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CCTV-55 switching hands from CHS to CP&R



TWITTER/BEARCAT NEWS NETWORK

The Cullman High School Broadcast Network will still contribute programming of school events.

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CULLMAN – Cullman Community TV, CCTV-55, is changing hands from Cullman High School to Cullman Parks and Recreation. While the Cullman High School Broadcast Network (Bearcat News Network) will continue to contribute some programming, CP&R will have primary control. The city agency's staff anticipates several positive changes for the Public, Educational, and Government access (PEG) station.

CP&R Marketing, Programs and Events Director Waid Harbison shared some details.

"We've got a grant that covers the TV station, but we've got to cover those three things: we've got to cover the public, education and government, said Harbison. "The high school has been in charge of running the operations of the day-to-day TV station. They were solely responsible for all parts of that, so they were having to send just student volunteers to cover government meetings and community events, and things like that. So it really wasn't a good setup for them, because during the summer months there's not kids there. You have different kids in classes, some of your talent comes and goes; so the City felt like we could do a whole lot more with it if we took over from a parks and rec standpoint."

According to Harbison, the students at Cullman High School will continue to cover and broadcast events like sports, but CP&R will broaden the station's focus on the community and its own program offerings.

Said Harbison, "It think one of our things we're really focused on with our parks and rec department is our marketing and communications. We've got a marketing team with about four or five people on it: a great staff with some people who can handle videos and do videos really, really well. So it was just a really good fit for us to kind of take that over.

"The schools are still going to be involved from the education side: they're going to cover the football games, they're going to cover all the events they have been covering at the schools. But parks and rec will now kind of be over covering the government meetings, we're going to be going out to the festivals and communities, and things like that.

"But we're actually planning on really ramping it up and doing a lot more with the PEG station, now that we have it and we're able to do a little bit more with it. But we're currently making a studio over at the Civic Center, so we'll have a studio, quite a bit of new equipment. The PEG Board just approved us to get a considerable amount of equipment like cameras and some new lighting, and things along those lines. So it's going to be a really, really good upgrade.

"We're going to be doing a lot of really cool content. We're going to be doing some longer, like 10- to 12-minute videos on some of our parks and places in Cullman, and of course some of our upcoming events and things like that. We're going to try to put a focus on health and wellness, which is something we try and do at parks and rec: fitness tips, health and wellness tips, ways to get active. We're also going to have some people like our golf pro come on and do golf tips, and things along those lines. We're going to be covering the city council meetings, probably going to be doing some things from the City standpoint, too: having a monthly update, maybe the mayor coming on talking about some of the things going on in the city that month, or road closures; just, basically, anything that people can be informed on in the public side of it. (We're) really looking to step it up with us taking over, and being able to do a lot more with it, since we have a full-time staff that can be dedicated to doing it."

John Drake, Cullman High's broadcast team supervisor, explained that his school's recent entry into the National Federation of State High School Associations (known as NFHS) made live streaming school events much easier than it had been with the old television station.

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Tractor Supply to join Planet Fitness in old K-Mart building



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Tractor Supply will occupy the east end, where Kmart's garden department was located. The center section (space at far right of photo) will house Planet Fitness.

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CULLMAN – The City of Cullman Building Department has confirmed the location of a second business in the old K-Mart building at 1731 Second Ave. SW. Tractor Supply is set to relocate from its present facility (1807 Second Ave. SW, immediately south of the new location), next to Planet Fitness, which has committed to move into the center space in the building. The eastern third of the K-Mart store, which included the garden department, will increase Tractor Supply's indoor retail and storage space.

City of Cullman Building Department Director Rick Fulmer confirmed that a permit was issued to Nearen Construction last Thursday to turn the east end of the old K-Mart into a Tractor Supply. Three days earlier, the Cullman City Planning Commission issued a conditional use permit to Planet Fitness for the center slot in the building. The tenant moving into the west end of the building has not been officially disclosed.

A timetable for completion of the renovation has not been announced, although a statement from Planet Fitness indicated that its personnel are planning for a public opening in late January 2018.

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www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/10/08/more-details-planet-fitness-cullman

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PET OF THE WEEK

Help Bailey find his forever home

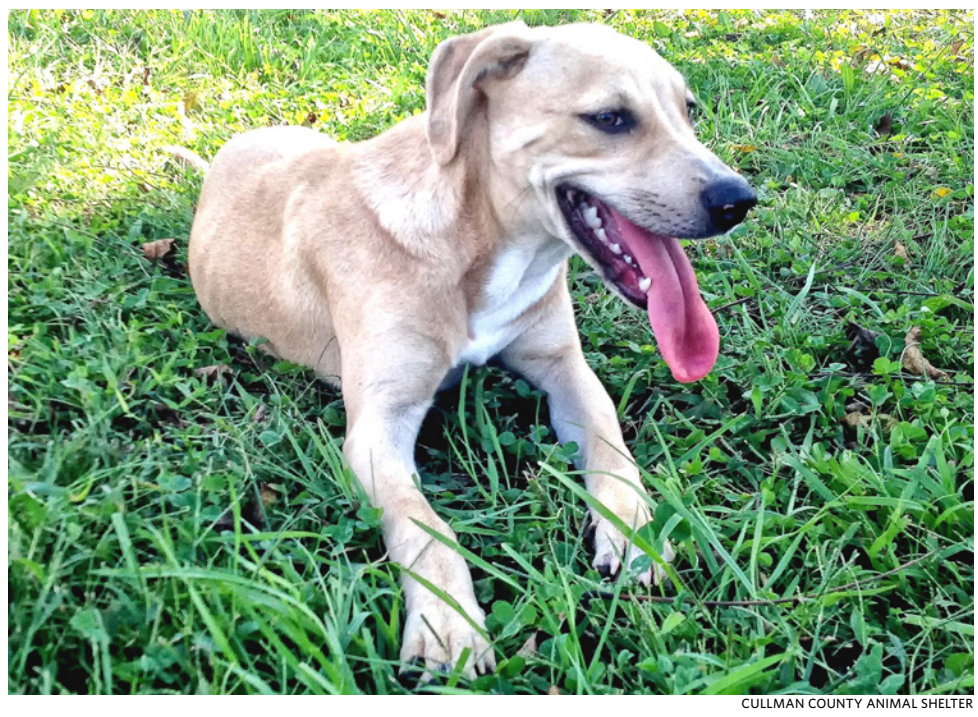
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CULLMAN – Cullman County Animal Shelter's Ryan Whisenhunt introduces us to Bailey, The Tribune's Pet of the Week.

"Hello, my name is Bailey and I am about 5 months old. I am believed to be a Lab mix. I have a medium energy level, I do well with other dogs and I love to play. I would make a great companion because I love people.

"I walk well on a leash. My adoption fee is $90, and that includes my first set of vaccines and wormer at the shelter. It also includes me getting neutered, my general exam at the vet, my rabies vaccine, my microchip, my free 45-day health insurance policy, and our local Pet Depot will give you a free bag of food (you pay the taxes) in support of you adopting me from the animal shelter. Please consider coming to meet me today!"

The Cullman County Animal Shelter is located at 935 Convent Road NE in Cullman. Contact them at 256-734-5448.



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Bailey is a 5-month-old Lab mix.

Ivey: Alabama first state to roll out nationally-recognized manufacturing credentials at every community college

Wallace State already offering training this fall

Office of Gov. Kay Ivey
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM – Gov. Kay Ivey, while speaking at the Southern Automotive Conference Friday, announced that the Alabama Community College System (ACCS), through a partnership with the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC), will be offering nationally-recognized and industry-led credentials at every college this spring. This rollout makes Alabama the first state in the nation to offer the MSSC credentials statewide.

"We are once again proving Alabama is a leader in the automotive industry by offering these credentials in all of our two-year colleges," Ivey said.

"It's only fitting that this announcement comes on Manufacturing Day. Alabama is committed to providing a 21st Century workforce that is prepared for 21st Century manufacturing like that found in this growing auto industry."

"These are nationally recognized credentials, which continue to grow in prestige. We are excited about this partnership with MSSC and are already offering this training this fall semester to our current students, providing additional stackable credentials as part of their programs, and making them even more marketable to employers," said Wallace State Community College President, Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

The MSSC is an industry-led, and federally recognized training, assessment and certification system focused on the skills and knowledge needed by today's manufacturing workforce.

Through a partnership with the Alabama Community College System and MSSC, Alabama students will now have the ability to be certified as a Certified Production Technician (CPT) or Certified Logistics Technician (CLT) through the completion of approved coursework and training.

Courses can be offered for credit as part of a degree program or as a non-credit offering.

Additionally, the courses will be available to high school students participating in dual enrollment across the state.

Students who complete the certifications will be educated in manufacturing processes and production, safety, quality, and maintenance among other important subject areas needed for success in the technology-intensive industry.

Implementing these certification programs will not only increase Alabama's pipeline of skilled workers it will also reduce the need for companies to provide on-the-job remedial training.

"Manufacturing is more technology-driven than ever before and we're excited to partner with MSSC to ensure that Alabama students are receiving the certifications and trainings they need to fill the high-tech, high-demand manufacturing jobs of the future," Alabama Community College System Chancellor Jimmy Baker said.

"The Alabama Community College System is constantly seeking out new opportunities for Alabama students to create a better future whether it's transferring to a four-year institution, training for a career, or learning basic literacy and workforce skills. Our partnership with MSSC provides yet another pathway for our students to succeed."

The nationwide MSSC System offers both entry-level and incumbent workers the opportunity to demonstrate that they have acquired the skills increasingly needed in today's manufacturing jobs.

The CPT and CLT certificates are both accredited under ANSI-ISO 17024 (Personnel Certification) making it the only national certification body globally with this designation for manufacturing and logistics.

"MSSC congratulates the state of Alabama and the Alabama Community College System on its decision to roll out our CPT and CLT training and certification systems statewide," MSSC Chairman and CEO Leo Reddy said.

"An industry-led non-profit, MSSC is the national leader in preparing individuals with the skills needed for front-line jobs in today's ever-changing, technology-driven advanced manufacturing and distribution-logistics industries.

"Since our certifications are based on industry standards, MSSC certificate recipients enjoy prompt job placement and higher wages."

For additional information on the MSSC credentials visit www.almssc.com.

Walk for Freedom set for this Saturday

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CULLMAN – This Saturday, Oct. 14, global anti-human trafficking organization A21, together with the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force, will unite to host the fourth annual Walk for Freedom in Cullman.

The goal of the event, which will be going on simultaneously around the world in 300 different cities, is to help raise awareness for one of the most widespread-yet-overlooked issues in the world today: human trafficking. According to A21, "By fundraising and rallying thousands of people around the cause, the belief is that this event will be the catalyst for the rescue and restoration of human beings who are being exploited as commodities."

The 1-mile walk will begin at the Cullman County Courthouse at 9 a.m.

The walk will conclude in the same location at 11 a.m.

The event is free, and registration is available at A21.org/Walk.

Those participating are encouraged to wear black in remembrance of victims of human trafficking. Walk for Freedom is distinctly recognized by its participants who are in single-file lines, wearing black shirts and yellow bandanas across their mouths.

Donations will be accepted, and T-shirts will be for sale to help raise funds.

"We are utterly convinced that slavery can be eradicated in our lifetime. Walk for Freedom is definitely one of the most impacting things that we do at A21. It is a tangible, practical and doable thing for every single person. All of us can put our feet on the pavement and use our steps to make a difference," says Christine Caine, A21's founder.

Cullman Regional welcomes podiatrist Natalie Giammanco, DPM to medical staff

Cullman Regional
Contributor

CULLMAN – Cullman Regional recently welcomed Natalie Giammanco, DPM to the Cullman Regional Medical Staff. Dr. Giammanco is a board-certified podiatrist and has been in practice for 19 years. She is a graduate of Temple University and completed medical school at Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine.

Giammanco joined Cullman Podiatry following Dr. Steven Grunfeld's retirement and is currently accepting new patients. Cullman Podiatry is located at 1985 Alabama Hwy 157, Suite A, in Cullman. Schedule an appointment with Giammanco by calling the Cullman Regional Physician Referral line at 256- 735-5600.

As a podiatrist, Giammanco diagnoses and treats a variety of foot and ankle problems, including:

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- Hammertoes
- Calluses
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- Tendonitis
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- Diabetic Foot Care
- Gout
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- Dermatitis
- Warts
- Wound Care
- Neuromas
- Flat Feet
- Arthritis
- Infections

Giammanco is a native of Philadelphia. She and her husband, David Hadley, have two children, Desiree and Cole.

In her free time, she enjoys working in her garden, watching her son play soccer, participating in soccer booster club activities and spending time with family.

For more information about Giammanco or services provided by Cullman Regional, visit www.cullmanregional.com.



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These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Smith's Body Shop and Wrecker Service, LLC, 11597 US Highway 278 East, Holly Pond, Alabama, 35083, on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
FRED F. PITZING,) CASE NO.: PC-2017-252
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary having been granted to **MARTHA PITZING and GARY PITZING,** as Co-Executors/Administrators of the Estate of **FRED F. PITZING,** deceased, on the 27th day of September 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

DONE this 27th day of September, 2017.

MARTHA PITZING
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Tammy Brown
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Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama reminds Alabamians to be aware of phone scam

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Contributor

BIRMINGHAM – Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama is reminding its customers and Alabamians to be aware of a current telephone spoofing scam targeting individuals throughout the country.

These scammers represent themselves as Blue Cross Blue Shield employees.

Calls are being made from different phone numbers nationwide, including some from Canada. The perpetrator may use various tactics to obtain or verify an individual's personal information.

It is important to know that Blue Cross does not make outgoing calls to verify or update members' personal information. We encourage the public to remain vigilant, protect their personal information and guard against providing personal information during calls that claim to be from Blue Cross.

Information sessions planned for WSCC Dental Hygiene program

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Students interested in learning about the Dental Hygiene program at Wallace State Community College can get up-to-date and comprehensive information at either of two information sessions planned over the next few months. Dental Information Sessions will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Oct. 11 and Dec. 6 in Room 208 of the Health Science building. To register for the information sessions, call 256-352-8300.

Dental Hygiene is one of the most competitive of the Health Science programs at Wallace State, with more than 100 students applying to fill 30 slots each fall. The average student admitted into the program has an ACT score of 23 and a GPA of 3.5.

The application process for Fall 2018 will begin March 1, 2018, with a June 1 deadline for applications. Current and new students to Wallace State are welcome to apply. Students must meet the general admission requirement of the college, as well as those set forth by the Dental Hygiene program.

Those requirements include an ACT score of 18 or higher and a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Applicants who have completed a Dental Assisting program from an ADA accredited institution, including Wallace State's Dental Assisting program, receive one bonus point on their application.

The Dental Hygiene program is a five-semester program. Twelve credit hours of prerequisite courses must be completed prior to application to the program.

The program boasts a 90 percent graduation rate, with 80 percent of graduates obtaining employment within three months of graduation. The first-attempt pass rate for Regional Board Exam is 96% and 92% for State Board Exams.

For more information about the Dental programs offered at Wallace State, visit www.wallacestate.edu. Call 256-352-8300 to register for one of the information sessions.



WSCC

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Oktoberfest wraps early due to Hurricane Nate; full Saturday and week packed with tours

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Students from Cullman Middle School take a walking tour of historic sites around downtown Cullman.

CULLMAN - Oktoberfest festivities were to wrap up on Sunday, but Hurricane Nate had other plans. Cullman Oktoberfest organizers announced Saturday afternoon that all of Sunday's activities were canceled. The area was under a Tropical Storm Watch through Sunday evening, with Hurricane Nate making landfall Saturday night along the Gulf coast, weakening to a tropical storm, and forecast to bring high winds and anywhere from 2-4 inches of rain to Cullman, according to the National Weather Service.

Saturday's weather was grand, however, bringing hundreds of people filling Depot Park and the Festhalle in downtown Cullman. The Farmer's Market opened up shop at 7 a.m. but the first event of the day was the 5K/10K run starting at 8 a.m.

Dozens lined up outside the Festhalle to compete in the run that took them through downtown, past Cullman Middle School and finished next to Cullman City Hall. The winners of the 5K and 10K each walked away with a medal and a $50 cash prize. Chase Prater finished first in the 5K race with a time of 18:09, and Nick Payne won the 10K competition at 39:34.

Between events, guests enjoyed performances at the Festhalle from the East Elementary sixth-grade choir, the Cullman Middle School choir and the Cullman High School choir, as well as carriage rides around the festival and dozens of vendors.

Younger guests enjoyed inflatable slides, bouncy houses, giant dominos, sidewalk chalk and a pool with giant inflatable bubbles.

There was also a gallery of Oktoberfest Junior sidewalk art posted outside of city hall for guests to admire. The arts and crafts fair was open all day at Depot Park as well.

One of the most popular draws each year, K-9s-4-A-Kause, sponsored by the Cullman Kiwanis Club, also took place Saturday. This event gave tons of dog owners a chance to come out and show off their pets to an adoring crowd. Things got started at Depot Park with an obstacle course, followed up with a tricks event where several dogs and their owners got to work on their skills, but the main event didn't begin until after noon.

Everyone's favorite, the Wiener Dog Races, began around 12:15 and the crowd was larger and more excited for this event than any of the others. The race was broken up into a few heats with three dogs competing at a time. In some races, the wieners burst through the gate at full speed, but in some they were more interested in the crowd and the excitement, to the delight of spectators.

The afternoon continued into the night with live music, food, beer and several more fun contests.

School Tours

The advent of Cullman's "wet" Oktoberfest a few years ago definitely gave certain aspects of the festival a more grown-up feel than during the "dry" years, but the event has retained distinct family-friendly elements. The Burgermeister's first official visit to the biergarten is still preceded by the tapping of the ROOTbeer keg. Saturday's festivities are full of kids' games, inflatables, and the ever-popular Wiener Dog Races.

But some folks may not know that this year's Oktoberfest, along with some others, began with kid-specific events even before the first keg was tapped.

During the week leading up to Oktoberfest Saturday, the Cullman County Museum hosted tour programs for local students:

- Walking tours of historic places downtown for older students
- Four-station tours for younger children, from the museum to Depot Park: inside the museum, to the gazebo for the story of Oktoberfest, to the Depot for historic music and a lesson on Cullman's railroad heritage, and fun time on the inflatables behind the museum
- Many classes concluded morning tours or began afternoon tours with lunch visits to the Festhalle.

The museum's school tour coordinator Drew Green explained, "The main thing about the school tours is we're trying to emphasize Cullman's German heritage. The reason that we celebrate Oktoberfest is because our founder, John Cullman, was from Germany. So it's a good chance to introduce the children and students to Cullman's history, and try to make it also entertaining, to make learning fun.

"In the museum, we normally have students from the Cullman High School drama department with Wayne Cook, their teacher; and they dress up, and they're stationed in different rooms in the museum. And they interact with the children, and try to tell them a little about our history here, and have some fun with them.

"In the gazebo, this year we had some volunteers, a lot of them with German backgrounds, who told the story of Oktoberfest: why we celebrate Oktoberfest in Cullman, and interesting facts about Germany. One of the interesting things one of the storytellers told was all the words we have in English that originated in German.

"At the Depot, which is Cullman's historic depot with all the original interior, so the kids can sit in the Depot and pretend they're waiting for a train just like their grandparents or great-grandparents might have. Then we have Dr. Bill, and he plays some classic American instruments; and some of them have German heritage. And they have fun singing along with him.

"Then, just for fun, we have the bouncy houses, so they can let off a little steam before they go back to school." The school tour program has gone on for quite a few years, enjoying strong attendance until 2009, when the economic recession curtailed many schools' ability to take field trips. "But now, things are looking up, so several schools have started coming back," said Green. He added that attendance has steadily risen over the last several years. This year's tours drew more than 770 local students.

For more information about museum school programs year-round, visit www.cullmancountymuseum.com or www.facebook.com/cullmancomuseum.

13 area students selected as 2017-2018 JSU Marching Southerners

Buffy Lockette
Jacksonville State

JACKSONVILLE – More than 500 gifted musicians and auxiliary were selected for Jacksonville State University's prestigious band program, the Marching Southerners, in Fall 2017.

The following students are marching this fall:

- George Beason, of Arab, Bb Clarinet
- Cecily Brown, of Arab, Bb Clarinet
- Brooklyn Carson, of Hanceville, Ballerinas
- Joel Haney, of Arab, Trumpet
- Jordan Hill, of Oneonta, Ballerinas
- Morgan Johnson, of Cleveland, Tenor Sax
- Christina Peters, of Hayden, Ballerinas
- Dillon Price, of Cullman, Trumpet
- Ross Quigley, of Arab, Mellophone
- Zoe Sitton, of Hayden, Ballerinas
- Kelsey Smith, of Blountsville, Flute
- Chance Taylor, of Cullman, Trumpet
- Shelby Washburn, of Hayden, Flute

Check out the JSU Marching Southerners at September's Calhoun County Band Exhibition here: https://youtu.be/RwuuVYx-ziE. Find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/southerners.



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The Jacksonville State University Marching Southerners at September's Calhoun County Band Exhibition

Citizens' Academy: Sheriff and DEA talk drugs in Cullman County

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A CCSO K9 officer (and his human partner) demonstrate how trained dogs sniff out drugs.

CULLMAN – In their latest session, participants in the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Citizens' Academy got to see and hear how law enforcement agencies combat drugs. Drug sniffing dogs, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and Sheriff Matt Gentry were all on the program.

The evening began outside the CCSO training center, as K9 Lt. Joey Cone and other deputies demonstrated how drug sniffing dogs search, and talked about how the department selects and trains drug and search dogs. Students even got to meet the CCSO's newest recruit, a 14-week old bloodhound named Clara Bell.

Back inside, DEA Birmingham office Agent Josh Moore talked about the work of his agency, especially how undercover drug operations identify and go after dealers. He showed the class videos shot during his undercover operations, to demonstrate how such events take place, and the roles of informants.

Gentry, a former Cullman County narcotics officer and DEA agent, then took the floor to talk about how the drug problem has developed in Cullman County since the 1990s. He began with a brief presentation on the economic impact of the illegal drug industry, noting that drug dealing sent $289 billion to Mexico last year.

According to the sheriff, the main drug threats in Cullman County come from:

- Marijuana, the most commonly abused illegal drug in Alabama
- Heroin and diverted pharmaceuticals, tied for second place among abused drugs. Heroin today is often cut with extremely powerful depressant Fentanyl, leading to overdose deaths. The most abused prescriptions include Oxycontin/Oxycodone and Vicodin/Hydrocodone.
- Cocaine, incld. Crack
- Methamphetamine, including highly purified "ICE"

Gentry set forth the following timeline for the rise of Meth in the county:

- 1990s - A rudimentary form of Methamphetamine called "crank" or "dirty meth," which is less that 25 percent pure, reaches Cullman County.
- 2003 - The largest meth bust in Alabama history to that time, 113 pounds of "crank," takes place in Cullman County.
- 2005 - "ICE," a clean form of meth that can be up to 98 percent pure, appears in the county. Users, accustomed to heavily cut "crank," begin overdosing and suffering psychotic episodes in frightening numbers.
- 2007 - The single pot "shake and bake" portable meth lab appears, simplifying production of small amounts of meth right here in the county.

The Sheriff also talked about the revival of heroin in the area, owed mainly to the rise in abuse of prescription drugs. Prescription abuse has produced growing numbers of opiate addicts, and heroin offers users a cheaper alternative to the high cost of stolen pills. "I tell everybody," concluded Gentry, "the day we're born is the day we start to die. That's the reality of it. We can take what we do today and make it a positive, not a negative. The best tool that we have is information: we can talk to each other, we can educate each other to the battles that we face. We all have to face our own battles and things that we deal with. And knowledge is power, as long as we remember: if we will make this world a little better, it will always be good for us. If we can make it a little bit better tomorrow, we'll always be moving forward."

5 local UA students participate in fall 2017 Cooperative Education Program

Richard LeComte
UA

TUSCALOOSA – Close to 300 University of Alabama students are receiving a hands-on educational experience at more than 60 companies and organizations through UA's Cooperative Education Program during fall 2017.

The following Cullman-area students are among those participating:

- Breanna Haymon, of Arab, Mercedes Benz
- Zachary Holt, of Cleveland, M.J. Harris
- Isaiah Kirkley, of Cleveland, Johnson Controls, Inc. (Ruskin/ Reliable Louvers)
- Nathan Mattox, of Bremen, ACIPCO
- Justin Richardson, of Blountsville, Alabama Power

In the Cooperative Education Program, students alternate periods of full-time study with periods of full-time employment.

This program offers work related to the academic major or career interests of each student.

The experience enhances the students' employment prospects after graduation.

While in school, students carry regular course schedules. While on co-op, they work with professionals in their fields who supervise their training and work.

At work, co-op students earn competitive salaries and may receive benefit packages in addition to valuable on-the-job experience.

Students maintain their full-time student status while at work and have priority registration status each semester through graduation.







THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
OCTOBER 10, 2017

Saint Bernard Abbey hosts Oblate Retreat at Retreat and Conference Center in Cullman

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard



ST. BERNARD

Front row, seated (left to right): Helen Calinao, Martha Ann Warnke, Father David Brown, Retreatmaster from Belmont Abbey, Father Edward Markley, Ann Tucker and Eleanor Howell. Middle row, (left to right): Anthony Maranise, Maryanne Little, Christine Webb, Susan Vogel and Jacqueline Arseneau. Back row, (left to right): Deacon Dan Laurita, Jim Doyle, Dan Krejci, William Drescher, Nancey Alemany, Lu Ann Gissell, Pat Hilderbrandt, John Gissell, Shirley Joffrion, Robertson Moreland, Jeff Montgomery and Steven Gordon.

CULLMAN – The monks of Saint Bernard Abbey welcomed Father David Brown, OSB, Belmont Abbey, as retreat master for the Annual Oblate Retreat, which was held from Sept. 22-24, 2017. Besides a degree in French, Father David spent the years of 1971-1974, studying theology and receiving his masters at Sant' Anselmo in Rome, followed by scripture studies at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, 1975-1978. Father David joined Belmont Abbey in 1970 and was ordained in 1975.

Around 20 oblates attended this year's retreat offered by Father David. Oblates came from all over Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee.

Oblates expressed their delight in the shared wisdom and insights of Father David.

Oblates, called to share in Benedictine ideals, appreciated the retreat's focus on Sacred Scripture.

The practice of lectio divina is an important practice of Benedictines and many other Christians throughout the world.

Fr. David's knowledge will be of great benefit to the retreatants in their practice of lectio divina and for their faith.

In all, five conferences were offered. In addition to the conferences, retreatants prayed the Divine Office with the monks, attended the Monastic Conventual Mass and enjoyed time for rest and quiet reflection.

Oblates of Saint Benedict are Christian men and women of all faiths—single, married, divorced and widowed—who associate themselves with a Benedictine monastery in order to enrich their Christian way of life.

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Oblates seek God by striving to become holy in their chosen way of life.

By integrating their prayer and work, they manifest Christ's presence in society.

For more information on becoming an oblate of Saint Bernard Abbey, contact Father Edward Markley, OSB, Oblate Director at 256-255-5855.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 7-10

Cora Mae Burleson, 90, of Haleyville, entered into rest on Saturday, October 7, 2017, at Haleyville Health Care surrounded by her loved ones. Complete arrangements and obituary will be announced at a later time. Nichols Funeral Home directing.

Graveside service for Joseph Kyle Bates, age 33, was held Monday, October 09, 2017 at Cullman Heritage Cemetery, as Mike Callen officiated. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Bates passed away on Friday, October 06, 2017, He was born, September 17, 1984 to Kevin and Regina Bates. He is preceded in death by his, grandparents, J.C (Vetra) Graves and Feltus (Lois) Bates. Survivors include his, parents, brother, Weston (Caitlin) Bates, niece, Sydney Bates, nephew Wheeler Bates, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. In lieu of flowers Donation to Children's Hospital of Alabama or Cullman Caring for Kids.

Funeral service for Terry Wayne Kelley, 55, of Good Hope, were held Monday, October 9, 2017 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel; Pastor Johnnie Reid officiated. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Kelley passed away Saturday, October 7, 2017 at his residence. He was born July 31, 1962. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Dewey and Gertha Hutson; mother, Melba Simmons; uncle, Melvin Hutson; aunt, Barbara Hutson. Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Natasha Moore Kelley; daughter, Brandi (Steven) Foster; daughter by choice, Kimber Burns; special blessings, Kinsey Burns, Zeb Burney; and was considered to the "dad" to many; and a host of family and friends. Terry loved the Lord, his wife, daughter, dogs, playing softball, coaching his girls in softball and Crimson Tide football.

Lewis Hoyt Garrison, 74, of Lynn, entered into rest on October 6, 2017 at Northwest Medical Center, Winfield. Mr. Garrison was born on June 17, 1943 in Tishomingo County, Mississippi. Hoyt graduated from Lynn High School in 1961. He served in the United States Navy for 4 years during Vietnam. Hoyt worked hard all his life, as a welder contractor and master fabricator. He was known to his railroad friends as "Hoyt-N". He was a life time member of Crossroads Church of Christ. Hoyt was an avid golfer and devoted high school baseball fan. He was a vibrant man that loved life, laughter, and all of his grandchildren. Funeral service was held Monday, October 9, 2017 at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville. Daniel Farris, Garrison Mays and Mike Garrison will officiate. Burial at Crossroads Church of Christ Cemetery. Hoyt is survived by his daughters, Amy Garrison Mays and husband Darrell, Amanda Paige Carusone and husband Gregory; brothers, Billy Garrison and wife Bobby, Mike Garrison and wife Anna Beth: special friend, Norma Jean Coan. He was "Paw Paw" to 4 grandchildren, Garrison Wyatt Mays, Halle Paige Strong, Gillian Elizabeth Carusone, and Graham Gregory Carusone. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 25 years, Glenda Carol Garrison; father; Dewey Garrison; mother, Laura Ida Lee Garrison; brothers, Tommy Glenn Garrison and Toby Scott Garrison.

Funeral Service for Loella Vernell Hudson, age 87 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Greg Hudson and Rev. Kenneth Lee, officiating; burial at Jones Chapel Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Hudson passed away on Friday, October 06, 2017 at her residence. She was born, July 20, 1930, to Albert Monroe and Laura Lee. She is preceded in death by her husband, William Edward Hudson, her parents, her sisters, Leola Parker, Liller Sandlin, Luvie Rodgers, Lois Pearson and Lora Hudson, and brother, Rev. A.N. Lee. Survivors include her son, Greg (Mattie Lynn) Hudson, daughter, Sherri (Erich) Halbert, grandchildren Caleb Hudson, Joshlyn Hudson, David Hudson, and Amy Crick, and great granddaughter, Chloe. In Lieu of flowers please make donations to Kindred Hospice, 1015 1st Ave SW Suite B, Cullman, AL 35055.

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4th annual Smith Lake Park Bass Fest pays out $10K top prize

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CULLMAN – Saturday marked the fourth time that Cullman County Parks and Recreation held its annual Bass Fest. Held at Smith Lake Park, the tournament saw just over 200 boats compete.

"I know that the weights were down a little bit from last year and maybe even the previous year, but we hope you had a great time," Cullman County Parks and Recreation director Doug Davenport said to the crowd from the stage Saturday at the weigh-in. "This is our fourth annual tournament and we are learning from scratch how to make it better each year."

Taking home top prize were brothers Jonathan Seaborn and Benjie Seaborn, who reeled in 14.97 pounds worth of keeper fish. That was good enough to earn them the $10,000 payday.

Coming in second were Jaret Wiggins and Kyle Carden with a total weight of 13.52 pounds.

Snagging third were Jeremy Hopper and Gabe Peare he weighed in at 13.40 pounds. The duo also walked away with the $500 Big Fish prize, with a 5.16-pounder.

Kyle Haga and Clay Kent took home fourth place when they weighed in 12.66 pounds of fish.

Rounding out the top five were Ed Willoughby and Barry Johnson with a total weight of 12.03 pounds.

To place in the top five was an impressive feat with 388 participants at this year's event. Something the Smith Lake Park Bass Fest prides itself on is its catch and release policy.

All 480 fish caught Saturday were released back into Smith Lake. Not only is this good for the tournament, but it is good for the ecosystem.



CULLMAN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

Brothers Jonathan Seaborn and Benjie Seaborn reeled in 14.97 pounds worth of keeper fish, enough to earn them the $10,000 payday.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

St. Bernard's Sweeney, Mami claim top spots at Jesse Owens Classic

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OAKVILLE – St. Bernard's Andrew Sweeney and Leahrose Mami took the top spots in the green division 5,000m runs at Saturday's Jesse Owens Classic at Oakville Indian Mounds Park. In green division teams, the Cold Springs boys claimed third place, with the Lady Saints of St. Bernard bringing home fifth.

Local team and individual stats for all area schools and divisions are below:



FACEBOOK/COURTESY COLD SPRINGS RUNNERS CLUB

St. Bernard's Leahrose Mami, center, claimed first place in the green division.

Boys' Bronze Division 5,000 Meter
Individuals
• 18th- Quinton Chambers- Fairview- 17:29.29
• 126th- A.B. Diaz- Fairview- 19:51.13
• 130th- Keagan Hardin- Fairview- 19:53.67
• 167th- Peyton Bailey- Fairview- 20:16.67
• 174th- Will Butler- Fairview- 20:22.48
• 217th- Austin Lowe- Fairview- 21:00.96

Team
Fairview came in 22nd, with an average time of 19:34.

Boys' Gold Division 5,000 Meter
Individuals
• 15th- Eli Wilhite- Cullman- 16:20.28
• 48th- Tucker Adkison- Cullman- 16:53.81
• 93rd- Will Thompson- Cullman- 17:17.70
• 159th- Jackson Tucker- Cullman- 17:50.00
• 170th- Edgar Medina- Cullman- 17:54.70
• 219th- Walker Huddleston- Cullman- 18:27.06

Team
Cullman came in 16th, with an average time of 17:15.

Girls' Gold Division 5,000 Meter
Individuals
• 95th- Della Kelly- Cullman- 21:30.50
• 142nd- Jennifer Aviles- Cullman- 22:57.32
• 144th- Mattie Green- Cullman- 23:05.78
• 150th- Tess Heaton- Cullman- 23:19.85
• 162nd- Alexandra Holt- Cullman- 24:00.62
• 163rd- Bernarda Tizapa- Cullman- 24:06.38

Team
The Cullman team came in 25th with an average time of 22:58.

Boys' Green Division 5,000 Meter
Individuals
• 1st- Andrew Sweeney- St. Bernard- 16:34.71
• 12th- Jonathan Collett- Cold Springs- 17:47.62
• 13th- Aaron Brown- Hanceville- 17:51.14
• 15th- Trentan Williams- Cold Springs- 17:53.89
• 16th- C.J. Lang- Cold Springs- 17:55.15
• 24th- Conner Lowery- Holly Pond- 18:18.51
• 25th- Caleb Guthery- St. Bernard- 18:18.84
• 33rd- Seth Walker- Cold Springs- 18:41.00
• 36th- Will Grimmett- Cold Springs- 18:48.03
• 38th- Parker Sellers- Holly Pond- 18:53.54
• 43rd- Aaron Spurger- Cold Springs- 19:00.68
• 47th- Cole Akridge- Cold Springs- 19:09.21
• 48th- Zackery Reynolds- Holly Pond- 19:10.17
• 68th- Joseph Arriaga- St. Bernard- 19:34.50
• 78th- Hunter Calvert- Cold Springs- 19:55.74
• 119th- Brody Belcher- Cold Springs- 20:50.66
• 122nd- Ethan Baker- Addison- 20:53.53
• 126th- Slade Johnson- Cold Springs- 20:57.34
• 135th- Seth Self- Holly Pond- 21:04.42
• 151st- Christopher Putman- Holly Pond- 21:25.42
• 179th- Josh Chiodo- St. Bernard- 22:15.15
• 232nd- Chris Thies- Addison- 23:37.66
• 233rd- Ian Sidley- St. Bernard- 23:37.98
• 244th- Marcos Ramirez- Vinemont- 23:52.36
• 287th- Gabe Alexander- Addison- 26:14.20
• 288th- Andy Light- Holly Pond- 26:15.82
• 293rd- Ethan Smith- Addison- 26:29.71
• 317th- Jacob Hann- Addison- 29:32.58
• 330th- Jebb Bryan- Holly Pond- 34:32.21
• 332nd- John Martin- Holly Pond- 36:00.63
• 333rd- Caleb Knedlik- Holly Pond- 36:07.90
• 337th- Austin Reppond- Vinemont- 39:16.62

Team
• 3rd- Cold Springs-18:13 average
• 12th- Holly Pond- 19:46 average
• 14th- St Bernard- 20:04 average
• 35th- Addison- 25:21 average

Girls' Green Division 5,000 Meter
Individuals
• 1st- Leahrose Mami- St. Bernard- 20:11.58
• 11th- Abigail Kusz- Holly Pond- 21:38.82
• 15th- Ava Akridge- Cold Springs- 22:11.98
• 20th- Camilla Chambers- Holly Pond- 22:30.35
• 32nd- Claire Sanders- St. Bernard- 23:30.31
• 34th- Eva Barck- St. Bernard- 23:36.69 30
• 35th- Alyssa Jackson- Cold Springs- 23:39.82
• 66th- Anna Beth Guthery- St. Bernard- 24:50.34
• 75th- Maritza Ramon- Holly Pond- 25:08.64
• 85th- Lizbeth Medina- St. Bernard- 25:30.48
• 93rd- Emma Collett- Cold Springs- 25:46.43
• 95th- Madison Frnka- Holly Pond- 25:53.63
• 143rd- Korey Butler- Holly Pond- 28:29.50
• 151st- Daisey Gutierrez- St. Bernard- 28:58.55
• 162nd- Anna-Marie Kusz- Holly Pond- 29:32.25
• 174th- Misty Robertson- Addison- 30:52.87
• 178th- Michaela Jenkins - Holly Pond- 31:15.13
• 180th- Haleigh Holland- Addison-31:37.79
• 193rd- Vivian McMickens- Cold Springs- 34:04.64
• 194th- Kayla Clark-Meek- 34:11.64
• 195th- Christina Tyree-Meek- 34:11.74
• 198th- Tiffany Stout- Vinemont- 36:04.08
• 199th- Jessica Swearingen- Vinemont- 36:04.25

Team
• 5th- St. Bernard- 23:31 average
• 12th- Holly Pond- 24:44 average

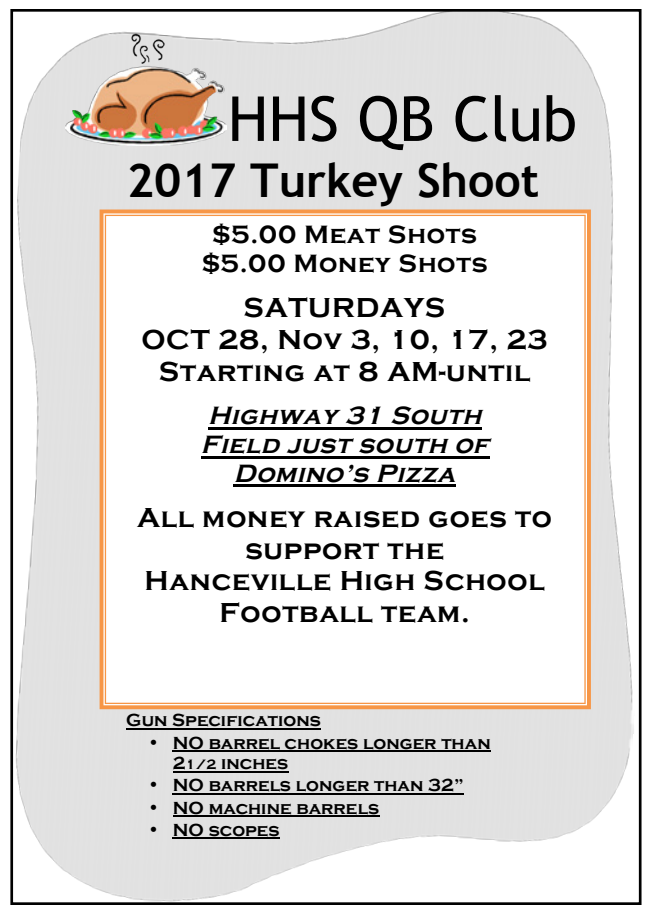
Boys' Red Division 5,000 Meter
Individuals
• 63rd- Adam Mangum- Cullman- 19:09.83
• 97th- Preston White- Cullman- 19:36.56
• 353rd- Jackson Griffith- Cullman- 22:38.27

Girls' Red Division 5,000 Meter
Individuals
• 84th- Mady Norris- Cullman- 24:28.77

Boys' MS 2.1 mile
Individuals
• 57th- Will Rhodes- Vinemont- 12:37.02
• 86th- Francis Mami- St. Bernard- 13:04.69
• 94th- Arriaga-Aquilar- St. Bernard- 13:07.72
• 107th- Jonathan Baillargea- St. Bernard- 13:12.83
• 147th- Nikolas Borths- St. Bernard- 13:41.36
• 161st Austin Riddle Vinemont- 13:51.93
• 170th- Boston McDuffy Vinemont- 13:56.51
• 173rd- Girvin Garcia- St. Bernard- 13:58.26
• 186th- Peter Tran- St. Bernard- 14:05.80
• 279th- Daniel Bamberry- St. Bernard- 15:10.10
• 336th- Cole Bissot- St. Bernard- 16:13.10
• 392nd- Peyton Holland- Addison- 17:49.94
• 429th- Jake Hood- Addison- 21:04.33
• 430th- Riley Gilbreath- Addison- 25:24.38

Team
St. Bernard came in at 17th, with an average time of 13:24.

Girls' MS 2.1 mile
Individuals
• 92nd- Kendall Harbison- Vinemont- 16:14.00
• 152nd- Callie Gilliland- Addison- 17:31.97
• 214th- Anna Grace Atkins- Addison- 20:55.90



COMMUNITY NOTE

Heartland Quilt Guild meeting

Sue Rodgers
Contributor

CULLMAN – The Heartland Quilt Guild will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12 at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 Saint Joseph Drive NW, Cullman.

Program: Jennifer Bridges and Greta Wilhite will demonstrate several projects. Bring fall projects to share. Refreshments served. Bring a friend.

CCTV-55 (from Front)

main production is live streaming sports events," said Drake.

"We can broadcast almost anything: sports games, plays and other things. The NFHS Network has made it easier to branch out."

Additionally, according to Drake, the reconstruction of CHS took away the studio his students had used, making in-house production difficult. Nathan Anderson, Drake's former assistant at CHS and current CP&R director, approached Drake with the idea to take charge of the television station.

Drake explained, "I have a great relationship with Nathan at CP&R. We talked about it for a long time. The principals and administrators from all the schools came over to talk. I think we worked out a good deal; they were careful not to take anything away from our students at CHS."

Drake added that CHS will continue to supply CCTV-55 with content from games and other school events.

While live broadcasts from the school production team will not be available, the NFHS and Alabama High School Athletic Association have authorized the school to send recorded content to the station.

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