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4th Infantry Division veteran from Cullman receives Order of St. Maurice



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Gerry Howard, Cullman, Alabama, resident and 4th Infantry Division alumnus, receives the Order of St. Maurice Medal from Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey and 4th Inf. Div. and Fort Carson Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Ryan F. Gonsalves Aug. 17 on Founders Field at Fort Carson, Colorado. The Order of Saint Maurice Medal recognizes those who have served the infantry community with distinction; must have demonstrated a significant contribution in support of the Infantry; and must represent the highest standards of integrity, moral character, professional competence, and dedication to duty.

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CULLMAN – Cullman resident and Vietnam veteran Gerry Howard was recently awarded one of the Army's most prestigious awards for veterans of the Infantry.

Dani Johnson, chief of media relations for Ft. Carson Public Affairs, issued the following:

FORT CARSON, Colorado -- The 4th Infantry Division hosted an Iron Horse Week pass and review ceremony Aug. 17 at Founders Field on Fort Carson. Prior to the march, a 4th Inf. Div. alumnus received the Order of St. Maurice Medal from Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey and 4th Inf. Div. and Fort Carson Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Ryan F. Gonsalves.

Gerry Howard, (a) Cullman, Alabama, resident served with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Inf. Div., from May 1969 to March 1970 as a draftee platoon leader. He started in the mid-1980s building local memorials and placing markers around Alabama recognizing the accomplishments of veterans especially in the 4th Inf. Div.

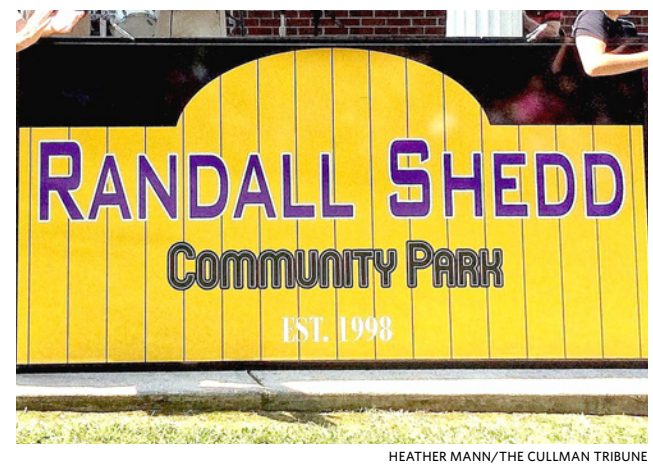
In 1998, Howard was given the mission to build a 4th Inf. Div. memorial in the Washington D.C. area. The memorial was dedicated at the entrance to Arlington Cemetery on July 5, 2001. Since then he has been chairman/facilitator of nine other memorials, mostly 4th Inf. Div. and its regiments. He also participated in the Non-Commissioned Officer Candidate Course memorial "Shake & Bakes" at the National Infantry Museum at the U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, Fort Benning, Georgia. Howard has spent most of his adult life helping to memorialize not only the 4th Inf. Div. but also helped with many others.

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As one of the final events of Iron Horse Week, Gonsalves, along with Command Sgt. Maj. Richard L. Ayala, Jr., 4th Inf. Div. and Fort Carson acting command sergeant major; Retired Gen. Raymond Odierno, former chief of staff of the Army; and Dailey, conducted an inspection of troops, in conjunction with the centennial of the division. During the pass and review,

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Fairview Labor Day celebration: park renamed to honor Randall Shedd



HEATHER MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The official sign for the newly-renamed Randall Shedd Community Park

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

FAIRVIEW – In the 1880s, labor unions fought hard battles for improved working conditions for blue-collar workers. After many fatal strikes, including the infamous Pullman Railcar strike, President Grover Cleveland signed a bill to create a national holiday honoring the social and economic achievements of the working class. Today, we celebrate Labor Day with parades, speeches and cookouts with friends and family. Here in Cullman County, many municipalities and organizations have their own ways of celebrating workers.

The Town of Fairview held its annual Labor Day festival and parade, made possible by the Fairview Lions Club, and held a special ceremony shortly after the parade ended. While waiting for the parade to start, guests shopped from several different vendor booths, visited the classic car show and listened to music from local artists.

The parade featured a line of fire

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Holly Pond Ag students, adult volunteers renovate school's library

W.C. Mann,
Hunter Mann

HOLLY POND – When schools need things done, they can send a request to the school board, search the budget for available funds, and wait while bids from contractors are reviewed. Or they can take matters into their own hands.

When Holly Pond High School needed to renovate its library and office spaces, it was students and adult volunteers who took on the project. Worn out carpet and tile needed to be replaced, and cabinetry needed to be updated, so Principal Kim Butler called on agriscience teacher and FFA (Future Farmers of America) sponsor Rusty Roden and his students to work with a group of adult staffers and volunteers to give their facilities fresh faces.

Students took out furniture, including countertops and all cabinets that were on the floor, then removed all the carpet, tile and molding. The library floor was stripped to bare concrete. A water-resistant laminate was laid down by adult workers with assistance from older students, then the remodeled cabinets were installed, followed by reinstallation of molding. The adult volunteers also installed flooring in the school office and assistant principal's office.

The Tribune talked to Roden to find out more.

Of his ag students getting involved, he said, "We were asked by the administration if we'd be willing to help, and I told them that we'd be willing to help. And then we were in charge of taking all the shoe molding out, pulling all the carpet up, pulling all the tile up, moving all the furniture out, putting it all back in once parent volunteers came in and laid the laminate down, and we were in charge of putting all the cabinets

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Holly Pond Agriscience students in the newly renovated library

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Groups react to ADEM's new sewage spill notification tools

Nelson Brooke
Black Warrior Riverkeeper

BIRMINGHAM – As part of an overall effort to improve reporting and public notification of sewage overflows, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) has released two new tools.

The first tool is a map which allows citizens to identify the exact location of all current spills in the state. The second tool is an opt-in email notification system that will inform citizens of a sewage spill in their selected county or counties.

To sign up to receive the email notifications, citizens will need to follow these steps:

1. Visit the Alabama Department of Environmental Management website: www.adem.alabama.gov

2. On the left sidebar, enter your e-mail address for ADEM email notifications, then click submit

3. Check the last box to be notified of Sanitary Sewer Overflows

4. Select the counties you live and recreate in and then click submit

These improvements come on the heels of a petition filed in March by the Alabama Rivers Alliance, Black Warrior Riverkeeper, Cahaba Riverkeeper, Choctawhatchee Riverkeeper, Coosa Riverkeeper, Friends of Hurricane Creek, Little River Waterkeeper, Mobile Baykeeper and Tennessee Riverkeeper. The petition asks the Environmental Management Commission to improve requirements for public notification of sewage spills.

"We commend ADEM's development of a centralized notification system," said Black Warrior Riverkeeper staff attorney Eva Dillard, who represents the petitioners. "We look forward to combining this system with other important tools outlined by our petition that will further improve public notification and better protect the citizens of Alabama from sewage overflows."

According to ADEM, when a sewage treatment facility detects a spill, the facility is required to report it to ADEM within 24 hours. Once that electronic report is submitted, an e-mail alert will be sent out within 15 minutes to anyone who has opted in to their notification system. "As we enter Labor Day Weekend and Tropical Storm Harvey reaches Alabama this week, we're glad to have these useful tools for citizens to protect themselves while they're out enjoying their lake or river," Frank Chitwood, Coosa Riverkeeper, said. "We look forward to more progress in the public notification system and we are grateful to our many supporters who signed the petitions for improved public notification."



NELSON BROOKE

Sewage blowing the cover off a Birmingham manhole, entering a nearby storm drain, and flowing to Village Creek

The Environmental Management Commission is currently studying the issue of public notification presented by the petition. They will be conducting a stakeholder meeting regarding this issue in the coming months in an effort to find the most practicable solution for ensuring the protection of public health. To follow this issue and to learn more, please visit alabamarivers.org.

Black Warrior Riverkeeper's mission is to protect and restore the Black Warrior River and its tributaries. The citizen-based nonprofit organization promotes clean water for the sake of public health, recreation, and wildlife habitat throughout the Black Warrior River watershed. To learn more, visit BlackWarriorRiver.org.

Ivey names Brian Hastings director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency

Office of Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey announced Friday she has named Brian Hastings as director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency. Hastings recently retired, with the rank of colonel, from the United States Air Force.

"The recent events in Texas remind us of the importance of having a well-run and effective Emergency Management Agency," Ivey said. "Colonel Hastings has extensive military experience and is a proven leader. He will bring an unmatched work-ethic, determination, and unparalleled experience of leading under extreme circumstances – all of which are essential attributes of an effective EMA Director."

Since 1990, Hastings served in the United States Air Force before retiring in August 2017. Prior to his retirement, Hastings served for two years as commandant of the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base and previously served as the commander of the 47th Flying Training Wing. During his military career, Hastings earned the Legion of Merit Medal, the Bronze Star for his service in Afghanistan, three Meritorious Service Medals, and served as a flight instructor.

He is a command pilot with more than 2,600 hours in attack and training aircraft. He has held a variety of positions, including battalion air liaison officer and chief of standardization and evaluation.

"The Alabama Emergency Management Agency plays a vital role in preparing for and responding to various emergent events in Alabama. I am thankful for the trust placed in me by Governor Ivey, and I humbled to be a part of her quest to serve the people of Alabama," Hastings said. "The men and women who work at Alabama EMA are dedicated public servants; I look forward to working alongside them."

Hastings is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and holds a master's degree in aeronautical science with distinction from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a master's of science in resourcing national security strategy from the Eisenhower School of the National Defense University. He is also a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Hastings will take office Sept. 5, 2017, and replaces Art Faulkner, who retired effective August 31.

"Art Faulkner has admirably served our state since 1996, first as State 9-1-1 Coordinator, then as Director of the Alabama Department of Homeland Security, and finally as EMA Director since 2011. I appreciate Art's decades of service and dedication to this great state; I wish him nothing but the best as he enters retirement," Ivey added.

Governor Ivey has appointed Jeff Smitherman, Alabama Emergency Management Agency director of operations, as acting director of EMA effective Sept. 1, 2017; Smitherman will serve as acting director until Hastings' appointment takes effect.



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Sweet Tater Festival, Cruze Fest wrap up Labor Day at Smith Lake Park

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Visitors enjoyed vintage cars under the pines at Cruze Fest at Smith Lake Park on Labor Day.



CULLMAN – The final day of the 21st annual Sweet Tater Festival held even more great events and saw an even bigger crowd out at Smith Lake Park than day one. Many people waited in traffic between Whitlock's and the park entrance for more than 30 minutes to get in on the day's festivities.

A couple of the thousands of people who flocked to the park this weekend were Larry and Blenda (who didn't give their last name) from Hartselle. This was their first year participating in the festival and after taking it all in they couldn't pick a favorite part of the event to single out.

"We've enjoyed everything out here. It's all good, it's all nice it really is, we've enjoyed this out here," Larry said.

They were also very pleased with the venue in their first trip and thought it was a great spot to host the festival.

"We think it's been great, it really has," they agreed. "We've really had a great time out here with this and it's been a real nice place to have it."

There were even more live musical performances on the main stage starting at 9:30 with Terry Adams and followed by Chimney Branch, a bluegrass ensemble group comprised of members from Cullman and Winston Counties. There was a quick break in the music for a sweet potato pie eating competition underneath the main tent. All the pies this year were provided by Bojangles's.

Not unlike the Pepsi chugging contest from day one, participants had three minutes to get down as many sweet potato pies as they could and had to hold them down to come away with a free T-shirt.

After the break in the action, the main stage saw the return of Taylor Hunnicutt & Company from day one to provide even more of their style of music to an even larger crowd. Tragic City was the final act on the stage to provide a change of pace in the musical entertainment. They brought more of a jazz style to the event that had been serenaded by country and folk songs for the last two days.

This year's Sweet Tater Festival was a great time at a great venue but it wasn't the only thing happening at Smith Lake Park this Labor Day. Going on over closer to the camping area was the third annual Cullman County Cruze Fest and Swap Meet featuring great displays of cars, trucks, motorcycles and tractors of many kinds from many different eras.

Cullman County Parks and Recreation expected a much bigger turnout for the car show this year and felt that last year's participation suffered from the threat of rain during the event. This year however, hundreds of people came out to show off their vehicles and mingle with their fellow motorists out at the park.

They had a big crowd to show off for this year, and hundreds of people made the short walk from the Sweet Tater Festival to browse the displays of all the vintage and new vehicles alike.

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Statue of the Divine Child (Divino Niño) Jesus in front of the Shrine Church



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Fr. Joseph M. Wolfe offers a prayer of blessing for a young family.

Crowds flock to Shrine for Divino Niño Day 2017

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HANCEVILLE – On a typical Saturday, the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament near Hanceville will host up to 300 visitors. But Sept. 2 was no typical Saturday: on this day the Shrine celebrated Divino Niño Day, a celebration of the child Jesus that enjoys immense popularity throughout Latin America.

Apparently, it has a following here, too; an estimated crowd of at least 1,500 Catholic faithful came through the Shrine's gates to visit the church and other attractions on the grounds of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, attend Mass, and take part in in a celebratory procession around the grounds.

A quick scan of license plates in the parking lot indicated that this was not a local festival, but a nationwide pilgrimage. Cars, vans and charter buses from Florida, Georgia and Tennessee filled many spaces; there were also visitors from Virginia and the Carolinas, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, and western pilgrims from Texas and as far as California.

Shrine Business Manager Susy Stokes explained, "The event is to celebrate the Divino Niño. In Latin America, one of the biggest feast days is the feast day of the Divino Niño, which is a celebration for Jesus as a small child. It usually falls within the first week of September, and Mother Angelica had a great devotion to the Divino Niño.

"So, when she built this temple and put the Divino Niño out front, it just was natural that we would have a big celebration for the Divino Niño."

The devotion began in Bogota, Colombia in the 1940s.

EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) founder Mother Angelica made the devotion well-known in the United States in the late 1990s, when she dedicated the building of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament to the Divine Child Jesus, saying that while visiting the Colombian church where the devotion began and praying before a statue of the Divino Niño, she heard a young boy's voice say, "Build me a temple, and I will help those who help you."

Why does the church have a capital T on top?

It's a cross, just not the one most folks are used to. The Shrine church reproduces the architecture of 13th century Franciscan shrines, and Franciscans often use a cross icon with the crossbar atop the upright post, a form many historians say more accurately represents the crosses used by Romans for execution.

The Shrine originally had a more common "Latin" cross, but after it was mounted, the top section was knocked off by a lightning strike.

Mother Angelica took it as a sign, leaving the now Franciscan cross alone and displaying the top piece in a church courtyard.

In later years, Mother Angelica said, "I want very much to spread devotion to the Divine Child Jesus. Not only is He powerful, but what you and I need is family--and that Child Jesus will make us one again. He will put love in our hearts, where it should be."



Sharing the benefits of yoga

September is National Yoga Month

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – September is National Yoga Month and Cullman yoga practitioners are gearing up for an awareness campaign emphasizing the national observance to educate the public about the health benefits of yoga and how it inspires a healthy lifestyle.

"September was chosen because it seemed the perfect month to start a healthy lifestyle, especially considering that after summer many people are looking forward to living healthier," explained Cullman yoga teacher, Debbie Leopard.

Local artist, Laura Willingham Walker, has been taking yoga classes from Leopard for about four years. "She is very knowledgeable and enthusiastic," said Walker. "Debbie is excellent as an instructor. I find that I will exercise regularly if I find something that I enjoy doing and that is definitely yoga. Because of my yoga practice, I am more flexible and stronger now than I was in my 20s!"

Doris Simmons, who is 76 years old only by the calendar, attributes her youthful appearance to the practice of yoga.

"I have been doing this for years," said Simmons, who is also an avid gardener. "I have to exercise so that I can garden on this slope," she laughed, indicating the steep incline from her Smith Lake home, down to the water. "I don't have to take any medications for osteoarthritis, or anything else, just Vitamin D, and glucosamine and chondroitin for my joint health," she continued, saying that her doctor is amazed at the good tone of her muscles and overall good health. She credits yoga with most of that, and the fact that she is faithful to consistently attend classes three days per week. "I've lost several inches off my hips and thighs, too," she added.

Benefits of the ancient form of exercise also include increased balance, flexibility, joint health, natural detoxification, muscle tone, weight management and heart health.

"On the mental side, it helps to alleviate anxiety and depression, elevates self-esteem has many other psychological benefits," Leopard continued.

Leopard pointed out that football players or anyone in sports can also benefit from the deep stretches and mental conditioning that come from yoga practice.

For instance, the benefits of the Sirsasana position (also known as the headstand) are practically endless. Here are just a few of them:

- Strengthens the spine, neck, shoulders and arms
- Tones the legs and abdominals
- Relieves a buildup of fluid in the legs and feet
- Allows a healthy, pure blood flow to brain cells
- Stimulates the nervous system
- Aids in the treatment of headaches, anxiety, asthma, sinusitis, hay fever, depression, diabetes, insomnia, and symptoms of menopause

"I'm into my 20th year of practice and was just told from my doctor that the results of my bone density showed my spine was equivalent to a 30-year-old's," said Leopard, who was in automobile accident earlier in her career and surprised doctors by recovering so quickly. She attributes her resilience to having been a devoted yoga practitioner at the time.

For most people yoga gives benefits which allow them to do more in other areas of their lives. For instance, Wallace State Community College President, Dr. Vicki Karolewics leads a very active lifestyle. She often scuba dives and frequently takes motorcycle trips. Because she is in great shape, she doesn't get sore or stiff when she does other activities.

For Karolewics, the results have been gratifying. "Yoga elongates the muscles and loosens stiff joints, especially my spine and hips," she said. "All strengthening occurs through the use of your own body weight. When I finish an hour of yoga posing and stretching, I feel regenerated and strong," she said.

Leopard sees these results on a regular basis. Her students are always coming to her and telling her that their doctors are surprised at their health and fitness after they are involved in Yoga for a while. Although there are still people who don't know what the practice really is, some even still think that it's just chanting or burning incense, it is gaining in popularity and understanding due to word of mouth and media coverage in movies.

"I think in Cullman, yoga is still somewhat of a mysterious practice," said Leopard. "It's stigma as a religion couldn't be further from the truth. It's a science not religion. The health benefits, body and mind, of yoga are second to none. There's no age limit to this beautiful practice. I've taught ages 5-80. Nothing like watching an 80-year-old touch their toes or a 5-year-old learn to sit and just breathe," she said.

At one time, Leopard was one of the only yoga instructors in the city. Now, due to her diligence of promoting the practice, and the growing awareness of its exercise benefits, especially for people who can't run marathons or do high impact aerobics, yoga has become more recognized here.

B.K.S. Iyengar, who was one of the foremost yoga teachers in the world, once said, "Yoga teaches us to cure what need not be endured and endure what cannot be cured," quoted Leopard.

"Mr. Iyengar was 95 when he passed away in August 2014," said Leopard. "He truly lived a full life and is a prime example of what yoga can do for one's health and longevity," she continued. "Cullman has a variety of yoga classes and teachers who are trained in the various forms and positions of the practice," said Leopard. "This summer and fall Beverly Dotsey (200-hour certified yoga teacher) teaches 'Yoga in The Park' at Depot Park on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. This class is very popular because it allows people to be outside instead of in a studio setting."

Beverly also teaches Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at Olympic Health Spa. Her classes are all-level Ashtanga-based flows.

According to Leopard, the Cullman Ballet Theatre School is also planning to add yoga to its schedule this month. The class dates are undetermined at this time. Please contact the school for more information. (256-734-7775 questions@cullmanballettheatre.com)

Leopard is an E-200 registered yoga teacher, and will complete her last 300 hours of training in October 2017. This will place Leopard at the highest certification level from the Yoga Alliance as an E-500 registered yoga teacher and a Yoga Alliance Continuing Education provider. Leopard will be teaching all levels alignment classes, and is also available for private sessions upon request.



DEBBIE LEOPARD

In this Partner Pose, Becky Beckman (white top) and Debbie Leopard (gray top) do a hand stand variation of the Adho Mukha Svanasana (Downward Facing Dog) yoga position.

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Obituary Announcements: Sept. 4-6

Martha Jane Pierce Keel of Cullman passed away on August 31, 2017 at the age of 81. She was born in Cullman on September 30, 1935 to Homer and Etta Collier Pierce. She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Dr. Hollis C. Keel. Funeral service held Monday, September 4, 2017 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel; Rev. John Richter officiated. Interment at Cullman City Cemetery. Survivors are son, Stephen Laseter (Sue), grandchildren Stephen Laseter (Heather) and Justin Laseter, and great-granddaughter, Sidney Grace Laseter. Step-daughters are Charlene Keel, Belinda Byrd, Vanessa Biggers (Billy), and step-son Cecil Keel (Milli) as well as numerous grand- and great grandchildren and extended family. The family request in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the charity or organization of your choice.

Douglas R. Goddard, 67, of Guin, formerly of Haleyville, entered into rest on September 3, 2017 at Northwest Medical Center. Mr. Goddard was born on August 13, 1950. A graveside service was held Monday, September 4, 2017 at Winston Memorial Cemetery. Doug is survived by his aunts, Retta Borders and her husband Dick, and Mable Stockton; cousins, Mike Smith, Lynton Stockton, Steve Smith, and Chris Smith. He was preceded in by his father, Jesse Goddard and mother, Verna Atkins.

Jeremy Daniel Townson, age 31 of Cullman, passed away on Friday, September 1, 2017 in Birmingham, AL. He was born January 26, 1986. He was beloved by many. The funeral will be Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church Cullman with viewing before at 1 p.m., graveside services will be held directly after. Jeremy was preceded in death by his grandparents: Alex and Elsa Powell. Survivors include his parents: Tony and Wanda Townson of Cullman; sisters Rachel Carmen(James) and Rebekah Hildreth(John); brothers Andrew Townson(Melissa), Nathan Townson(Jessica) and Michael Townson; nieces Isabelle Townson and Solora Townson; grandparents Gladys Sharpton(Wilburn) and Charles Townson.

Judy Gay Sandlin of Vinemont Alabama passed away on August 31, 2017 at Parkway Medical Center in Decatur at the age of 73. She was born in Florence Alabama on September 4, 1943 to Loyd and Verta Barnett. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband: James Sandlin. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 1 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with interment at Cullman City Cemetery. Rev. Dudley Brock will officiate. Survivors are: Daughter: Kami (Rushando) Whorton, Grandchildren: Kamerin Sandlin and Kadin Whorton. Visitation is on Tuesday from 11 a.m. until service time at 1 p.m.

Patti Patrick Dryer of Cullman passed away August 31, 2017 at her residence at the age 74. She was born in Cullman on December 4, 1942 to F.C. and Christine Hembree Patrick. She is preceded in death by: Parents, Brother: Jerry Patrick. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel at 11 a.m. with Rev. Todd Henderson officiating. Interment will be in Cullman City Cemetery. Survivors are: Daughter: Angela Dryer Huey, Son: Mark Dryer, Grandchildren: Patrick Dryer and AJ Huey and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation is Tuesday, September 5, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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2017 Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 16, 2017
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Cullman Youth Football in full swing

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CULLMAN COUNTY – For the second week in a row Cullman youth football had a full slate of games on Saturday. While Auburn and Alabama were getting ready to suit up for their first games of the year, the Fireplug, Peewee and Wee Wee teams were suiting up for their second week of games.

Here are the results from around the county.

Fireplugs

• Cullman Cyclones 38, Hanceville Bulldogs 8
• Cullman Bearcats 30, Cold Springs Eagles 0
• Fairview Aggies 22, Good Hope Raiders 6
• Good Hope Outlaws 36, Vinemont Eagles 0
• West Point Warriors 22, Holly Pond Broncos 0

Wee Wee

• Cullman Cyclones 46, Hanceville Bulldogs 6
• Cullman Bearcats 30, Cold Springs Eagles 0
• Fairview Aggies 28, Good Hope Raiders 6
• Vinemont Eagles 2, Good Hope Outlaws 0
• West Point Warriors 22, Holly Pond Broncos 0

Pee Wee

• Cullman Cyclones 16, Hanceville Bulldogs 8
• Fairview Aggies 26, Good Hope Raiders 16
• Vinemont Eagles 22, Good Hope Outlaws 0
• West Point Warriors 28, Holly Pond Broncos 0

Each team fought hard this week, everyone jockeying for position in the standings, making for some very entertaining games.

If you like football, Cullman Youth Football has you covered.

Make your plans next Saturday to come out and watch week 3 action as you just may get a glimpse of tomorrow's next big high school football star, today.

Shedd (from Front)

and rescue vehicles from municipalities like Berlin, Holly Pond, Baileyton and Fairview itself, followed by the elected Grand Marshal, Alabama Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview. The Fairview High School marching band came next, then the pee-wee and Fairview Elementary cheerleaders. When the last car had driven past, Fairview Mayor Keith Henry called attention toward the main stage for a few announcements.

The first thing was a short speech from District Governor of Lions Club District 34-A, Mark Stevens, about the Lions Club. The Club was formed in Chicago in 1917, and in 1925 Hellen Keller issued a challenge to the International Convention: become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

Ever since accepting that challenge, the Lions Club has become the largest civic organization in the world.

They work on projects involving eye care, juvenile diabetes and cancer, environmental conservation, and food for the hungry. Stevens recognized the Fairview Lions Club for its hard work on putting on the Labor Day celebration.

Henry then recognized and thanked the companies and individuals who helped with the park renovation: planting the flowers and trees, installing the new sign, and donating funds to make it all possible.

He then called up someone to be honored for service to the town: Charles Keaton. Keaton has worked for the town for 22 years, and the town council felt that all his hard work needed to be honored in a more permanent manner. As such, a plaque will be placed near a pair of benches across from the stage, designating them as the "Charlie Keaton Sitting Area."

The final announcement called Shedd to the stage. Shedd served as mayor of Fairview for 12 years before serving in the Alabama legislature, and he's done many things in service of the town.

To honor him for everything he's done, Henry and the town council agreed to dedicate the community park in his name. The Fairview Town Park will now be known as the Randall Shedd Community Park.

While Shedd took a moment to gather his thoughts, the FHS band played the school alma mater for the occasion. After the song, Shedd made a speech to express his gratitude.

"Mayor, town council, community, thank you. It's an honor to live here. It's a wonderful place to live, and I appreciate all the council members. When we first did this (the park), we stepped out on a limb financially and borrowed a bunch of money. We payed off three parts of the land, might still be paying off part of it, but it's nice to look out and see an event like this. I'm real thankful, and I appreciate that."

Library (from Front)

back in place and putting the shoe mold down.

Roden said all of his ag students helped with the project.

"Every ag class I had, whether it be freshmen or seniors, pitched in and helped. There were a lot of people who did a lot of work over the last couple of weeks, and I appreciate everyone's cooperation.

"There (were) several parent volunteers. One that comes to my mind is Eddie Cahoon; he was a former student's parent here. He is a professional, and that's what he does for a living, is lays hardwood and laminate, and he came in and got everyone started in the library.

"And then we had Chad Folds, Tony Harris, Steve Hollis; they put all the laminate down in the office and the assistant principal's office.

"And also Mr. Horton, Mr. Rankhorn--which is a teacher here; Mr. Horton is the maintenance man. And Matt Wood, which is a bus driver, and Mr. Miller, the assistant principal. They all assisted in laying the laminate down."

This isn't the first time Roden's ag students have assisted with projects at the school.

"Last year, we expanded the bus drivers' sitting area and the bus refueling station.

"We also put a roof on and did some remodeling in the older gymnasium. We made some storage areas for those people over there. And we assisted with Coach Bates and with some projects in the field house."

As part of its regular "classroom" curriculum, Holly Pond agriscience students receive hands-on training in such skills as woodworking and welding. The school's FFA program participates in livestock judging competitions, maintains an on-campus greenhouse, and hosts an annual plant sale that is well-known around the eastern part of the county.

Of the Holly Pond agriscience program, Roden said, "I was a part of it a long time ago, and that's part of the reason I wanted to come back home.

"The Holly Pond ag program's always had a very good tradition of being very involved, not only in the community, but in the FFA aspect of things. Holly Pond has a long tradition of having a great ag program, and I would just like to hope that we carry on the tradition of the years past."

Veteran (from Front)

more than 1,000 active-duty Soldiers, local Colorado veterans and National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association veterans marched in the ceremony.

The Soldiers and veterans were escorted by Soldiers in era-specific uniforms, representing the lineage and future of the division.

Iron Horse Week was a four-day event which gave an opportunity to Fort Carson units to participate in competitive events, as individual Soldiers and teams.

Soldiers and units from across Fort Carson competed in a variety of tournaments and competitions to earn the division Commander's Cup.

Events included basketball, flag football, softball, ultimate Frisbee, combatives, combat swim, golf, marksmanship, medical stakes and orienteering.

The 2nd Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Inf. Div., was recognized as the top unit of the week.

The mission of the National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association is to organize the veterans, Soldiers and friends of the 4th Inf. Div. to support Soldiers currently serving around the world, honor and perpetuate the memories of the officers, men and women who distinguished themselves by their past service and sacrifices while serving with or attached to the division."

Howard is a Past President of the National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association; and also holds that association's Ralph Lingert Service Award, described on the group's website as "a lifetime achievement award that shall be presented to the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association member who is deemed to have shown the type of devotion to duty and Steadfast and Loyal dedication to the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association that was found to be synonymous with the name Ralph E. Lingert."

Dani Johnson, Fort Carson Public Affairs contributed to this article.

Cullman County jurisdiction has been selected to receive an award under Phase 34 of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) based upon the available statistics. Congress has appropriated $120,000,000 to supplement and expand emergency food and shelter programs. Your jurisdiction's award is based upon your jurisdiction's total number of unemployed as compared to the total number of unemployed in all qualifying jurisdictions.
Local Board of EFSP is charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high need areas around the country. The Local Board 0072 of Cullman County is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds made available through the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program, Phase 34.Under the terms of the grant from the national EFSP Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must : 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive federal funds 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and or shelter program, and 6) if they are private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board of Directors. Qualifying agencies interested in applying to the Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Donna Jacobs at 256-775-2600 or email vsoced@vsoccullman.org for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is Sept 29, 2017.



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