

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Governmental meetings

■ Louisville Town Council meets Monday, Oct. 4, at 6 p.m. at city hall.

■ Barbour County Schools, Monday, Oct. 4, at Barbour County Middle School, 6 p.m. regular board meeting.

■ Clio Town Council, Monday, Oct. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at town hall.

■ Eufaula City Council meets Monday, Oct. 4, with a regular meeting at 5:15 p.m. in the municipal courtroom.

■ Barbour County Commission meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 5 p.m. from the Eufaula Courthouse; committee meeting Oct. 5, at 5 p.m. at Eufaula Courthouse.

■ Eufaula Historic Preservation Commission meets Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 3:30 p.m. in the Eufaula Municipal Courtroom.

■ The Quitman County Commission meets Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. (EDT) in the commission chambers.

■ Eufaula City School board meets Oct. 19, in the board room of the superintendent's office at 5:30 p.m.

■ Eufaula Water Board, Oct. 19, 8 a.m. at water works department on Washington Street.

### Community events

■ The Eufaula Parks and Recreation Department is holding registration for fall swimming lessons at the Eufaula Community Center. Lessons run from Oct. 4-28 every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. All classes last 30 minutes each. For more information, contact the Eufaula Community Center at 687-1246.

■ Zumba classes, Eufaula Community Center, every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30-10:30 a.m. Yoga classes every Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and every Saturday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Instructor Pam Wiggins. Classes are \$20 for 4 visits or \$7 for drop-in. First class is free.

■ The Eufaula Art Scene will sponsor "Fiddlers, Banjo Players and Strawbeaters - Alabama's First Pop Musicians", Oct. 7, 6 p.m., Eufaula Carnegie Library. Program presented by Joyce Caughen, executive director of the Alabama Folklife Association.

■ The 32nd annual Indian Summer Arts & Crafts Festival, October 9-10, downtown Eufaula. For more information or vendor application call 687-6664.

■ Hunter education courses at Wallace Community College

from 8 - 5 p.m. and Oct. 10, from 1 - 5 p.m. Call 687-3543 ext. 4247. Class fee \$10.

■ A fall newcomers coffee will be held Oct. 12, at 11:30 a.m. at the Eufaula Country Club. RSVP by Oct. 8 at 688-5060.

### Other meetings

■ Alcoholics Anonymous meets Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Terese Club at 3800 S. Eufaula Ave.

■ New Hope Support Groups for women dealing with depression, mood disorders, substance abuse, chronic pain and loss of loved ones is held every Monday at 6 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church. For more information, call 695-0267. The program is free and confidential.

■ The VFW 5850 and Ladies Auxiliary meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at VFW Post 5850 Hwy. 431 N.

■ Narcotics Anonymous in Eufaula meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at 3800 S. Eufaula Ave.

■ Narcotics Anonymous in Clayton is held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 2827 Clayton Highway. Call 355-8117 for more information.

■ A cancer support group is held every second Monday at 5:30 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church. All cancer survivors, patients and caregivers are invited.

■ Barbour County Chapter No. 40 Disabled American Veterans meets on the third Friday of each month at 2 p.m. at the VFW post on Highway 431 North. Call 687-4690 for more information.

■ ALAGA Classic Car Club, third Tuesday of each month, The Creek Restaurant.

■ Kiwanis Club of Eufaula, Mondays, noon, River City Grill

■ Eufaula Rotary Club, Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., Eufaula Country Club

■ Rotary Club of Quitman County, Tuesdays, noon, Community Center

■ Eufaula Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Eufaula Country Club, beginning in January.

■ Eufaula High Band Boosters, every second Monday, 5:15 p.m. during marching season, EHS

■ U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, second Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. at 620 Beams Dr. call Edgar Hicks at 334-687-8369

■ NAR-ANON, second and fourth Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Terese Club

■ Quitman County Family Connection, first Monday of every month, noon, Quitman County Board of Edu-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Dewey Norton recovers from the stem cell procedure in Dusseldorf, Germany, at the XCell-Center.

# Dewey improving after treatment

By Tiffany Woo

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Dewey Norton sat in his wheelchair and stared at the lollipop in his hand.

For most of his peers, eating candy isn't a big deal. For 13-year-old Dewey, however, it was a momentous occasion as he slowly lifted the sucker and placed it in his mouth. He had never done this before.

Dewey, who lives in Eufaula, has cerebral palsy. His quest to raise money for an adult stem cell treatment ended last month when he traveled to Germany for treatment. It was a procedure that doctors said could give him better control of his muscles.

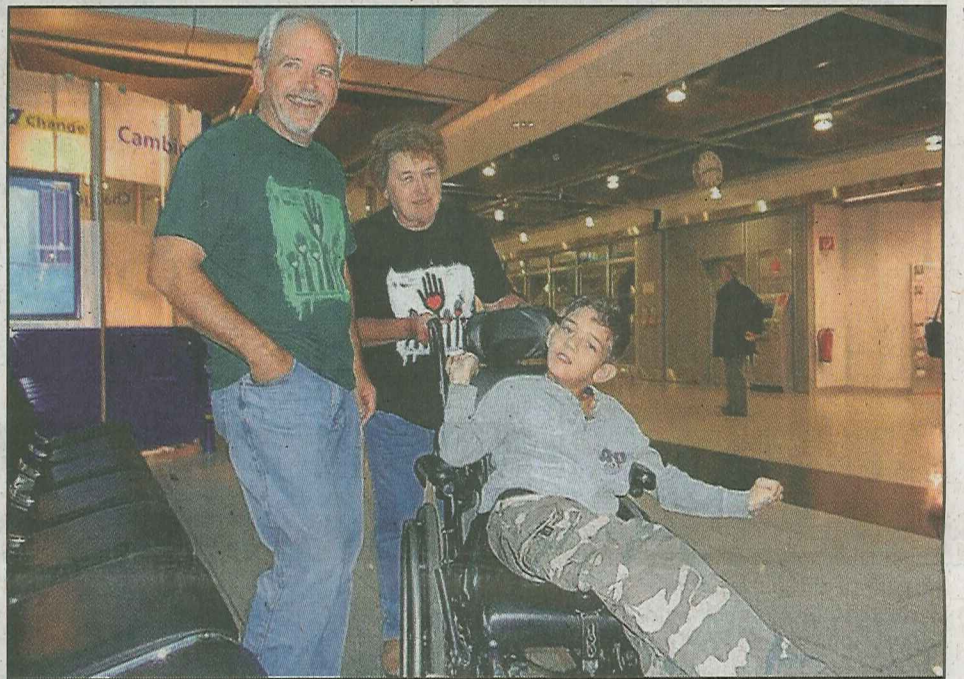
The procedure went smoothly, but the recovery was tedious for both Dewey and his family.

"He wanted to run through all of the possible side effects, I suppose," joked Dewey's father, Rocky. Following the treatment, Dewey experienced most of the side effects doctors had described.

"He had a couple of days where he was really nauseous. The doctors said it was actually a good sign because it meant that the stem cells were traveling through his immune system."

The procedure involves taking healthy stem cells from one part of Dewey's body and injecting them into his spine, where they could travel into the damaged portion of his brain.

Dewey's procedure was performed in Dusseldorf, Germany, at the XCell-Center. The center performs autologous stem cell treatments (the non-controversial type) that have not yet



Dewey Norton arrives in Dusseldorf, Germany, with his grandmother, Louise, and father, Rocky, for a few days of sightseeing before his stem cell procedure.

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been FDA approved and are, therefore, not offered in the United States.

"We were impressed by the Xcell-Center," said Rocky. "It was certainly cleaner than any hospital in the (United) States."

"There were kids from all over the world there," said Louise Norton, Dewey's grandmother. "We were really able to connect with a lot of people who have gone through the same thing Dewey is going through."

After only a few weeks, Dewey is showing signs of improvement. He is able to use his hands and arms bet-

ter and his speech has improved.

"Right now, we're just waiting to let the new cells take hold," said Rocky. "We're seeing improvement right now, but really, most of the cells haven't even made it to the damage site yet. We're just getting started."

Meanwhile, Dewey is working hard to improve his muscle control. Extensive physical therapy will help him learn to use his muscles properly.

"He has to learn to do a lot of this stuff," said Louise. "He's never done it before."

Dewey's determination to improve has already brought him a long way.

"It's really miraculous how everything has turned out so far," said Dewey's grandfather, Gary.

When asked to sum up the year's experience of raising money, traveling to Germany and watching his son undergo the treatment, Rocky Norton said simply, "I'd definitely do it again."

He turned to his son and smiled, saying, "What about you? Would you do it again?"

Dewey smiled back at his dad before saying one word loud and clear, "Again."

Dewey and his family thank everyone in Eufaula and the surrounding communities for their support and prayers in achieving this goal.

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