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AT&T announces wireless internet service for parts of rural Cullman County



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Sen. Paul Bussman cuts the ribbon to announce the official opening of fixed wireless internet service in west Cullman County.

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BREMEN – At a press conference at a cellular tower in north Bremen near Smith Lake on Friday morning, AT&T announced the introduction of a new wireless broadband internet service that will provide high-speed internet to customers in remote parts of the county that previously have had to rely on satellite or dial-up internet. Special equipment on certain cell phone towers will allow subscribing customers high-speed access to the web via a receiver mounted on their homes.

Dave Hargrove, regional director of external affairs for AT&T, explained, "What we're announcing today is a new service that's available to residents in the Bremen community, that will provide a fixed wireless internet service to residents out here who don't currently have an internet option. It enables residents to get 10 megabits per second average speed of internet access, which is more than adequate for many needs, especially in rural Alabama, where maybe they've been on dial-up or they've had to use satellite."

Compared to satellite services, said Hargrove, "It's a terrestrial product; so we've got it right here on an enabled LTE 4G cell site. Fiber (optic cable) is fed to this site, and then the signal is a direct signal that goes to the subscriber's home and beams the internet using wireless spectrum here in the Bremen community."

At the press conference and ribbon cutting, which was attended by media, representatives of Cullman County Economic Development, the Cullman Economic Development Agency, State Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope and State Sen. Paul Bussman, R-Cullman, AT&T Associate Vice President for External Affairs Mickey Harbin explained that Cullman's existing cellular infrastructure, with numerous towers clustered close together, made the area an ideal place to introduce the service.

"It's a great product," Harbin added, "it's very reasonably priced, and the great thing about it is that it's got a 160 gb data package. That's a lot of data that someone can use, so I think that's the best part about it."

Bussman told the group, "We've been talking to AT&T for a long time, and they've been telling us for a long time that they're about to do this. You never know what that 'about to' is, but right now we know it's here. To work and to go to school and have a business in the rural areas, you've got to have broadband. You've got to have access to the internet now. Everyone knows that any retail, any kind of business now needs that access. So we're so excited that it's finally starting to get here.

"Especially with Representative Harbison and I being in very rural districts, we don't always have the luxury » PAGE 5



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Michelle Pender, first-grade teacher at Hanceville Elementary School, accepts her award as the Environmental Conservation Education Teacher of the Year.

Hanceville's Pender named Alabama Environmental Conservation Education Teacher of the Year

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HANCEVILLE – Last week Michelle Pender, a first-grade teacher at Hanceville Elementary School, was named Environmental Conservation Education Teacher of the Year by the Alabama Association of Conservation Districts, after winning the title at the county and area levels. The award is given to teachers who, through curriculum or class activities, promote environmental causes in the classroom and local school. Pender received her award at the Association's Area One annual meeting in Double Springs, Winston County.

The Tribune caught up with Pender this week, to find out more about her award and how she found herself receiving it.

And just what did it take for Pender to receive this award?

"The wonderful people at the Cullman County Soil and Water (Conservation District) give educational and highly engaging environmental awareness presentations free » PAGE 4

Rhythm of the fall: area marching bands prepare for 2017 season, part 2

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CULLMAN COUNTY – The 2017 high school football season is upon us, and football teams have been working out and preparing for weeks. But others have been preparing as well: our area high school marching bands, who have been working through the stifling heat of late summer, learning drills, memorizing music and getting pumped for the new season.

The Tribune is spotlighting all our area bands, and will present two at a time in the coming days, sharing a little sneak peek at what band fans can anticipate this year.

In this second installment, we hear from Christopher Smith and Ty Parker, band directors at Cullman and West Point, respectively.

Cullman High School Marching Band, led by director Christopher Smith

Members: 113, including 36 color guard, majorettes, and dance team

Drum Major: Jessika Franks

Musical theme: "The Living Tapestry"

"The show will begin with 'Tapestry,' which is a symphonic piece from the Epcot Millennial Celebration that begins with only a small portion of the ensemble playing, but then reaches a climactic finale that features the entire band and a special presentation from the visual ensemble. The band will then perform 'Caravan,' which is an exciting jazz chart originally performed by the Duke » PAGE 4



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West Point High School marching band

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Hanceville council split over operating budget proposals

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HANCEVILLE – In an extended meeting Thursday evening, the Hanceville City Council came together to support city infrastructure improvement, before splitting over questions related to funding for ongoing operations. Members approved measures to improve the water plant and promote downtown revitalization, but could not come together on matters related to the mayor's and council members' salaries, nor on a proposed information technology maintenance contract for the City's computer systems.

Water Department plant lighting

The council unanimously approved a request from the water department to apply for an energy grant to replace existing lighting at the water plant. The requested grant is $17,543, with the City putting up a local match of $4,385.75.

Block grant for downtown improvements

The council also unanimously approved a resolution to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), that would fund, according to the resolution, "a project for Downtown Streetscape improvements to include sidewalks, drainage, decorative streetlights, etc., in support of downtown revitalization efforts." The proposal also stated that the project would contribute to the "prevention or elimination of slum and blight conditions in Downtown Hanceville."

If Hanceville receives the grant, the City will fund the construction of sidewalks with its cash match, while the grant will fund lighting, drainage, curbs, crosswalks and other improvements. Work will focus primarily on areas around the block formed by Church Avenue, Alabama Highway 91 Blountsville Street and U.S. Highway 31.

Despite questions about the cost of particular items in the proposal, and assurances that the final cost could come in below the amount applied for, the council voted to apply for $350,000 in CDBG Small City funds, with Hanceville putting up a local cash match of $43,254.46.

Disagreement ends salary discussion

The council then took up the matter of mayoral and council salaries, in the form of proposed City Ordinance 616 that has been the subject of discussion for some time. Mayor Kenneth Nail emphasized that the passing of this resolution would have no effect on the present term, as the law prohibits mayors and council members from voting for raises for themselves. Any approved change in salary would not take effect until after the next election.

Nail proposed that council member salaries be raised from $350 per month to $500 per month, and that the mayor's salary be increased from $31,000 to $36,000 per year.

Councilman Justin Pruett and Councilwoman Kim Brown both expressed opinions that the $350 per month amount is sufficient for council members, though they did recommend that the mayor pro tem monthly salary be raised to $500.

In addition to the current salary of $31,000, the mayor receives $12,000 per year as a member of the Cullman-Jefferson Counties Gas District board. The mayor's appointment to the board is automatic. Nail and City Attorney Dan Willingham included a clause in the ordinance that would make the City responsible for that $12,000 if, for some reason, the mayor was not appointed to the board.

Councilman Jimmy Sawyer opposed that inclusion, arguing that the City should not be responsible for money that should be coming from an outside source.

He felt that the automatic appointment of the mayor to the board made the clause unnecessary, and that it could create a situation in which a mayor could simply refuse to serve on the board and then demand that the City make up the difference. All, including Nail and Willingham, agreed that a mayor who willfully declines appointment should not receive any further pay.

As debate continued over whether the gas board pay should be considered part of the mayor's salary, the spirit of the discussion became increasingly argumentative until Councilman Charles Wilson finally made a motion to table the matter for a later meeting. On that the council agreed.

Smartfox Solutions information technology service contract

The council also returned to its discussion from the previous meeting of a proposed service contract with Smartfox Solutions that would provide unlimited offsite data storage, computer systems repair and maintenance, system security and firewalls, and wholesale pricing on new equipment for all of the City's computer systems. The proposed one-year initial contract would cost the City $950 per month.

The council and mayor looked to Councilwoman Sharon Porter for tech-savvy advice on the matter. She stated that she had dealt with Smartfox before, and had a good experience; she also said she had received "excellent references" from other Smartfox customers she had contacted. Porter strongly recommended approving the contract.

Wilson, though, questioned the cost of the service, pointing out that the water department receives offsite storage from Carbonite for a small fraction of Smartfox's price.

Smartfox representatives countered that Carbonite's service does not include maintenance and repair, and offers limited storage compared to Smartfox's unlimited storage. Wilson remained unconvinced and still concerned about the price tag.

When the motion was made to approve the contract, Porter, Sawyer and Pruett voted in favor. Wilson and Brown voted against approval, and Wilson called for a roll call vote when Nail declared the motion passed.

Nail himself abstained from voting, saying that a personal relationship between himself and a company representative made him feel that his vote would be inappropriate. The motion passed 3-2.

Before the end of the meeting, Wilson, who had clearly been at odds with Nail for much of the evening, concluded his remarks by commending the mayor for his successful efforts at removing air conditioning units from the attic of the Library.

The earlier addition of a new peaked roof over the old flat roof had left the units running in an enclosed space where they operated inefficiently and were prone to overheating.

The Hanceville City Council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Hanceville City Hall, with a work session at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

19-year-old Jones Chapel man facing 1st degree sexual abuse charges

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JONES CHAPEL – A Jones Chapel man was arrested Wednesday and charged with first-degree sexual abuse. Gary Lynn Jolly, 19, was arrested following an investigation into an incident that occurred earlier this summer.

On July 20, 2017, Cullman County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to County Road 1141 on a sexual abuse call. The juvenile victim stated that she was riding in a church van when the suspect, Jolly, whom she did not know, allegedly touched her inappropriately in a private area.

Investigators located and interviewed the suspect where, according to the sheriff's office, he confessed to touching the girl inappropriately.

Jolly was arrested and placed in the Cullman County Detention Center on a $15,000 property bond. He has since made bond.



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SASHA CAMPBELL EASTERWOOD
Mother of N.P.C.,
Petitioner.

CASE NO: PC2017-212

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

TO: THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF N.P.C. WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

A PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY SASHA CAMPBELL EASTERWOOD. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS NAME CHANGE, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN REPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST NOTICE OF PUBLICTION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 31ST DAY OF JULY, 2017.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
ROBERT MORRIS WARNKE,) CASE NO.: PC-2017-232
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary having been granted to **George A. Warnke, Sr,** as Personal Representatives of the Estate of **ROBERT MORRIS WARNKE,** deceased, on the 14th day of August, 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 14th day of August, 2017.

GEORGE A WARNKE, SR
Personal Representative

Andria Richter
Attorney for Petitioner
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Cullman, Al 35055

TO THE PUBLISHER OF: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish the above notice for three (3) consecutive weeks and provide a proof of publication affidavit to the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2017-219

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ESSIE MARIE ROWLAND, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Daniel Edge on the 4th day of August, 2017, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Daniel Edge, Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on January 16, 2015 by Robert Ray Atkinson and spouse Teresa E. Atkinson to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in MTG 1753, Pages 172 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 8, 2017:

Commence at the southwest corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 11, Township 9 South, Ranger 4 West; thence N 89°30'00" E 795.00 feet to an iron ½" capped rebar set and the point of beginning; thence N 01°02'47" E 222.39 feet to an iron ½" capped rebar set; thence S 88°39'56" E 181.44 feet to an iron ½" capped rebar set; thence S 01°02'47" W 216.58 feet to an iron ½" capped rebar set; thence S 89°30'00" W 181.50 feet back to the point of beginning. Lying in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 11, Township 9 South, Ranger 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank
Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
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Birmingham, Alabama 35203
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
IRENE ZOLINDA KEBER,) CASE NO.: PC-2017-127
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters of Testamentary having been granted to **GARY JOSEPH DESLAURIER,** Personal Representative of the Estate of **IRENE ZOLINDA KEBER,** deceased, on the 4th day of August, 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 4th day of August, 2017.

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News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



Good Morning *Tribune* readers and families. Well, school is in session and I hope that students and teachers are having good times together. The next holiday will be Labor Day week-end the first part of September.

This week has been the time for monthly meetings. Included were the Holly Pond Civitans and Homemakers Club. The Civitans met on Tuesday night, August 22nd in the Guy Hunt Conference Room and Lynn Jetton, club president, presided. Bart Dye presented the devotional and asked for prayer requests. The Civitan creed was led by Walter Floyd and repeated in unison by the members present. Kay Stewart led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. We had a very interesting speaker. Mrs. Mary Jane Dasher, of Gadsden, who works for the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, Benefits Counselors gave us some figures about those who are eligible for Social Security Supplemental Income benefits and other Social Security topics.

If a person is regularly attending school, they may be able to earn $1,790 each month of $7,200 before their SSI check is affected. She then opened the floor for a question and answer period. She also mentioned the Disabled Veterans and their eligibility requirements.

Members who attended this meeting were Janet Smith and Amber Thrasher from Holly Pond Funeral Home, Chris and Deann Warnick, Gladys Wisener, Janice Murphree, Carolyn McCravy, Bart and Ashley Dye, Mary Hickey, Walt and Judy Floyd, Bill and Sharon Oliver, Paul Brown, Lynn Jetton, Kay Stewart and Jimmie Dean Carnell.

The Holly Pond Civitan club will hold their next board meeting on September 11th and next business session on September 12th both in the Guy Hunt Conference Room.

The Holly Pond Civitan Club was also represented last weekend in the District meeting in Decatur. Attending were Lynn Jetton, Kay Stewart, Walt and Judy Floyd, Ashley Dye, Bill and Sharon Oliver.

Congratulations were extended to Ashley Dye for her outstanding work on the Holly Pond Civitan Club's scrapbook, which won first place for the second year in our district.

It is a beautiful book. The club was also received recognition as an Honor Club, a few other Banner Patches for various projects during this club year.

The Holly Pond Homemakers Club met on Tuesday August 22nd at the fire hall with Carolyn Bryan, president presiding. Deanie Walker led in the pledge to the flag with Brenda Wisener presenting the devotional. Gladys Wisener presented the treasurer's report. Carolyn Bryan gave a report on the progress of the new road and gravel at the cemetery.

Judy Jones said she had spoken with Linda Pruett at the senior citizens site and they wanted the group to lead them in singing and playing bingo.

The club has checked with the commission chairman, Kenneth Walker about providing one-way signs around the roadways in the cemetery. We also collected money for Cullman Caring for Kids.

Our program was introduced by Brenda Scott. She introduced Judge and Mrs. Kim Chaney and Kathy Wilson who presented a most interesting talk about the Human Trafficking Task Force, which is in effect in Cullman County.

We were given a bracelet to wear which reminds people who see them about this very important task force. It was a very enjoyable program.

Following a question and answer session refreshments were served to the following members: Carolyn Bryan, Jimmie Carnell, Julia Floyd, Nell Harbison, Gail Hatley, Londalene Jean, Judy Jones, Sue Morris, Janice Murphree, Peggy Ray, Lee Reid, Brenda Scott, Louise Scott, Tavia Smith, Eloise Stevens, Deanie Walker, Christine Wise, Amelia Wisener, Brenda Wisener, Gladys Wisener and Annette Yates.

Until next week, stay cool and please be careful.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

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From The Files Of 1964

Mrs. Clemons Father Dies Here Sunday

Robert Woods Blair, age 62, father of Mrs. L.H. Clemmons, died at the Cullman Hospital, on Sunday, after suffering a heart attack that same day.

Mr. Blair and his wife, of Leavenworth, Kansas, were guests of Doctor and Mrs. Clemmons and were planning to move here shortly.

His widow, one daughter, three grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Earl Witcraft, are his survivors.

Funeral services were held on February 17, at Seventh Street Baptist Church, with Reverend J. Gilbert Speake officiating and Moss Service directing interment.

Pallbearers were Doctor Frank Stitt, Doctor John T. Morris, Doctor W.J. Lovett, Bill Allen, Donald Giles and Fred Hale.

Carl Norrell has been ill for the last week.

Bearcats Breeze Past Golden Eagles, 81-58

The Cullman Bearcats wrapped up the game, in the first half against Athens, last Friday and then coasted to a 81-58 victory. The Bearcats built up a 44-23 halftime lead and then eased up, outscoring the losers only one point, in each of the last two periods.

Terry Chandler paced the Cullman attack with 25 points, while Tommy Carter's 20 were tops for the losers.

No fewer than ten Bearcats broke into the scoring column, Sherril Smith being the only member of the 11-man squad who failed to score.

The Cullman Bees continued their winning streak with a 51-36 victory. Doug Lovelace was top man with 22 points.

Etha News

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. O.W. South, were Mr. and Mrs. F.K. Richter and family, of Birmingham.

Roy Bell has sold his store to Ceph Turner.

Frank Johnson, of Huntsville, spent last weekend with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. O.W. South called on J.J. Carter, of Simcoe, who is ill.

Sunday afternoon guests of the D.H. Johnsons, were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. O.W. South and Myra Absher.

Mrs. Annie Bennett visited Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Keller, on Sunday.

Eulas Dendy, formerly of this community, died of a heart attack, at his home, in Attalla, last Wednesday. Burial was in Pell City, on Friday. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sovetis Dendy.

Fairview News

Tracy Baggett was home from Detroit, Michigan, this weekend.

Janet McCain, of Birmingham, spent last weekend at home with her mother, Mrs. O.M. McCain and Joan.

Jackie Sizemore is ill with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Holland, Rosemary and Theresia and Mrs. W.T. Tankersley, of Dothan, arrived on Saturday, at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. G.W. Mauldin, who is seriously ill.

New Hope North News

Reverend James Denney brought the sermon at the church here, on Sunday.

Arthur Hale remains ill.

Walter Hill, of Birmingham, spent the weekend with J.W. Grant.

Linda and Gerald Grant, of Birmingham, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Grant.

Johnny Webb sold 20 thousand chickens last weekend.

Mrs. Carrie Alvis is ill.

Mrs. Lillie Bell, of Ebenezer community, is ill with pneumonia.

Hillard Bell, of Ebenezer, is improving after several weeks illness.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I missed the chance of a lifetime by one day

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



One fellow said, "We haven't seen a total eclipse of the sun in almost one- hundred years." I felt pretty sure he was lying. He didn't look a day over fifty. As you most likely have heard, probably 3,489 times last week alone, it really has been nearly that long since the residents of the United States have seen one. It happened on June 8, 1918. My dad would have been two years old at that time, so even if he saw it, he probably didn't remember. The trek of the eclipse back then was similar to this year's.

It went from Washington State to Florida. In Opelika, Alabama, we were not in the 100 percent zone this time, but close.

I was close to being in the 100 percent zone, but I left a day too early

Thousands of people flocked to Helen, Georgia over the weekend and my family and I were among them, but not for the same reason as the others.

They went to see the eclipse. We went to celebrate my daughter's thirtieth birthday by tubing down the Chattahoochee River.

She says you only turn thirty once. I know better because I've done it twice now.

Ashley wanted to go to Helen, go tubing and eat some German food. We planned the trip months ago and made our reservations, not realizing that it was the weekend before the great eclipse.

I had not been to Helen in quite a few years.

I was surprised at how the town had grown and could not believe the traffic. I soon learned the huge crowd was there to see the eclipse.

I guess that is like having seats at the Iron Bowl on the fifty-yard line, whereas to view the eclipse from Opelika is like sitting on about the ten.

You can still see what's going on, but it's hard to tell if they made the first down or not!

The problem with being in Helen on eclipse weekend was one of over- crowding.

We did tube down the river, but there were so many other tubers that it reminded me of riding bumper-cars, or should I say bumper-tubes!

It reminded me of an Atlanta traffic jam (which we experienced on the way home too).

When we walked the sidewalks of downtown, we didn't have to worry about tripping over something and falling. You might trip, but you couldn't fall! When we went to lunch, they told us it would be a forty- five minute wait, so we left.

We went to a sandwich café and waited an hour! After all, who wants to wait for forty-five minutes to eat?

No, I did not have eclipse glasses. I had some 3-D glasses from the last movie I had seen, but I decided that would not work, or be wise.

In one drugstore, I asked if they had any eclipse sunglasses. The lady replied, "Yes, we just got in a bunch."

She must have thought I said clip-on sunglasses. Do you need to buy a pair of clip-ons at a cheap price?

Well, I have missed getting to look up at the sun, during a total eclipse.

The good news is we won't have to wait another ninety-nine years for the next one. NASA predicts another on April 8, 2024.

The only problem is the trek will be from Texas through the northeast. I feel a road trip coming on!

A total eclipse is indeed an amazing phenomenon, but it's most amazing that God created the moon, the sun, and stars and put them in orbit in the first place!

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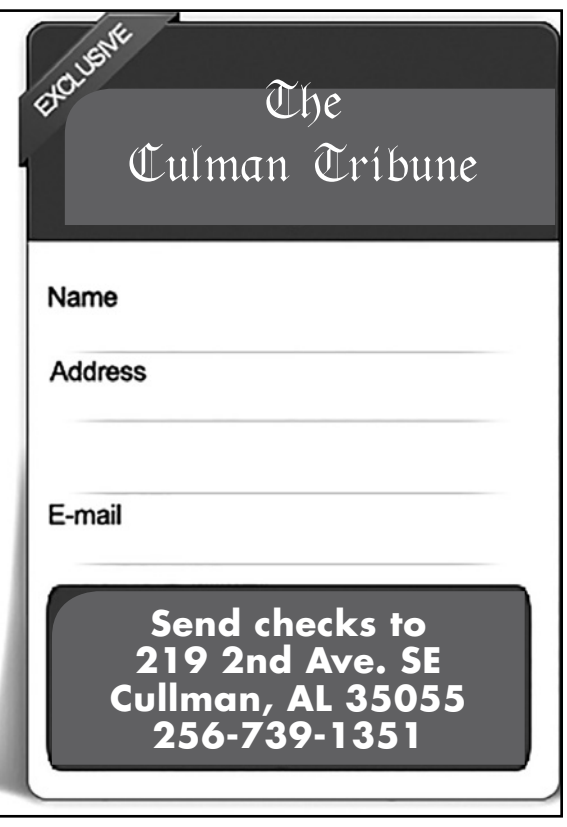
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Bands (from Front)

Ellington Orchestra that features our percussion section. For the middle selection, the band will perform a lyrical symphonic piece called 'Into the Light' that will feature the brass and woodwinds."

What's the wow factor this year?
"We will conclude the 2017 show with 'The Dirty Boogie,' which is an exciting and fast-paced big band swing tune that will fill the stadium with sound, color and excitement."

What do people need to know about your band that no one may have asked yet?
"The Cullman Bearcat Band will be traveling to Orlando, Florida in November to perform in the Festival of Fantasy Parade in the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World. During the trip, the band will visit all of the Disney theme parks and other attractions in the Orlando area."

West Point High School Marching Band, led by Ty Parker
Members: 96

Drum Major: Katie Coleman



CONTRIBUTED

Cullman High School marching band

Musical theme: "Dance to the Music!"

What do people need to know about your band that no one may have asked yet?
"The West Point Warrior Band has grown significantly since last year and is the largest student organization in Cullman County. We look forward to creating a fun atmosphere for the community on Friday nights.

Be sure and check out the Arts Department at West Point (www.westpointperformingarts.org) for information concerning upcoming concerts and plays!"

See part one at http://www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/08/12/rhythm-fall-area-marching-bands-prepare-2017-season.

Cullman High School Drum Major Jessika Franks



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Pender (from Front)

to schools. When I heard about this and was given permission by my principal, I called and scheduled them to come and present once a month to our first graders at Hanceville Elementary. At one of the presentations, Ms. Kathy Holmes of the CCSWCD gave me some 'Conserve Alabama' signs to post around the campus to encourage recycling awareness.

"We had just discontinued recycling plastic water bottles on the elementary campus due to the cost of collection containers and pick up. When I was given the conserve signs, I was inspired to find a cost-effective way of restarting our plastic bottle recycling. My parents and sister designed a barrel container to collect the plastic bottles, reusing a barrel and wooden plank we had at home. My parents have volunteered to provide bags to line the container for easier collection and transportation to the recycling center. The students have been conscientious about putting them in the container. Mrs. Lakin, our school's music teacher and technology coordinator, volunteered to transport the plastic bottles to the recycling center.

"The wonderful people at CCSWCD nominated me for this award. I appreciate their work and dedication to educating our future leaders about the importance of protecting our beautiful world and the simple ways we can do it."

Pender says it means a lot to her to win this award.

"I am very honored and humbled to accept this award on behalf of all those who participated. The recycling project has been and continues to be a group effort and I am so thankful to be a part of it.

"This award inspires me to find more cost-effective ways to help our school recycle. We are in the process of developing a program of collecting used plastic shopping bags. The Hanceville Senior Center will be weaving them into mats to give to the homeless. We are also developing a program to recycle ink cartridges and toner containers. I am excited to find simple ways to make the earth cleaner and help others. When the students are excited about it, they are highly engaged and it is so much fun to see."

Since you're now an authority in the field (That kind of comes with the title!), what would you like for folks to know about environmental conservation and conservation education?
"Conservation and conservation education do not need to be complicated. With a little creativity and effort and some teamwork, a big difference can be made in taking care of our wonder-filled world and each other. It is our responsibility and privilege to educate the next generation. The Earth is our home. We must be good stewards of it so that it continues to be wonder-filled, safe and beautiful for those who inherit it. Being an active participant makes a lasting impression. Therefore, the act of conserving and educating about conservation is necessary to inspire new, effective, efficient, creative and cost-effective ways to conserve."

With Pender's state award comes a nomination for 2017 National Environmental Conservation Education Teacher of the Year.

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Preserving hydrangeas

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent



If you want to preserve your hydrangeas you must bite the bullet and cut them now, while they are still vibrant and have not started to turn brown. (Some of them turn a pretty copper color, that looks great in fall arrangements.)

After you have clipped them, strip most of the leaves away from the stems. Trim the stems in varying lengths.

There is always a hard way and an easy way to do just about anything, so let's take the easy way!

Arrange your hydrangeas in vases, baskets or on wreaths, just like you would any cut flower.

You can even add water to the vases if you want the process to take a little longer, but it's not necessary.

Position them in your home so that they get no direct sun, but filtered, indirect light is fine.

Then forget about them for about a month. Seriously, just forget about them. No water, no hanging them upside down, nothing...

When they are completely dry, you can leave them in the container you started with if it suits your décor, or, you can make a wreath for your door, a swag for your mantle, or even save them for your Christmas tree!

The only thing you need to be careful about is leaving them prone on a table or countertop while they are drying because it will cause the cluster to be flat on one side.

Now, very gently, remove them from containers and take them outside. Place on table covered by plastic garbage bags.

Lay then singly. Now spray lightly with clear spray paint. Any clear spray paint will work, it doesn't have to be floral paint.

You might want to wait until they are completely dry, then flip over and spray the other side.

When dry, carefully make arrangements as usual.



LORETTA GILLESPIE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Dried hydrangeas make beautiful centerpieces.

Internet (from Front)

of having a Huntsville or a Decatur or a Montgomery. And so, this technology right now is so important to us, and to the citizens of this area. You know, people can move here, they can open up a home business, they can do legal work here, they can do any kind of work they want to do.

"They don't have to go find an area that they can do that in. And so this should help expand growth out in this area. It should help the schools, over time, because one of the big problems we have is, the children have access to the internet at school, and then they go home and don't have access. And so, that's a disadvantage. This technology is going to be a tremendous benefit to those citizens and those kids, so we're real excited about it."

Harbison added, "I want to thank y'all for y'all's investment in Cullman County and rural Alabama. As Senator Bussman said, it's very important for our education system, because we've got the city of Cullman, and they have all of the infrastructure needed there, but we have a lot of rural county schools.

"You know, with Smith Lake we have some pretty expensive houses out here, and I know people who live in Birmingham who work from home, but would love to move up to the lake, but they can't because of the high-speed internet. So I think this is going to open up the door for a lot of things, and I think it's going to help our real estate and our education system."

AT&T issued a press release about the new project, which stated in part:

"AT&T plans to reach nearly 66,000 locations with this technology across Alabama by 2020 and, with this initial offering, Fixed Wireless Internet is available today in parts of rural communities throughout Alabama."

"'I am thankful for the leadership of our elected officials who work to ensure a pro-consumer business environment and am delighted the rural residents of Cullman County are among the first in the nation to access this innovative technology," said Cherrie Haney, director of Cullman County Economic Development.

"'The more than 5,300 men and women who work for AT&T and call Alabama home, are proud to work with our local, state and federal leadership to provide the connectivity Alabama's residents and businesses demand," said Hargrove. "Through this innovative service, we are helping close the remaining connectivity gap in Alabama."

"The nine states where we have already launched service include Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Louisiana. Additional states where we plan to launch this year are Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin.

"We will provide updates about additional availability in parts of Alabama, and other states, as we expand Fixed Wireless Internet to more locations."

Customers who live in areas where AT&T Fixed Wireless Internet is available will be notified by mail of their eligibility.

Two towers are currently capable of providing the service, one north of Bremen near Smith Lake, and the other south of Arkadelphia. A third local site opened at the same time in Winston County. Other sites are to be added over the next three years.

For more information on Fixed Wireless Internet from AT&T, visit att.com/internet/fixed-wireless.html.



Obituary Announcements: Aug. 24-30

Funeral service for Charles Andrew Fields, 63 of Hanceville, will be held Wednesday, August 30 at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home; with interment in the Colony Cemetery. Visitation on Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. Mr. Fields died on Thursday, August 24, 2017. He was born on February 4, 1954 to Hobson Fields and Mollie Hall Fields. He is survived by his wife, Annette Fields; sons, Antonio Hawkins, Andrew L. Fields and Eric L. Fields; grandchildren, Jada Hawkins, David Fields, Jayla Hawkins, Antonio Hawkins Jr. and Delilah Fields; sister, Sylvia Robinson; brothers, Julian Fields and Rachell Fields and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Memorial service for Dale Allen Burgess, 54 of Bremen, will be held Saturday, August 26 at 1 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Burgess passed away on Monday, August 21, 2017 at UAB Hospital. He was preceded in death by his parents, Daryl Delane Burgess and Coline Hunt Burgess and a brother, Roger D. Burgess. He is survived by his wife, Belinda Burgess; daughter, Stephanie Hanna Cecile Burgess; son, Christopher Allen Burgess; stepchildren, Kevin Busby and Laranda Nixon; eight grandchildren; one great grandchild; brothers, Billy (Patsy) Burgess, Mitchell Burgess, David (Karen) Burgess and Tim (Pam) Burgess; sisters, Janice (Wayne) Day and Jeanette (Kenneth) Calvert; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Mary Ella Thomas Gamble, 80 of Garden City, passed away on August 24, 2017. Private service will be held at a later date. She was preceded in death by her parents, A.B. Thomas and Effie Griffith Thomas; her husband, Bobby Joe Gamble; sisters, Elaine Posey, Lorraine Pichelmeyer and Audrey Thomas and brother, Cletus Thomas. She is survived by her daughter, Valerie (Max) Duke; son, Andy Gamble and brother, Melvin (Barbara) Thomas.

Funeral service for Sandra Dobbins, 61 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, August 26, 2017 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Steve Bryan officiating with interment in Oak Level Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Dobbins passed away August 24, 2017 at her residence. She was born July 25, 1956 to Buford R. and Lois Francis Smith Jackson. She was preceded in death by her parents; step-daughter, Alisa Dobbins Beasley; step-granddaughter, Brittany Beasley. Survivors include her husband of 28 years, Terrell Dobbins; step-son, Phillip Dobbins; step-daughter, Terra (Kendale) Harbison; sisters, Melba Jo (Joe) Federer, Anita (Alton) Murphree; three step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends. Visitation will be Saturday from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. before the service.

Funeral service for Agnes Evealyene Allred, 90, are Saturday, August 26 at 11 a.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home; with interment in Mt. Tabor Cemetery. Visitation on Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mrs. Allred passed away on Thursday, August 24, 2017. She was preceded in death by her parents, Levi Green and Mahalie Johnson Green; stepmom, Lois Green; her husband, Buck Allred; brothers, Paul Green and James Elza Green and sister, Marie Blackwood. She is survived by her daughters, Lois Jean (Reed) Honeycutt and Ann (Mike) Benson; sons, Tim (Tracy) Allred and Junior (Sherry) Allred; fourteen grandchildren; twenty-three great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; brothers, Lewis Green and Lelton Green; sisters, Gracie Criddle, Loretta Duke and Jeanette Fortner; and a host of niece, nephews, other family and friends. Pallbearers are Nathan Roberts, T.J. Allred, Renea Heflin, Jesse Heflin, Joseph Benson and David Mathews.

Hilda Jean Wood Freeman, 90 of Cullman, died peacefully at her home after a long illness, surrounded by family and friends on Aug. 23, 2017. Hilda was many things--dedicated wife, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, entrepreneur, dedicated church member. She and her husband, Chester had a love story that began before World War II, and lasted through a marriage of almost 67 years. Her varied career included beautician, retail associate at Watson's and Patrick's Shoe Store, and the peak of her career was her successful business, the House of Shoes, where she went to great strides to find the right pair of shoes for hard-to-fit feet. Her main vocation was that of homemaker and caring for her family. Her Sunday lunches were treasured by the family until just a few years ago. St. Andrew's United Methodist Church held a special place in her heart for 65 years during which she used her decorating talents on the Parsonage Committee and church upkeep, her green thumb towards the church landscaping, and serving on the Building Committees for two separate additions to St. Andrew's. Hilda was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Freeman; parents, Boss and Loice Wood; and granddaughter, Amy Freeman Williams. She is survived by her sister, Mary (Don) Strandlund; brother, Jim Wood; daughter, Carolyn (Bill) Peinhardt; son, Phil (Patti) Freeman; grandchildren, Clint (Anne) Peinhardt, Lanie (Jeb) Williamson, Rachel (Wesley) Dawsey, Meredith (Jeff) Middlebrooks; honorary grandchild, Allan (Stella) Chiunda; great-grandchildren, Ava and Lily Peinhardt, Clay and Maggie Williams, May, Cy and Miles Dawsey, Drew and Lucy Williamson, Eliza and Thomas Middlebrooks; and honorary great-grandchildren, Daniel and Farai Chiunda. On Saturday, viewing will be from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, followed by a 4 p.m. funeral service with graveside service at Cullman City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 615 Main Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055. Arrangements under the direction of Moss-Service Funeral Home, Cullman, Alabama.

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Hanceville tops Cold Springs, 36-20

Norman Bush
Tribune Correspondent

HANCEVILLE – It was a defensive battle in the first quarter of Friday night's game between the Cold Springs Eagles and Hanceville Bulldogs, with both teams exchanging punts on their opening drives. The two slugged it out, and in the end, the Bulldogs came out on top, 36-20.

Both offenses struggled to get their momentum going. At the end of the first, it was 0-0.

The Bulldogs put a drive together in the second, ending with no. 19 Alex Campbell rushing for a 1-yard touchdown, capping off a 48-yard drive.

The 2-point conversion was no good, making the score 6-0 with 11:49 left in the quarter.

The Bulldog defense forced Cold Springs to punt the ball, and no. 6 R.J. Evans rushed 25 yards to score another TD after a 42-yard drive.

Again, the 2-point conversion was no good, and the score was 12-0 with 4:56 in the half.

Cold Springs put a drive together with a 16-yard pass from no. 1 Brodi Williams to no. 4 Mason Harris to put the Bulldogs on the board.

The extra point was good, making the score Hanceville 12, Cold Springs 7, which was the score going into halftime.

After the break, Cold Springs came out and punted on their first possession.

Hanceville had a good drive going at fourth-and-13, but in the end came up short on the Eagles' 11-yard line.

Cold Springs put together a drive topped off with no. 24 Caleb Roden rushing for a 3-yard TD, making the score Cold Springs 14, Hanceville 12.

On the kickoff following the TD, Hanceville's no. 5 Ayden Alexander had an 80-yard kickoff return to put Hanceville back on top 20-14 after the 2-point conversion with 6:04 left in the third quarter.

In the fourth, no. 10 Jordan Lacey passed to Harris on a 77-yarder to score a TD.

The PAT was no good, and it was a tied game with 11:44 left to play.

Later in the fourth, Cold Springs had a bad snap causing a bad punt, giving Hanceville good field position at the Cold Springs 40-yard line.

Hanceville scored on Evans' 25-yard TD run, making the score Hanceville 28-20 with 10:25 left in the game.

Cold Springs punted after failing to get a first down.

Hanceville put a drive together and no. 11 Romael Simmons ran for a 31-yard TD, with a 2-point conversion making the score 36-20 with 6:50 left.

Cold Springs turned the ball over on downs, and the Bulldogs ran out the clock. Final score: Hanceville- 36, Cold Springs- 20.

Hanceville will travel to Addison next Friday night while Cold Springs will host Berry at home.

Meek Tigers make easy work of Phillips Bulldogs, 35-18

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

ARLEY – Football season is underway for the Meek Tigers and they started it off with a 35-18 win over the Phillips Bulldogs. It was the first game for Meek under new head coach David Norwood and he brought his style of football to the Tigers featuring a physical defense and a powerful running game.

The workhorse out of the backfield Friday night for Meek was senior running back John Mark Abercrombie, who put 188 yards rushing and had three touchdowns. Abercrombie took over the game when he broke free for a 36-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter to give his Tigers a 29-18 lead and put away the game.

Norwood recognized how much of the load he carried for the Tigers. "John Mark Abercrombie really carried the lion's share for us tonight, there's no doubt about that," Norwood said. "The kids played hard tonight, they really played hard."

The Bulldogs managed to put up 12 unanswered points in the second quarter, including a 59-yard touchdown pass with 10 seconds remaining in the half, but it was all Tigers once the third quarter kicked off.

The Tigers' defense held Phillips to just 54 yards of offense in the second half, while the Tiger offense ran the ball for 153 yards in the second half to put the Bulldogs away.

Norwood is a defensive coach and was satisfied overall with how his defensive unit performed tonight. "We didn't do bad. We gave up a couple of passes and on at least one of them we were in position to make a play and I think we lost a drag coming across the middle of the field. When you're in position you've got to go up and make a play."

The Tigers will try to get off to a 2-0 start next week when they host Hubbertville.

Bearcats come up short against rival Hartselle, 31-25

Andrea Blakely
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Oliver Woodard Stadium was the place to be this Friday night. Two rivals, Hartselle and Cullman, faced off in the season opener with Cullman falling just short, as Hartselle took the win 31-25.

Cullman's offense came out strong with the quarterback Fletcher Jennings throwing the ball to Carson Freeman for the first score of the game. Miguel Tizapa finished with the extra point. Hartselle's offense answered that touchdown quickly with one of their own. No. 5, Connor Tumlinson, ran it in from the 1-yard line, and Hartselle made the extra point, making it 7-7 with 6:01 left in the first.

In the second quarter, whenever Cullman scored, Hartselle answered right back. No. 27, Ezra Burks, slid past the defense at the 1-yard line to score for Cullman with 3:34 left in the half, making it 14-7. With nine seconds left in the half, Hartselle's no. 3, David Hayes, caught the pass from quarterback Luke Godsey making it 14-13. The kick was blocked by Cullman's Canaan Lipsey.

With 9:34 left in the third, Hartselle scored and tried to go for the 2-point conversion, but they were unsuccessful, making it 19-14.

The fourth saw great effort from both sides. Hartselle scored first making it 25-14 with 8:52 left in the game. Cullman's special team shot down the 2-point conversion for a second time. The Bearcats were successful with their 2-point conversion thanks to no. 11, Dylan Finch, making the score 25-22.

Cullman then stopped Hartselle, causing them to punt. After a punt mistake, the Bearcats ended up on the 33-yard line. Burks gave a valiant effort to move it down field, but Cullman had to settle for field goal, tying the game.

With only 2:36 left in the contest, Cullman kicked off to Hartselle.

Bearcat fans watched in disbelief as Hartselle's no. 4, Keondre Swoopes, ran the ball all the way back for the winning touchdown. Cullman could not answer. Final score: Hartselle- 31, Cullman- 25.

The Bearcats will play North Jackson next week at North Jackson.

Good Hope dominates first half, drops Susan Moore 28-14

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GOOD HOPE – It was easy going for the Good Hope Raiders as they took care of the Susan Moore Bulldogs 28-14 in their Thursday night jamboree game, the first game of the 2017 high school football season in Cullman County.

The first play of the Raiders' 2017 season was a 3-yard loss, but from there it was all Raiders. Matt Hancock took a rush up the middle for 5 yards followed by Bailey Quick connecting with Kyle Carlton for 14 yards and a first down. Quick then kept the ball himself and from the 46-yard line of Good Hope, rushed for 9 yards into Bulldog territory at the 45. Powerhouse running back Matt Dixon got in on the action with a 12-yard run to the Susan Moore 33.

Later the Raiders found themselves in the end zone for the first of four times on a 4-yard quarterback keeper by Quick.

The extra point was good and the score stood at 7-0, Good Hope.

Good Hope opened the second quarter with a third-and-8 from the Bulldog 42. On the first play Quick connected with Bagwell for 41 yards down to the Susan Moore 1 where Connor Kilpatrick finished the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run. Tacking on the PAT, Good Hope enjoyed a 14-0 lead.

Susan Moore went backward on their next drive and found themselves forced to punt on a fourth-and-30.

Good Hope once again took advantage of great quarterback play from Quick as he marched the Raiders down the field and ended a scoring drive with a 12-yard pass to Dixon to make the score 21-0.

Following the third Susan Moore punt of the half, Quick connected with Dixon again, this time to the tune of 38 yards and a score to make it 28-0.

Susan Moore mounted their most successful drive at the end of the quarter but ran out of time.

With the starters out in the second half, Susan Moore found their way into the end zone twice in the fourth quarter, but it was not enough as Good Hope held on to win the jamboree game 28-14.

The Raiders will next take the field on Aug. 31 at Vinemont.

Vinemont wins jamboree game, 21-15, over East Lawrence

Sammy Confer
Tribune Correspondent

EAST LAWRENCE – Vinemont took on East Lawrence in a battle of the Eagles in a jamboree game Friday night. Vinemont jumped out to a quick lead in the first half and came out victorious, 21-15, over East Lawrence.

After forcing East Lawrence to punt on their first series, Vinemont got the running game going quickly, as Dustin Moore, Alonso Salgado and Carl Price wore down the Eagle defense. After a Salgado 3-yard run, which put Vinemont in a third-and-7 situation at the 17-yard line, sophomore QB Jack Hill found Cameron Carter for a 15-yard pickup, then Salgado got the final 2 yards to put Vinemont on the board with 6:26 remaining in the opening quarter.

East Lawrence looked to get the running game going themselves, and they were successful in that department, gaining two first downs from the ground game. Vinemont continued to wear down the East Lawrence defense on the ground, as they drove the ball to the 29-yard line, but on a fourth-and-4 from there, Hill threw an incomplete pass, and Vinemont turned the ball over on downs.

Later, Carter picked up 26 yards on an end-around run to set Vinemont up at the 14-yard line, then Moore found the end zone to give Vinemont a 14-0 lead with 2:59 remaining in the first half, which would be the score at halftime.

Vinemont went three-and-out on their first series of the second half, but East Lawrence gave the ball right back as they fumbled, and Oistin Cornelius recovered the fumble for Vinemont.

Levi Barnes got East Lawrence on the scoreboard with an 80-yard score on a quarterback keeper, and then, on their next series, Leston found the end zone on a 15-yard end-around run to make the score, 21-15.

Vinemont took a knee the remaining 20 seconds to go home with a win.

Vinemont will start out the regular season at home against Good Hope next Thursday.

Bulldogs take a bite out of Red Devils, thrashing Elkmont 40-20

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ELKMONT – Despite the obvious kinks that need to be worked out during the first game, Addison took care of business when they headed to Elkmont Friday night for their first contest of the 2017 high school football season.

Addison looked as if they were going to strike first with a strong first drive as the Bulldogs marched from their own 29 down to the Elkmont 37. However, a 1-yard gain on first down, followed by two straight incompletions, forced Addison to punt.

Addison and Elkmont traded punts and interceptions over the next two series, but it was the Bulldogs that converted the turnover. From the Elkmont 3, Guthrie lowered his head and busted through the line for 3 yards and the touchdown. Robinson converted the 2-point attempt to put the Bulldogs on top 16-14. That is where the scores stood as both teams went to the locker room for the half.

Elkmont received the ball first in the third and although they moved the ball into Addison territory down to the 36, a bad snap and a loss of 21 yards forced them to punt the ball back to the Bulldogs.

It didn't take the Bulldogs long to score in the fourth as they continued their dominance and the run game.

Elkmont's next possession ended in an interception by Guthrie, but an immediate fumble by Robinson gave the ball back to the Red Devils on the Addison 7. Davis finished the drive, carrying it in from 7 yards to pull the Red Devils to within 12, 32-20 with 8:53 left to play.

Addison was forced to punt on their next possession but got the ball right back when Wilkins picked off an errant throw from Hobbs. Braxton Preuitt added the dagger with an 11-yard touchdown run. Addison converted the 2-point try and took a 40-20 lead. That's where the final score stood as the Bulldogs cruised to victory. Addison will suit up next on Sept. 1 when they welcome Hanceville to town.

Aggies fall in jamboree game, 24-14, to East Limestone

Brett Garner
Tribune Correspondent

FAIRVIEW – In Friday night's jamboree game, the Fairview Aggies started off by receiving the football from the East Limestone Indians. After a 12-yard run by Scoot Bennett the Aggies couldn't get that covered touchdown and East Limestone took over. East Limestone quarterback Andrew Parris ran on a second-and-3 for an 81-yard touchdown run to go up 7-0 in the first quarter. After an Aggies three-and-out, the Indians marched 65 yards down the field and scored on a 20-yard touchdown run by running back Wyatt Wilburn. The Aggies picked back up and gained some momentum, but an Ethan Holland fumble forced by Ashton Lockett for the Indians had East Limestone back in business for a first-and-10. Parris then threw for a 70-yard touchdown to Lockett. Heading into halftime, the score was 21-0 East Limestone.

The Aggies picked up in the second half forcing a three-and-out from the Indians, after which Dayne Black threw a 33-yard touchdown received by Ethan Holland.

Going into the fourth, it was 21-7 Indians. After the offense marched 31 yards, senior kicker Sabian James for East Limestone kicked a 46-yard field goal to go up 24-7 on the Aggies. Late in the quarter, Aggie quarterback Oakley Mullican threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to receiver Klay Knop, and that closed the scoring on the night.

Final: East Limestone- 24, Fairview- 14. The Aggies head to East Lawrence next week to open their regular season on Sept. 1.

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West Point defeats Hamilton 23 – 13

Bill Piper
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HAMILTON – Though the game was off to a slow pace, the West Point Warriors found their footing handing Hamilton a 23-13 loss on opening night of the 2017 season.

Hamilton's first possession was stopped quickly by West Point, but a late hit resulting in a personal foul gave the Aggie's a second chance. The Aggies converted less than two minutes following the personal foul on a short one-yard touchdown run. The point after put the Warriors behind 7-0 with 6:53 left in the first quarter.

Both teams tightened up until the Warriors were able to breakaway in the second quarter. West Point marched more than 60-yards down the field as Brandon Woods gave the Warriors new life with his touchdown, followed by a two-point conversion. West Point led 8-7 after Austin Smith caught the two-point conversion pass with just a couple minutes off the clock in the second quarter.

Following a quick set, West Point forced Hamilton's offense off the field only to take advantage of its defense. Hunter Persall broke off a 53-yard run, which put the Warriors in scoring distance. Unfortunately for the Warriors, a fumble inside the ten-yard line gave Hamilton the ball back with just more than half of the quarter remaining.

The Warriors tightened down on defense following the lost fumble. It gave West Point a second shot at the end zone but it wasn't meant to be. On a fourth and one from the Hamilton 11-yard line, the Warriors' botched the snap, giving Hamilton another turnover within its own 10-yard line with just over a minute left in the first half.

This did not demoralize the Warriors as Woods intercepted the ball and taking it back to the Aggies 23-yard line with just under a minute to play. Hamilton dug in deep forcing a turnover on downs to end the first quarter with the Warriors leading 8-7.

The Warriors came out encouraged at the start third quarter but were quickly shutdown by the Aggie defense as West Point couldn't gain enough yardage for the first down. Hamilton took less than a minute before the team exploded for a long 60-yard completed pass, taking the Aggies to the two-yard line of the Warriors. Hamilton punched it in for the quick touchdown on three plays, giving them a 13-8 lead over West Point.

Less than two minutes later the Warriors' Persall fought through tacklers to break the plain for second time of the game, to give West Point a 15-13 lead. The Warriors completed the two-point conversion as Kolton Easterwood connected with Brayden Martin, putting Hamilton in a 16-13 hole near the end of the third quarter. West Point's defense came out and stood their ground, forcing the Aggies to punt on their first possession of the fourth quarter. The Warriors were quick to capitalize as they put the ball in Persall's hands, as he broke free for a 40-yard run, taking West Point into Hamilton territory.

West Point slowly ran down the clock until Easterwood snuck in the Aggie end zone on a quarterback keeper, putting the Warriors up 23-13 and the Aggies to bed.

West Point will take on Wilson in the teams home opener Friday, September 1.

Broncos crush Coosa Christian, 28-6

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HOLLY POND – Holly Pond hosted a much-improved Coosa Christian team on Friday night. The Broncos won the toss and chose to receive the ball, and for good reason, as they marched down the field on the legs of a stable of running backs.

They got a huge break as they recovered a bad snap to maintain possession.

A few plays later Brody Rowell ran the ball in from 23 yards out, and Jeremiah Holmes made the 2-point conversion by running the ball and diving across the goal line, giving the Broncos an early 8-0 lead, taking only four minutes off the clock.

Coosa Christian had a promising drive going but eventually a few penalties stalled it.

Holly Pond didn't find it as easy on the second offensive possession, due to several negative plays.

Like their first offensive possession, Coosa Christian had three straight false start penalties backing the Crusaders up close to their own endzone.

Holly Pond got the ball back but couldn't move it due to the stout Crusader defense.

Five plays into the third, Gabe Fortner intercepted the ball giving the Bronco defense their second interception of the night.

After converting on fourth down to keep the drive alive, Rowell punched it in from 10 yards out for his second touchdown run of the game, stretching the lead to 28-6 with 5:34 remaining in the third.

With the ball in the offense's hands, the Broncos ran out the clock to secure a 28-6 victory.

Holly Pond will take on Brindlee Mountain at home on Sept. 1.

