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Vietnam, Ford share top billing at this year's Veterans Day celebration



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L-R: James Williams, Eckenrod Ford's Wade Bentley, Patrick James from the Cullman Elks Lodge, Randall Chambers, Wallace State instructor Leigh Ann Courington, former mayor and Veterans Day Event Coordinator Max Townson with Williams' 1929 Model A Ford

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CULLMAN – On Friday morning the Cullman VFW and Elks Lodge, in partnership with Eckenrod Ford, Wallace State and the City of Cullman, announced their plans for this year's Veterans Day celebration at Cullman Regional airport. In previous years, the event has been split between the airport and Veterans' Park at Sportsman Lake, but planners decided to consolidate their resources into a single event this time.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Good Morning Vietnam," a commemoration highlighting the service of area Vietnam veterans. The event will take place Saturday, Nov. 4.

"This is the week before the Veterans Day," explained Event Coordinator Max Townson, "and we chose this to honor our country's veterans early this year, so as to allow them to travel to either Huntsville or Birmingham for parades on the official holiday.

"There will be no celebration this year at Sportsman Lake Park. We will have the entire event at the Cullman Regional Airport, so as to accommodate a larger crowd. While we will honor all of our veterans, this year we will focus primarily on our veterans from Vietnam, and the music will be featured, and the displays and equipment of that era."

Attractions at the airport will include:

- Vietnam War-style fortified bunker
- USO field canteen
- Pleiku field hospital
- Uniform and weapon display
- Interview with a Vietnam War Medal of Honor recipient
- Vietnam-era helicopters, including UH-1 "Huey," CH-47 "Chinook," AH-1 "Cobra," OH-6 "Loach"
- Vietnam-era airplanes, including O-2 "Skymaster" and L-19/O-1 "Bird Dog" forward air control/observation planes, and C-130 "Hercules"
- For a fee, visitors can take rides in helicopters
- DJs playing music of the Vietnam era
- Vietnam War reenactors

Aside from the Vietnam War exhibits, Eckenrod Ford and the City of Cullman will host a 1928 Ford Tri-Motor, history's first mass-produced commercial airliner.

The aircraft will be on display, and the Experimental Aircraft Association will be taking visitors on paid flights from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Nov. 3-5. Advance tickets are $70, with walk-up tickets available for $75.

In conjunction with the Ford Motor Company aircraft, the event will also feature:

- Ford Tri-Motor film in the terminal lounge
- Vintage Ford car show
- 1920's music, dance, and reenactors from Wallace State

Wallace State History instructor Leigh Ann Courington added, "Since the Ford Tri-Motor plane flew from 1927 to 1933, as (Townson) mentioned, our area--the passenger lounge--will be showing the film, and we will also represent the late 1920s to early 1930s time period.

"We will have posters of the plane, but also some from movies of the time period, some movie posters, some advertising product posters from the time period. We will have a few people in period dress. My friend Randall Chambers will be one of them, and a couple more in period dress.

"Interspersed with the video of the Ford plane, we will show some actual movies from the late 1920s, actors such as Charlie Chaplin and Rudolph Valentino.

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Protecting local seniors goal of Scam Jam & Health Fair

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Elderly residents can be some of the most vulnerable people in a community. Not only are they at increased risk for many health issues, but many scammers and con artists target older victims who might not be up-to-date on prevalent fraud attempts. The Cullman County Commission on Aging, working with the Better Business Bureau (BBB) and the North Alabama Regional Council of Governments (NARCOG), aim to help protect the older residents of Cullman County with their annual Scam Jam & Health Fair.

The Commission on Aging has held its annual health fair for more than 10 years, but the Scam Jam has only been around for three years. The combination of the two events means double the benefit, helping protect both the health and personal security of local senior citizens at the same time.

The health fair part of the event provided free screenings to check bone density, blood pressure and BMI, and also provided information to patients and/or caregivers about home health care, assisted living or rehabilitation programs.

Lorri Lee, health promotion coordinator for the Commission on Aging, stated that the fair usually sees a lot of people with hypertension, diabetes and chronic fatigue, as well as people taking care of Alzheimer's or dementia patients, so the information is extremely helpful.

The other portion of the event, the Scam Jam, included a fraud prevention panel with speakers who work in law enforcement, business and security.

The panel discussed common scams like door-to-door con artists, people who try to get money or personal information through false email, telephone or postal messages, and Medicare fraud from doctors billing patients for treatments

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1st canned beers roll off the line at Goat Island Brewing

"Yes, we can!" is the marketing slogan for the new canned Goat Island beer

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CULLMAN – When William Frederick Richter's original late 1800's Richter's Saloon beer recipe was discovered in a downtown Cullman attic and turned over to the crew at Goat Island Brewing, a true Cullman classic was given new life. By 2016, Richter's Pilsner had become Goat Island's flagship flavor when it won a bronze medal in the Alabama Craft Beer Championship. On Thursday morning, the brew passed another milestone as it became Goat Island's first beer to be canned.

Iron Heart Mobile Canning brought its equipment and personnel to the Cullman brewery, and set up shop right on the brew floor to fill

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Alabama Flyboard brings unique experience to Cullman

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CULLMAN – Thanks to the entrepreneurship of Blake Harper, visitors to Smith Lake can now experience the thrill of flyboarding.

Previously available primarily in tourist traps and coastal cities, flyboarding is now available on Smith Lake, through Harper's company, Alabama Flyboarding.

"It feels a little bit like the first time you ride a roller-coaster," Harper said about flyboarding. "You're excited and nervous, and then you're above the water, the jets are pushing you up, and 10 feet above the water feels like 100."

This is the first year for Alabama Flyboarding, and the company has only been active for the past month, but Harper hopes to finish this summer season strong, and have a great summer next year.

"I just want to get my name out there, you know," Harper said.

Alabama Flyboarding is something that Harper is currently running with the help of two other employees, and he only runs the service on weekends.

"You're able to set up appointments and pay from the revamped website," Harper said.

Harper says he can meet customers at any location around Smith Lake: Smith Lake Park, Trident Marina or even private residences. Alabama Flyboarding is not affiliated with any parks or marinas, however. Harper just uses those locations as landmarks.

"We are mobile, and as long as you have a public access road with a ramp, we can be there," he explained.

The prices are all available on the Alabama Flyboarding website, www.alabamaflyboard.com, along with videos and links to more information about the up-and-coming sport. Get more information at 205-900-7305.

To participate, riders have to be at least 10 years old, and Harper gives a 10-minute briefing to all participants before they get on the board, teaching them the hand signals and how to communicate with him as he operates the machinery.



JWB PHOTOGRAPHY

Flyboarding allows riders to "fly" vertically, 10 feet above the surface of the water.

What exactly IS flyboarding?

"Flyboard is an extreme water sport, the newest action water sport in the area. A flyboard is a foot-mounted board which is connected to a personal watercraft (waverunner) via a 60-ft. hose.

The output which would usually propel the watercraft is redirected to two jets on the bottom of the flyboard, creating lift. Our trained, professional flyboard operator will be controlling the throttle of the waverunner, so all you have to do is fly!"

Beers (from Front)

cans with fresh Richter's Pilsner straight from the vat.

Goat Island President/CEO Mike Mullaney explained, "This is the first time we've ever canned beer, and we're canning the Richter's Pilsner. Iron Heart Mobile Canning have come in with their mobile canning unit. We've got an assembly operation going; a lot of our friends of the brewery are donating their time today, just coming in and having fun helping us."

The portable canning line unloaded empty and topless cans from pallets, lined them up, and gave them a last-minute cleaning inside before they were filled.

The apparatus then attached and sealed the lids as the cans made their way down to the packaging table.

There, Goat Island staff and volunteers loaded them in cardboard cases, attached six-pack connectors and stacked the trays on pallets.

Each case held 24 cans, and each pallet held 100 cases. Pallets well taller than anyone in the building were lined up one behind the other, as the operation produced more than 19,000 cans.

"We have distributors coming today," said Mullaney, "to pretty much buy at least 70 percent of these and take them off our hands. They're not going to stick around too long; they're going to be distributed throughout the whole state of Alabama."

Why cans?

"Cans are better for the beer," said Iron Heart's Mo Oelker, who was on hand to supervise the day's operation.

"An aluminum can allows no light or oxygen to get to the beer. A glass bottle, even the different colored ones, light can still penetrate the glass, and that leads to oxidation in the beer. The same thing with a bottle cap: it's not an airtight seal, it's a liquid-tight seal. Oxygen can get in the bottles.

"The other benefit of an aluminum can is that it's 100 percent recyclable. The life cycle of an aluminum can is about 90 days. From the time we fill it, if a consumer would drink that can next week and put it in the recycling process, it can be back as a brand-new can in 90 days."

Iron Heart Mobile Canning is a national company based in New Hampshire, with branches around the country.

Oelker shared a little about what the company does, "We're the South Division of Iron Heart Canning. We have canning lines located in Nashville, Tennessee; Birmingham, Alabama; and Atlanta, Georgia. We cover the whole southeast, from Florida to Kentucky and everything in between. Through the month of July, we have canned over three million cans of beer this year. We have 34 customers right now, around the South."

With Goat Island on board, Iron Heart has served seven Alabama brewers, with two more slated to begin canning soon. Five other Alabama breweries do their own canning.

Taking it all in

Mullaney doesn't just have a professional interest in the commercial success of the cans leaving his brewery. For him, it's also a family affair; his wife is a direct descendant of William Frederick Richter. Lisa Richter Mullaney was present for the canning with her father John Richter.

"It's exciting," she said later. "I don't know how to describe it; it's just exciting!"

"This is a milestone for us," said Mike Mullaney. "I think this may bring us to the next level. People in the business tell us it's a big thing to start canning. We're going to be in places where we haven't been before, like grocery stores and places that don't serve draft beer. This is something we've been looking (at) for a long time."

Goat Island Brewing hopes to hold another canning day in about two months, then featuring its Sipsey River Red brew. And as it extends its reach further into the wholesale market, the company holds fast to its hometown operation, with expanded hours at its Tap Room located at 1646-A John H. Cooper Dr. SE in Cullman. It is now open 2-10 p.m. every day except Sunday, when the business is closed.

Mike Mullaney is one of the four owners of Goat Island. Mullaney and partners Brad Glenn (Tap Room manager), John Dean (marketing) and Gery Teichmiller (brewmaster) created the company after success with a one-barrel home brewery as the Blue Moose Brew Crew at the former Blue Moose Cafe and Brew Pub in 2013.

Celebration (from Front)

And since, of course, most of the movies from that period were silent--1927 was the first movie with sound, but still most movies were silent--we'll have 20's music playing in the background." The event will also feature skydiving demonstrations, a Civil War encampment, and Civil War artillery demonstrations.

Cullman's Veterans Day celebration is sponsored by the Cullman Elks Lodge 1609, who took over from the VFW in 2015.

Lodge representative Patrick James said, "We are extremely honored to be able to help recognize the local veterans of our community, and are looking forward to a great day at the Cullman Airport."

For more information, or to pre-book a flight, visit https://www.cullmanveteransday.com/celebration-2017.

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Poet's Corner

A Reading Adventure

By: Randy C. Hale

The best part of
a vacation is picking my books.

Throwing things out that took up space.
Making more room for my books a place.

Sitting on the beach and taking rest.
Reading from the pages I like best.

It doesn't matter if I've read before
or just got a new one from the store.

Having some laughs to myself.
Sometimes crying from sad things felt.

Getting lost in time in a far off place.
Showing excitement on my face.

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sitting on a stump with a good old book.

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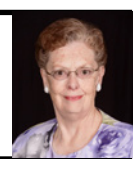
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News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



Good morning *Tribune* readers and families. Welcome students and teachers back to school days. It seems strange to be returning to school in the warm weather, as it still seems like the middle of summer. Of course, if you'll remember in the older times, we were in school during the month of August also. The first major holiday for teachers and students will be the Labor Day Weekend in September.

As is the custom at the beginning of June, many United Methodist Churches usually have a "fruit basket turn-over," as far as new pastors coming and going to different churches.

Such is the case for the Holly Pond Church this year. Reverend T. Dwight Kidd, Senior, became the new pastor at Holly Pond United Methodist Church.

Reverend Kidd is a native of South Carolina but grew up in Birmingham.

He is a single parent of three adult children and has nine grandchildren with another one due in August.

Reverend Kidd is a graduate of Samford University with a B. A. Degree, Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, with a Master of Divinity Degree and University of Montevallo with an Ed. M. Degree in Marriage and family Counseling.

Reverend Kidd has been a Methodist Pastor for the past ten years in churches in Oneonta and Morris.

He is also President and CEO of The Grace Group, a Christian counseling organization providing services since 2007; he is a licensed professional counselor and a National Certified Counselor.

Among his hobbies are the piano, golf, writing, photography and snow skiing.

Welcome to Bronco Land Reverend Kidd. We are glad to have you.

Our community has lost a dear friend recently to a sudden death.

Doug Scott died in his home on Friday, July 28th. Doug was the son of Mrs. Lorene Gorham Scott and the late Dwight Scott.

They all lived in Holly Pond. Doug was married to Joyce Taylor Scott, who was originally from the Bethlehem East Baptist Church area of Hanceville.

Doug and Joyce were the parents of Brandan, Shane and Cindy.

There are also a few grandchildren. Doug and Joyce were extremely devout Christians and a church-going family.

At the present time Doug and Joyce were attending the Bethlehem East Baptist Church.

Doug was a devoted father and grandfather, who did everything for his family. Doug and Joyce were also retired school teachers, among those at the Saint Paul's Lutheran School in Cullman. Doug will be sorely missed in his church and our community.

Scott and Tracey Adams have had a transition in their family. Colby and Adrien recently moved to North Carolina, where Colby will begin his studies at the seminary there.

One of our native sons, the Reverend Alvin Reid is on the faculty there.

A few of the members of the Dripping Springs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution attended a meeting the weekend of August 4th, 5th and 6th in Birmingham.

This Meeting of the Districts is an annual informational and update event as chapters plan for the next year's activities.

Until next week, stay cool, watch out especially for children getting on and off school busses.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

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From The Files Of 1964

W.F. Looney Dies

Funeral services were held on January 22nd, at the Corinth West Church, for William Frazer Looney, age 73, of Route Three, Vinemont, who died at his residence on January 20th.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Callie Looney; one brother, Pachal Looney and several nieces and nephews.

Army Private Gerard G. Smith, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Artice D. Smith and wife, Patricia, live at 1303 Katherine Street, Cullman and other members of 1 Corps, took part in Exercise Snow Storm, in Korea.

The week-long training maneuver was designed to test the corps' ability to operate in Korean winter conditions and to measure the effect of extreme cold on men and equipment.

Smith, a member of the corps' 547th Engineer Company in Korea, entered the Army in May, 1963, completed basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana and arrived overseas the following October.

The 23-year-old soldier attended Cullman High School.

E.H. Self Dies

Earsey H. Self, age 68, of Garden City, died on January 19th, at Cullman Hospital and funeral services were held at Mount Carmel, on January 21st, with the Reverend J.T. Farmer officiating and Moss Service directing interment.

Survivors include two sons, Carl and Charles Self and three daughters, Mrs. Ethel Baldwin, Mrs. Wayne Bussey and Mrs. Beatrice Young.

Logan News

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Young were called to the bedside of Mr. Young's seriously ill brother, Edgar Young, on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Sinyard, Milton Sinyard and Opal Couch drove to Birmingham on Thursday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Tanksley and Theo Thornton drove to Cullman on Monday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wright, of Eva, spent a few days with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Tucker. Milton C. Sinyard and Opal Couch drove to Tuscaloosa on Friday, to bring William Sinyard home for a few months.

Reverend and Mrs. Alfred Coefield were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Tanksley, on Sunday.

Miss Mary Tanksley was in Nashville, Tennessee, over the weekend, buying furniture.

Barbee Rites Held

Alton Barbee, age 19, of Route Five, Cullman, died on January 20th, at East Lake Nursing Home and funeral services were held at Duck River, with the Reverend Joe Hayes and the Reverend Vernon Willey officiating and Moss Service directing interment.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barbee; one son, Elton Barbee; one brother, Elbert Barbee and four sisters, Mrs. Mildred Walker, Mrs. Meadie Grimmett, Mrs. Rachel Leipert and Mrs. Iona White.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, the average person, in India, consumes about a dime's worth of food a day and an American eats $1.07 worth.

Avery Taylor Honored

Avery Taylor, Decatur Group Manager for Southern Bell Telephone Company was presented a thirty-year gold service pin on January 14th. C.T. Happer, Junior, General Commercial Manager for Southern Bell, made the presentation.

Mr. Taylor began his telephone career on January 8th, 1934, as a salesman in the Commercial Department, at Birmingham. Taylor has served in the position of

Decatur Manager, since June 1st, 1948. Mrs. Taylor and C.D. Price, North Alabama Division Commercial Manager and several local company officials attended the luncheon, at the Decatur County Club, honoring Mr. Taylor.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I have reached yet another milestone year

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Well, it appears that I have gone and done it again. Honestly, it didn't take much effort on my part. All I had to do was keep on breathing. Well, you know, there are certain things I did and didn't do along the way that helped me to get there. I don't smoke, I don't drink, I make it a habit to look both ways before I cross the road, and I don't pass cars on double yellow lines. I had my first colon-not-so- sweet this year and everything checked out A-Okay! I'm praying for the same from a biopsy I just had.

Yes Sir, I've done it all right, I've gone and had myself another birthday.

On the twenty-eighth of July, I clicked off another year. This one was not just any birthday, it was a big one.

Now, unlike some people, I am not ashamed of my age. I read the obituaries every day and thank God that I haven't come across my own name in there yet. I am proud to have lived this long.

Each year we are given is special, but this birthday was one of those milestone years. You know, there are certain markers along the way; years that are special, because they bring with them certain benefits or privileges.

We look forward to those years. Nobody looks forward to turning twenty-seven, or forty- three, but now sixteen, we all looked forward to that one.

That's the year we gained our freedom and the streets and the highways around us became a little more dangerous.

My first milestone birthday was six because that was the year I began my formal education at Plainview Elementary. Quite honestly, I can't remember looking forward to that one. Now, ten - ten was a different story. I couldn't wait to turn ten because ten has two digits. Thirteen was a biggie. I was officially a teenager. I was no longer a kid, although all the sixteen year olds still thought so. That brings about the question of when does one become an adult?

That may well be when we've begun to turn off the unused lights in the house, because we are the one paying the electric bill. Birthday wise, this may come at eighteen or twenty-one, but I've heard it said that our brains aren't fully developed until around age twenty-five.

I've known a few who apparently needed even a few more birthdays. Twenty-five also brings a break in insurance rates.

I was depressed when I turned thirty. They throw us a big party when we turn forty, but they bring black balloons, and dead flowers, and they sing dirges.

Now sixty-two – there is a milestone year worth celebrating. I was a little disappointed when I went back to Golden Corral to take advantage of their senior pricing to learn that it actually starts at sixty!

Think of all the money I could have saved over those two years. I could begin drawing my social security this year, but I think I'll wait. I can stay at a Holiday Inn Express for less, and for just ten bucks I can get a lifetime senior pass to the U.S. National parks! Some theatres give sixty-two years olds a break and with the price of movies, we can use it.

I am sincerely thankful for these sixty- two years of life and blessings. God is the giver of all good things, including birthdays. I'm looking forward to a few more birthdays here, and then, well, we won't count years or anymore.

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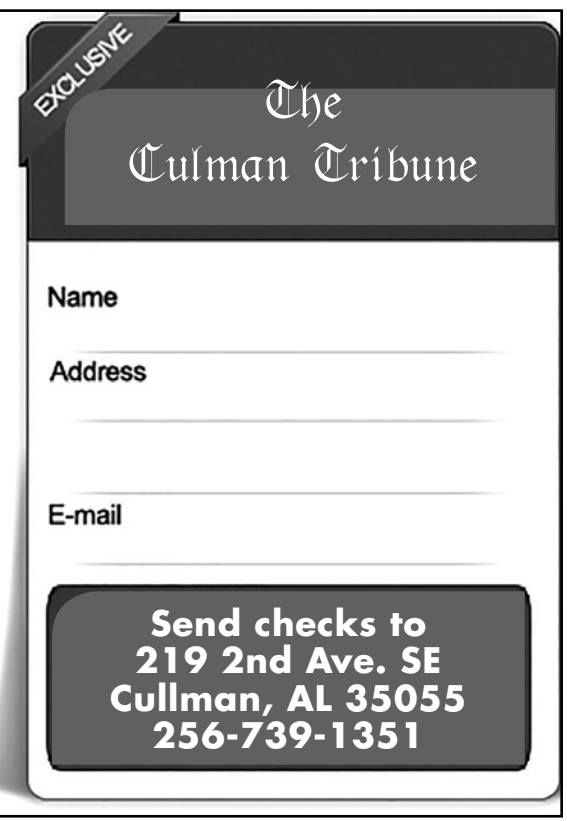
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Educators in Industry: area teachers tour local industries

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent



HEATHER MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

One of the tour groups

CULLMAN – A teacher's job is to help kids learn. As students get older, much of their education is geared toward preparing them for college. However, college is just one option. Teachers also work to prepare students to enter the skilled workforce directly. Each graduating class has the potential to bring new workers to Cullman industries; Cullman Area Workforce Solutions (CAWS), a partnership between Cullman area industries, business leaders, community leaders, educators and other individuals dedicated to improving the workforce in Cullman, believes that teachers who invest so much time with these students are great recruiters for local industries.

Thursday morning, more than 300 educators from all over the county - middle and high school teachers from every subject - were broken into groups, and each group toured two of 17 industries who agreed to be part of the 2017 Educators in Industry Tour:

- Advanced Heat Treat
- REHAU
- Louisiana Pacific
- WSCC Technical Programs Tour (two parts)
- Sequence Health
- Yutaka
- Cash Acme/Reliance Worldwide (Manufacturing & Distribution)
- Royal Technologies
- Cullman Cabinet
- Webb Wheel
- Topre America Corporation
- Cullman Regional
- Perfection Chain
- West Rock
- Inland Buildings

This was not the first tour of its kind. Susan Eller, project coordinator for the Cullman Economic Development Agency, shared that an industry tour took place in 2015, but this year gave the teachers a chance to see something they may not have seen the last time.

The Tribune hopped on the bus with the group that toured Royal Technologies and Cullman Regional.

Royal Technologies

Royal Technologies was started in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and this year will mark its 30th anniversary. It specializes in injection molding for plastic forms as well as urethane foam cushions, serving both the automotive and furniture industries.

There are five plants in three states (one in Alabama, one in Texas and three in Michigan), and the Cullman plant has been here since 2010. The campus spans 216,000 square feet, holds 39 presses ranging between 85-750 tons, and works with many familiar automotive brands (BMW, Ford, Honda, Toyota, Hyundai, Kia, GM and Daimler).

On the factory floor, the tour guides pointed out the different stations for injection molding, foam work and parts assembly.

The workers on the foam station took pride in producing both furniture foam and memory foam on the same line, which is incredibly rare, and also mentioned that the rejected foam pieces are ground up and recycled into carpet pads.

The guides around the injection molding and assembly stations showed the different robots and their jobs, and the precision technology used to match the colors on automotive parts. Near the door to the main entrance, the workers had set up a school supply drive to help students.

Royal Technologies is employee-owned, taking part in the Employee Stock Ownership Plan. Workers receive quarterly bonuses equivalent to two weeks' salary or higher, and workers who want to go back to school can receive tuition reimbursement from the company. Other benefits include healthcare and a 401k.

The company requires a high school diploma or GED for employment, though higher job positions may require at least a two-year degree. Overall, employers at Royal say they look for character over qualifications, because they believe that anyone can be trained for a job but you can't train someone to have good character.

Cullman Regional

Cullman Regional has been treating patients for 78 years, 22 of those years at its current location. The hospital was first built with $3,000 from the county and employed six nurses. Today, it is staffed by approximately 1,000 employees and more than 200 medical staff, and it generates an annual revenue of $100 million. The hospital is nonprofit (meaning it makes money to invest in new medical technology or patient care rather than making money to pay out to investors at the end of the year), but until 2014 it was operating in a negative margin.

With James Clements as the new CEO starting in 2013, Cullman Regional now generates enough revenue to build a fifth floor (adding 30 more beds) and has seen a volume growth of 23 percent.

Some services and amenities at the hospital include a free valet service for both patients and visitors, a pool for aquatic therapy, the Wound Healing Center with pure oxygen therapy for non-healing wounds, and several updates to patient rooms.

The hospital aimed to make the rooms more hotel-like to help patients feel more at ease, so many updated rooms include amenities such as couches, closets, hair dryers, recliners and wooden meal trays rather than stark metal. Maternity rooms also include more sitting space and a cupboard that opens to reveal a crib and medical station, so the nurses can take a baby's vitals without having to take the newborn out of the room.

Cullman Regional offers its workers benefits like health insurance with family coverage and low deductibles, a pharmacy just for employees, an employee-only gym and tuition reimbursement. Workers who are contracted through an outside company have the same access as hospital employees. The administrative jobs require at least a high school diploma or GED, but many of the medical positions require either certification or an associate degree at the very least.

The Educators in Industry Tour was made possible by Daystar Church (host location), the Cullman Area Technology Academy (provided tour buses), Chick-fil-a (catering) and the following volunteers and sponsors:

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4. Wallace State Success Coaches - Christine Wiggins, Julie Grimes, Susan Peek and Jill Strickland
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- All Industrial Tour participants

Fair (from Front)

or procedures that never happened.

Speakers on the panel included:

- Elizabeth Garcia, Better Business Bureau
- Investigator Trevor Clemmons, Cullman County Sheriff's Office
- Clint Niemeyer, Alabama Securities Commission
- Daniel Friend, Family Security Credit Union
- Chief Kenny Culpepper, Cullman Police Department
- Detective Tony Robinson, United States Postal Inspection Service

The Tribune asked three of the event's organizers for their thoughts and comments about the fair as a whole.

Lorri Lee, Commission on Aging: "It's a great event. I invite everyone to come out and just get to know some of our local vendors and the vendors from the surrounding areas - Decatur, Huntsville, Arab. I also don't think you can learn too much about frauds and how to avoid scams, things like that.

"I think it's a nice community event to reach out to everyone. The free screenings and stuff like that, you can't beat that either, and the people we have in here are great at what they do."

Cissy Pearson, NARCOG: "It's such a critical thing to provide education to our seniors in particular because they are the most vulnerable in the nation right now for scams, and there are so many new scams that are coming out every single day. That's why it's so critical to keep them informed of what the latest scams are and how to protect themselves, so we're gonna give them the tools today to show they can protect themselves and who they need to report it to. So many times they fail to actually report it, and we need to know what's happening - the law enforcement, the securities commission, the other professionals need to know what's going on so that they can put a stop to it and prevent it from happening to others."

Dusty Baker, Commission on Aging: "It's such a two-way event. You know, we learn from them, and the law enforcement and everybody, they learn from us. We're here to help each other and make the community better and protect our seniors. They shouldn't have to worry about this stuff at their age and at that point in their life, and that's what we're here for: to protect them."

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Show-stopping Clematis

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent



Grown in fertile soil, with medium moisture, and well-drained containers, in full sun to part shade, these vining plants are showstoppers. Best suited for sunny locations where the flowering parts of the vine are in sun, they will also flower to a lesser extent in part shade, provided that the roots are shaded. Some light afternoon shade is usually beneficial in hot and humid summer climates such as north Alabama.

Clematis vines do best when grown on a trellis or some other support.

Roots should be kept cool, shaded and uniformly moist. Root areas may be shaded with perennials, annuals or small shrubs. Mulching is a good way to keep roots cool and shaded. Do not allow soil to dry out or you can lose this fragile plant.

Noteworthy characteristics

Clematis is a genus of over 250 species. Plants are often divided into three groups based on pruning needs. I have had great luck with pruning my purple clematis, forcing it to rebloom each time it's trimmed, throughout the summer and fall.

Problems

No serious insect or disease problems, however, it is susceptible to wilt/stem rot (can be fatal), powdery mildew, leaf spots, rust and viruses. Potential insect pests include aphids, vine weevils, slugs/snails, scale and earwigs. Watch for spider mites. If you see any of these, spray with a product that works for insects and diseases.

Garden uses

Clematis look great at eye level when grown on a wall, trellis, fence, arbor, porch, lamppost or other stationary structure. They provide good architectural height and framework for small gardens. They can also be planted to sprawl over and through shrubs, scramble over old stumps or simply as a ground cover in conjunction with other flowering perennials. I use one of mine on the ground next to an ornamental Koi pond. People don't recognize what it is because they aren't used to seeing on at foot level.



LORETTA GILLESPIE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Clematis

The details
Common Name: Clematis
Type: Vine
Family: Ranunculaceae
Zone: 4 to 8
Height: 6- 8 feet
Spread: 3- 6 feet
Bloom Time: June to September
Bloom Description: Pale blue to blue-violet double flowers
Sun: Full sun to part shade
Water: Medium
Maintenance: Low
Flower: Showy
Tolerate: Deer, Black Walnut

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Obituary Announcements: Aug. 5

Judy Bittle, 68, of Oneonta, AL., passed away on August 2, 2017. She loved her family and her grandchildren and was a graduate of OHS Class of 1967. She enjoyed traveling with her family and also enjoyed working. Preceding her in death were her parents Birdo and Floy Beshears Miller; husband John David Bittle; brothers Arthur and Jerry Miller; sister Hazel Weaver and son-in-law Larry Brown. Survivors include her daughter Amy Bittle Brown of Oneonta; sons Dawayne Bittle (Angie Cole) of Oneonta and David Bittle (Elizabeth) of Tuscaloosa; grandchildren Abby and Logan Brown, McKenzie, Grayson, Walker and William Bittle, Jessica Curtin (Corey), Dustin Vieten, Zackary And Whitlee Bittle; great grandchildren Brantley and Kinsley Curtin; brother Gerald Miller of Susan Moore; sisters Mavis Gunter of Brooksville, Dorothy Rogers of Inglenook and Billie Ashworth of Shannon, AL.; sisters-in-law Ruth Miller of Gardendale and Jean Miller of Oneonta; a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be held in the Chapel of Lemley Funeral Home on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 1 p.m. with Bro. Dan Boatman and Bro. Jeff Turner officiating. Burial will follow in Bethel Cemetery at Snead. Serving as pallbearers will be Danny Gunter, Randy Ashworth, Rusty Ashworth, Mike Miller, Toby Kemp and Curt Hamby. Lemley Funeral Home and Crematory directing.

Christine Miller, 86 of Houston, entered into rest on August 2, 2017 at Cordova Health and Rehabilitation. She was born on July 28, 1931 in Houston, Alabama. Mrs. Miller was a member of the Houston Church of God for over 50 years. Visitation will be held on Saturday from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Houston Church of God, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Pastor Robert Partridge and Pastor Parker Darnell. Burial will be at Houston Community Cemetery. She is survived by her son, Randy Miller and his wife Lora Miller; daughter, Katrina Gilbert and her husband Scott; sister, Katie Chaffin; she was Granny to Summer (Dustin) Taylor, Starla (Parker) Darnell and Skye (Brandon) Blanton; and 7 great grandchildren, Eden Taylor, Nevaeh Taylor, Judah Darnell, Jed Darnell, Tytus Taylor, Hart Blanton and Esther Darnell. She was preceded in death by her husband, Claud Miller; parents, Margaret and Charlie Williams; sisters, Exar Canaday, Esther Sachs, and Pernie Hulsey; brothers, John Williams and Earl Williams.

Robert Roy Wehmeyer, 94, husband of the late Elner Nadine Murphree Wehmeyer, entered into rest Tuesday, August 2, 2017, in Augusta, GA, after an extended illness. Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 5, 2017, at 12 p.m. from the chapel of Lemley Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Bobby Hullett officiating. Interment will follow in Antioch Cemetery. Mr. Wehmeyer, son of the late Joseph A. and Blanche Hesslemeyer Wehmeyer, and stepson of the late Gladys F. Wehemeyer, was a native of St. Louis, MO. He served our country in the U.S. Navy as a signalman during World War II from 1943-1946, and participated in the D-Day Normandy Invasion. After the war, he completed his schooling in St. Louis. He later moved to Alabama, married and began teaching. He retired from teaching, having taught at Appalachian Elementary School in Oneonta, AL; Gore Elementary in Summerville, GA; and The Academy of Richmond County in Augusta, GA, where he taught history. Mr. Wehmeyer continued to work and then retired from Trust Company Bank in Augusta, GA. He is also known for his beautiful oil paintings. He was preceded in death by his sister Opal Lambert; and brothers, Raymond Wehmeyer and Donald Wehmeyer. He is survived by his children, Colon Wehmeyer (Janice) of Augusta, and Gene Wehmeyer (Judy) of Covington, GA; his grandchildren, Heather Lever (Rob), Ryan Wehmeyer, Joshua Wehmeyer, Kelly Pollard, and Kacey Wyatt (David); and great-grandchildren, Kaetlyn, Haidyn, Lauryn, Olivia, and Ella Lever; Malachite and Fairuza Pollard; and Lillian and Julie Wyatt; numerous nieces and nephews; and by a special friend, Margaret Tynes. Pallbearers will be his grandson Ryan Wehmeyer, great-grandson Malachite Pollard, and grandson-in-law Rob Lever. The family would like to thank Kindred Hospice in Augusta for their care. The family will receive friends Saturday, August 5, 2017, from 11 a.m. until the hour of service at the funeral home. Lemley Funeral Home and Crematory directing.

Daryl Dean Smith, 54 of Addison, passed away on August 3, 2017 in Cullman. Daryl was born on January 5, 1963 in Haleyville. He graduated from Addison high School in 1981, and currently worked for the Tool Shed in Cullman. Daryl enjoyed baseball and watching Auburn football, playing with his grandchildren and helping anyone he could. He was a great father, son and PawPaw Fred. Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2017 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home, where services will be held on Sunday at 2 p.m. Brother Michael Turner will officiate. Burial will be at Arley Congregational Church Cemetery. He is survived by his mother, Kathleen Smith; son, John B. Smith and his wife Deana; brothers, Brent (Candy0 Smith and Steven Smith; sisters, Cindy (David) Reed and Sharon Adams; he was PawPaw Fred to 2 grandchildren, Mackinzey and Jase Smith; nieces and nephews, Katie, Brett, Kevin, Kristie, Wesley, Chris, Scott and Patrick; and a host of cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, JB Smith; grandparents, Roy and Laura Walker; and grandparents, John and Georgia Smith.

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Wallace State OTA graduates ready to change people's lives

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – The 37 graduates of the Wallace State Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant program's Class of 2017 are entering a field that turned 100 years old this year, said program director Dr. Allen Keener.

"The very first OT practitioners worked with injured World War I soldiers who were returning from combat," Keener said. "They used contrived activities, such as woodworking and crafts to help ease the deficits that were left behind by battle in their mental health and their physical health, to help them reintegrate into society.

"Although our health care system has changed a lot since then, and our professional practice has changed since then, our profession's focus on meaningful and necessary life activities has remained," he added.

Kelly Krigbaum, the program's coordinator of academic fieldwork, told the graduates she knows they will succeed in their new careers. "You all have huge, caring hearts, and I believe each of you came into this profession for the right reasons and are ready to change people's lives."

Class president Chris Self encouraged his classmates to do just that as they enter the workforce well prepared for their careers.

"The professors have given us everything we need to go out and make a difference in people's lives," Self said. "They've prepared us for whatever we'll encounter and now it's our turn to go and pass on what we've learned to make people's lives better. I think that we've chosen a great profession."

Torrea Talton, who was the program's nominee for the Excellence in Health Award and winner of the 2017 OTA Program Award, agreed with the previous assessments. "We have such a special class that is full of creativity and big hearts."

Talton shared her experience with a patient she cared for during her clinical rotation. Suffering from Alzheimer's, her patient couldn't recognize family or even herself in photos, but maintained a cheerful attitude. "She was the most complimentary lady," Talton said. "She had the most uplifting things to say every morning. I got in the habit of greeting her the same way she would greet me every day.

"Well, about week six, I walked in and she was already up in her chair, and I said, 'Good morning, beautiful,' and she just smiled at me so big and said, 'I know you.'" Talton said she's not sure if the woman really remembered her, but hopes so. "I just want y'all to remember to be kind and smile and compliment your patients, because it does leave an impression."



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Wallace State Community College Occupational Therapy instructors Gail Hyatt, left, Kelly Krigbaum and Dr. Allen Keener look at a gift from the Class of 2017, presented by class president Chris Self and vice president Rachel Ryan, a brown scrub shirt signed by all of the members of the class. The students presented the gift during the class's pinning ceremony.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program is a five-semester program, with two semesters of pre-requisite courses followed by three semesters of program-specific courses. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts employment of OTAs will grow 43 percent from 2014 to 2024, making it one the fastest-growing occupations.

For more information about the OTA program, contact Keener at 256-352-8333 or allen.keener@wallacestate.edu. The OTA program accepts new students each fall, with the application deadline of June 1.

Wallace State Salon and Spa Management hosting special program for women affected by cancer

Look Good Feel Better program will take place Aug. 25 at 9 a.m.

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State Community College's Salon and Spa Management program will host an outreach program through the American Cancer Society that helps women deal with the physical changes brought about by treatments for cancer. The program will host a Look Good Feel Better program on Friday, Aug. 25 at 9 a.m. in a classroom of the program's state-of-the-art facility. The class is open to anyone about to start treatments, in treatment or who has recently completed treatment.

Program director Sabrina Flanigan will lead the session, which shares simple techniques on skin care, makeup, and nail care, and gives practical tips on hair loss, wigs and head coverings.

The program is a collaboration with the Personal Care Products Council Foundation, the American Cancer Society, and the Professional Beauty Association.

"I'm very excited and honored to get to be a part of this program," said Flanigan.

"We all know someone who's been affected by cancer, and as professionals in the cosmetology industry there's a strong chance our students will one day have a client facing cancer and the side effects of treatments. I hope our participation in the Look Good Feel Better program will not only help people in our community who need this service but will help our students as they prepare to serve others through their work."

According to the American Cancer Society, Look Good Feel Better began in 1987 when a physician asked for help in organizing a makeover for a woman in cancer treatment who was experiencing dramatic appearance side effects.

The makeover not only transformed her looks, but also her outlook, the Look Good Feel Better website notes about its first session.

The Personal Care Products Council, which helped with that first event, saw the potential to help more women maintain their confidence and their self-esteem during such a trying time. Industry leaders offered products and sponsorships and the American Cancer Society joined in the effort, as well as the Professional Beauty Association.

Today, the Look Good Feel Better program is available in every state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico using products donated by the Personal Care Products Council member companies.

There is also a 24-hour hotline, online support, self-help mailer kits and more offered through the program.

There's also an app available for both Android and iPhone.

Wallace State's goal is to host two Look Good Feel Better programs each year during the fall and spring semesters.

Area residents who are in or recently completed treatments are welcome to attend at no cost.

To register for the session, call the American Cancer Society at 800-227-2345.

For more information about Look Good Feel Better visit www.lookgoodfeelbetter.org.

AL Troopers need your vote

Fun, Best Looking Cruiser Contest runs until Aug. 14

Jesse Thornton
ALEA

MONTGOMERY – It's time again for the American Association of State Troopers' annual Best Looking Cruiser Contest – and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) needs your vote!

During the contest, which began Friday, Aug. 4, everyone is encouraged to "like" the photo of ALEA's 2017 Ford Police Interceptor sedan using the link on ALEA's Facebook page. The photo that receives the most "likes" will be featured on the cover of the AAST's 2018 calendar. The top 13 states' photos also will be included in the calendar.

"This contest is a fun way for Troopers from different states to interact and enjoy a little friendly competition," Alabama's Secretary of Law Enforcement Hal Taylor said.

The Best Looking Cruiser Contest has become a tradition since the AAST launched it in 2014 – also the year Alabama came in fourth place.

This year's contest runs through 4 p.m. (CDT) Monday, Aug. 14. Until then, "like" and share the post, and help ALEA win first place! Winners will be announced the following day.

Here's the link to vote: http://qrne.ws/contest



ALEA

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
AUGUST 5, 2017

Day 2 of McKenzie ASA Classic draws bigger crowds; more expected

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Day two of the McKenzie ASA Classic Archery Tournament is complete and even more competitors have made it to Cullman for the weekend stretch of this year's event. In all, around 1,800 archers are expected on the grounds of St. Bernard Abbey.

Day two's main draw was round one of the team shoot events, the Open Pro, Women's Pro, Senior Pro and Known Pro events. The events will continue into the weekend along with some other professional level events as well as ranges for Limb Saver shoots open throughout the weekend.

One of the new participants in town, Colorado resident Andre Earthly, drove himself and 18 others more than 24 hours to make it to this year's competition. Earthly has been traveling to these tournaments for several years and started getting into archery through hunting white tail deer and hogs in east Texas.

"We try to come to these every year." Earthly said. "I've been doing archery at a competitive level since 2000 and I've been shooting a bow since 1997."

Like some other archers from different parts of the country, the humidity has been an adjustment not just for his comfort but for his performance in the events.

"In Colorado, you're looking at 8 percent humidity and here it's more like 80 percent," Earthly said. "My bow was set up in Colorado so I lost about 8 feet per second when I got here."

Earthly has a passion for the sport but says what makes all the travel worth it is the camaraderie he shares with all his fellow participants.

"It's great to see friends that you don't see until the end of the year and enjoy those relationships as well as making new friends. I love seeing the sport grow to younger kids and them looking up to us to set the right examples."

Saturday's schedule will be full of coaching clinics and professional competitions before the tournament wraps up with the "Shooter of the Year" presentations closing this year's event on Sunday.

Here's the remainder of the schedule:

Saturday, Aug. 5

- 6:30 a.m. Registration / practice facilities open
- 7:15 a.m. Jr Eagle & Elementary Classes - Safety meeting & competition round
- 7:30 a.m. First Round - Shotgun start
- 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Limb Saver Known Distance - Tee-times
- 11:30 a.m. First Round - Shotgun start
- 11:30 a.m. Future Champions ASA Coaching Clinic
- 3 p.m. Future Champions ASA Pro session
- 3:30 p.m. Second Round - Shotgun start
- 5 p.m. Sponsor Facilities Close for Pro Shoot Down

Pro Pressure Point Shoot Down St. Bernard soccer field

- 5 p.m. Team Realtree Shoot Off - Qualifying rounds
- 5:45 p.m. Award Ceremony - Jr Eagle, Elementary Classes & Traditional
- 6 p.m. Pro Pressure Point Shoot Down
- 7:30 p.m. Team Realtree Shoot-Off - Top 5 Final Arrow

Sunday, Aug. 6

- 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Services / Practice facilities open
- 7:15 a.m. All Sunday competitors at their stake
- 7:30 a.m. Second Round - Shotgun start
- 7:30-9 a.m. Limb Saver Known Distance - Tee-times
- 10 a.m. Award Ceremony & SOY - Completed Saturday amateur classes
- Noon Awards Ceremony & Shooter of the Year presentations
- 1 p.m. Facilities close



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An archer prepares to shoot at the McKenzie ASA Classic on the campus of St. Bernard Friday.





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