Community Development Commission (CCCDC) Meeting
Monthly CCCDC meeting will be held at 6 p.m., June 14 at the North Alabama Agriplex, 1714 Tally Ho St. SW.

American Legion Post 4 Monthly Meeting
Second Thursday of each month, from 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.

18th Annual Hanceville Antique Tractor and Engine Show
Held by the local chapter of the International Harvester Collectors Club. The show will be at Wallace State Community College on Saturday, June 11 beginning at 9 a.m.

6th Annual radKIDS Summer Safety Camp
June 27-July 1, 9-11 a.m. daily. Presented by the Cullman City Police Department and Cullman City Parks and Recreation. radKIDS Summer Safety Camp is a 5-day personal safety empowerment camp for boys and girls in elementary grades 1-5. Classes are $7 per child for the whole week. We do provide refreshments. Registration IS required. You may pick up forms at the front desk at the Cullman Civic Center. The number of spots is limited, so please register early. Classes will be held in the auditorium at the Cullman Civic Center from June 27-July 1. Calls times are 9-11 a.m. each day. Deadline for registration is June 24.

Cullman Summer Library Program: "Health and Fitness"
Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the month of June at 10 a.m. at the Cullman Public Library, 200 Clark St. NE. Fun for all ages and all programs are free! For more information, contact Renee at 256-734-2720, ext. 32.

Cullman Marine Corps League Detachment
Cullman Marine Corps League Detachment is forming. Join now and become a charter

member. Once a Marine, always a Marine. Contact Jeremy Hogan (USMC) at 352-440-4076 or jeremyhogan.sfw@gmail.com. Active service or honorably discharged Marines. FMF Corpsmen and Chaplains.

Carmike Cinemas Summer Kid Series
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m. from June 2- August 4. This special includes admission to the chosen movie, a 16 oz. drink and 46 oz. popcorn for $4 plus tax. This is for all customers regardless of age.
June 9 "The Croods"
June 14 & 16 "Epic"
June 21 & 23 "Home"
June 28 & 30 "How to Train Your Dragon 2"
July 5 & 7 "Kung Fu Panda 2"
July 12 & 14 "Monsters vs. Aliens"
July 19 & 21 "Rio 2"
July 26 &28 "The Peanuts Movie"
August 2 & 4 "Penguins of Madagascar"

SafeSitter Babysitting Certification
Cullman Regional Medical Center will offer one-day babysitting certification classes for boys and girls ages 11-14 on June 20 and June 22. The course encourages children to become responsible sitters. Each participant will receive a SafeSitter information and supply kit. Lunch and snacks will be provided. According to CRMC Community Relations Coordinator Meredith Easterwood, each class will take 20 students, and the classes usually fill up. The cost is $35 for children of WomenFirst members and $55 for others. For more information or to register for one of the classes, visit www.crmchospital.com or call 256-735-5600.

6th Annual WSCC Basketball Academy
Wallace State men's basketball coach John Meeks and the Lions will host the 6th annual Wallace State Basketball Academy during five different sessions this summer. There are three full-week sessions and two half-week sessions scheduled. Full-week sessions are scheduled for June 20-24, July 18-22 and Aug. 1-5. Full-week sessions are Monday through Friday. Half-week sessions are scheduled for June 27-29 (Monday through Wednesday) and July 28-30 (Wednesday through Friday). The camp, held at Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum and the Wellness Center, is open to boys and girls ages 5 to 17 and will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursdays and from 9 a.m. to noon on Fridays during the full-week sessions. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the half-week sessions. Prospective campers can be dropped off as early as 8 a.m. and picked up as late as 5 p.m. Registration forms can be accessed at www.wallacestate.edu/athletics by clicking on the men's basketball page and/or those interested can contact Meeks at 256-352-8365 or at John.Meeks@wallacestate.edu. During the full-week sessions, the registration fee is $130 for a five-day session or $75 for half-day sessions (9 a.m. to noon). During the half-week sessions, the registration fee is $75 for a three-day session or $40 for half-day sessions (9 a.m. to noon). A $60 non-refundable deposit is required upon registration. Sibling discounts are available. Each prospective camper will be split into respective age groups, be treated to lunch each day and leave with a trophy and additional prizes. Campers will learn about fundamentals, footwork and teamwork, among other features. Guest speakers will also be on hand. Wallace State's men's basketball team won the 2016 ACCC regular-season title under coach Meeks and has won two ACCC tournament titles during his tenure (2012, 2014).

North-Central Alabama Young Democrats Meeting
Monday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. Garfield's Restaurant & Pub, 300 Highway 78 E, Ste. 300, Jasper, Alabama 35501. Please join us for our June meeting of the North-Central Alabama Young Democrats. We will be discussing upcoming projects and readying for the 2016 Election. Bring your friends!

Berlin Community Incorporation Meeting
Thursday, June 9 at 7 p.m. at the Berlin Community Center. Visit www.berlinal.org.

Yard Sale
A yard sale will be held at Mount Zion United Methodist Church, (by Highway 31 North, Cullman, next to the Area Vocational School), on Friday, June 10, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and on Saturday, June 11, from 8 a.m.-noon. Rain or shine (fellowship room). Proceeds go to the youth fund.

United Way of Cullman Brown Bag Special
June 9. Brown bag including Johnny's BBQ sandwich with chips, cookie and cold drink at Depot Park/United Way Building from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost is $10. Proceeds go to the United Way and their 15 local agencies. Call 256-739-2948 for more information.

9th Annual Jeremiah Castille Character Camp
Former Crimson Tide star Jeremiah Castille presents his 9th Annual Jeremiah Castille Character Camp! FREE.
Saturday Night Service – 6 p.m. at St. John's Church, Christ Hall
Heritage Park, Cullman, AL
Friday, June 10, 2016 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 11, 2016 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
FOOTBALL CAMP
Friday & Saturday
1st 200 participants grade 6-12
SPEED AND AGILITY CAMP
Friday 5:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m. 1st 45 participants grade 1-5 Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. 1st 45 participants grade 6-8
Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. 1st 45 participants grade 9-12
To register, contact Cullman County Board of Education, 402 Arnold Street NE, TJ Franey or Leah Sapp, 256-590-4803, 256-734-2933, Jeremiah Castille Foundation, info@castillefoundation.org

Todd Simpson and Mojo Child
Saving Forgotten Warriors (SFW), the local nonprofit whose goal is to provide aid to local veterans in need, has many summertime fundraising events which are necessary to continue helping and advocating for the heroes in the Cullman community. On Saturday, June 18 at the Cullman VFW, Todd Simpson and Mojo Child will perform in a show sponsored by SFW. The concert will be held from 6-10 p.m. and pre-sale tickets are available for $15 or at the door for $20. The VFW is located at 112 Veterans Drive SW in Cullman. Call 256-747-5006 for more info.

Swamp John's Dinner
Saving Forgotten Warriors (SFW), the local nonprofit whose goal is to provide aid to local veterans in need, has many summertime fundraising events which are necessary to continue helping and advocating for the heroes in the Cullman community. SFW will host a Swamp John's dinner on July 19 from 4-7p.m. at the VFW. Plates will be $12.

Vacation Bible Schools

VBS 2016 Deep Sea Discovery
Come join us for our 2016 Vacation Bible School as we experience a Deep Sea Discovery! Get ready for a life-changing adventure taking place at East Side Baptist Church in Cullman. Family kick-off on Sunday June 26 at 5 p.m. VBS starts at 6:30. Then VBS continues Monday June 27 through Thursday, June 30 from 9 a.m.-noon. For ages 3 through just completing sixth grade. Register at www.eastsidecullman.com. 1111 Third Street SE in Cullman.

Jones Chapel Vacation Bible School
Jones Chapel First Baptist Church from 6-8:30 p.m., June 6-10. Kickoff is June 5 at 4:30 p.m. with fun, food and fellowship.

CLASSIFIEDS

SERVICES

SWITCH TO DIRECTV and get a $300 gift card. Free whole-home Genie HD/DVR upgrade. Starting at $19.99/mo. New customers only. Don't settle for cable. Call now 1-800-988-5676.

WANT YOUR ad to be seen in 123 newspapers statewide? Place your ad in our Classified Network for just $210 per week! Make one call to this newspaper (a participating ALA-SCAN member) or call 1-800-264-7043 to find out how easy it is to advertise statewide!

HELP WANTED-DRIVERS

ATTN: NEW Driver Trainees needed now! $800-$1000 a week avg. + benefits. 15-day CDL Training available. Some programs no credit check. Call 1-800-878-2546.

HELP WANTED-ADMIN/PROF

THE CULVERHOUSE College of Commerce at the University of Alabama has an opening for a motivated and experienced IT Technician IV responsible for providing technical support of computer and multimedia systems for desktop, classrooms, computer labs, and various research and outreach centers located on and off the UA campus. Application deadline is 5/29/2016. Visit UA's employment website at jobs.ua.edu for more information and to apply. The University of Alabama is an equal-opportunity employer (EOE), including an EOE of protected vets and individuals with disabilities.

HELP WANTED-HEALTHCARE

VIVA HEALTH is hiring Nurses & Social Workers in your area! Behavioral Health, Care Management, Pediatric, & Leadership opportunities. Regular business hours & paid holidays off. Visit www.vivahealthcareers.com.

HELP WANTED-TRADES

ENTRY LEVEL Heavy Equipment Operator career. Get trained - get certified - get hired! Bulldozers, backhoes, and excavators. Immediate lifetime job placement. VA benefits. National average $18.00-$22.00. 1-866-362-6497.

NEW CAREERS - CDL & welding training. Jobs available if qualified. Call today - start tomorrow! WIA, VA, Post-9/11 G.I. Bill & Rehab. ESD School, LLC. 1-866-432-0430.

MANUFACTURED HOMES

MOBILE HOMES with acreage. Ready to move in. Lots of room, 3br 2ba. Quick and easy owner financing (subject to credit approval). No renters. 1-205-289-8899.

FOR SALE

CHURCH FURNITURE: Does your church need pews, pulpit set, baptistery, steeple, windows? Big sale on new cushioned pews and pew chairs. 1-800-231-8360. www.pews1.com.

DISH TV 190 channels plus Highspeed Internet only $49.94/mo! Ask about 3 year price guarantee & Netflix included for 1 year! 1-800-311-7159.

KILL BED bugs & their eggs! Buy Harris Killers/kit. Complete treatment system. Available: hardware stores, The Home Depot, www.homedepot.com.

SAWMILLS FROM only $4397. Make & save money with your own bandmill - cut lumber any dimension. In stock ready to ship! Free info/DVD: www.Norwood-Sawmills.com. 1-800-578-1363 ext. 300N.

MEDICAL

CPAP/BIPAP supplies at little or no cost from Allied Medical Supply Network! Fresh supplies delivered right to your door. Insurance may cover all costs. 1-800-239-5809.

GOT KNEE pain? Back pain? Shoulder pain? Get a pain-relieving brace for little or no cost to you. Medicare patients call health hotline now! 1-888-788-0166.

Drivers: Class-A CDL: Home Weekends or Weekly! Excellent pay, benefits! New equipment! Run Southeast, regional or 300 mile radius – Alabama and Georgia. www.osborntransportation.com
Call 866-410-6844 extension 113 or 153

Drivers: CDL-A: Home EVERY Weekend! Dedicated Southeast! Walk away lease. No money down. Drivers average $1,500 week.
1-855-971-8522

Hanceville Funeral Home
100 Michelle Street Northwest, Hanceville, Alabama 35077
(256) 352-3130

OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 25 - 31

SPONSORED BY CULLMAN FUNERAL HOME

Shirley Jean Barbee Coiro, 77, passed away May 24.
Service held May 27; Moss Funeral Home directed

Welton Otto Wiggins, 77, passed away May 25.
Service held May 28; Nichols Funeral Home directed

Sarah Montez Stewart, 83, passed away May 26.
Service held May 29; Cullman Funeral Home directed

Diann Smith, 59, passed away May 27.
Service held May 29; Nichols Funeral Home directed

James Thomas Holder, 81, passed away May 26.
Service held May 29; Moss Service Funeral Home directed

Mindi Ann Brown, 37, passed away May 26.
Service held May 29; Cullman Funeral Home directed

Douglas Dewey Forsyth, 62, passed away May 28.
Service held May 31; Moss Service Funeral Home directed

Edward 'Ed' Wayne Handley, 48, passed away May 28.
Service held June 1; Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directed '

Charlotte Julia (Windsor) Newman, 95, passed away May 25.
Arrangements are incomplete at this time; Moss Service Funeral Home directing

Betty Self passed away May 27.
Arrangements are incomplete at this time; Cullman Funeral Home directed

Dorothy Louise (Motzkus) Laux, 82, passed away May 28.
Service held June 2; Moss Service Funeral Home directed

Ella Claudine Poore Bailey, 86, passed away May 31.
Service held June 2; Nichols Funeral Home directed

Cullman Funeral Home
461 U.S. Hwy. 278 E. Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-3144 • CullmanFuneralHome.com
Sincere Compassionate Care

Complete obituaries may be found free of charge at CullmanSense.com/obituaries.

THE TOMBSTONE COMPANY

Custom Granite Headstones and Monuments	2117 US Hwy 278 West
Date of Death Engraving in Cemeteries	Cullman, AL 35057
Locally Made and Locally Owned	(2 miles West of I-65)
Low Cost, High Quality	**256-734-2005**
30-Day Delivery, Guaranteed	Saturdays by Appointment
We Use Only American Granite	www.thetombstonecompany.com

HANCEVILLE MONUMENT COMPANY
352-3130

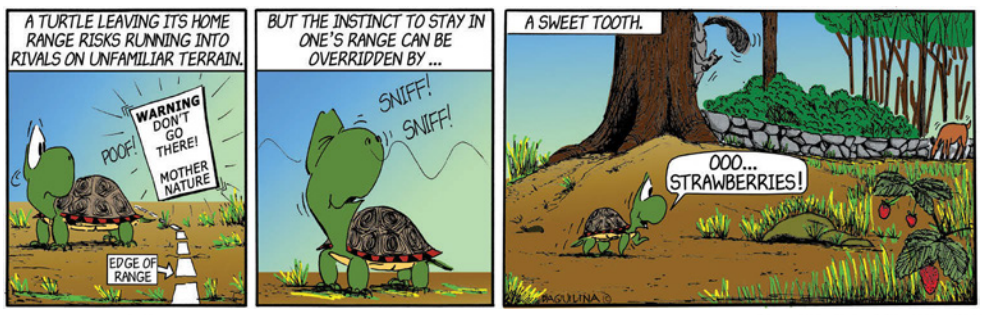


Cullman Marble & Granite Co.
"Memorials of Quality Since 1910" 734-2353

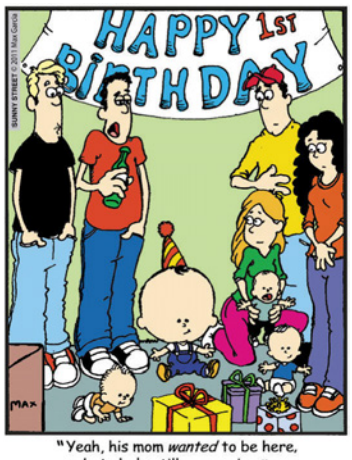
Moss Service Funeral Home
1901 Second Avenue Northwest
734-1821 *Service You Can Count On*



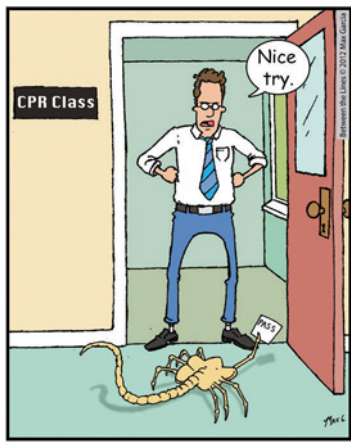
COMICS







"Yeah, his mom *wanted* to be here, but she's still recovering."



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK



FACEBOOK.COM/
CULLMANSENSE

Addison Discount Pharmacy
30910 Hwy. 278 - Addison - 256-747-6342
Hours: Mon. - Fri. - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat.: 9 a.m. - 12 Noon

Professional Compounding Centers of America

DME Medicare Approved Services
*Diabetic Shoes *Diabetic Supplies
*Respiratory Nebulizer Medication
*Hospital Beds, Wheelchairs, Walkers and other HOME HEALTH needs

Compounding Services
*Diet & Nicotine Lollipops
*Flavored Oral Medications
*Natural Hormone Replacement Therapy
*Veterinary Supplies

*Drive Thru Window Service *Most Insurances Accepted
David Godbee, R.Ph - Compound Specialist - Owner

Your protection is personal.

Get a quote today from:



Martha A Burchell
Burchell Ins Agency Inc
(256)737-7450
burchem@nationwide.com

Auto. Home. Life. Business.

Nationwide®
is on your side

Products underwritten by Nationwide Mutual Company and Affiliated Companies, Columbus, Ohio. Subject to underwriting guidelines, review and approval. Nationwide and the Nationwide N and Eagle are service marks of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company. NPO-0194M1.1 (09/14)



You have the power to prevent some cancers in your children.

- Each year in the U.S. there are 27,000 cancer cases that could be prevented with human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. HPV vaccine can prevent 9 strains of cancer.
- Three doses of HPV vaccine should be given to adolescents aged 11-12 years before exposure to the virus.
- HPV vaccine costs are covered under most insurance programs, Medicaid, and the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC).
- To prevent HPV cancers, contact your healthcare provider or the county health department.

ALABAMA PUBLIC HEALTH
IMM IMMUNIZATION DIVISION
VFC ALABAMA Vaccines for Children PROGRAM
ADPH.ORG/IMM

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Tell us what we're doing right and how we can do better.

E-mail feedback@cullmansense.com
or Call 256-297-1847

THE BARN
Portable Storage Buildings
Hanceville, AL
352-2737

BATTERIES
For Car, Truck, Tractor
$38.00 Exchange
A-1 Battery Supply
2172 Co. Rd. 1169
Fromhold Rd. NW, Cullman
Since 1979 – 256-734-9438
WE BUY OLD BATTERIES

EDITORIAL CARTOON



POET'S CORNER

THE MAGNOLIAS

My mother planted a Magnolia tree
when I was young and
I was told to watch out for it when
I played, not to kill it.
So when my Cocker Spaniel pup pulled
all the leaves off the little tree with
her teeth I thought we were both
goners.
Now it towers 40 feet toward the sky,
and unlike my dog or my mom, it survives.
It's leaves are tough and glossy,
five to seven inches long.
The blooms in spring are big and white,
saucer like with a musty and sweet
fragrance.
In autumn it's single cones of red fruit
excite the songbirds.
This ancient genus is older than the
bees, adapted to attract beatles for
pollination many years ago.
Like our lives , reaching back to
it's elders, connecting to the future
in it's time.



By: Randy C. Hale
Tribune Contributor

HAVE AN OPINION ON ONE OF OUR STORIES?

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

E-mail your submission to opinion@cullmansense.com

OPINION

THE CASE FOR LIMITED GOVERNMENT

Lee H. Hamilton
Contributor

It has been 35 years since Ronald Reagan's first inaugural speech as President — the one in which he said, "In this present crisis, government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem." Over that time, hostility toward government seems only to have grown, led by politicians and embraced by millions of Americans. In this most recent presidential campaign, Republican candidates outdid one another in calling to abolish the agencies they were running to lead, including the IRS, the Department of Education, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Energy.

I find all this troubling. Not because I think those agencies — or the government as a whole — are faultless, but because I don't see how a democratic society and market economy can function without an effective government. Capitalism and a representative democracy may need to function separately for this nation to be strong, prosperous, and free, but they also need to work together.

In fact, I'd argue that limited government is more often part of the solution than it is a problem. It funds core functions — infrastructure, basic research, the court system, education, anti-crime efforts, national security — that allow private markets and the private sector as a whole to flourish. It sustains national parks, interstate highways, libraries, medical research, the air traffic control system and other services that make this a vibrant society.

It strives to protect Americans from hazardous food and drugs, unsafe workplaces, discriminatory employers, and toxic polluters. It has played a key role in asserting fairness for minorities, women and the most vulnerable people in our society.

This is not to say that government does not overreach, or that it always performs as it should. On occasion, its leaders make poor and misguided decisions; its legislators, however well intentioned, create wasteful and unneeded programs. And every time something like this happens, there are many of us waiting to bash government.

When it performs as it should, on the other hand, few people notice and even fewer of us stand up to defend it.

But let's get real here. What's the alternative? We're not going to do away with government, give unfettered free rein to the market, and hope that someone decides to try to make a go of delivering core services. Nor are we going to go all out and establish government ownership of the means of production. Instead, we have to make the sometimes comfortable, sometimes uneasy co-existence of the market and the government work.

So it's crucial for our political leaders to hit a pragmatic note and strive constantly to find the right balance between the two. To debate and then establish in clear terms where government should and should not be active. To test what works and what does not and then pursue the former and shut down the latter. To work hard to wring duplication out of the bureaucracy and rigorously pursue efficient, effective, and accountable government. To make sure that enforcement of the law is both tough and fair. And to recognize that their focus on policy needs to be balanced by a focus on effective management and implementation of programs.

The fact is, government has not changed much in size over the decades. For the last 50 years, federal net outlays have fluctuated between about 16 and 20 percent of GDP, with the occasional dip below or spike above. The total federal workforce stood at 5 million in 1964 and 4.2 million 50 years later. Whether it's a Republican or a Democrat in office, government doesn't seem to be going away.

Nor, really, do most people seem to want it to. As a politician, you can always get applause for quoting the old Thoreau line (which he in turn paraphrased), "That government is best which governs least." But start listing what government does that affects people's everyday lives, and you'll see members of that same audience nod their heads in agreement. It's the balance between limited government and the private sector that it's our job constantly to assess, debate, and get right.

Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a Distinguished Scholar, IU School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

OPINION

ON JUNE 2ND REMEMBER THE MOTHER'S DAY PEACE PROCLAMATION

Rivera Sun
PeaceVoice

Every year in May, peace activists circulate Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day Peace Proclamation. But, Howe did not commemorate Mother's Day in May . . . for 30 years Americans celebrated Mother's Day for Peace on June 2nd. It was Julia Ward Howe's contemporary, Anna Jarvis, who established the May celebration of mothers, and even then, Mother's Day was not a brunch and flowers affair.

Both Howe and Ward commemorated the day with marches, demonstrations, rallies, and events honoring the role of women in public activism and organizing for social justice.

Anna Jarvis's vision of Mother's Day began when she organized Mothers' Work Days in West Virginia in 1858, improving sanitation in Appalachian communities.

During the Civil War, Jarvis convinced women from both sides of the conflict to nurse the wounded of both armies.

After the end of the war, she convened meetings to try to convince the men to lay aside grievances and lingering hostilities.

Julia Ward Howe shared Anna Jarvis' passion for peace. Written in 1870, Howe's "Appeal to Womanhood" was a pacifist reaction to the carnage of the American Civil War and the Franco-Prussian War. In it, she wrote:

"Our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We, women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country, to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs. From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says: Disarm, disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice. Blood does not wipe out dishonor, nor violence vindicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of council."

As time went on, Congress approved the annual commemoration of Mother's Day in May, and businessmen quickly capitalized on sentimentality and eradicated the powerful calls-to-action both women intended in the original Mother's Day concepts.

Anna Jarvis's daughter would campaign for years against flowers and chocolates, seeing clearly the commercialization of honoring women and mothers would lead us further from the call to take action.

Consider these stories as the wheel of the year turns around.

By next May, perhaps you'll find a way to honor your mother for her social and political activism, her engagement with resolving injustice, her care for the sick, elderly, or infirm, or perhaps even her staunch opposition to the carnage of war.

Author/Activist Rivera Sun, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is the author of The Dandelion Insurrection and other books, and is the Programs Coordinator for Campaign Nonviolence.

AUTO INSURANCE
Safe Driver Discount If You Qualify
Virgil B. Fowler Insurance Agency
"Quality Since 1935"
256-734-3821
www.vbfowlerinsurance.com

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
June 2, 2016

MEMORIAL DAY FESTIVAL HELD AT SMITH LAKE PARK

Will Hogue
will@cullmansense.com

CULLMAN – On Saturday, Smith Lake Park held its annual Memorial Day Festival. This year, the festival got a schedule switch-up, with the entire event on Saturday from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., as opposed to previous years when the event was spread out over Friday and Saturday.

"We'll look back over everything at the end and see how successful it was," said Smith Lake Park Manager Tony Harris.

According to Harris, the Memorial Day Festival is the park's third biggest annual event, behind the Sweet Potato Festival and the Fourth of July Celebration.

The event had live music all day on stage and a slew of vendors, selling everything from Philly cheesesteaks to a 'zombie shoot.'

"You shoot zombies with paintball guns," Harris said. "It's live people in there, they're just dressed up. You shoot them with paintballs."

Harris said that when he became the manager three years ago there were about 20 vendors, and this year the festival boasted about 40 vendors. "So that's some gradual growth there," he said.

On the other hand, some attending the festival didn't notice any growth in it, in fact, one family remarked that they thought the event was getting smaller. "Last year there wasn't an empty spot in vendor's row, but now they've got lots of gaps. There's less people here. If anything, (the Memorial Day Festival) is getting smaller," said Jamy Burns, who was attending the event with his family.

Some of the people attending the event didn't notice a difference at all.

"We, me and my friends, we come out to all the events here at the park. It's just something to do," said Savanna March, a young lady who attended the festival with three of her friends. "I don't think the festival has gotten bigger or smaller. I guess it just seems about the same. I really don't notice a change."

Whether the event is growing or not, one thing is certain, it's a solid kickoff for summer.

Next week's Cruze Fest, an annual car show held at Smith Lake Park, could be moved up a week to bolster the Memorial Day Festival attendance in the future.

"I have thought about making Cruze Fest a part of this Memorial Day event," Harris said. "And maybe even bringing in a big name musical artist, you know?"

Smith Lake Park opened up its swimming pool for the summer on Saturday, and many of those in attendance took advantage of it. There were also many swimming in Smith Lake, and even more lounging on the lake's shore on picnic blankets. "We've been renting out canoes and paddle boats all day, too," Harris said.

In addition to the live music, vendors and water attractions, the festival also included a golf cart competition and many events for kids, such as the popular Pepsi chugging contest.

Summer is in full swing in Cullman County.

Addiction (from Front)

some extent.

"Alcoholics Anonymous, and groups like that, use a system called '12 steps' to address some of these spiritual issues while also helping the person to improve their social environment through new relationships. Many treatment centers use 12 steps in addition to counseling and medical care as a way to address multiple factors."

Many addicts crave a life free of drugs and alcohol. Abstinence programs provide that lifestyle and have been the benchmark for treating addictions for decades.

The original 12-step program, Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), was founded in 1935 and its book, "Alcoholics Anonymous – The Story of How Many Thousands of Men and Women Have Recovered from Alcoholism," was published in 1939. Although steeped in a Judeo-Christian origin, AA, when speaking of God, refers to a "higher power" that is specific and defined by each individual member of the program, thereby making it a spiritual program opposed to a religious entity.

As time passed, 12-step programs specific to other drugs of choice developed and saw similar successes.

Participation in a 12-step program such as AA, Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Cocaine Anonymous (CA), Heroin Anonymous (HA), Overeaters Anonymous (OA) or the preferred support program of the addict is deemed a fundamental part of recovery. Just as important for the addict's recovery is the family and loved ones' involvement in Al-Anon Family Groups that provide ongoing support and a solid basis for the family's recovery as well.

Melanie Campbell, MA, NCC, MAC, SAP, LPC-S, of TurnAround Counseling Services, LLC, shared, "Most addiction treatment professionals would agree that the longer a person remains in treatment the better their outcome tends to be. A gradual step-down method is preferred (beginning at detox if necessary and moving into a crisis residential program (where you learn the basics about addiction and recovery) followed by residential (where you begin to put these things in practice and address personal issues that could hinder long-term recovery), transitional (where you put your knowledge to the test as you are beginning to get out of the safety bubble you have been in during primary and secondary treatment), outpatient (where you can see if you can make it in your home environment utilizing the knowledge and experience you have gained) and aftercare (to help you maintain) until only 12-step meetings are left."

As inpatient treatment can be costly and insurance coverage can be insufficient, finding recovery can seem impossible to those without the financial means to go away to rehab.

Campbell has a solution that meets those needs as well. "We utilize the state subsidized programs for those who do not have health insurance. We work out a payment plan for folks who cannot afford outpatient. We have resources that help with job placement and even transitional housing. We have an intern that provides free individual counseling. We do everything we can to get people the help they need. Of course 12-step programs are always free-of-charge and most will give a ride to someone who is genuinely interested in attending."

Tom had experienced AA during a previous attempt at sobriety and had seen the positive results evidenced by people who attended the meetings and took the suggestions of the literature and peers within the meetings.

Tom tells of what happened later in the day when he drank from the bottle on the side of the road. "That night I got on my knees and prayed for just enough sanity and relief to not drink the next morning. When I woke up, I knew it was time. I went through a dangerous couple of days of unsupervised withdrawal (not recommended) and then went to a meeting my third day. I was grateful to be alive and I was desperate to not drink again. Desperation and determination are very helpful. I went to every meeting I could. I didn't have a job, I was destitute poor, and my friend was about to kick me out. Meetings were my lifeblood. I felt hope for the first time in months and months."

He continued, "Meetings can get you sober, but involvement and connection to a higher power will keep you sober. I got a sponsor immediately. By five months sober, I had worked all 12 steps as earnestly as I could then. I continued to go to meetings and tried really hard to incorporate the principles of the program into my everyday life. I had to look at the positive side of everything and be grateful for it. The first year of my sobriety was really hard. I had done a lot of damage in my addiction, and I had left a trail of trash and burned a lot of bridges. I had to not let that get me down and focus on doing the next right thing. I didn't get anything handed to me that first year, it all came with hard work. It would lay down the foundation of gratitude and readiness that allowed for a total overhaul of my person.

"Today everything is different. I love my life. I am the happiest I have ever been. I have a good job, a wonderful wife, a car, dogs, you name it. All of this is because I am sober and I make sure to never forget that. I pray regularly to my ever-changing higher power. I go to meetings regularly. I have a couple of sponsees and a sponsor. I remember to be humble and pause when agitated. I don't do anything perfectly, but when I am wrong I make sure to admit it."

Bob, our other friend we met in last week's article, tells of his beginnings in recovery. "I was sent to a long-term treatment in a halfway house after prison. I started attending 12-step meetings as soon as I got there. There, an important thing happened. I walked out of a meeting and there stood a person I ran around with while using, and he was sober. There was something different about his eyes. He told me it would work for me too. That opened my mind enough to give it a try. I asked another man for help (what we call a sponsor in 12-step meetings) and worked the 12 steps. Because I worked the steps in my 12-step program, I developed a relationship with something that saved me."

The first days sober were rough. It was tough, but it was so worth it. The life I have today is unbelievable. I went from being a person who was afraid to be in the world and was mad at the world to the person I am today. Some say it is miraculous. The parents I about killed are so proud. The son I had basically walked out on never has to see his dad loaded, and his mother and I have a friendly relationship. I have a family of my own now that includes a loving girlfriend that loves me unconditionally and her two kids who I consider to be my own. They look at me as their dad. We plan to marry soon. We get to travel, been to two national championships and places I never thought I'd see. The most amazing thing, I think, is that I can help others who struggle with the same thing. I can show them, not just tell them how I was given help. By doing that I get to see them get better, see their families get put back together and then see those folks start to help other people do the same. It is the best show on Earth and I get the front row seat. I am the luckiest guy I know."

Meeting schedules for Cullman and nearby areas are available at:

- AA http://www.ncasac.org/documents/AAmeetings/Blount,%20Cullman,%20Morgan%20Counties.pdf
- NA http://www.narcotics.com/na-meeting/east-cullman-shopping-center/
- HA http://www.heroinanonymous.org/HAbirminghamal1.html
- OA https://oa.org/find-a-meeting/?type=0&sort=ASC&distance=50&lat=34.1437581&longit=-86.75169419999997&zip=35055&limit=100&submit=true
- CA http://www.alabamaca.org/alabamaca/Home.html
- Al-Anon http://www.alnwfl-al-anon.org/_districtpages/area64_d13_meetings.htm

More information for the fellowships are available at:

- AA www.aa.org
- NA www.na.org
- HA www.heroinanonymous.org
- OA www.oa.org
- CA www.ca.org
- Al-Anon www.al-anon.org
- TurnAround Counseling Services, LLC is located at 1559 Third St. NE, Cullman, AL 35055 and can be reached at 256-739-9569.
- Mental Healthcare of Cullman provides substance abuse treatment. For more information, please visit www.mentalhealthcareofcullman.org/addiction.html or call 256-734-4688.

