Happy Halloween from the EPIC crew

EPIC headed to the greens for its 3rd quarter event, Putts & Paints, at Cross Creek Golf Course. Attendees competed in a chipping and putting contest and had the opportunity to follow along with a painting session with Emily Bussman from Sips n Strokes. We ate some delicious food, gave out some awesome prizes, did some networking, and showed off (or worked on) our short game. The paintings turned out beautifully and were the perfect way to update our homes for fall! Thanks to Emily for coming and giving the demonstration, Cross Creek for hosting, and River Valley Ingredients for being this quarter’s sponsor!
Cullman’s young professionals group gathered at the Cullman Bowling Center for a winner-takes-all bowling tournament that became a stiff competition. After lots of strikes, spares, and plenty of gutter balls, we were left with champions in the men and women’s divisions. Ethan Ponder and Mary Ellen Kennedy took home the winning trophies with the highest scores in this inaugural tournament.
EXISTING BUSINESS

Buscuits & Business event highlights industry and area workforce training

The Chamber’s Biscuits & Business event for the third quarter was held by Alabama Technology Network. Perry Shields and his team of engineers explained how they contribute to the training and development of industrial workforce in Alabama. Attendees were able to gain an understanding of some of the equipment used by the engineers on a day-to-day basis. It was certainly valuable information to come away with for all those that attended and were interested in how manufacturing and people work together.
EXISTING BUSINESS

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SMALL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH WINNERS

June Small Business of the Month:
BRANHAM ACCESSORIES
101 Arnold St NE, Cullman, AL 35055 | 256-775-1719
Year Opened: 2006 | Number of Employees: 7
Chamber Participation: 2019 2nd Fridays Cruise-In Sponsor

June Sponsor:
Chambers Farm & Garden Supply

July Small Business of the Month:
VILLAGE FURNITURE
224 3rd Ave SE, Cullman, AL 35055 | 256-734-8844
Number of Employees: 2
Chamber Participation: Morning Blend Sponsor

July Sponsor:
East Side Barber Shop

August Small Business of the Month:
DOUG DOGGETT JEWELERS
215 Compass Way SW, Cullman, AL 35055 | 256-734-7883
Year Opened: 1981 | Number of Employees: 5 full time, 5 part time
Chamber Participation: Christmas Window Display Participant

August Sponsor:
Cullman Eye Specialists

September Small Business of the Month:
VAN’S SPORTING GOODS
2045 County Rd 222, Cullman, AL 35057 | 256-775-4031
Year Opened: 2008 | Number of Employees: 10 full time, 6 part time
Chamber Participation: Active Member

September Sponsor:
Hallmark Dentistry
3rd Quarter Industry Tour views state of the art facility

2019 Samplers in the Breezeway was spectacular thanks to all our participating restaurants, the great music, and local foodies! Ty Gracey entertained us, thanks to Apel Steel, and kept the party moving from start to finish out in the breezeway. We were able to sample food and beverages from 412 Public House, Brickyard Meats, Chick-fil-A, Cracker Barrel, Diablo’s Southwest Grill, Domino’s, Firehouse Subs, Goat Island Brewing, Guthrie’s, Panera Bread, Rock N Roll Sushi, and Subway, and it was all amazing. At the end of the night, our Presenting Sponsor HH Technologies gave away a PolarCool cooling system to one lucky attendee! Big thanks to our Premier Sponsor EvaBank as well! It was a fantastic opportunity to try all the unique and delicious food and drinks the Cullman area has to offer and celebrate our community in one place!

The Chamber’s 3rd Quarter Industry Tour was held at Webb Wheel on August 9. Attendees toured their very impressive 315,000-square-foot facilities. Their primary product is brake drums, but they also supply rotors, hubs and spoke wheels to companies such as FleetPride and Peterbilt. The tour covered all their assembly lines for the brake parts and gave us an inside look at their state of the art 21,000-square-foot research and development department. It was certainly an impressive tour of a manufacturer headquartered in our hometown!

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Chamber’s quarterly Morning Blend keeps you in the know

The third quarter served delicious coffee with community discussion at our monthly Morning Blend. July’s Morning Blend provided us with the latest safety information, thanks to Sheriff Matt Gentry. Sheriffs Gentry joined us to speak on the happenings of the Sheriff Department and all the improvements he would like to implement in order to better protect the place we call home. He has several detailed plans in place and wants to dedicate all he can to serving the community. Thank you to ServPro of Cullman & Blount Counties for being July’s sponsor!

Our August Morning Blend was a great update on the happenings of parks and recreation around Cullman. Cullman City Parks, Recreations & Sports Tourism Director Nathan Anderson joined us to speak on the new park projects and updates. City parks are beginning to incorporate art in many more of their areas, bringing a new look to old landscapes, as well as showcasing several local artists. We came away from this Morning Blend with a refreshed outlook on the parks we have known for years. Big thanks to Highland Technical Services for being August’s sponsor!

In September, Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail gave us a great update about the current and future happenings around the city of Hanceville. It was a great reminder for us all to remember to think Cullman County first when shopping, dining, or living. Thank you to Dr. R. Clyne Adams for sponsoring September’s Morning Blend!

October was a helpful Morning Blend with Cullman Electric Cooperative. Bonnie Baty, Communications Specialist, presented the common misconceptions regarding electricity usage. Larry Drake, Facilities & Energy Services Coordinator, shared information on how to improve your eScore, rebates, and other incentives you can utilize. Thank you to our October sponsor, Brickyard Meats! Coffee and snacks were provided by Presenting Sponsor Karma’s Coffee House. Morning Blend takes place every third Wednesday of the month from 8 to 9 a.m. at Rumors Deli.
The Leadership Cullman County Class of 2019 - 2020 kicked off their year with the Annual Leadership Retreat. The two-day affair started with a challenging day on the Hulaco Family Camp ropes course and continued with team building and group activities led by Dr. Bruce Pieper, hosted by Stone Bridge Farms. The year started off on a promising note, and we can't wait to see how the rest of the year unfolds for this great group of leaders.

This year’s class includes Joy Boggs of First Bank, Rick Black of REHAU, Lisa Courtney of Cullman Regional, Rob Dean of EvaBank, Aleah DeBoer of CWAC, Larry Drake of Cullman Electric Cooperative, Dylan Earnest of Chick-fil-A, Charlie Gibbs of YELTEK, Heather Gudger of Southern Accents, Ben Joslin of Moss Service Funeral Home, Zach Lee of Lowe’s, Sara Manney of American Red Cross, Joe McNulty of Cornerstone Baptist Church of the Nazarene, William Montgomery of Cullman Police Department, Jess Moore of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, Steve Patrick of Daystar Church, Sherry Pentecost of the UPS Store, Ethan Ponder of Willow Bend Mortgage, Luke Satterfield of Cullman Economic Development Agency, and Joshua Swindall of Cullman Christian School. We look forward to seeing where our leaders set forth over the next year!
Community Luncheon promotes spirit for the area football season

We kicked off football season at the August Community Luncheon, sponsored by the Cullman Electric Cooperative. Cullman High School Head Coach Oscar Glasscock spoke on the upcoming football season and school year in his first season back in Cullman as the leader of the Bearcats. He spoke on his expectations for his team during this challenging season. Attendees came away from this luncheon ready to tailgate and cheer for some touchdowns.

The September Community Luncheon, sponsored by Cullman Regional, taught us the importance of participation in the 2020 Census. Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Director Kenneth Boswell emphasized low participation can lead to the loss of representatives in the federal government. He encouraged the community and business leaders to urge friends and family to participate in the census to support Alabama locally and impact nationally.

At the October Community Luncheon, sponsored by Alabama Farm Credit, Cullman Regional CEO James Clements informed us how investments have led to new additions and technology for Cullman Regional and job creation for the Cullman area. These additions include an Urgent Care and Imaging Center, surgical robots for precision and less recovery time, new physician practices, 30 more beds, online appointment scheduling, and many other features. Thanks to our 2019 presenting sponsor, Shirley Quattlebaum, and all our monthly sponsors for making this networking event possible!
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