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Local man Frank Calvert named Alabama Truck Driver of the Year

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CULLMAN – Frank Calvert, a Cullman native, has been driving a truck for 60 calendar years. Recently, Calvert was voted Alabama Truck Driver of the Year by the Alabama Trucking Association (ATA) after he was nominated by his company, AAA Cooper, one of the largest trucking companies in the southeast.

"I was surprised when I found out I won the award," Calvert chuckled. "I know there are a lot of other good drivers out there, or there were. I guess I just outlived all of them."

Calvert said not only was it an honor to receive an award for a job he loves to do, but he accepted the award on behalf of all the other great drivers that may never receive an award.

"There are some bad apples in every barrel," Calvert said. "But most of these truck drivers are good men and women, and good drivers."

Calvert was recognized at the ATA's Safety & Maintenance Management Fleet Safety Awards Banquet in Birmingham earlier this year and officially accepted his award at the ATA's annual convention in Las Vegas.



ALA. TRUCKING ASSOC.

"I'm just a country boy from Cullman County," he said. "I knew they recognized (the truck driver of the year), but I'm just a simple person – a simple person don't win those sorts of things, and isn't in the spotlight. I don't want to be in the spotlight."

Calvert was planning on retiring last fall. When he let his company know about his plans to call it quits after P9

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Cullman's Brannon headed for the Tide



WESLEY BRITT

Hunter Brannon, left, with his proud uncle, and former Tide player, Wesley Britt

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CULLMAN – A week before the start of fall practice in his final season at Cullman High School, offensive lineman Hunter Brannon got something off his mind.

He made the decision to play collegiate football at the University of Alabama. The 6'4", 290-pound lineman was looked at by several schools, but chose the defending national champion Crimson Tide after attending a recruiting event at the Capstone last weekend.

According to reports, Brannon was excelling in a series of drills that caught the P16

Additional walking/biking trails opened at Duck River Reservoir

Susan Eller
Cullman Economic Development Agency

CULLMAN – The Utilities Board of the City of Cullman has completed another section of the walking/biking trails at Duck River Reservoir. This will open 13.4 miles to the public.

The trails are now open from the public fishing pier on County Road 1651 North to County Road 1669.

The trails will also be open from the public boat launch on the west side of the lake at County Road 1651 North to County Road 1669.

The trail is not continuous from these points, as the Pedestrian Bridge Project is not yet complete at the north end of the lake.

Parking is available at the boat launch on County Road 1651, the trail head at County Road 1651 and the public pier on County Road 1651. The lake itself remains closed at this time.



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Plans for Cullman Marine Corps detachment moving forward

Jeremy Hogan
Contributor

CULLMAN — CEO of Saving Forgotten Warriors Jeremy Hogan is moving forward with plans for a Marine Corps detachment in the Cullman area.

As of Monday, Hogan, himself a Marine, reported the group has 17 people confirmed to be a part of what he feels will be something very special.

The goal is to get 20, which is the maximum number for this detachment. The closest one nearby, Hogan says, is in the Birmingham area.

"We are planning to form the detachment within the next month," Hogan stated.

"We are working on getting each of them together at one location. We have enough for it to be started here in Cullman."

Hogan received good news of support from Cullman County Sheriff, and fellow Marine, Matt Gentry on Monday.

The sheriff is going to be involved with the detachment that will provide an immediate impact to the area.

Hogan said how he and Gentry got together was last fall when their children were playing organized soccer.

A conversation started and now a commitment has been provided by the leader of law enforcement in Cullman County.

The purpose of having a detachment in the Cullman area?

Hogan reports that Cullman is very committed to the Marine Corps. He says the numbers are right for the detachment to be created.

Hogan is looking for active Marines or those who have received an honorable discharge. Their motto is "Marines helping Marines, Once a Marine, always a Marine."

Hogan is looking at the oldest Marine to get involved.

Well-known businessman Roy Drinkard recently celebrated his 96th birthday.

Drinkard served in the Marines during World War II and was a private first class.

"Mr. Drinkard has done a lot for this community," Hogan said. "We hope we can have him come aboard and be a part of this."

Hogan plans for the new detachment to initially meet at the Saving Forgotten Warriors office, using their conference room.

Then once the detachment becomes organized, plans to move forward with other resources will be in process.

For those who want to know more about the Marine Corps detachment, contact Hogan at 256-747-5006.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Four Good Hope officials receive Certificates of Election at Monday night meeting; two will face opposition in August

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GOOD HOPE — The Good Hope City Council held a regular council meeting on Monday night, with two special guests in attendance, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and Good Hope High School Principal John Hood.

Gentry addressed the council in hopes of getting the City's contract with the Sheriff's Department renewed. It will be renewed.

Hood thanked the council for its support of the school's athletic programs and spoke of the work being done to refurbish the school's gymnasium.

"The Good Hope athletic family and I wish to sincerely express our appreciation for your support of our athletic programs. It is because of generous contributors like yourself and your organization that allow our programs to thrive. We are working hard to restore the Good Hope basketball program back to its excellence (from) a few years ago," said Hood.

"To accomplish this, the parents, coaches and I are painting the gym and giving every inch a thorough cleaning. We are also having the gym floor sanded down, restored and repainted. This all is a large undertaking with a large cost. We are hoping to subsidize the cost with donations and by selling gym ads. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your contribution and for helping us bring excitement back to the Good Hope gym."

The council voted to make a one-time donation of $3,000 toward the gym floor.

Councilman John Harris, Place 1, reported, "On the bank balances, we took $300,000 out of the general fund and put it into the cash reserve. The reason we did that was because it draws more interest that way. If we need it back in the general fund, we can withdraw the money out and put it back into the general fund," said Harris.

In Place 3, Councilwoman Susan Eller said that during the week of July 17, two pumps were pulled in order to move restrictions at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, which is typical maintenance that occurs every three to five months. One of the couplings and one of the bearings on the transvariation rotor has failed so that will require replacement.

Again, this is something that is routine.

Councilman Taft Dillashaw, Place 4 stated that Good Hope will sponsor a Back to School Bash on Friday, July 29 from 5-7 p.m. at the Good Hope Municipal Park.

There will be hot dogs, slides and T-shirts.

If anyone wants to come out and help cook, please do so.

Place 5 Councilman Matthew Glover reported that the ball tournament last weekend "wasn't as good as they usually are." The City broke even on it.

A written statement from Mayor Jerry Bartlett to the council notifying them of the people who filed statements of candidacy for the upcoming election was read aloud by Bartlett.

This is to certify that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the following offices by 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday in July preceding the 23rd day of August, 2016, the date set for an election of municipal officers in the City of Good Hope, Alabama, and unopposed, and the name of such persons are as listed below:

- *Mayor — Jerry Bartlett*
- *Council Member Place 1 — John E. Harris*
- *Council Member Place 3 — Susan Eller*
- *Council Member Place 5 — Taft Dillashaw*
- *Place 2 — Maxie Jones and Patrick Dunagan*
- *Place 4 — Matthew Glover and Greg Brown*

Certificates of Election were given to Bartlett, Harris, Eller and Dillashaw.

Two alternates for the Board of Adjustments were approved. They are Terry Shabel and Roger Gentry.

Field Earp was appointed to the Alcohol Review Committee.

The Good Hope City Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2016

Good Hope's John Harris uncontested for third term

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GOOD HOPE — John Harris, lifelong citizen of Good Hope, will continue to serve the community in the Place 1 (Finance) seat on the Good Hope City Council. He was unopposed in the recent qualifying phase of the upcoming municipal election.

Harris is the president of the council and has maintained his position as Place 1 over finance for two full terms. He looks forward to his third term on the council and plans to keep working toward Good Hope's continued growth. Harris is no stranger to the hard work and dedication it takes to be a member of the city council; he also served on the council for two terms in the early 1990s.

Harris says he is proud of all the city ordinances he has helped pass over the years. Those ordinances have helped make Good Hope the community-friendly place that it is today. He feels that Good Hope is the best of both worlds; it's not a big fast-paced city nor is it out in the middle of the nowhere. It's just right.

He is proud of the new County Road 222 exchange in Good Hope and says the foundation is there to eventually be developed. He says the mayor and council have been proactive in getting the new exchange built and looks forward to seeing it grow to its full potential.

The Good Hope ballpark was also built during Harris' time on the council. It serves the community in many ways. He is proud of the park and looks forward to many years of ballgames and community gatherings in the years to come.

"The city is going to grow and we have to be ready for it," said Harris. "Everyone on the current council gets along, which is a plus," he chuckled. "I really enjoy working with them.

"I'm looking toward the future for my grandkids," he added. "I want them to have a good community to live in. I love Good Hope and I enjoy being a part of it and its growth."

Harris is a graduate of Good Hope High School and attended Wallace State Community College. He currently works for the Cullman County Water Department. He and his wife Laura, a teacher at West Point Elementary School, have two children and three grandchildren. In his spare time, he enjoys coaching his granddaughter's T-ball team.



JOHN HARRIS

Harris looks forward to his third term in Place 1 (Finance) on the Good Hope City Council.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2016

Dodge City mayor and council will see no changes

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DODGE CITY — There will be no election in Dodge City this time around; all five members of the council, along with Mayor Tawana Canada, are unopposed in the upcoming municipal election on Aug. 23. The members of the council have worked together for many, many years and will continue to do so for at least another four.

Members of the council include:

- Place 1 (Public Safety) — Jason Burney
- Place 2 (Recreation) — Murray Lowe
- Place 3 (Finance) — Anthony Todd
- Place 4 (Public Works) — Inez McDonald
- Place 5 (Streets and Roads) — Ervin Chumley

Canada was elected as council member in 1996, and was the first female to ever serve on the council in Dodge City's history. She later became Mayor Pro Tem in 2000. She was officially appointed mayor by the council in June 2009 when then Mayor Perry Ray passed away. Canada is the second mayor of Dodge City since its incorporation in 1993. This will be her second full term as mayor.

In the Place 1 (Public Safety) position, Jason Burney looks forward to serving his third full term on the council. Burney is a Blountsville deputy and takes his job on the council seriously. He works hard to see that Dodge City is as safe and crime-free as possible.

Murray Lowe, Place 2 (Recreation) will be serving his second full term.

Lowe stepped into Canada's place on the council when she was appointed mayor in 2009. He has worked for Airgas in Birmingham since 1999.

Anthony Todd has been the council's Place 3 (Finance) go-to since day one. He was elected to the first town council in 1994 and has been a hard working member of the Dodge City community for more than 20 years.

Councilwoman Inez McDonald has been in the Place 4 (Public Works) position for three full terms. As the oldest member of the council, she looks forward to serving her fourth term. Never meeting a stranger, McDonald enjoys her place on the council and loves to help out in any way she can.

Councilman Ervin Chumley, Place 5 (Streets and Roads), has been on the council for more than 20 years. Interesting note: Mr. Chumley lost in the first election due to his name not being drawn out of a hat. He had tied with another person and they broke the tie by drawing a name from a hat. Unfortunately, his opponent's name was chosen for the seat. Chumley ran again the next time around and has been on the council ever since!



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Ervin Chumley, Anthony Todd, Inez McDonald, Murray Lowe, Mayor Tawana Canada and Jason Burney

The mayor and town council have worked together for a long time to make things happen around Dodge City. The group meets on the second Thursday of every month beginning at 6 p.m. at Dodge City Town Hall.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2016

Educator Joey Orr seeking Place 1 on Cullman City School Board

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CULLMAN — Joey Orr is a mother of three, a teacher with 13 years of experience in the classroom and she holds a master's degree in school administration. She is the children's minister at Grace Chapel. Additionally, she has lived throughout the world, growing up as the child of an Army officer, yet she and her husband hand-picked Cullman as the best town in the country to raise their family.

Orr's background reads like a solid, if not perfect, resume for the vacated position of Cullman City School Board, Place 1, a position that Kim Addison opted not to run for again.

Her ability to empathize and wear the hats of four different factions affected by the school board makes Orr a uniquely qualified candidate. She understands the roles of a parent, a teacher, a school administrator and a community member having experience in all of those areas.

With a vested interest in the city schools as a mom of children attending Cullman's high school, middle school and an elementary school, Orr feels she can give the parents of Cullman's students a more powerful voice on the school board.

The Orr children have been involved in many extracurricular activities including basketball, dance and drama just to name a few.

"I have a background in education. I taught school for 13 years, and when my husband and I moved back here, I taught kindergarten at Cullman City Primary School for five years. I loved what I was doing at the primary school, but God called me into ministry full time. It was a hard decision to make because I was leaving behind everything I knew. Plus, my mom was a teacher and my grandparents were teachers and teaching was our world, but I was being called to do something else. I've found, with children's ministry, I'm very much still teaching but not in a traditional classroom. However, I do miss the aspect of being in the school. Schools are such a huge part of any community and are the lighthouse in our community. I miss being a part of that. The school board would provide me the opportunity to be a part of the schools and the shaping of the community kids' education again."

With the Orr children entering 10th, eighth and fifth grades, their mom has been involved in their education and extracurricular activities from day one, also coaching Upward League basketball. Her involvement in the Cullman community has been evident through her friendships, her family and her church life.

"I can help parents by providing a voice on the school board. I know some of the decisions coming up soon for the school board are decisions concerning overcrowding and they've talked about whether or not to move sixth grade. I'm going to be very interested in that because my child will be affected by that. I feel like I have an inside view on how parents will feel about that. Also, by being a teacher, I feel like I can be a voice for teachers as well. Many times, their opinions can be overlooked even though they are on the ground and our foot soldiers, so I feel like I can advocate for them as well since I understand where they are coming from with their viewpoints."



JOEY ORR

Orr's goals for the school board include updating school buildings where needed, staying on top of technological advancements to keep students exceeding state standards and celebrating the accomplishments of the district's teachers and staff and providing them with the support they need. With addressing the overcrowding in the schools will come devising plans to make the traffic lines to and from school more workable. Orr's goal is to help set the vision for the school system and continue on the path to excellence while maintaining a safe, secure place for the children of Cullman to grow and learn.

For more information on Orr's campaign, please visit http://qrne.ws/orr.

Orr will be facing Mary Hovater for Cullman City School Board, Place 1 in the municipal election on Aug. 23.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2016

Randy Britt vying for Holly Pond Town Council, Place 4

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HOLLY POND — Holly Pond resident Randy Britt has qualified for Holly Pond Town Council, Place 4 (Safety).

"My greatest concern and number one priority is the safety of our community, all its citizens and the school kids who attend Holly Pond," stated Britt.

Britt says he doesn't understand why the town turned down what he claims is substantial grant money in recent years. (Britt says documentation is available from Cullman County Economic Development records.)

"For some reason, the mayor and town council have turned down almost $800,000 in grants, once on March 5, 2009 and again on April 27, 2011 for tornado shelters. The 2009 grant was fully approved, ready to begin the work, but a letter was sent from the town returning the grant," he said.

"The 2011 grant would have been part of the grant programs after the tornadoes of 2011. According to a memo, the town council voted to "not " continue with the grant request. The town's portion would have been about $20000 with a large part of that cost being the land provided by the town, continued Britt. "We have got to have members of the council who will find and fund emergency shelters, not turn down almost $800,000 in grant funds."

A 1966 graduate of Holly Pond High School and 1972 graduate of Auburn University, Britt served 10 years in the U.S. Army and graduated from the Jefferson County Reserve Sheriff's Academy. He served as a Cullman County Reserve Deputy and then a City of Cullman Reserve Police Officer with full arrest authority. He was also the park police officer at Heritage Park for a number of years.

Britt served on the Cullman County Park Foundation Board which sponsored the County Strawberry Festival, dance and beauty pageant. He was the chair for two years. He is currently a Realtor with All Properties of Alabama LLC realty. He served two terms, 2014 and 2015, as a regional vice president of the Alabama Realtor's state Executive Committee responsible for budgeting, training, governmental affairs, education and administration of over 12,000 Realtors.



RANDY BRITT

Britt will face incumbent Paul Brown in the Aug. 23 municipal election.

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WSCC anglers fishing in Carhartt Bassmaster College Series National Championship

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE — Wallace State anglers Ryan Shields and Chayse Freeman have circled this week on their calendars since February.

Shields and Freeman are in Campbellsville, Ky., preparing for the 2016 Carhartt Bassmaster College Series National Championship. They'll practice through Wednesday on Green River Lake and begin competing for a national championship on Thursday.

"It feels great to know we are representing Wallace State. We are going up against a lot of heavy hitters in this tournament and ready for the challenge," said Shields, a sophomore from Hazel Green. "Chayse and I are both very driven and have a winning attitude. He wants to win as much as I do, and we both want to do well for Wallace State."

Shields and Freeman qualified for the national event in February after finishing 21st overall at the Carhartt College Southern Regional at Lake Martin in Alexander City.

The Wallace State duo reeled in nearly 28 pounds during the final day of the Southern Regional, finishing ahead of teams from Auburn, Florida, South Alabama, Mississippi State and Clemson.

"It meant a lot to qualify in February because last year I never got started in the tournaments because of boat problems. It's very exciting to know my first year of fishing for Wallace State has led to an opportunity like this. I've never fished outside of Alabama, so that makes it even more interesting. It's definitely the biggest tournament I've been a part of," said Freeman, a 2014 Cullman graduate.

Shields and Freeman are making the third national championship for Wallace State's BASS Fishing Club in four years.

Josh Butts and Justin Rivers finished 38th out of 81 teams in last year's national event in Wisconsin.

Shields said he's sought advice from Butts, a former welding classmate, about preparing for a national event.

"While every lake is different, Josh said treat it like any other tournament and enjoy the experience for what it is because you never know if you have another opportunity. We're going to give it 110 percent," said Shields, who will take a Triton 19 SE boat for him and Freeman to use on the water.

While in high school, Shields (Hazel Green High) and Freeman (Cullman) crossed paths fishing for their respective schools as they competed in sanctioned tournaments across the state. Through the BASS Club, they decided to team up when they met at Wallace State.

"Even though I didn't know Ryan too well before college, I knew he was very good at fishing," Freeman said. "I knew good things were in store for us."

Shields is a sophomore in welding, while Freeman is enrolled in Wallace State's Engineering Technology program.



WSCC

Chayse Freeman, left, and Ryan Shields

The entire national championship field competes on Thursday and Friday and the field is trimmed Saturday to the top five teams catching the heaviest cumulative five-bass daily limits. Following the championship round, members of the top four teams compete individually in the Carhartt College Series Classic Bracket presented by Bass Pro Shops on Lake Kentucky on Aug. 4-6. The top college angler in the Classic bracket competition earns an invitation to compete with the world's top professional bass anglers in the 2017 Bassmaster Classic on Lake Conroe in Houston.

Shields and Freeman both thanked their sponsors and faculty sponsor Joe Hendrix for their support.

For more information about Wallace State, visit wallacestate.edu.

Cullman team eliminated in USSSA Summer Showdown semifinals

Johnny Thornton
Sports Correspondent

CULLMAN — Success by the North Alabama Crusaders, a 16-under softball team from Cullman, was had until the semifinal round of the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Summer Showdown at the Field of Miracles Saturday evening.

Having gone through the round-robin format of the tournament undefeated, the Crusaders went into single elimination bracket play as the No. 2 seed.

But the momentum from a pair of wins in the late afternoon didn't continue as they were knocked out of the quest for a championship trophy by losing in the semifinals to the Florence Bandits 2-0.

The Crusaders and the Huntsville Heatwave both finished 2-0 in pool play. The Heatwave allowed fewer runs, five to eight, and placed in the tournament segment as the No. 1 seed.

The Bandits went 1-1 in pool play, suffering a 4-2 loss to the Heatwave.

The Crusaders knocked off the Jaguars from Millbrook 11-4 and then edged the Nsync Thunder from the Jasper area by the score of 5-4.

The Crusaders scored the go ahead run in their final at bat against the Thunder, keeping them undefeated and putting them in a good bracket once tournament play began in the evening time at the Field of Miracles.

A defensive struggle was witnessed between the Crusaders and the Bandits as neither could get anything from the plate through the first three innings.

Then in the top of the fourth and with time also winding down, the Bandits got a runner into scoring position and took advantage of a Crusaders fielding error with two outs to get on the scoreboard.

Then a solid single gave them an insurance run heading into the bottom half of the frame.

The Crusaders got a runner on with a single to right, but were unable to move her around as the good pitching from the Bandits ended the game with a strikeout and a 2-0 decision.

The Crusaders wound up scoring the most runs in pool play, 16, and had the only game with a double-digit performance.

They went through back-to-back assignments in the late afternoon with the temperature in the 90s and the heat index pushing around the century mark.

This was one of three USSSA tournaments going on across the state over the weekend. The other two were the Gulf Coast Championships and the USSSA Southeast National Championship in Gulf Shores.

The Field of Miracles hosted their third USSSA tournament since the end of June.

It began last month with the state tournament in the 8-under division and a couple of weeks ago, the World Series Warmup with teams playing in the 8-under and 14-under age groups.

Eighteen teams played all day Saturday at the Field of Miracles, with an 18-under and 8-under joining the 16-under for good competition in the next to final week for the month of July.

USSSA is scheduled to return to Cullman with tournaments on Aug. 20 and Sept. 10, 17 and 24.

Cullman Lil' Bearcat Hoops Camp set for Aug. 1-3

Josh McBrayer
Sports Correspondent

CULLMAN — With the school year fast approaching, Cullman basketball is giving sports campers a last opportunity to get in on some skills camp action. The Cullman Lil' Bearcat Hoops Camp will take place Aug. 1-3 from 8 a.m.-noon each day in the Cullman High School gym.

The camp is open to both boys and girls ages 6 to 12 who are entering grades 1-6 and will feature drills and skill challenges focused around the fundamentals of basketball.

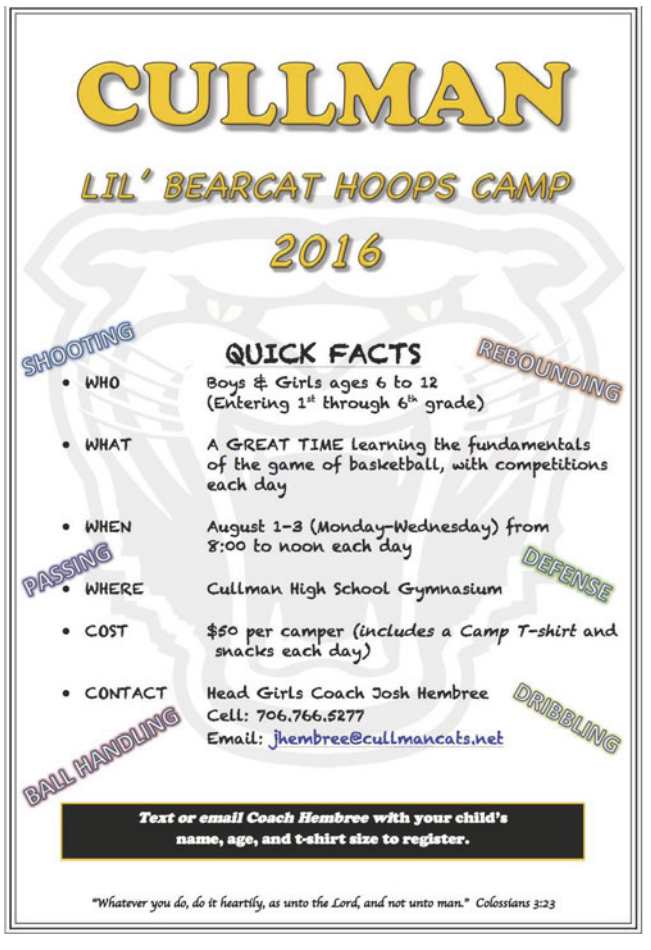
The price for the camp is $50 per child and includes the camp, a T-shirt and snacks each day.

The campers will be instructed by new Cullman High School Girls' Head Basketball Coach Josh Hembree, who takes over the helm at CHS after nine successful years at Darlington High in Rome, Georgia.

Don't miss this opportunity for your young player to get instruction from a Joe Shults Award winner and 3A Player of the Year candidate.

For more information or to enroll your child, contact Hembree via email at jhembree@cullmancats.net or cell at 706-766-5277.

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Sheriff, Dodge City residents discuss recent attacks on police

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DODGE CITY – The mood was serious on Thursday evening at the Dodge City Community Center. A small group of concerned citizens gathered for some real talk with Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry. The topic was something that has become all too common lately: attacks on law enforcement.

Gentry was, and is always, quick to point out that he feels the citizens of Cullman County are the best in the state. But, he still wanted to address the fact that today's law enforcement officers are facing situations they have never before had to deal with, along with an underlying amount of evil and hate throughout the nation.

"This is something that is very new to us as a whole law enforcement community, and it's scary," he stated. "It's scary that what we are going to face in the upcoming months and years, especially since the Dallas shootings, that you are seeing law enforcement targeted.

"For me, personally, I think that the leadership, I'm talking about in Washington, sets the tone of these actions," he explained.

"You can do it by the way you present things to the media; it causes an unright tone of evil and anger among groups.

"We live in a media age today where I'm going to take a cell phone video and I am going to show you, the citizens, 30 seconds of an incident. I'm going to give you what I want you to think it is and I'm going to make you have something in your mind, good or bad, off of that 30-second clip. Is it perception or reality? This is the world we live in today."

Law enforcement has definitely been targeted here in Cullman, but it hasn't been all bad. There have been lots of positive things going on, which should be noted as well.

"If we lose grace and compassion, as a law enforcement officer, we fail the community," he smiled.

"I don't think the people of the community realize that. By community, I'm talking about (just) the citizens of Cullman County, because ever since the Dallas shooting, every day there have been parents, children, grandchildren, grandparents and groups that have come to the sheriff's office and fed us, brought us cakes and children bringing drawings and all this to support us. I'm telling you, there's probably not another place in the state of Alabama as special as Cullman County. Today we were fed twice!"

Gentry explained that law enforcement is a part of the community. There has to be interaction between the citizens of the community and law enforcement officers.

"If people don't know who their deputies are, then we are failing. There are places that see law enforcement and the citizens as two separate entities, us and them; law enforcement and citizens. Thankfully in Cullman County, it is us and us."

Towards the end of the evening there was a question and answer session.

Several questions were asked of Gentry. One question was unique, especially during this day and age.

"What can we do as citizens to better support you guys?" asked Jim Mermis.

"The biggest thing is what you already do in Cullman County," Gentry replied.

"When you can have a group of people come together who care about law enforcement like yourselves, see that's a win-win. Just watch out for them (law enforcement), just be aware for them. Support them."

The evening was filled with important information. Members of the audience had several interesting discussions with the sheriff as well.

Gentry did an excellent job of addressing the more depressing issues that have come up in law enforcement over the past few weeks.

The Town of Dodge City was very grateful for the event and those in attendance expressed their appreciation for the work of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

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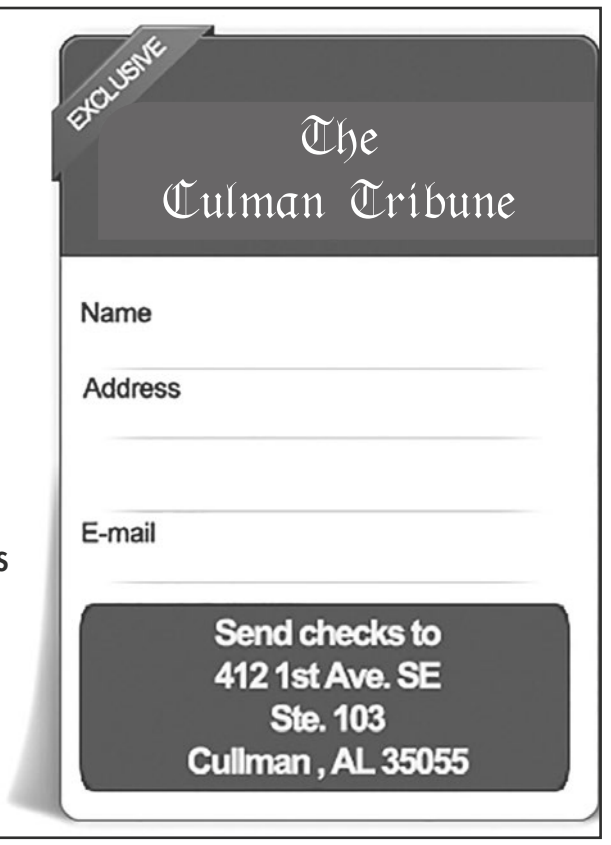
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News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



Good morning *Tribune* readers and families. I'm hoping everyone has survived the heat and is staying cool. It seems as if the weather becomes warmer and warmer. I have heard that the month of August is always the hottest month. I think the months of May, June and July have beaten the records so far. Can you remember when air conditioners were first invented? I can't.

The older people can remember when they worked in the fields and then went home and had lunch, then returned to the fields. Most of them worked from sun-up to sun-down, no matter what the temperature.

The Holly Pond Civitan Club members and guests went out last Friday night for a eating' meeting at the "The Old Cookstove Restaurant" in Danville. This was in lieu of our meeting scheduled for Tuesday night July 26. We had a member and a guest who were celebrating birthdays on this day.

Mrs. Elna Barnett, a club member and Miss Mary Hickey, a guest of Bart and Ashley Dye, were the celebrants.

The waitresses sang Happy Birthday to them. These waitresses had the most beautiful voices and perfect harmony for a lovely arrangement of the birthday song.

Other guests attending were Jennifer Beard and her two little ones, Faith and Melia Beard. Mrs. Elna was especially proud to have her son, Paul Barnett and his wife, Mary Barnett, with her. Civitan Club members attending included: Tammy Baker, Janice Murphree, Teri McIntosh, Lyndell House, Elna Barnett, Walter and Judy Floyd, Jimmie Dean Carnell, Lynn Jetton, Bart and Ashley Dye, Gladys Wisener and Bill and Sharon Oliver.

Speaking of Civitans, a group returned home last week-end from Norfolk, Virginia, after attending the International Civitan Convention. Representing Holly Pond were Julia Floyd, past Governor of Alabama District North and Walter Floyd, current Governor of Alabama District North. Reverend James Fields and Mrs. Jo Ann Walls of the Hanceville Civitan Club attended. There more than twenty five Civitans attending from Alabama District North with over 800 Civitans from all around the world.

We are getting really excited about the upcoming elections, both local and national. Holly Pond has several Town Council seats and the Mayor position contested this year. It looks to be interesting, all around. We have to ask the Good Lord's guidance in determining the future of our Town and Nation as we pick our candidates and place our votes.

Have a great week, enjoy the fresh vegetables and fruits and stay cool.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1907:
Hanceville News:
Misses Kate and Mary Stender, of Cullman, spent Sunday with parents, in Hanceville.

Miss Dela Matthews returned Saturday from a visit to friends in Cullman.

Mrs. Fred Hassenphlugg was quite sick the past week. She is better at this writing.

Mr. Frank Hamill, of Chicago, visited her grandmother, Mrs. A.J. Hamill and aunt, Mrs. J.H. Gillespie, at Hanceville, last week.

Misses Eula and Lizzie Grimmett attended the entertainment in Garden City, last Friday night.

Miss Viola Waldrop and brother, Herbert, spent Saturday with relatives in Cullman.

Misses Autie Matthews and Claudie Gray spent Friday night in Garden City to attend the closing exercises of the school. Miss Lillian Creamer and brother, Sidney attended the closing exercises of the Cullman public schools on Monday.

Misses Amanda and Lena Clements (Lena Gibbs) and Mrs. Millard visited Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, of Falkville, this week. Mr. John Couch and Mayor John Lowles spent Sunday in Cullman. Mr. A.A. Doolittle joined his wife, Nannie Ketchum Doolittle here in a visit to her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Ketchum (Aunt Lizzie). Little John Self, (brother too little Mallie Self, who died a few days ago), is quite sick with pneumonia.

Miss Ethel Ragsdale, who has been visiting Mrs. R.A. Collins for some time, returned to her home in Bessemer, last Thursday.

Mr. Owens, of Garden City, was in Hanceville on Monday. Messrs: McAdams and Otto Fuller, of Cullman were here several days last week putting in some new phones.

Mr. Jack Griffin, of Cullman, spent last Wednesday in Hanceville.

Mr. Jim Griffith, of R.F.D. Number Three was in Hanceville, on Monday.

Mr. Houston Bland and Miss Talula Bland visited relatives in Cullman, last week.

Mr. Crawford Gray, of Clanton, Alabama visited parents this week.

The party at Mrs. James Speegle's last Saturday night was quite successful.

The odd fellows box supper, given at the schoolhouse, on Friday night, was quite well-attended and a good time was had.

Mr. and Mrs. James Speegle spent Friday in Cullman.

Mrs. Mack Bland and baby, visited her sister, Mrs. William Davenport, of Garden City, on Saturday.

Miss Mary Lindsay, of Route Three was in Hanceville, on Monday.

Mr. Green Towles spent Monday in Garden City. Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Thomas are on the sick list this week.

Miss Mary Redmond and Miss White, of Bremen, visited friends in Hanceville, this week.

Mr. Sam Foust, of Walter, was here last week for the data of the town's history. We are also indebted to Judge James Holland.

Mrs. Kate Sloan, of Warrior, visited Mrs. R.A. Collins, this week.

Mr. John Couch, day operator at Hanceville and Mr. Jack Groover, the night operator, have aided us materially in getting up this edition.

Mr. R.S. Cook was photographer in chief, though some of our pictures were taken by the editor.

Doctor Nick Schlaff, Senior, who owns a fine business here and a hotel and is making money fast, ought to have been heralded in this issue and we offered him the opportunity.

He finally agreed, but the photographer was taken sick and the work was not done. Doctor Schlaff is one of the old settlers and he is an industrious, able man. He offers his entire property for sale, as his health is bad and he must seek another climate, to the great regret of his friends.

The widows and orphans Home of the R.O.O.F. will be located in Cullman, if energetic steps are taken. It is the best point of offering such inducement.

One hundred and sixty acres of land and $5,000.00 will be given. Work for Cullman County! It will greatly help the county!

From The Files Of 1992:
Styles Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. Travis Styles of County Road 258, Cullman, Alabama, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, on March 29th, 1992, at the Cullman Civic Center. Hosts were their children: Tom Styles, of Pensacola, Florida, Jo Oakley, of Durham, North Carolina and Kelly Styles, of New York, New York. They have three grandchildren. The two were married on April 4th, 1942, in Cullman, Alabama. After serving churches in North Carolina for 42 years, he is now pastor at the Oak Level Baptist Church in Cullman County.

Editor's Note: *Congratulations to this very special couple! Even their wedding day is special. It is the publisher's birthday.*

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Rechargeable Batteries Included

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



We've probably all seen those dreaded words: "Batteries not included." Before Christmas morning or your child's birthday arrives, it's best to carefully search each box for those words. The last thing in the world we want is a holiday or birthday crying jag. No, I meant the child, but you make a valid point. I hope your car battery isn't dead, because you will need it for that quick dash to the store.

Many of the things we use these days require batteries in order to work. Even the laptop computer I am writing on at this moment has a battery. Fortunately, it also has an electrical cord so when the battery is about to give up the ghost I can simply plug it up.

The awesome part is that that plug includes a charger so after a few hours of "rejuicing" I can go cordless again.

We have a special drawer at our house where we keep extra batteries, but there's something about that which I may never understand.

It does not seem to matter how many batteries I place in that drawer I never can find the ones I need when I need them. I usually buy extra AA batteries because I know remote controls use this size.

There are few things worse than a dead remote control, unless of course, it is a lost remote control. I think someone slips in while we sleep and hides our remotes, keys, glasses, and cell phones.

Oh, and extra batteries too. I remember when we didn't need remotes, because televisions had knobs. We could actually change the channels on the font of the set.

Of course, we only had three channels and one antenna back then. Now we have three remotes for each television - all battery powered.

When I go to the battery drawer, I usually find that I either have the wrong size or one each of five different sizes. Some nut sold me a remote that uses AAA's or should I say some nut bought one?

One year we bought Drew a big ridable police car. You may have seen his pictures on Facebook chasing criminals around our front yard.

He often arrests a couple of law breakers who look much like our two dogs. He can't get our sixty pound Lab in his car but bless our little mini dachshund, she has taken many rides, and like most criminals, against her will.

Drew's squad car came with a battery, but we still had a problem. It required an initial charging for twenty four hours and we did not realize this until the morning he received it.

Few things are worse than a new toy that you can't play with until tomorrow.

Do you know that we come with rechargeable batteries included? I'm not sure what size they are, or exactly where they are located, but they must be there. Much the same as our all-important cell phones runs down at the end of each day and must be recharged, so do we.

Let's not even bring up the subject of a lost phone charger. That fit you pitched the other night when you couldn't find yours is simply too embarrassing to talk about. I digress.

One great thing about the human body is that it comes with a built in charger. We don't plug ourselves into the wall, but simply sleep for a few hours and wake up recharged and ready to roll.

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Who was the genius that created such advanced beings? I believe His name is God!

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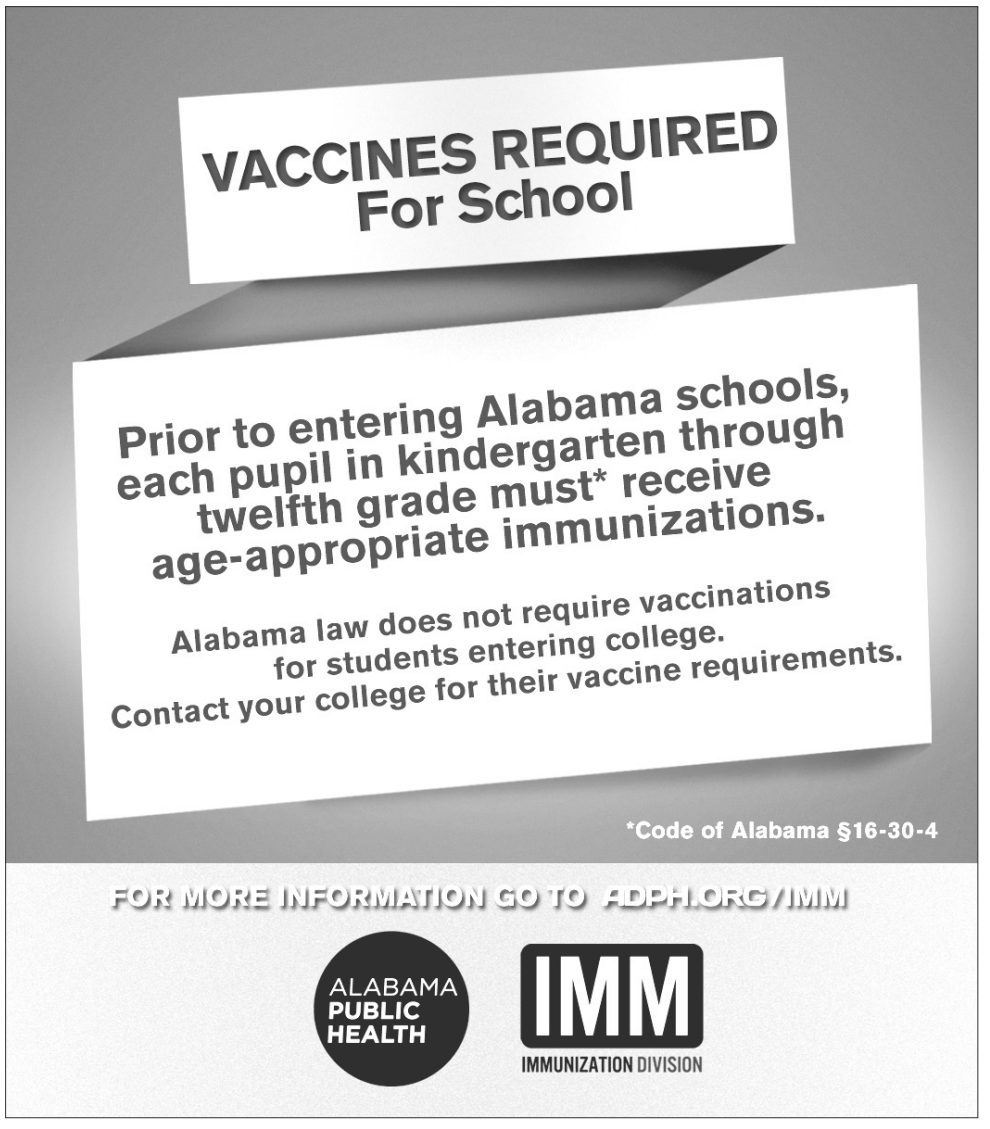
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PHARMACY TOPICS *by Eddy Hoenig*

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.

For the small segment of the emergency population whose acute behavioral disturbance does not respond to traditional sedation, ketamine appears to be effective and safe, according to a study published online in *Annals of Emergency Medicine*.

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Briviact (brivaracetam) as an add-on treatment to other medications to treat partial onset seizures in patients age 16 and older with epilepsy. Epilepsy is a brain disorder that causes people to have recurring seizures. A seizure is an episode, usually of relatively short duration, of abnormal brain activity. Seizures can cause a variety of symptoms, including uncontrolled movements or spasms, abnormal thinking and behavior and abnormal sensations. Muscle spasms can be violent and loss of consciousness can occur. Seizures occur when clusters of nerve cells (neurons) in the brain undergo uncontrolled activation. A partial onset seizure begins in a limited area of the brain. Epilepsy has many possible causes, including, among others, stroke, infection, tumors, traumatic brain injury and abnormal brain development. In many cases, the specific cause is unknown. Epilepsy is one of the most common conditions affecting the brain. Approximately 5.1 million people in the United States have a history of epilepsy and approximately 2.9 million people in the United States have active epilepsy.

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New research published in the March 2016 issue of *The FASEB Journal* shows that a commonly prescribed class of high blood pressure drugs may have the potential to slow the growth of triple negative breast cancer tumors. These drugs, called "beta blockers" work by counteracting the pro-growth effect caused by adrenaline by affecting the beta2-adrenoceptor.

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North-Central AL Young Democrats host Community Fun Day at Sportsman Lake

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CULLMAN — The group is still in its infancy, but the North-Central Alabama Young Democrats (NCAYD) are already making a name for themselves locally in Cullman, Walker and Blount counties, the three areas they represent, and statewide within the Alabama Young Democrats chapter.

NCAYD hosted a Community Fun Day on Sunday at Sportsman Lake in Cullman, where they served up free food and games, music, voter registration and a platform for party members from throughout the state to convey their messages on the state of affairs in Alabama and nationally.

With almost 100 people in attendance, the event was well received and attended by local voters and the speakers were given a warm welcome by the Cullman community on hand.

"The importance of today's event is to build the grass roots efforts in Alabama, particularly in Cullman, Walker and Blount counties. We wanted to start here in Cullman because we had the most response from the county party here. The grass roots is truly where it starts. I feel like the Democratic Party steered away from that in the recent years so 2016-2018 are all about bringing back the grass roots efforts and that's what we're starting right here in Cullman," stated NCAYD President Josh Coleman, a Cullman native and West Point High School graduate.

Noteworthy equal rights and democratic values advocate Ambrosia Starling emceed the event, bringing to stage the day's speakers and entertainers.

The afternoon's speakers included U.S. Senate candidate Ron Crumpton, Human Rights Campaign Community Organizer Torri Wolfe-Sisson, Alabama High School Democrats President Emma Turner, UAB College Democrats President Caleb Carter, Forward Alabama Chairman Bob Parker and Alabama Young Democrats President Beth Clayton.

Cullman County Democrats member and retired Cullman City Schools teacher Ernestine Linton attended the event to show her support for NCAYD and young Democrats everywhere. She shared, "I am a Yellow Dog Democrat and I will be until I die. I want my pursuit of life, liberty and happiness to remain in place and I don't want anyone taking it away from me. Anybody who wants to vote the other way can do that, but they're doing it at their own peril. I think it's wonderful what these young people are doing. I am so happy to see them getting involved because all I've looked at for the last eight years that I've been involved in the party here has been people from age 40 and up. I'm 73 and we've got to have people to come along and take our place."

For more information about NCAYD, please visit their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/NCAYD/.



AMY HASENBEIN LEONARD/CULLMAN TRIBUNE

For more information about the Alabama Young Democrats, visit their website at www.alayoungdems.com or call 205-305-8573.

Camp (from Front)

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BATTLEGROUND — When Col. Joe Land decided to move his privately-owned Camp Liberty from Marion, Alabama, he had no specific intention of moving it to Battleground.

"It was really just a coincidence that we ended up moving from Alabama to another place in Alabama," Land said. "I was looking at places in Virginia and Florida. But this became available, and now this is home."

Extreme Military Challenge (XMC) is the several-week-long summer experience that will be held at Camp Liberty annually. There are three different programs, to fit each camper's desired experience.

"Over the last three years, we've had cadets here from all 48 contiguous states and Hawaii," said Advanced Ranger — the most elite program at the camp — Grant Wideman. "Also, 11 different countries have been represented here."

Land is careful to maintain that his camp is not a camp for delinquents or those in major trouble with the law.

"Everyone who is here wants to be here," he said.

The camp, which is in the process of being rebranded as Camp Liberty, was previously owned by a church and was called Stony Creek.

Land purchased the property from that church, as opposed to renting the space, which was the situation at this previous location in Marion.

It's not Land's mission to prepare those enrolled at his camp for the military, although many who attend XMC do plan to enlist.

"We're not preparing people for war, we're preparing young men and women for life," Land said.

That being said, the camp pulls out all the stops to make the experience as immersive and realistic as possible.

"This is a condensed and toned down version of what the recruits would get at basic training," Bill Owen, marketing director for Camp Liberty said.

"Not watered down, but toned down. There are some four-letter words that would be used during basic training that we don't use here, because some of those who are enrolled here are at the age of 13."

The interesting thing about Camp Liberty is that the XMC program is only a fraction of what will be going on at the property.

The camp is working on building more facilities on top of what they inherited from the previous owners.

The camp will hold anniversary events for veterans, family reunions, weddings, conferences, adventure weekends, paintball and airsoft courses and more.

"The XMC camp really will only take up about two months out of the year," Owen said.

"That leaves us 10 months where we can schedule anything from a wedding, to a veterans reunion."

The camp has already made an international footprint, now Col. Land wants the Cullman community to understand everything that he's bringing to the area.

"We're bringing people, we're bringing business; We're putting Battleground, Alabama on the map," he said.

"We have a business agreement with a local hotel, Comfort Suites. They give us an excellent rate on anyone coming in, any parents, for the cadet graduation. And, you know, those people eat in the Cullman restaurants, they shop in these stores."

But above the economic impact of having a destination and attraction such as Camp Liberty, Land believes the young men and women who come into his camp leave as better people when they're done, and that is benefiting the communities of the United States as well.

"Sometimes I think I'm training the parents as much as we're working with the recruits," he said. "And at the end of it all, they're all the better for it."

While Land served in the United States Navy, the title of Colonel is assumed solely for the purpose of replicating a military environment and is not an official title associated with the U.S. military.

Upcoming events

Camp Liberty will be hosting Freedom Fridays, with Patriotic Movie Nights, on the second and fourth Friday of each week from Aug. 12 until Veteran's Day, Nov. 11.

Freedom Fridays will start at 7 p.m. each night and will be held at the amphitheater, where a patriotic film will be shown.

The movies that will be shown are:

- 8-12 "Top Gun"
- 8-26 "Independence Day"
- 9-9 "G.I. Joe: The Movie"
- 9-23 "Armageddon"
- 10-14 "The Hunt for Red October"
- 10-28 "Red Dawn"
- 11-11 "Behind Enemy Lines"

None of the films shown will be over PG-13.

According to Col. Joe Land, owner of Camp Liberty, all children must be accompanied by an adult to each film.

Freedom Fridays are free to attend, and concessions will be available for purchase.

Camp Liberty is located at 15719 Alabama Highway 157 West.

To learn more, visit http://www.camp-liberty.com/ and http://www.xmccamp.com/#!location/c1jbj.



American Legion and VFW join together for Veteran's Appreciation Day

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CULLMAN — Local veterans and their families came together at the VFW today for Veteran's Appreciation Day, a day filled with free food and drinks, a bounce house for the children and many other fun, family-oriented activities.

"Today we are having a Veteran's Appreciation Day where the American Legion and the VFW are working together for our veterans of Cullman County," said Dan Raley, commander of Cullman's American Legion Post 4. "It's a day of enjoyment. There was no cost for the event and everyone enjoyed free food.

Raley laughed, "We had a watermelon eating contest and a hot dog eating contest where we (the American Legion) competed against the VFW. The VFW kicked our butts this time, but we are going to get them next time.

"This is the first Appreciation Day we have ever done together. There has been too much separation between the American Legion and the VFW in the past; we are both here for the same reason," he smiled.

The event had lots of things for the children to participate in.

Many of them lined up in order to throw a ball at the dunking booth. There was also a cotton candy machine, which was a crowd favorite as well.

In the spirit of celebrating and honoring the veterans of Cullman County, there was a new nonprofit organization at the event.

It is called Fallen Heroes Bowfishing and is made up of a family of combat veterans who want to give back to our fallen heroes.

"My wife Candace and I are members of the VFW Post but we also run a separate nonprofit organization where we take veterans out bowfishing," said Warren Reppond.

"That's why we have the boat set up here today. We take disabled veterans out on bowfishing trips; it's our way of giving back to the veterans, getting everyone together and having a good time. We want to try and keep the veteran community happy."

The Fallen Heroes Bowfishing boat is completely handicapped-accessible and was on display at Saturday's event.

While the Repponds were there, they met a veteran who has a service dog and is confined to a wheelchair. He will be the night's special guest and plans were made to take him out on the water for a night of bowfishing!

"Aside from bowfishing, we reach out to other organizations that support our wounded and lost heroes from the military, police and fire services," said Reppond.

"We provide awareness and support to these organizations through fundraising, tournaments, hopefully some tournament winnings and the support of other outdoorsmen and women."

The Veteran's Appreciation Day was a huge success and lots of veterans brought their families along with them for the fun. It was an interesting day, especially learning about the new bowfishing organization in town. It's just one more way to offer something a little different to our American heroes.



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Veterans and their families enjoyed a day of fun at Saturday's Veterans Appreciation Day at the VFW in Cullman.

For more information about Fallen Heroes Bowfishing, call 256-735-4439 or visit them online at www.fallenheroesbowfishing.com or www.facebook.com/FallenHeroesBowfishing/.

Find out more about Cullman's VFW Post 2214 at https://www.facebook.com/cullmanVFWPost.

For more about Cullman's American Legion Post 4, see http://qrne.ws/americanlegion.

Driver (from Front)

59 years, they asked him to stay around one more year.

"They said they were nominating me for this award," he said. Calvert was chosen as the 2016 recipient, and, according to him, is the first ever winner of the award to grace the cover of Alabama Trucker magazine.

At the awards banquet, Calvert's supervisor, Tony Smith, said that Calvert "is the greatest example of humanity I have ever encountered. He is the perfect example of what a true professional driver should be. On top of all that, he's among the hardest working, most dependable individuals we have at AAA Cooper."

Calvert said that he loves being from Cullman, and that being raised in Cullman has helped him become the man he is today.

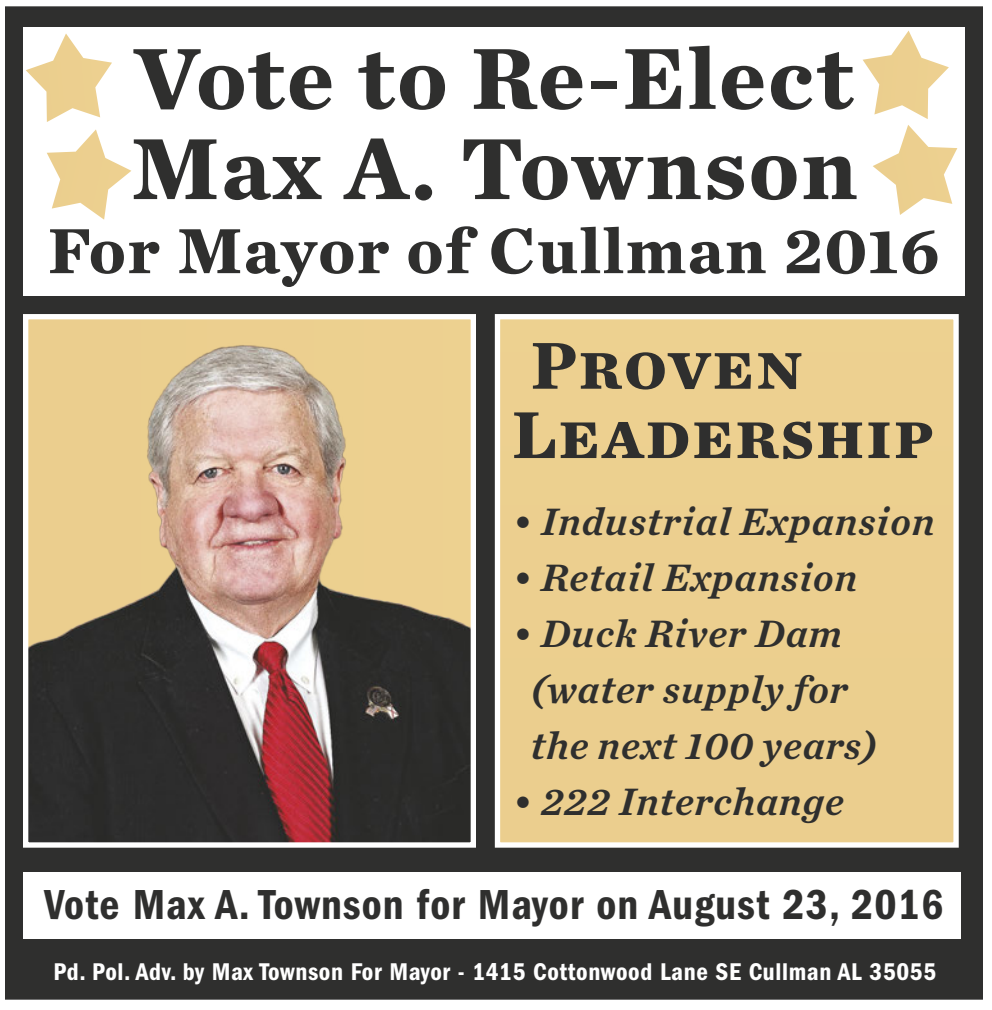
"I feel like everybody cares about each other," he said. "That made it special when I won the award. It meant a lot to represent Cullman County. I credit a lot of who I am to where I am from. I've never bought something just for myself, because if I did that, I feel like I would be taking from my family. I have only missed five days of work, not including holidays and that sort of thing, in 60 years. There's two types of people in the world, the givers and the takers. The takers eat well, but the givers sleep well."

Calvert has two simple loves that have helped him keep everything in perspective throughout his life.

"I am a simple person," he said. "I love my Lord, and I love my family."

Calvert and his wife, Virgie, have been married for 57 years and have two daughters, Joan and Lesha, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.





ORDINANCE NO. 2016 – 14
VOTING MACHINES, ABSENTEE VOTING MANAGER, AND VOTING PLACES

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

SECTION 1. That the City of Cullman hereby adopts for use in municipal general elections, runoff elections, and other special elections as may be called, the machine that is approved and used by Cullman County for state and county elections.

SECTION 2. That the voting places for all municipal elections will continue to be the same as those established for state and county elections.

SECTION 3. That the compensation to be paid to election officials for their duties shall be the same as that established for state and county elections; and, that election officials attending the school of instruction for municipal elections held by the City Clerk shall be compensated an additional $25.00 for said attendance.

SECTION 4. That the City Clerk shall serve as absentee voting manager, as provided by state law.

SECTION 5. That the City Clerk is appointed as the person to perform the various functions delegated to the Mayor, if the Mayor is a candidate for election: a) preparation of the voters' list; b) procurement of election supplies; c) publication of the list of election officials; and d) any other duties as may be designated by law.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage as provided by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 19th day of July, 2016. /s/Garlan E. Gudger, Jr. - President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 19th day of July, 2016. /s/Max A. Townson - Mayor

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 Tina A Walker An Unmarried Woman to PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, National Association dated August 9, 2013; said mortgage being recorded in Book 1719, Page 37 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, PNC Bank, National Association, 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 4th day of August, 2016 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN CULLMAN COUNTY, STATE OF ALABAMA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS A TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTH HALF OF NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 13.5 FEET; THENCE WEST 955 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE WEST 210 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 210 FEET; THENCE EAST 210 FEET; THENCE NORTH 210 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM DAVID WAYNE WALKER, MARRIED AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 499 PAGE 441 DATED 12/06/2000 AND RECORDED 01/31/2001, CULLMAN COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF ALABAMA. Tax ID: 10-06-23-0-001-002.002

Said property is commonly known as 201 County Road 1530, Cullman, AL 35058.

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 Tina A Walker 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.

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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 Alton Bailey And Kathy Bailey Wife to NationsCredit Financial Services Corp of Alabama dated March 15, 1999; said mortgage being recorded in Book 1100, Page 579 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR CIM TRUST 2015-3AG MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2015-3AG to be recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR CIM TRUST 2015-3AG MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2015-3AG, 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 11th day of August, 2016 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Tract number twenty-eight (28) of the Lowery Estate Property, as shown on the Plat recorded in Map Book 8, Page 11, and 13, in the Judge of Probate Office. in Cullman County, Alabama. Subject to all easements, restrictions, reservations, and rights of way of record.

Said property is commonly known as 256 Cty Rd 248, Cullman, AL 35057.

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 Alton Bailey and Kathy Bailey 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.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR CIM TRUST 2015-3AG MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2015-3AG
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC
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NOTICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPLICATION TO VACATE A PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 97.

WHEREAS, property owner Edith Thompson Bullard, desires to vacate a portion of a county road within the County limits of Cullman, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-20 (1975);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-2 (1975), the Cullman County Commission is required to hold a public hearing, prior to taking final action;

WHEREAS, notice of which is required by statute, shall occur once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks;

WHEREAS, a public hearing will take place on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cullman County Commission Meeting Room; First Floor; Cullman County Courthouse; 500 2nd Avenue, S.W. Cullman, Alabama 35055;

WHEREAS, applicant, Edith Thompson Bullard is requesting vacation of a portion of County Road 97 described as follows, to-wit:

A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND BEING SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING A PORTION OF CULLMAN COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 97 THAT RUNS THROUGH A PORTION OF EDITH BULLARD THOMPSON TRACT, AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 513, PAGE 215 IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING 30 FEET LEFT AND RIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE:

COMMENCE AT THE PURPORTED NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 3, AND RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST, (BEARING BASED ON ALABAMA STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD83. GRID.), A DISTANCE OF 958.80 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF EDITH BULLARD THOMPSON TRACT AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 513, PAGE 215 IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA WITH THE CENTERLINE OF CULLMAN COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 97, HAVING AN ALABAMA STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD83. COORDINATE VALUE OF N. 1463356.06', E. 2103076.42', SAME BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 11.72 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 31 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 52.80 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 40.09 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 29.32 FEET TO THE ENDING POINT.

WHEREAS, an action is requested for an adoption and approval of a Resolution vacating a portion of County Road 97.

WHEREAS, said notice is posted in accordance with Title 23-4-2, et.seq. Code of Alabama, 1975. All persons who desire shall have an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of such resolution. This public notice is posted a minimum of Thirty (30) days prior to the date of the public hearing at: Cullman County Courthouse Entrance Bulletin Board

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the provision of the Resolution vacating a portion of County Road 97, will be considered by the Cullman County Commission at a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at the Cullman County Commission Meeting Room at 10:00 a.m. at which time and place all persons who desire shall have an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of such Resolution or any provision thereof.

Dated this the 30th day of June, 2016.

BY: /s/ J. Chad Floyd
J. Chad Floyd
Attorney for Cullman County
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone: (256) 775-4893

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:

2004 Ford Explorer, Vin. #1FMZU64K84UA95055.

The following vehicles will be sold after August 26, 2016, at 1106 Katherine Street, Northwest, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1/ Act 2015-470, Earl's Body Shop, Inc. will offer for sale at public auction the following vehicles on September 6, 2016, at 7.00 at a.m.

2003 Dodge Neon, Vin #1B3ES56C23D254113.
1997 Honda Civic, Vin. #2HGEJ667XVH565080.
1999 Jeep Grande Cherokee, Vin#1J4GW68N3XC550487.
1995 Strn SC2, Vin#1G8ZH1274SZ327297.
1985 Dodge D100/150, Vin#B7FD14T0FS679046.

Auction Notice

Contents of storage unit **34,** rented to **Ashley Childers,** on **March 16, 2016,** will be disposed of for past due rent on **August 13, 2016**, at **6:00 a.m**. Consisting of: bed frame, wooden table, kitchen utensils, clothing and other household items.

In-N-Out Self Storage, LLC
106 13th St. SW
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:

1997 Haul UTE24, Vin. #4XSGB2427VG003463.

These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Johnson's Auto Tire and Tow, LLC, 178 County Road 1332, Vinemont, Alabama 35179, on Tuesday, August 30th, 2016, at 12:00 noon.

STATE OF ALABAMA)

) NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale:	**Monday, August 1, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.**
Sale Location:	**Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance**
	500 Second Avenue, S.W.
	Cullman, Alabama 35055
Write of Execution Parties:	**AGCOR Steel, LLC**
	vs.
	Wesley J. Dye
	334 County Road 111
	Bremen, Alabama 35033

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Wesley J. Dye, property, described as follows:

Lot #8 in the Lakeview Road Subdivision as recorded in the Judge of Probate Office, Map Book 5, Page 187 and 189 in the Office of the Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama.

Subject to existing rights of way for public roads, utility lines, easements and restrictions of record, if any.

Source of title: Deed Book 582, Page 131, Office of Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Wesley J. Dye, in and to the above-described property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 30th day of June, 2016.

BY:
Sheriff Matt Gentry

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MELVIN ALEXANDER,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2016-900136.00**

MINDY RAYE ALEXANDER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Mindy Raye Alexander, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Melvin Alexander's Complaint for Divorce by September 5, 2016 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2016-900136.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the11th day of July, 2016.

Lisa McSwain (GD)
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
MELVIN HASTING
407 2nd AV SW
CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

CASE NO.: AD- 2016-032

IN THE MATTER OF:
AUSTIN BAILEY CADIERE,
A minor child.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF AUSTIN BAILEY CADIERE WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY JOHN DAVID HAMRICK AND MAMIE DIANE HAMRICK. 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 IS SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 5th DAY OF July, 2016.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
Mickey Joe Doubleman)
Deceased) Case No. PC 2016-197

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Jacqueline Elaine Doubleman, as Executrix of the Estate of Mickey Joe Doubleman, deceased on the 18th day of July, 2016, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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

Jacqueline Elaine Doubleman
Jacqueline Elaine Doubleman Executrix of the Estate of Mickey Joe Doubleman, deceased

TO: The Publisher of Cullman Tribune

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

CASE NO: AD-2016-035

IN THE MATTER OF:
Ethan Antonio Villa,
A minor child.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: ANTONIO VILLA, JR., WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN.

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY KEVIN NATHANIEL JACKSON AND CHRISTINE DAWN JACKSON. 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 7th DAY OF July, 2016.

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

HEATH MEHERG
Attorney for Petitioner
409 1st Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35056
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

BOWE LOURA,
Plaintiff,

V.

BOWE WILLIAM,
Defendant.

Case No.: DR-2016-900153.00

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: WILLIAM BOWE

You are hereby notified that a Complaint for Divorce has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Cullman County Alabama. You are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of the Court and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, *Melvin Hasting, 407 2nd Ave. S.W., Cullman, Alabama 35055*, an Answer to the Complaint before the 6th day of September, 20 16, or a Default Judgment will be entered against you.

This the 5th day of July, 20 16.

Lisa McSwain
CIRCUIT CLERK

To the publisher of Cullman Tribune:

You are hereby directed to publish the above notice each week for four successive weeks in said newspaper.

DONE this 2nd day of July, 2016.

/s/ MARTHA E. WILLIAMS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

CASE NO: AD-2016-031

IN THE MATTER OF:
PEYTON NICHOLE COLEGROVE,
A minor child.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: KIMBERLY COLGROVE WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN.

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY CARL PAYNE and DIANN PAYNE. 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 23rd DAY OF June, 2016.

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

GREGORY A. JOHNSON
Attorney for Petitioners
100 4th Avenue N.E.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256) 739-0006

OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS: JULY 19 - 26

Tony Lee Helms, 52, passed away July 22.
Arrangements have yet to be announced. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Wayne Fannin, 85, passed away July 18.
Funeral service held July 20. Moss Service Funeral Home directed.

Merrell Ellen Powell, 91, passed away July 19.
Funeral service held July 22. Moss Service Funeral Home directed.

Onal Bazle Berry, 92, passed away July 19.
Funeral service held July 22. Nichols Funeral Home directed.

Faye T. Smith, 85, passed away July 19.
Funeral service held July 22. Moss Service Funeral Home directed.

Albie Wynell Wren, 93, passed away July 19.
Funeral service held July 23. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directed.

Jerry Wayne "Pearl" Aaron, 56, passed away July 19.
Funeral service held July 23. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

Charles J. "C.J." Burney, 90, passed away July 20.
Funeral service held July 23. Moss Service Funeral Home directed.

Mary Evelyn Smith Lovell, 94, passed away July 21.
Funeral service held July 23. Holly Pond Funeral Home directed.

William Joseph "Joe" Moody, 77, passed away July 22.
Funeral service held July 24. Nichols Funeral Home directed.

James Martin Rice, Sr., 82, passed away July 22.
Funeral service held July 24. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directed.

Earl O. "Red" Crawford, 73, passed away July 20.
Funeral service held July 24. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

Justin Dean Hardin, 26, passed away July 21.
Funeral service held July 25. Cullman Funeral Home directed.

Margaret Virginia Bolan, 87, passed away July 19.
Funeral service held July 25. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directed.

Josey Lee Johnson, 24, passed away July 21.
Funeral service held July 25. Cullman Funeral Home directed.

Jacquelyn Lendman, 90, passed away July 23.
Funeral service held July 26. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

Daniel Parker Gillam, 35, passed away July 23.
Funeral service held July 26. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directed.

Herbert Pershing "Mac" McAlpine, 97, passed away July 23.
Funeral service held July 26. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

Larry Keith Waid, 51, passed away July 24.
Funeral service held July 27. Moss Service Funeral Home directed.

Wilma "Betty" Calvert, 80, passed away July 25.
Funeral Service held July 27. Cullman Funeral Home directed.

Michael Bradley Thomas, 38, passed away July 24.
Funeral service held July 28. Holly Pond Funeral Home directed.

Sandra "Sandi" Anita Baker Allen, 59, passed away July 25.
Funeral service held July 28. Nichols Funeral Home directed.

Ruth E. Whitaker, 77, passed away July 26.
Funeral service held July 28. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

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

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Thursday

Hanceville City Council Meeting
Thursday, July 28 at 7 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall

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.

Sensory-Friendly Movie
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. Thursday morning showtime of 10 a.m., "The Peanuts Movie" on July 28.

Free Meals at West Elementary School
The Cullman City Schools Child Nutrition Program is hosting a free meal program this summer. The Summer Feeding Program will run from June 1 through July 29 at West Elementary School. No meals will be served on July 4. Breakfast will be served from 9-10:30 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. each day. Meals are free to all children under the age of 18, regardless of school attended or income status. Adult meals will be available for a charge. The program is looking for volunteers. This would be a great opportunity for teenagers who need community service hours. For more information, contact Cullman City Schools Child Nutrition Program Assistant Director Terri Abbott at 256-297-0493 or 256-734-2233, ext. 9052.

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. The July 28 movie will be "The Peanuts Movie."

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.

Celebrate Recovery
Hanceville First Baptist Church on Thursdays at 7 p.m. 104 Church Ave, NE Hanceville, AL 35077

Friday

E.J.'s Lemonade Stand for "Make a Stand Against Epilepsy"
Friday, July 29 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at From the Heart, 301 Second Ave. NW in Cullman. We are getting so excited for our lemonade stand & Doosie Day THIS WEEKEND! There will be a raffle going on and you can buy tickets both days & EJ will draw the winners at the end of Doosie Day!! **Up for grabs is--**
• A gorgeous necklace donated by Doug Doggett jewelers worth $250!
• A bean bag chair donated by Vincent's furniture!
• 5-person family pass to the Aquatic Center!
• A beautiful quilt donated by St. Paul's Sew-N-Sews!
• 2 purple scarfs donated by Sheryl Keller!
• 1 free photo session donated by Photography by Jess!
There will be tons of fun for everyone so bring the whole family out this Friday and Saturday!
Friday is the lemonade stand at From the Heart!
Saturday is Doosie Day at Depot Park! & while you're having fun for a good cause on Saturday you can also catch lots of Pokémon!! PLEASE SHARE & help us get the word out so we can help find a cure for epilepsy! @epilepsyfdn #whatadoosie, #lemonadeforlivy, be sure to use our hashtags!

Back to School Bash
Friday, July 29. The City of Good Hope will sponsor a Back to School Bash 5-7 p.m. at the Good Hope Municipal Park. There will be hotdogs, slides and T-shirts. If anyone wants to come out and help cook, please do so.

Back to School Bash
Friday, July 29 at the Vinemont Scout House, from 5-8 p.m. Free school supplies and fun activities. Sponsored by The Church @ the Atrium and Church 212.

Ladies' Night Out Bunco Party
Cullman's Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church's Altar Society is sponsoring one of their Ladies' Night Out Bunco Party events on Friday, July 29. Everyone is invited to attend the night of fun, fellowship, refreshments and games. The event, which has a $20 entrance fee, begins at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center. A unique 'Nutcracker Quilt', handcrafted by Eileen Moore, sister of Sacred Heart's Pastor Patrick Egan, OSB, will be displayed with raffle tickets available during the evening. The winning ticket will be drawn during the upcoming Women's Conference on Aug. 20. Proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit Sacred Heart School and are $5 each or 6 for $25. Funds raised from the Bunco Party will be used by the Altar Society whose duties are to take care of the Church Altar and other needs. Tickets will be available at the door the night of the gathering.

Weekly Just Play! Program- Cullman City Parks and Rec
When: Fridays at 1 p.m. in June & July
Where: A different CP&R small park each week (July 29 – Ingle Park)
What: A free weekly program for ages 5-12 with organized time at the parks including: scavenger hunts, water balloon fights, slip-n-slides, capture the flag, kickball, relay games and more!

Free Meals at West Elementary School
The Cullman City Schools Child Nutrition Program is hosting a free meal program this summer. The Summer Feeding Program will run from June 1 through July 29 at West Elementary School. No meals will be served on July 4. Breakfast will be served from 9-10:30 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. each day. Meals are free to all children under the age of 18, regardless of school attended or income status. Adult meals will be available for a charge. The program is looking for volunteers. This would be a great opportunity for teenagers who need community service hours. For more information, contact Cullman City Schools Child Nutrition Program Assistant Director Terri Abbott at 256-297-0493 or 256-734-2233, ext. 9052.

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
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Saturday

Doosie Day to benefit the Epilepsy Foundation
Saturday, July 30 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Depot Park in Cullman. We are getting so excited for Doosie Day THIS WEEKEND! There will be a raffle going on and EJ will draw the winners at the end of Doosie Day!! Up for grabs is--
• A gorgeous necklace donated by Doug Doggett jewelers worth $250!
• A bean bag chair donated by Vincent's furniture!
• 5-person family pass to the Aquatic Center!
• A beautiful quilt donated by St. Paul's Sew-N-Sews!
• 2 purple scarfs donated by Sheryl Keller!
• 1 free photo session donated by Photography by Jess!
There will be tons of fun for everyone so bring the whole family out!
While you're having fun for a good cause on Saturday you can also catch lots of Pokémon! PLEASE SHARE & help us get the word out so we can help find a cure for epilepsy!! @epilepsyfdn #whatadoosie, #lemonadeforlivy be sure to use our hashtags!

Bell Springs Singing
A gospel singing will be held at Bell Springs Baptist Church, 91 Bell Springs Road, Falkville, (on Lacon Mountain), Saturday, July 30, at 7 p.m. Guest singers will be "The Fellowship Quartet." Everyone is welcome.

Applebee's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Cullman Autism & Special Needs Family Support Group
Saturday, July 30 from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at Cullman Applebee's. Includes: 2 pancakes and 2 sausage patties, coffee & soda. Juice (Apple & Orange) -- an additional donation. Carry-outs available. Your servers will be families affected by autism and special needs! Get your tickets in Cullman at Warren's Home Décor (1622 Second Ave. NW) or Colvard - AllState Insurance (1726 Cherokee Ave. SW, Ste. C). For more information, contact Rhonda or Sarah at 256-962-2208 or 256-339-1301.

West Point Class of 1967 Reunion
The West Point Class of 1967 will have a get-together on July 30 at Brandin' Iron Restaurant at West Point at 4:30 p.m. Everyone try to come and enjoy the fellowship (Dutch treat). For more information, contact Minnie Heaton at 256-338-1959 or 256-739-0930.

Therapeutic Dance Classes- Free to the Public
Individuals with all types of special needs and disabilities are welcome! Saturdays, July 9-Aug. 13 at the Cullman Civic Center. Ages 6-10, from 2:30-3:15 p.m.; ages 11 and up, from 3:15-4 p.m. Wear anything comfortable to move in! End of session performance will be Sunday, Aug. 14 at 1 p.m. For more info, contact Kelly Pulliam at 256-734-9157 or kpulliam@cullmanrecreation.org.

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).

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Sunday

Josh Niblett to Speak
Hoover High School's Coach Josh Niblett will speak at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, (Highway 157, next to Wal-Mart) on Sunday, July 31 at 10 a.m. coach Niblett is a five-time state champion football coach. This is a free event. For more information, contact the church office at 256-734-8937.

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

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

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Monday

City of Cullman Planning Commission
Monday, August 1 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall Auditorium

Bell Springs Revival
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Baileyton Town Council Meeting
Monday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall

Fairview Town Council Meeting
Monday, Aug. 1 at 6 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall

Holly Pond Town Council Meeting
Monday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. at Holly Pond Library

Cullman Lil' Bearcats Hoops Camp
Monday-Wed., Aug. 1-3 from 8 a.m.-noon in the Cullman High School gymnasium. For kids entering grades 1-6. $50 per camper (includes T-shirt and snacks). Contact Head Girls Basketball Coach Josh Hembree to register at 706-766-5277 or jhembree@cullmancats.net.

Fairview West Baptist Church Revival
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Monday Fun-Days at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center
1/2 priced day passes for just $5 each from 6-10 p.m.

Special Needs Free 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.

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.

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Swamp John's Meal
The Masonic Lodge #400 will hold a Swamp John's meal from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Hanceville Assembly of God Church, 402 Shady Main Drive Southwest. Plates are $11 and include: chicken, shrimp, fish or a combo, with slaw, hushpuppies, fries, a sweet and tea. Proceeds to help buy Christmas gifts for needy children. For tickets or information contact Junior Heaton at 256-735-8021 or email: 2jheatons@gmail.com

CP&R Therapeutic Recreation Program Swim Night & Cook Out
Tuesday, Aug. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center. The therapeutic recreation 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.

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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.

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

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

Cullman Knifty Knitters
Members of the Cullman Knifty Knitters group meet each Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Cullman County Library. Everyone is invited to learn how to knit yarn, and needles are free. This group is open to all ages, both accomplished knitters and those wishing to learn the art form. Crocheters are also invited to take part in these weekly meetings. Please call Lesia for more information at 256-734-2720 ext. 23.

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

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.

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

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

ATTENTION LOCAL NONPROFITS
Local nonprofits that are interested in applying for funding assistance through the United Way of Cullman County should call 256-739-2948 or contact Sammie Danford, sdanford@uwaycc.org, for information on applications, which are available on/ after July 15. Applications are due by noon on Aug. 17.

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

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Upcoming Events
• Pizza & Bingo Night / September 8 / 5:30 p.m. / Civic Center

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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• August 4 "Penguins of Madagascar"

Sandlin Reunion
The 82nd Annual Sandlin Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 6, beginning at 10 a.m. through 3 p.m., at Cold Springs Community Center, 8821 County Road 109, Bremen. Bring a covered dish and drinks. Plates, cups, napkins, forks and ice will be provided.

2nd Fridays at Festhalle
When: Friday, August 12, and September 9 at 6 p.m.
Where: Festhalle Marketplatz
What: Late night farmer's market, craft vendors, live music, kid's games and activities and food trucks.

Exercise in the Park
When: Tuesdays at 6 p.m. from September to November
Where: Depot Park
What: Free fitness class for anyone to attend led by an instructor from the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center including Yoga, Cardio Party, Zumba and more.

Summer Concerts Series
When: Thursdays in September at 6 p.m.
Where: Heritage Park
What: Free concert series at the recognition gardens at Heritage Park with country, modern music, rock & roll and more.

Discount Days at the Wellness & Aquatic Center
Monday Fun-Days
1/2 priced day passes for just $5 each from 6-10 p.m.
Dive-in Movie
August 11
Come pay just $5 for free swim and use of the waterpark starting at 6 p.m. with a movie by the pool starting at dark around 8:45 p.m.!

Perinatal and Infant Loss Support Group
Meets the second Thursday of each month from 6:30-8 p.m. We will meet at the Cullman Electric Cooperative on Eva Road.

Fairview High School Marching Band 2nd Annual Car & Tractor Show
Aug. 6, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Fairview Community Park. Car entry: $15 pre-registration, $20 day of the event. Contact Michelle Watwood for more info at 256-531-2548

Bearcat GROWLS
Growing Resources for our Winning Local Schools; Aug. 13, 3-7 p.m. at Depot Park; Live music by Avenue G; Info booths on local schools and nonprofits; admission is a donation of new school supplies (monetary donations will also be accepted). For more info, contact Mary Hovater at mahovater@aol.com.

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church Youth Conference
Saturday, Aug. 6 in the Arab High School auditorium; Worship led by Pleasant Valley and Temple Baptist Youth; For more info, call 256-640-7539. Tickets are $10 each.

Rock and Glow 5K
Sportsman Lake Park, Saturday, Aug. 6 from 7-11 p.m. Run/Walk/Dance/ Glow. For more info or to register, visit www.CullmanCountyParks.com.

Alabama 4-H Mud Run
Saturday, Aug. 13 from 7:30 a.m.-noon at Stony Lonesome. The 4-H Mud Run will be a 5K (3.1 miles) obstacle course race at the Stony Lonesome OHV Park located in Cullman County. There will even be a 1-mile fun run and mud pit for the younger participants. Registration opens at 7:30 and the race will begin at 8:30 a.m. REGISTER here for the event:
http://www.active.com/breman-al/running/mud-runs-races/alabama-4-h-mud-run-2016?int
Check out other 4-H events on the 4-H events page: http://www.aces.edu/4-H-youth/AL4-H/events.php If you have additional questions, please contact the Cullman County Extension Office for more information:cullmancounty@auburn.edu

CRMC Foundation 25th Annual Golf Extravaganza
The CRMC Foundation has announced that its 25th Annual Million Dollar Hole-In-One Golf Extravaganza will take place on Monday, Sep. 12 at TP Country Club. Several events will be a part of the Golf Extravaganza, including a golf tournament, putting contest, helicopter golf ball drop and the Million Dollar Hole-In-One qualifying and final shoot out contests. The Foundation will also host a morning and afternoon golf session for the 4-person scramble. Register today to participate or sponsor. Various sponsorship levels are available and all proceeds benefit the CRMC Foundation. Don't miss out on the opportunity to take part in this fun-filled event while supporting your local hospital. For more information, call the CRMC Foundation at 256-737-2565 or email crmcfoundation@crmchospital.com.

23rd Annual EvaBank Midnight Run 5K
Friday, Aug. 19 at 11:59 p.m.at the Cullman Civic Center. The 23rd Annual EvaBank Midnight Run 5K will be a fun, exciting experience you don't want to miss! Come join us for this blacklight run with several neon color stations, a pre and post-race glow party under blacklights, and more! Serious runners will be able to easily pass the color stations to focus on their times. The race will be chip timed for all participants, and the top 3 in each category will receive a medal, as well as $250 to overall male and female winners and $200 to masters male and female winners. Cost is $25 which includes a T-shirt. Register at the Cullman Civic Center or online at active.com.

Clucknbrew
CP&R's community tailgate kicks off on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 2:30-11 p.m. This wing festival will feature dozens of local businesses and organizations cooking off their version of the infamous chicken wing. Event goers can sample all the wings they can take while watching Alabama & Auburn football games as well as other NCAA games of the week at our game-day tent. Free kid's games and activities will also be on hand for the duration of the event as well as special contests, activities and more! The event will take place downtown at Depot Park.

Second Native American Indian Charity Powwow
Aug. 20-21 at 9 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Park. Benefits The Lighthouse, Inc., Cullman's 12-bed transitional home for men. All dancers are welcome; dancers in regalia admitted free; Native American drumming and dancing, Native American food and craft vendors. This is a family event. Children under 5 admitted free; children 6-12 $3; adults $5; senior citizens 62+ $3. Gates open at 9 a.m. daily. Grand entries at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and noon Sunday. For more information, contact George "White Wolf" Teague at 256-347-2943 or georgeteague57@yahoo.com.

Berlin Sunshine Club Arts and Crafts Bazaar
The Berlin Sunshine Club will host their annual Arts and Crafts Bazaar from 7 a.m.-2 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016, at the Berlin Community Center (3309 U.S. Highway 278 East). Lunch will be available for purchase. We are also seeking interested vendors (outdoor vendor spaces are available for rent). Contact Susie Smith at 256-734-0926 or Doris Walker at 256-734-0474 for more information on availability and fees.

Freedom Fridays
Camp Liberty will be hosting Freedom Fridays, with Patriotic Movie Nights, on the second and fourth Friday of each week from Aug. 12 until Veteran's Day, Nov. 11. Freedom Fridays will start at 7 p.m. each night and will be held at the amphitheater, where a patriotic film will be shown.
The movies that will be shown are:
• 8-12 "Top Gun"
• 8-26 "Independence Day"
• 9-9 "G.I. Joe: The Movie"
• 9-23 "Armageddon"
• 10-14 "The Hunt for Red October"
• 10-28 "Red Dawn"
• 11-11 "Behind Enemy Lines"
None of the films shown will be over PG-13. According to Col. Joe Land, owner of Camp Liberty, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Freedom Fridays are free to attend, and concessions will be available for purchase.

Cullman Regional Focus on Vision Seminar
Join William Holcomb, M.D., ophthalmologist, as he shares information about how to recognize symptoms of common eye ailments including glaucoma and cataracts and shares the latest treatment options and research for these conditions. This lunch-and-learn program will be held on Thursday, Aug. 18 from 11:30 am-1 p.m. in Cullman Regional's Colonel Cullmann Room. $5 for WomenFirst and SeniorChoice members and $8 for all others. To reserve your spot, register online at www.crmchospital.com or call 256-735-5600. For a complete list of upcoming events, visit www.crmchospital.com.

Benefit for Alexis "Lexie" York
In Oct. 2015 Hanceville's Alexis "Lexie" York was diagnosed with a rare form of childhood cancer, Rhabdomyosarcoma. On Saturday, Aug. 6, David, The Giant Slayer Ministries is hosting a benefit service for Team Lexie at Redemption Assembly of God Church from 6-10 p.m. The service will include a healing testimony from David Bailey, a 14-year-old cancer survivor from Hanceville. Patrick Allred with In The Light Ministries will be there also, as well as special guests, the gospel group Heartfelt Trio. The service begins at 6 p.m. however, there will be a cake/dessert auction at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall, so guests are encouraged to come as early. Redemption Assembly of God is located at 516 Schaeffel Road, Cullman, AL 35055. For more information about the event, call Cook at 256-338-2340 or Michelle Key at 205-207-7720.

Benefit for Alexis "Lexie" York
In Oct. 2015 Hanceville's Alexis "Lexie" York was diagnosed with a rare form of childhood cancer, Rhabdomyosarcoma. On Saturday, Aug. 20. 256 Diesel Truck Club is hosting a benefit diesel truck show for Lexie at Smith Lake Park. The event will begin at 10 a.m. and last until 5 p.m. There will be prizes awarded to the best overall truck, the cleanest truck and the dirtiest truck. There will also be lots of food, drinks, karaoke and dance music from Southern Sounds. The bands Bama Back Roads and Austin Lewis will perform. Prizes will be raffled off throughout the day. Admission is $10 for adults, and children are free. Lexie and her family will receive 100 percent of the proceeds. Smith Lake Park is located at 403 County Road 386, Cullman, AL 35057. For more information about the event, call Kayla Mayer at 256-590-9946.

Divino Niño Day at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Saturday, Sept. 3. On behalf of the Nuns of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament we would love to invite you and your family to join us on Saturday, Sept. 3, as we celebrate Divino Niño Day (Divine Child Jesus Day). Mother Angelica, who founded Our Lady of the Angels Monastery and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, had a deep love for the Child Jesus, for He was the one who inspired her to "Build Him a Temple." Saturday will be filled with Spanish and English activities for the whole family: Mass, spiritual talks, confessions, activities for the children and youth, Rosary Procession, and Mariachi Band. This is a free event and all faiths are welcome. (Lunch will be available for purchase). *Full Day Schedule coming soon!

Hanceville Political Candidate Forum
The Hanceville Political Candidate Forum will take place on Monday, Aug. 15, at 6 p.m. at Hanceville High School (room location to be announced). The forum will give the mayoral candidates and council candidates the opportunity to introduce themselves to the citizens of Hanceville.

United Way Depot Day
Saturday, Aug. 20 from 3-6 p.m. at United Way/Depot Park. Free to attend. Inflatables, games and prizes.

United Way/CP&R 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center. $20 per person. Dunk Contest, 3-Point Contest, door prizes and prize drawings! Pre-register at CWAC at 9 a.m.; games start at 10 a.m.

Cullman County Tax Debate
The Cullman County Personnel Board will host a debate on Cullman County taxes on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 1-3 p.m. at Fairview High School. The public is invited to attend. Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview (District 11) and Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope (District 12) will be in attendance, along with the staff of the Cullman County Commission.

Cullman County Board of Education Capital Planning Committee Meeting
The Cullman County Board of Education Capital Planning Committee will meet on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 3 p.m. at the Cullman County Board of Education, upstairs conference room,402 Arnold Street, NE Cullman, AL 35055.
Cullman County School Board Meeting
Thursday, August 11 6 p.m. (Work Session at 5:30 p.m.) in the Cullman County Schools central office board room.
A Midsummer Night's Run
Wallace State Onteona is partnering with HomeTown Bank to support an evening of fun, running and fundraising for Blount County and City Schools. Wallace State students, faculty and staff are welcome to participate in the 5K, Kids Fun Run, or to volunteer to help with the First Aid Booth.
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Exercise Area
An exercise area with several types of equipment is available for seniors to use provided they have a release form signed by their physician.
Date: Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri.
Time: 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

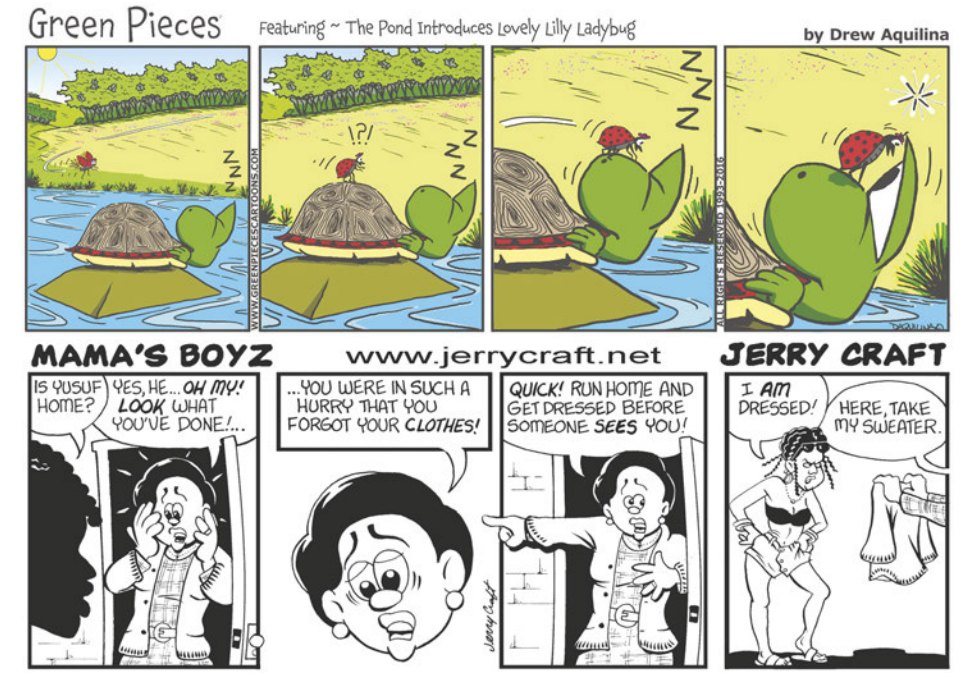
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Date: Every Friday
Time: 1 p.m.
Instructor: Craig Mann
Cost: $10 for 1 hour

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

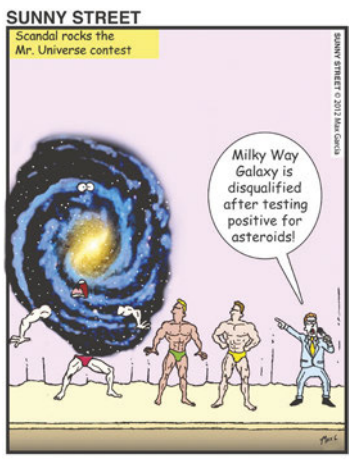
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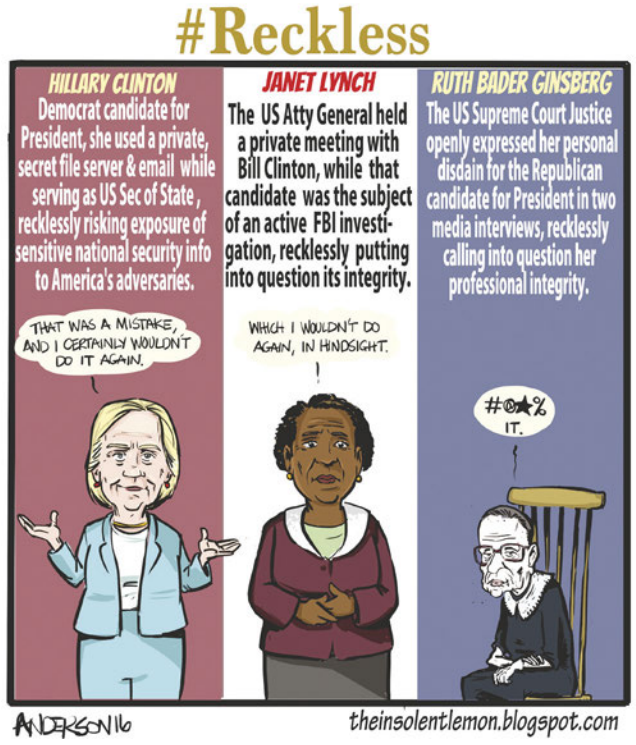
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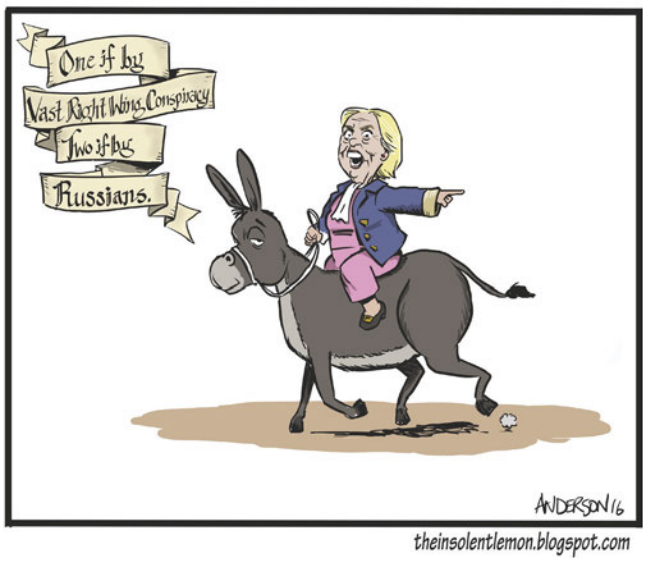
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That fowl being only opportunistic
verses plotted.
This ancient hunter
is a true sportsman.
His diet of that which roams free,
of mice, of hares and
crawling things.
I pass him often sitting there,
He never seems to mind.
Just silent as he was unaware,
but he waits for purpose.
With superior vision and speed
he will swoop to the earth,
grasp with his talons
and end the life of his prey
in his clutches.
You might say, his bare hands.
This "Raptor" "King of Sky."

By: Randy C. Hale • Tribune Contributor

OPINION

Break-In: The Kremlin-Trump Connection

Mel Gurtov
PeaceVoice

Richard Nixon had "The Plumbers." Donald Trump, it seems, has the Russians—either the FSB (Federal Security Service, formerly the KGB), the GRU (military intelligence), or some pro-Moscow outside group. Nixon had to resort to a physical break-in of Democratic Party headquarters at the Watergate office complex; the Russians simply hacked their way in. Their act of cyberwarfare is another step in an escalation of US-Russia tensions that has lately included assaults and intimidation of US diplomats in Moscow.

To my mind, the cyberhacking was ordered at the highest level in the Kremlin (as many cyber experts are saying) with the motive of influencing the US elections. The Russians hope not merely to embarrass the DNC and Hillary Clinton's campaign by leaking tens of thousands of private emails, but also to elevate the candidacy of their new friend in the Trump Tower. None of these assessments will probably ever be provable, but the coincidence of the hacking and turnover of materials to Wikileaks just days before the Democratic convention was to begin defy a different interpretation. Unfortunately, whereas Nixon's attempt to cover up the covert operation failed and he paid dearly for ordering it, Vladimir Putin probably will be able to hide his role forever.

Some may excuse the Russians by arguing either that US administrations, after all, have a history of meddling in other countries' elections, even those of allies (e.g., the Australians long ago); or that the hacking is payback for the US-engineered release of the Panama Papers in part to spotlight corruption at the highest levels of the Russian government. The current situation is different: It amounts to information warfare. Unlike the cyberwarfare now apparently going on between China and the US, which is "normal" intelligence gathering, Russia's venture might be considered a serious breach of US national security.

While the full impact of the hacking incident on US-Russia relations may not be apparent for a while, it will be immediate on the presidential race. The Russians have already scored two successes—causing the resignation of the DNC national chair and forcing Hillary Clinton to have to deal again with Bernie Sanders, whose accusations during the campaign of DNC bias against him have now been borne out by the released emails. But their third target—helping Trump's candidacy—is bound to fail miserably. For one thing, nobody anywhere likes foreigners to meddle in their politics. The result is usually blowback. And in the present case, Donald Trump's open affection for Putin (along with other autocrats), his belief he can work with Moscow (much like George W. Bush's claim he could look into Putin's "soul" and see good), and his discrediting of the NATO alliance will not go down easily with the electorate.

If these were the Cold War years, Trump's friendliness toward Moscow would guarantee his defeat. But now that the Cold War with the Russians is reviving, the Clinton campaign has a golden opportunity to benefit from the connection between Russian hacking and Trump's campaign. We can count on blowback, and Trump may rue the day he befriended Putin.

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OPINION

Proactive Philanthropy: Don't Wait, Reach Out!

Robert J. Gould
PeaceVoice

Baby Boomers are swelling the retired ranks at an unpresented rate. Many of these seniors are taking more money and assets with them than they will need for the rest of their lives. My broker once said to me that pretty much all of his clients want 10 percent more than they have, regardless of how much they have. However, if only 1 percent of the retiring seniors have more money than they need, that is still a lot of people who can afford to become philanthropists.

I know one of these people. Not only has he started a foundation, he also created a peace organization, the War Prevention Institute, in Portland, Oregon.

I've been a peace activist in Portland since 1967, and he is the only person that I know who has proactively reached out to the local peace community and funded it.

He did not wait around, reactively, for someone to ask him for funds. As many of you know, the "People's Republic of Portland" is well known for its progressive political commitments, so you would think that I would know about another peace philanthropist, but I don't.

If you are one of the retired seniors, you might think that peacemaking is a well-funded activity, considering the well-funded United States Institute for Peace, the United Nations, and the Carter Center in Atlanta. Sadly, you would be wrong.

At Portland State University, we don't even have travel money to drive across town to recruit students, interested in peace and conflict resolution, at metro area community colleges.

Other local peace groups are lucky if they can briefly hire anyone to coordinate volunteers, and most have forsaken the thought of having an office; the longstanding Oregon Peace Institute gave up its office many years ago and is now purely virtual—largely surviving on the philanthropy of this one proactive funder.

Another long-standing peace organization, the Salem-centered Oregon Peaceworks, went completely out of business a few years ago, even after building the most robust statewide network of peace activists that Oregon has ever had.

The Northwest Institute for Conflict Resolution was funded by a one-time bequest for a few years, and is now operating only minimally. The Peace and Conflict Studies Consortium, as well as the Newhall Nonviolence Institute, are also functioning at a minimum because of a lack of funding.

So, if you wait to be contacted by any of these organizations, or ones like them in your own local community, you will probably be waiting a long time. So many community peace and justice organizations don't have the money for marketing or hiring tech-savvy fundraisers. If you have money to give, don't wait for a call, an email, or a formal proposal, please reach out to a local community organization that is working on a cause you believe in, and get involved with what they do, and when you are convinced that they are doing good work, fund them!

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Brannon (from Front)

attention of Alabama coach Nick Saban.

Saban sent a messenger to get Brannon and have him come into his office for a nice conversation between coach and prospect.

Saban was so impressed with Brannon's work ethic that he offered him a letter of intent for the 2017 recruiting class.

Brannon kindly accepted.

But before he suits up in crimson and white, he has one more season with the black and gold for Cullman.

Practice for the 2016 season begins on Monday with the Bearcats locked in for their season opener Aug. 19 at their longtime rival, the Hartselle Tigers. The teams will meet each for the first time on opening night.

This will take place at Hartselle's J.P. Cain Stadium and will be the 95th meeting between the two. The series stands at 45-45-4.

Brannon is part of an experienced line that Cullman will count on for great success in 2016. He joins Tyler Nunnelley, Colton Oden and Trevor Crider as returnees in the scrimmage line.

Brannon and his friends in the trenches will look to protect quarterbacks Ross Crocker and Fletcher Jennings, plus open holes for the running game, led by Ezra Banks.

Last season, Brannon made an impact early on the line as Cullman started strong with five wins in its first six games.

Then the Bearcats suffered a 14-13 loss at home to Hartselle Oct. 9 and they would lose momentum with back-to-back setbacks against Muscle Shoals and Russellville to end the regular season.

But thanks to a 13-10 win at Decatur on Oct. 16, the Bearcats were able to squeeze out a 3-3 record in 6A, Region 8 and clinched the fourth seed to the playoffs. It will be a very different 2016 for Brannon and his teammates as Cullman has been placed into Region 6 by the AHSAA along with Albertville, Oxford, Fort Payne, Pell City, Southside-Gadsden and Brewer.

The non-region games are with Hartselle, followed by North Jackson in the home opener Aug. 26 then Fayette County in mid-season and Chelsea to end the regular schedule Oct. 30.

Eight new opponents will be looking to challenge Brannon and the Bearcats with Hartselle and Fayette County the only teams back on the schedule that they faced the previous season.

Brannon's commitment to U of A follows Owen Lovell and Jacob Heatherly who have committed to the Tide's baseball program after graduation in 2017.

Former Bearcat standout Lawson Schaffer will enter his sophomore year on the Bama basketball team while ex-Lady Bearcat Claire Jenkins will start her first season at the Capstone in the fall with the softball squad.



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