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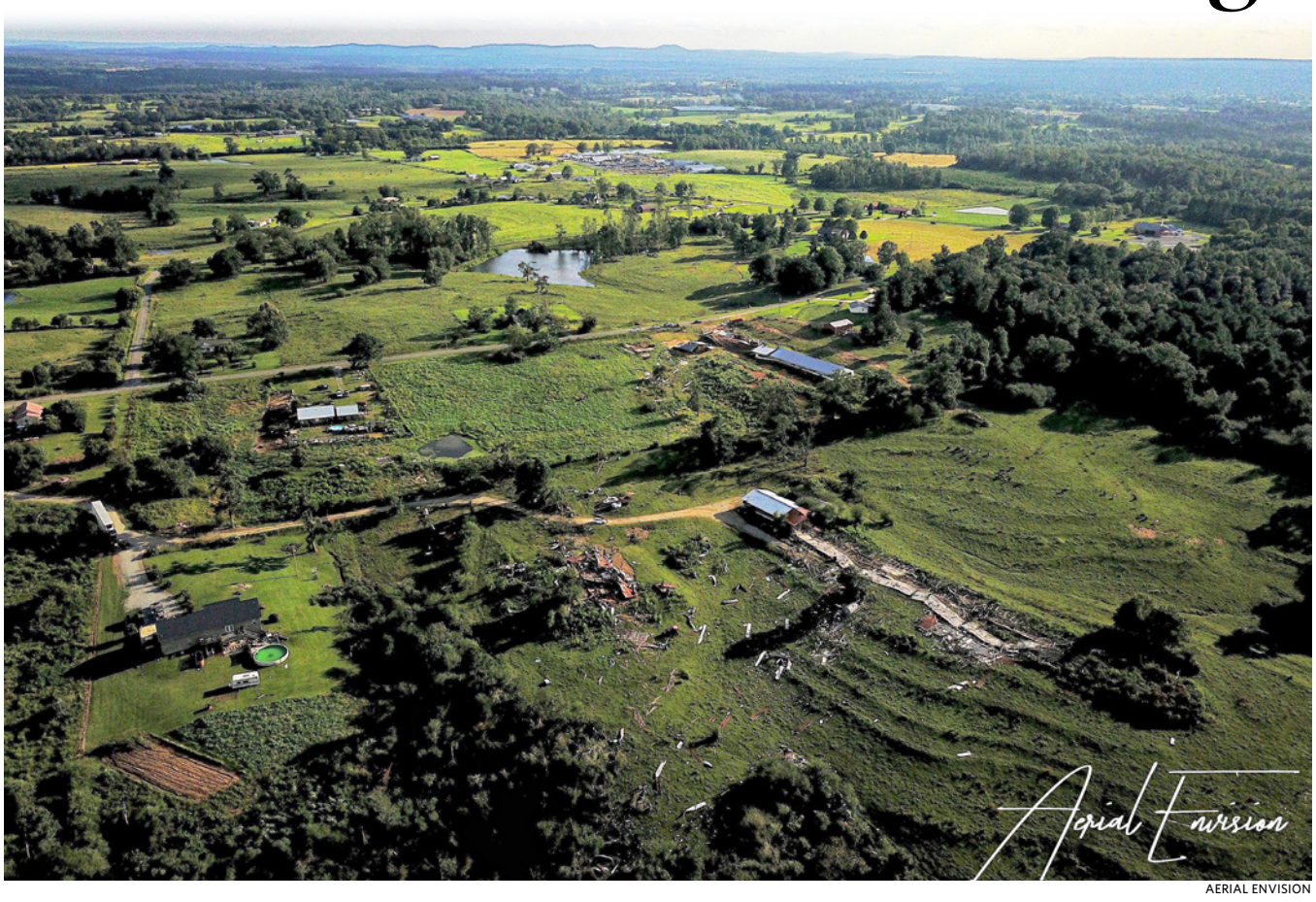
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NWS Huntsville confirms EF-2 tornado caused damage



AERIAL ENVISION

The National Weather Service in Huntsville sent a team, who surveyed storm damage in Holly Pond with Cullman County EMA Director Phyllis Little early Friday morning. The NWS has confirmed that an EF-2 tornado caused the damage.

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HOLLY POND – The National Weather Service in Huntsville (NWSH) confirmed late Friday afternoon that it was an EF-2 tornado that caused the damage in Cullman and Marshall Counties Thursday night, saying the hardest hit areas were Holly Pond and Baileyton.

NWSH reported that the tornado traveled 13-and-a-half miles, carving a 300-yard-wide path in some areas, with maximum winds of 115 mph.

NWSH staff, surveying storm damage on the northeast side of Holly Pond Friday morning, made a preliminary statement that the damage was very likely caused by a small tornado. Several area farms were hit in a line of severe damage over a half mile in length. Farms and homes around County Roads 1716, 1732, 1735 and 1728 were hit hard, with reports to the Cullman Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) of incidents along Alabama Highway 67 indicating that some amount of damage extended several miles to the north. Isolated reports of damage came from other areas as well. Trees were down in many places, and a few utility lines were down.

The Tribune traveled with CEMA and NWSH early Friday morning to tour a few of the stricken areas.

Andy Kula from NWSH said that morning of the weather event, "It looks tornadic, just based on the path and some of the radar trends I looked at before we got here. There was some rotation in the area."

Kula stated that the line and extent of destruction, along with the nature of the damage which he described as "pretty chaotic," was more indicative of a tornado than a straight-line or microburst wind event. If the event was a tornado, he shared, it was likely a small F-0 or F-1, though final damage reports could see that raised to an F-2. We now know it was an F-2.

Miraculously, no injuries were reported.

The tornado appears to have touched down first at Chambers Farm off County Road 1732, where multiple chicken houses suffered extreme damage. The property owner spoke with The Tribune briefly, mainly expressing relief that no people had been caught in the destruction. He declined to be interviewed, frustrated with the media and explaining that an individual claiming to be a reporter from another news agency had illegally entered his property early Friday morning, shooting video and pictures within the wreckage without permission, and continuing to take pictures after being told to leave. The Tribune agreed to take no pictures or recordings on the property, and photographed scenes » PAGE 7

Despite penalties, Bearcats trample N. Jackson, 24-15



JOE MCELROY

Running back Ezra Burks

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STEVENSON – Cullman's sloppy play and constant errors allowed North Jackson to take the early lead Friday night; however, this did not discourage the Bearcats as they fought back to beat the Chiefs 24-15.

The Chiefs' Brady Cooper, senior wide receiver, caught a 58-yard touchdown pass from Edward Bellamy on the team's fourth play » PAGE 7

Rhythm of the fall: area marching bands prepare for 2017 season, part 3

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CULLMAN COUNTY – The 2017 high school football season is officially in full swing, and football teams continue to practice and play hard. But others do as well: our area high school marching bands.

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

In this third installment, we hear from Evan Curtis and Linda Bean, band directors at Holly Pond High School and Cullman Middle School, respectively.

Holly Pond High School Marching Band, led by director Evan Curtis
Members
57 (also includes students from Holly Pond Middle School)

Drum Major
Leah Tarvin, who has also played trombone and alto saxophone

Musical theme
"(The) show is entitled 'Heartbeats' and features classic love songs 'Can't Help Falling in Love,' 'Happy Together,' 'Fever' and 'Crazy Little Thing Called Love.'"

What was the big challenge of band camp?
"The music we are playing this year is a little challenging, but the students are doing a great job and are sounding fantastic!"

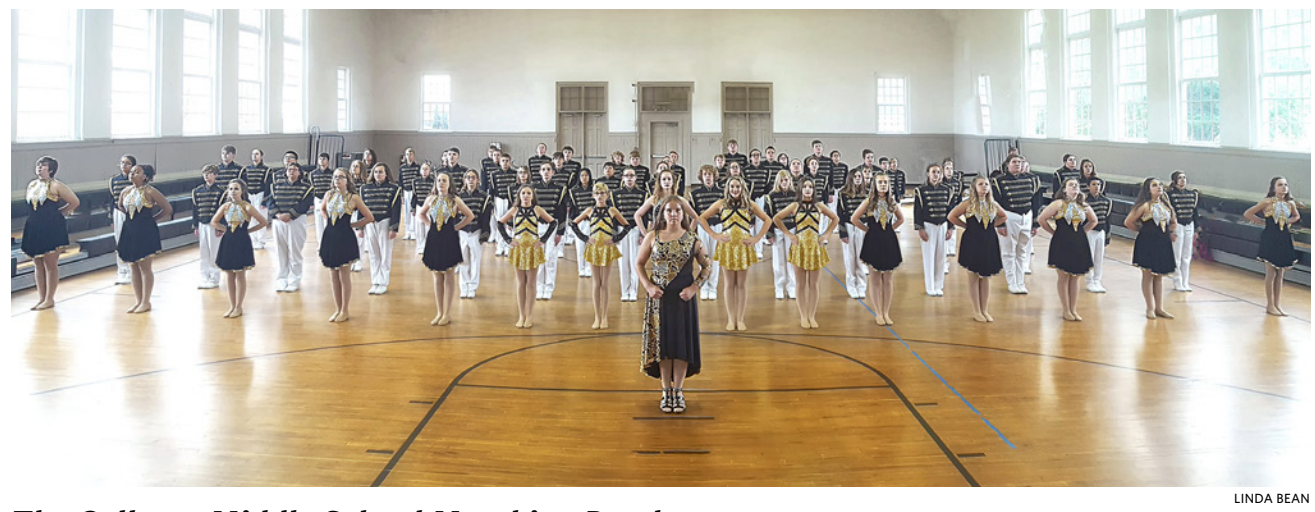
What's the wow factor this year?
"Our show may be a show about love songs, but the music is incredibly entertaining and energetic and the crowd is going to love it!"

What do people need to know about your band that no one » PAGE 3



EVAN CURTIS/HOLLY POND HIGH SCHOOL

The Holly Pond Bronco Band performed at Disney World last April.



LINDA BEAN

The Cullman Middle School Marching Band.

ALDOT addresses annoying concrete dividers on Hwy. 278

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The dividers, as seen on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017.

CULLMAN – Many, many Cullman residents have expressed frustration, aggravation and concern over the seemingly endless barriers and dividers that have appeared along U.S. Highway 278 through downtown. Parts of the in-town highway stretch have become a land of no left turns.

In June, Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) information officer Seth Burkett explained that a "major aspect" of the Hwy. 278 project involves "access management improvements, such as installation of concrete islands and closing entrances or exits that are redundant and/or in close proximity. These are aimed at improving traffic flow and reducing vehicle conflicts and crashes, improving safety."

While the goal is to improve safety along the highway, some are concerned that the barriers are going to reduce safety everywhere around the road. For Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper and Cullman Fire Rescue Chief Edward Rinehardt, the concerns go beyond having to go a few extra blocks to get home. Emergency responders are facing the prospect of having to go a few extra blocks, and expend precious extra time, to get to burning buildings or reach people in immediate danger.

According to Cullman City Hall, the mayor and chiefs, along with State Sen. Paul Bussman, R-Cullman and other local officials, recently met with ALDOT Highway Director John Cooper and Curtis Vincent, regional director for north Alabama area, which includes Cullman, to discuss their concerns.

After the meeting, ALDOT personnel toured the area with city representatives to see the barriers and talk about site-specific issues.

ALDOT is utilizing money from the Federal Highway Administration that can only be used for "safety type improvements like the concrete dividers."

According to Jacobs, Cooper explained that approximately 3 more inches of asphalt will be added to U.S. Highway 278 as a part of the resurfacing plan.

That additional pavement should result in the dividers being a more normal height like a typical curb. The director said ALDOT will also look at the several intersections to potentially make some minor adjustments, said a statement from the City.

Jacobs also reported that Cooper concurred with concerns from Culpepper about pedestrian safety crossing U.S. Highway 278 West at Denson Avenue. Pedestrians are trying to cross five lanes of traffic on a busy highway, and police are concerned accidents will occur there. ALDOT said it will construct an area in the turn lane to allow pedestrians a safe spot to stop midway across the highway.

Jacobs said that Cooper also noted that paving on U.S. Highway 31 is not complete. The current rough surface was milled rough intentionally to offer a stronger binding base for the final two layers of driving surface.

Cooper said Hwy. 31 will have a smooth driving surface resembling other state and federal highways when the project is completed.

"I want to thank Sen. Bussman for arranging the meeting with (ALDOT) to allow us to voice our concerns about the new concrete barriers and turn lanes on Highway 278," said Jacobs. "It would not have happened without Sen. Bussman."

ALEA issues safety advisory for roadways and waterways this Labor Day weekend

ALEA
Tribune Contributor

MONTGOMERY – Labor Day weekend, summer's season finale, typically draws heavier-than-usual traffic on Alabama's roadways and waterways.

"Safety is one of our top priorities throughout the year, but it's especially important during extended holiday weekends, when so many want to enjoy one last seasonal road trip to the lake, beach or other warm-weather attraction," Alabama's Secretary of Law Enforcement Hal Taylor said.

During Labor Day weekend, which runs from 12:01 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1, to midnight Monday, Sept. 4, Troopers in ALEA's Highway Patrol and Marine Patrol Divisions will step up patrol and enforcement efforts across the state to promote safety and work to prevent crashes, injuries and deaths.

Enforcement efforts include participation in the national campaign Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

During this final week, Troopers and their law enforcement partners across the state will conduct sobriety checks and do everything they can to remove impaired individuals from behind the wheels of vehicles and boats (or other water vessels).

Grants administered through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) and the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) will fund overtime for additional Troopers during this valuable safety campaign.

Still, ALEA needs assistance from motorists and boaters to truly make a positive impact on DUIs/BUIs.

Taylor would like to remind everyone to adhere to the following safety tips, ALEA's Five to Stay Alive:

1. Avoid driving and/or boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. If you are impaired, do not drive or operate a boat. Designate a sober driver in advance, call a cab, use public transportation or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely.

2. Simply obey the law. Avoid speeding, following too closely and other dangerous – sometimes deadly – behavior on Alabama's roadways and waterways.

3. Buckle up – no matter how short your trip.

Ensure all of the vehicle's occupants are buckled up (or using a child restraint system) and those on your boat are using or have access to personal flotation device (PFDs are required at all times for ages 8 and younger.)

4. Avoid the water during inclement weather, particularly when it includes thunder and lightning.

5. Be even more cautious when traveling through construction zones. For the safety of the traveling public, construction industry workers and maintenance crews, ALDOT will have no temporary lane closures on Alabama interstates from noon Friday to midnight Monday.

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

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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

My Daddy

By: Rita Aiken Moritz
Alabama State Poetry Society,
Poet of the year 2017

I didn't have a dad, you know . . .
not in the way you mean:
a man upstanding and steadfast,
an example of living clean.

Instead, he sowed such discord,
it followed me through the years.
Instead of being an anchor,
he was a source of tears.

Until I was just a captive in
the prison of my soul
bound by the bands of anger,
broken . . . not feeling whole.

Then I found my Abba Father, much more than a God to me. He broke the chains of bitterness and finally made me free.

He took my despair. He gave me hope, and He dried every tear, replacing my loss with His sweet love and soothing every fear.

Now when the past comes creeping back and tells me there's none to care,
I climb up into my Abba's lap,
for I find comfort there.

Do you know my Abba Daddy?
Do you know that He cares for you? If you'll only reach out for his loving arms,
He'll reach to embrace you too.

And it won't matter about your past
or the pain, the anger, the loss.
For it wasn't only your sins, you know,
but your sorrow He nailed to the cross.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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
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Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1964

Around The County

Mrs. Boyd Drake is spending a couple of months in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Herndon and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pitts and children spent Sunday, in Decatur, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Junior Herndon.

Luna W. Meadows spent the weekend visiting relatives, in Birmingham.

Barbara Clark, of Washington, D.C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clark.

North Walter News

Mrs. Madeline Sutton, of Cullman, was the Wednesday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sutton.

Mrs. Feltus McGriff and daughter, Janice Fay, of Birmingham, were the Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gable.

Mrs. Leon Minor and son, of Detroit, are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Thurman Loyel.

Mrs. J.H. Nuss returned home, on Saturday, after spending a week, in Birmingham and Mount Olive.

Mrs. Ollie Jacobs and children and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baker and children, of Logan, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cortez Gable and Judith Kay.

Bethany News

Reverend Emory Calvert preached an interesting sermon, at Bethany, on Sunday.

Aunt Lina Wood is ill.

Mrs. Ogle Campbell and children and Mr. and Mrs. Doyal Campbell and baby spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Trimble, at Trimble.

Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Lay have moved back to their home here, after working in South Carolina for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Shedd, of South Bay, Florida, visited her mother, Mrs. Ema Harbison, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harbison and children are visitors of the A.E. Smiths.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Robinson and children, of Cullman, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Purdue and Hilda.

Miss Margaret Smith attended the Grand Old Opry, on Saturday night, in Nashville.

Teen Chatter

A "Sweetheart" banquet was held by the G.A.'s, of the First Baptist Church, on Friday night. Enjoying the games and refreshments, which carried out a Valentine motif, were Peggye Hart, Fielding Buchanan, Gayla Sutton, James Williams, Sally Vandiver, Pat Stewart, Martha Jane Jackson, Charles Arnold, Florence Culpepper, Jack House, Cora Sue Duffey, Naomi Stisher, Sara Green, Nelda Heatherly, Louise Hendrix, W.L. Heaton, Marja Nell Reid, Rachel Folsom, Betty McMinn, Faye Giles, Brenda Tiffin, Carole Brindley and Donna Kinney.

At the Cullman-Athens game, or elsewhere, on Friday night, were Janell Tucker and Jackie Crider, Emily Gibson and J.O. Markum, Edigna Edwards and Max Kelley, Nancy Moore and Pete Taylor, Jo Nonaker and Jon Suggs, Delores Burns and Bobby White, Wanda Baker and Jimmy Woods and Shirley Hamilton and Dwight Tucker.

Over at Bobbie Copeland's, on Wednesday night, were Joyce Hart, Patsy Hendrix, Betty Whatley, Gloria Mann, Peggy Brown, Melba Mann, Willodean Brown, Ovell Cargo, Ruth Bean, David Quattlebaum, Jack Raley, Jack Osborne, Mousie Hand, Ronald Johnson, Darrell Strickland and Pete Taylor. Later on Wednesday night, they went to Patsy Hendrix's house.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I saw no future as a cotton-picking cotton picker

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



As the Labor Day holiday approaches, I'm thinking about some of my first jobs. As a kid, I shoveled coal at my dad's coal and building supply store. I was paid with free room and board, clothes to wear and all the food I could eat. Were there child labor laws back then? Dad gave away pencils that said, "King's Coal and Building Supply – We appreciate your business." Do you know if you scrape off certain letters from that slogan, it reads "We ate your bus?" Dad may have appreciated their business, but I can testify to the fact that he definitely did not appreciate my artistic ability!

Some years later, my oldest brother operated a paint and body repair business in the same location where dad's business had been.

When I was about thirteen, he paid me one dollar per hour to water- sand cars. I was not a criminal, but I could have become one because I didn't have any finger prints – I had sanded them off! I was already playing guitar by that time, but sore fingers and guitars don't go together. I am amazed that my fingers ever recovered. I discovered if I put pieces of masking tape on the ends of my fingers, they didn't hurt so badly when I played guitar.

After a couple of years, I saw no future as a career sander, so I asked my brother to teach me how to paint. He started by teaching me how to spray primer. We had scrap car parts, like fenders, doors, and hoods, behind the shop.

He hooked me up a long air hose that reached back there and said, "Go practice." We had the best looking scrap yard in the country. Everything back there was primed! I finally graduated to painting with real paint, but in the beginning I had more runs than a lady picking cotton in nylon stockings!

Speaking of picking cotton, when I was about ten, my older sister and I hired on to pick cotton – by hand. I think it was during that job, while dragging a pick-sack through those hot, dusty, Sand- Mountain cotton fields, that I first sensed the calling into ministry - or at least to pursue for myself a desk job!

I'm teasing, I'm teasing, but if you've ever picked cotton, you no doubt understand my humor. Cotton pickers were normally paid according to the pounds of cotton they had picked. I remember setting a goal of pick one-hundred pounds in one day. I came close once. All I needed was about seventy-five more pounds. I made so much money picking cotton that I used my earnings to buy one my first musical instruments. It was an orange Wowee wax harmonica! The rock band "The Who" used to break up their instruments after they played them. Jimi Hendrix set his guitar on fire. After I played my wax harmonica, I chewed it up! I owned several of those through the years. They didn't play very well, but they tasted pretty good. Sometimes I made enough money to also buy a pack of Nik-L-Nips. These were miniature wax bottles filled with fruit flavored syrup that was sweeter than small children on Christmas Eve. They called them Nik-L-Nips because they cost a nickel and you nipped off the top of the bottle, so you could drink the syrupy juice. After two seasons, I saw no future for me as a cotton-picking, cotton picker, so I retired!

I thank God for jobs and the working people of this country, who make this country work – oh, and for automated cotton pickers! Happy Labor Day!

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Bands (from Front)

may have asked yet?
"We are seeing a lot of drive in our group. This is a group that wants to be challenged and improve every day."

Cullman Middle School Marching Band, led by director Linda Bean
The CMS marching band is for seventh- and eighth-grade students who have been playing an instrument for at least one year. It performs at middle school football games, and will march with the Cullman High School Band in a football halftime show. It also puts on Christmas and spring concerts.

Members
86: 5 flutes, 4 clarinets, 12 saxophones, 13 trumpets, 4 mellophones, 7 trombones, 3 tubas, 18 percussion, 4 dance line, 11 color guard, 2 managers

Field Commander
Kirin Tisdale, Feature Twirler: Olivia Shelton

Drum Major
Jordan Nash

Musical theme
"Show Me How You Dance"

What do people need to know about your band that no one may have asked yet?
"The band members enjoy special activities during the year such as bringing in guest musicians and attending a band social with CHS band members. Cullman Middle School has a Jazz Band which begins rehearsals in January and performs in the spring. Students who complete their eighth-grade year in Advanced Band later perform in the Cullman High Bearcat Band.

"The CMS band was selected to make a presentation to the National School Board showcasing their use of 'Smart Music' technology. The CMS Band Course has been presented to the Alabama Association of School Boards featuring the use of technology. Past honors include being selected by the Desire2EXCEL Award program as one of 12 nominees from the International Desire2Learn User Community for the Teaching & Learning Category."

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Good Hope shuts out Vinemont, 41-0

Sammy Confer
Tribune Correspondent

VINEMONT – Good Hope and Vinemont faced off to start out the season on a wet field Friday night, but that did not bother the Raiders' running game one bit as they dominated from start to finish to take home a 41-0 win over the Eagles.

Good Hope started their first series at the 35-yard line and the running game wore down the Eagle defense. It took the Raiders six plays and 65 yards to put the first score on the board, with Matt Dixon scoring on a 1-yard run with 8:37 remaining in the opening quarter. It was 8-0 after the 2-point conversion. They stuck with the running game on their second series at Vinemont's 44-yard line, as Dixon, Bailey Quick, Matt Hancock, and Colton Bagwell, continued to gain big chunks of yardage, and Quick finished off the nine-play, 56-yard drive with a 1-yard score of his own to increase the lead to 15-0 with 3:27 left in the first.

After each team went empty on the next three possessions, Good Hope took over at its own 39-yard line after a bad snap on an Eagle punt attempt.

Quick gained 19 yards on a third-and-8 to help keep the drive going, and he used his arm to finish it off, finding Kyle Carlton for a 25-yard score to widen the lead to 22-0 with 6:14 remaining in the first half. Good Hope found the end zone again on its next series as Hancock scored on a 6-yard run to increase the lead to 28-0, the score at the half.

On their first series of the third quarter, Dixon came out very determined, taking all 75 yards on the drive, all on the ground, including a 2-yard touchdown run to make it 35-0.

After Will Dickerson picked off a pass on Vinemont's second series, the second-team offense went out on the field and Bagwell scored his first varsity touchdown on a 3-yard run to make the score 41-0. More younger players from both sides came in to get some playing time and continue. Despite being down, the Eagles continued to fight and play hard until the final whistle blew.

Quick went 9-of-14 for 111 yards and a touchdown, and added 45 more on the ground and a touchdown. Dixon finished with 136 yards on 13 carries and two scores. Hancock had 37 yards on eight carries and a touchdown. Bagwell had 31 yards on five touches and a score, as Good Hope rushed for 323 yards on the night.

The Raider defense shut down Vinemont's offense the whole game, holding them to just 70 yards of total offense.

"The key to getting our running game going was seeing the offensive line getting low on their blocks, allowing our running backs to have big holes," Good Hope coach Alan Scott said. "I'm really proud of them. Bailey's got a great head on his shoulders, and he called a great game. He adds another dimension to our offense. Matt's a really great guy. He runs really hard and I'm very proud of him. Our defense was really flying around the ball tonight. We did have a couple of touchdowns called back because of penalties, and that's one area we have to clean up."

Scott sees some big things for Vinemont coach Stephen Robinson and his Eagle squad.

"He has this team believing in themselves," Scott added. "He has a lot of numbers playing for him, and they play really hard for him, and I believe that they will have a big year in 3A."

Both teams will start region play next week, as Good Hope hosts Fayette County in its home opener, while Vinemont takes a trip to Locust Fork, looking to bounce back after a rough opening game.

Aggies dismantle East Lawrence Eagles, 42-7

Brett Garner
Tribune Correspondent

TRINITY – The Fairview Aggies traveled to East Lawrence High School to take on the Eagles Friday night, and they certainly took them on, throwing down a dominating 42-7 win.

Fairview received the ball and took it to East Lawrence early. Fairview running back Ethan Satterfield racked up a quick 48 yards on two runs to take it within the 10-yard line in Eagle territory. The very next play, Grant Howard scored on a 10-yard touchdown run to go up 7 - 0 on East Lawrence with 10:12 remaining in the first quarter.

After a three-and-out for the Eagles, the Aggies were back in business. Fairview raced down the field with three more runs by Satterfield totaling 29 yards and a Dayne Black keeper of 19 yards. The Aggies then scored on an 8-yard touchdown reception by Garret Dunn. Fairview was rolling in the first as the Aggies put up 14 points in the opening frame.

But the Eagles had gained some momentum early in the second quarter with quarterback Hunter Letson racking up 40 yards on one possession for East Lawrence. After a 5-yard run from Eagle running back Jacob Henderson, Letson scored on a 4-yard touchdown run. The Eagles now trailed 14-7 with 9:32 left in the half.

The Aggies were not going to let that drive ruin their night, as 27-yard touchdown run by Ethan Satterfield and a 60-yard touchdown reception by Scoot Bennett silenced the Eagle faithful. Now up 28-7 with 4:04 left in the half, Fairview kicked off the third quarter to the Eagles but a fumble by Timothy Grissom allowed Black to recover and run 32 yards for a touchdown with 11:32 left in the quarter. The Aggies continued to roll, up 35-7 early in the third.

Fairview was not finished yet as a Tyvn Ellis scored on a 25-yard play, putting the Aggies up 42-7 with little time remaining in the third.

The Aggies ultimately won the game 42-7.

Satterfield racked up a total of 118 rushing yards. Black also contributed on the ground with 23 yards rushing. Bennett and Ellis also had big nights, racking up more than 60 yards apiece. Dunn, Mason Black and Howard also contributed heavily.

Aggie linemen Jared Bachelor, Clay Jeffers, Cash Hanson, Levi Garner and Dylan Garner pushed their weight around all night to provide a catalyst for the run game. Fairview's defense had a huge night as well. The Aggies allowed a total of 137 yards.

Fairview will play host to Corner High School next week and will start region play.

Broncos wear down Brindlee Mountain, 34-18

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HOLLY POND – Brindlee Mountain may have started Friday night's game, but the Holly Pond Broncos ended it, winning 34-18.

The Lions went three downs and punted on fourth down, with Holly Pond taking over on its own 47-yard line, putting together a drive that resulted in Kyler Chaney running it in from 29 yards for the first score of the night.

The 2-point conversion was no good, and the score was 6-0.

Next up, Brindlee Mountain's Keith Bates returned the kick 58 yards for a touchdown.

The Lions' 2-point try was also no good, tying the score 6-6.

Brindlee Mountain struggled on offense. After a bad punt by the Broncos, the Lions had great field position, but couldn't gain a first down.

The Broncos then drove the ball 70 yards down the field with Jerimiah Holmes finishing the drive off on a 22-yard touchdown.

With another failed two-point conversion, the Broncos were up 12-6.

The Lions managed to put together a drive, but ended up turning the ball over on downs to the Broncos, who ran out the clock to finish the half.

Holly Pond got the ball to start the second half, with Holmes going a whopping 74 yards for a touchdown.

Finally, a successful 2-point conversion, and the score was 20- 6.

Holmes caught a 55-yard pass from Chaney to score another TD, upping the score to 26-6.

Later in the third, Brindlee Mountain scored on a Jordan Leak 5-yard run, making the score 26-12.

Holly Pond answered with a 55-yard drive, with Dustin Stancill rushing in for 39 yards and it was 34-12.

Holly Pond's defense held the line for a few drives before the Lions scored on a 48-yard pass from Leak to Keith Barnes.

With the ball back, the Broncos ran out the clock to end the game. Final score: Holly Pond 34, Brindlee Mountain 18.

Holly Pond coach Mike Bates said that the offensive line was what made the difference in the game, but the defense did a great job holding Brindlee Mountain to only 18 points.

Next week Holly Pond will travel to JB Pennington to start area play.

Defensive battle: Cold Springs gets by Berry, 13-7

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BREMEN – If you are a defensive-minded person, the first half of Friday night's Cold Springs game was for you. The Eagles found their stride in the third, eking out the win, 13-7.

Berry got the ball to began the game, quickly going three-and-out due to a fired-up Eagle defense, but the Cold Springs offense didn't fare any better going three-and-out on its first possession. The two teams continued the offensive struggle, going, you guessed it, three-and-out the entire first quarter.

To open the second, the Eagle offense got into field goal range, but missed an opportunity to put points on the board as the field goal fell short.

The Berry offense put together a promising 16-play drive, but it eventually stalled after an incomplete pass on fourth down.

The Cold Springs offense continued its woes going three-and-out once again. Late in the first half, Berry's Jeremiah Gann scored on a 61-yard run with four seconds left to put the Wildcats on top 7-0 going into the locker room.

Cold Springs received the ball to begin the second half, with no luck.

Berry once again put together an impressive drive, but once they got inside the 30, turned over the football.

The Eagle offense then found its stride and marched down the field, scoring on a Caleb Roden 2-yard run to tie the game at 7 apiece with 41 seconds remaining in the third.

Berry and Cold Springs continued to play outstanding defense.

Once the Eagles got the ball back they started to chew the clock and move the ball on the ground. The hero of the night ended up being Austin Lively, scoring on a 16-yard run to give the Eagles a 13-7 lead with 1:50 left in the game. Thanks to a timely sack to put Berry behind the chains, the Eagle defense forced an incomplete pass on fourth down. With the ball back in the hands of the offense, the Eagles took three kneels to run out the clock and claim victory in a hard-fought game.

"The kids played hard tonight and I sure am proud of them; the reason you play is for moments like that," said Coach Rod Elliot about the heart and resiliency of his team. He added, "The only way for something good to happen is to keep playing."

Wilson Warriors over West Point Warriors, 42-24

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WEST POINT – It was a tough night for the West Point Warriors' defense in the home opener as they dropped the second game of the season to Wilson 42-24. Wilson's offense managed to put up 396 yards of offense against the Wilson Warriors including four touchdown plays of 40 yards or more.

Wilson's quarterback Tucker Brown scored five touchdowns on the night, passing for 177 yards and two touchdowns to go along with 104 yards on the ground and three more scores.

Wilson's offense broke the game open early on a 41-yard rushing touchdown from Brown followed by a 67-yard touchdown pass on the next possession to wide out Avery Moates who finished the contest with a game-high 127 receiving yards and two touchdowns.

After the quick start, West Point was unable to get back within one possession of Wilson for the rest of the night.

West Point's offense started the game slow but was able to put up some points in the second half thanks to three touchdowns from junior quarterback Rylan Jones.

Jones completed 17 of his 34 passes for 193 yards, two touchdowns and an interception.

The Warriors also managed to gain 150 yards on the ground with junior running backs Hunter Persall and Brayden Martin both finishing with 60 yards.

Jones accounted for 28 yards and a touchdown in the running game.

Senior wide out Kolton Easterwood led the way in the passing game with a game-high seven catches for 56 yards.

Persall managed to break loose for a 34-yard touchdown on a screen pass in the third quarter, and senior wide receiver Cameron Bates came up with a miraculous 40-yard touchdown on an underhanded lob pass from Jones early in the fourth.

A critical mistake on special teams cost the West Point Warriors seven points just before halftime when they muffed a punt from Wilson that was recovered deep inside West Point territory.

Wilson took advantage and scored with 20 seconds remaining in the half to carry an 18-point lead and the momentum into the locker room.

The Warriors were starting to make up some ground in the second half and cut the lead to 35-24 going into the fourth quarter but lost a fumble in Wilson territory with eight minutes left to play to seal the game for Wilson.

Two possessions later, Wilson running back Nick Phillips put the game away with a 45-yard touchdown run with less than three minutes to play.

The loss puts West Point at 1-1 in 2017 as they look to bounce back at home next week against the Hayden Wildcats.

Addison kennels Hanceville, wins big in the Battle of the Bulldogs

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ADDISON – In the battle of the Dawgs Friday night, it was Addison who came out victorious by final score of 40-6.

Hanceville took the ball first to start the game but just three plays later it was in the hands of the Addison defense when Jeb Robinson pounced on a loose ball after Hanceville quarterback Alex Campbell connected with Brendan Flanigan who was stripped of the ball. It wouldn't take long for Addison to capitalize on the miscue as Ben Robinson had back-to-back rushes of 18 yards and 21 yards. Tyler Borden then took over with runs of 12 yards and 3 yards, the last of which resulted in a touchdown. Addison failed the 2-point try but took the lead 6-0.

Hanceville put together a promising drive on its second possession with solid rushes from RJ Evans and Romael Simmons, but a negative play coupled with two incomplete passes put Hanceville's back to the wall. A bad snap on the ensuing punt cost Hanceville a chunk of yardage and gave Addison the ball at the purple and gold 24.

It took Addison just five plays to find the end zone once more. On second-and-goal Robinson took the snap from 4 yards out and plunged his way into the end zone. Again, the 2-point conversion failed, giving Addison a 12-0 advantage.

Hanceville's next possession ended with a turnover on downs in just four plays. On first-and-10 from the Hanceville 39, Robinson busted around right end, breaking several tackles on his way to a 34-yard gain. He then ran up the middle for 5 yards and a score and converted the 2-point conversion on a jump pass to give Addison a 20-0 lead with 3:17 left to play in the first quarter.

Hanceville and Addison traded punts over the next two possessions but the quarter did not end well for the purple and gold Bulldogs as Borden intercepted the ball and returned it all the way down to the Hanceville 8 as the quarter ended.

Addison picked up right where they left off to open the second when they put together a four-play scoring drive that ended in a Robinson 2-yard touchdown run. The 2-point conversion was no good and Addison took a 26-0 lead.

Hanceville had nice field position following a good kickoff return, starting at the Addison 34. Thanks to Simmons and Evans, Hanceville found themselves with the first-and-goal from the 6-yard line. Simmons had his number called and scored around the left end, but it was ruled that he fumbled the ball before it crossed the plane, and Addison recovered for a touchback.

Both teams jockeyed for field position the rest of the half with Addison going into the locker room up 26-0.

Addison took the ball first in the second half. Unfortunately for them, they went the wrong way and faced a fourth-and-18. As Addison tried to punt, Simmons broke through the line and got both hands on the ball to block the punt and pick it up himself and return it to the 7-yard line, Hanceville's best starting field position of the night. Three plays later, Campbell found Owen Harper in the back of the end zone for the Hanceville touchdown to put them on the board. The 2-point conversion failed, making the score 26-6 in favor of Addison.

On Addison's next possession, Robinson found himself in familiar territory. He opened the drive with a 57-yard blast and finished it with a 2-yard plunge to make the score 34-6. Addison added another score midway through the fourth to close the door on any hopes of a Hanceville comeback.

Final score: Addison 40, Hanceville 6.

Meek Tigers victorious over Hubbertville, 30-13

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ARLEY – Meek High School played its second game of the season against Hubbertville Friday night. They won last week against Phillips. This was Hubbertville's first game of the season, and the Meek Tigers took the win 30-13.

Meek received the ball, but didn't catch it right away; a fumble started the game.

They answered the fumble quickly, with Dennis Nalley taking it to the 13-yard line, but the Tigers were stopped by Hubbertville.

The Tigers went for a field goal, but missed. With 7:39 left in the first quarter, it was 0-0.

Hubbertville took its turn with the ball resulting in a touchdown on a 25-yard pass. The extra kick was good.

Meek's quarterback, Stuart Waldrep, made several throws that should have been caught. The receivers just couldn't seem to get their hands around them.

Hubbertville started the second quarter with the ball. Meek made quick work of their fumble, recovering it at 11:56.

Meek's John Mark Abercrombie took it to the 9-yard line. Destin Morris scored, but a flag put the ball back to the 13-yard line, causing a replay of the series.

No worries for the Tigers, though. A handoff to Abercrombie resulted in a touchdown.

The 2-point conversion was good, and score was 8-7, Meek with 11:16 left in the second quarter.

The Lions struggled to keep the ball again on this series, and Meek recovered a second fumble with on the Hubbertville 30-yard line 11:01 left in the second quarter.

Meek's Payton Key threw an interception in the end zone and the Lions got it on the 20-yard line with 10:23 left in the half. Brady Tucker made that interception for Hubbertville.

At the end of the half it was 8-7, Meek.

Meek kicked off to start the second half, but Hubbertville was plagued by penalties and forced to punt.

Penalties and fumbles hindered Meek for its first drive of the second half, forcing them to punt as well.

Swapping possessions, Hubbertville started the fourth quarter deep in its own territory. The Lions fumbled again, and Tigers recovered on the 2. A penalty set Meek back to the 7, but with 11:05 on the clock, Abercrombie runs it in for Meek; a complete pass to Luke Sherer made the 2-point conversion good. It was Meek 16, Hubbertville 7.

The Lions, failing to make any substantial gains, attempted a fake punt but again mishandled the ball, leaving Meek deep in Hubbertville's territory. A few plays later another pass to Sherer scored another touchdown; the PAT was good making it a 23-7 ballgame in Meek's favor.

A shanked the kickoff, but it worked to Meek's advantage with Key recovering the ball for Meek on Hubbertville's 44-yard line.

A few plays later, the workhorse for Meek, Abercrombie, ran the ball in for another Tiger touchdown with the PAT good, making it a 30-7 ballgame.

With 3:35 left in the fourth quarter, Hubbertville took over, putting together a good drive. With no time left in the game, the Lions' Daniel Holliday ran it in, making it a 30-13 final.

Meek will play Lynn next week at Lynn.

Bearcats (from Front)

of the game, giving North Jackson an early 7-0 lead. The Bearcats were stymied by penalty after penalty, on both the offensive and defensive sides, but Cullman did not allow the slower pace to hold them back.

Cullman's Fletcher Jennings constantly scrambled to avoid the nagging defensive pressure for most of the first half.

At one point, Jennings was flushed from the pocket and rushed 25 yards and dove toward the goal line, but the ball slipped out of his hands and out of the North Jackson end zone.

Though the Chiefs took over, Cullman's defense strengthened and forced North Jackson into a short punt.

Once again, the Bearcat offense took to the field.

This time was different as Jennings aired out a 56-yard touchdown bomb to Carson Freeman as time expired in the first quarter, tying the game at 7-all.

Both sides stiffened up on defense at the start of the second quarter until the Bearcats' Jennings and Burks got to work.

On a nice setup from Jennings, Burks marched it in to give Cullman its first lead of the night at 14-7.

Following a few missteps and penalties the Bearcats had given up good field position to North Jackson.

After a quick three-and-out, North Jackson only needed one play to take the lead as the Chiefs' Korre Smith rushed 40 yards for the touchdown.

North Jackson opted for the 2-point conversion attempt as Brady Cooper took it into the end zone, giving the Chiefs a 15-14 lead on the Bearcats.

This was the last time the Chiefs' made it to the end zone.

With the combination of Jennings, Burks and Jayden Sullins, the Bearcats could not be detoured. Cullman set up deep in North Jackson territory as time expired in the third quarter.

Jennings took the game on his shoulders and punched in a 10-yard touchdown run to put Cullman up 20-15. A penalty on the PAT pushed the Bearcats back but that didn't stop Miguel Tizapa-Robles from nailing the field goal, putting Cullman up 21-15.

North Jackson made several attempts at salvaging the game but that's when Cullman's Tizapa-Robles iced the game with a short field goal pushing the lead to 24-15, the final score.

Cullman levels its season at 1-1 with the victory over North Jackson. The Bearcats take on Albertville at home on Friday, Sept. 8.





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Cook'n for a Cause 2017 today at Mitch Smith Chevrolet

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CULLMAN – Mitch Smith Chevrolet is hosting a fundraiser for Make-A-Wish Alabama today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For a suggested $8 donation, you get a barbecue sandwich from Chappy's BBQ, baked beans, cole slaw, chips, a gourmet cookie from Panera Bread and a drink.

Adventurous folks may substitute a deep-fried hotdog and french fries for the barbecue.

The event will also serve as a drop-off location for victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas.

Cook'n for a Cause is sponsored by Comfort Care Hospice, Mitch Smith Chevrolet and Panera Bread.

Mitch Smith Chevrolet is located at 1655 Cherokee Ave. SW in Cullman.

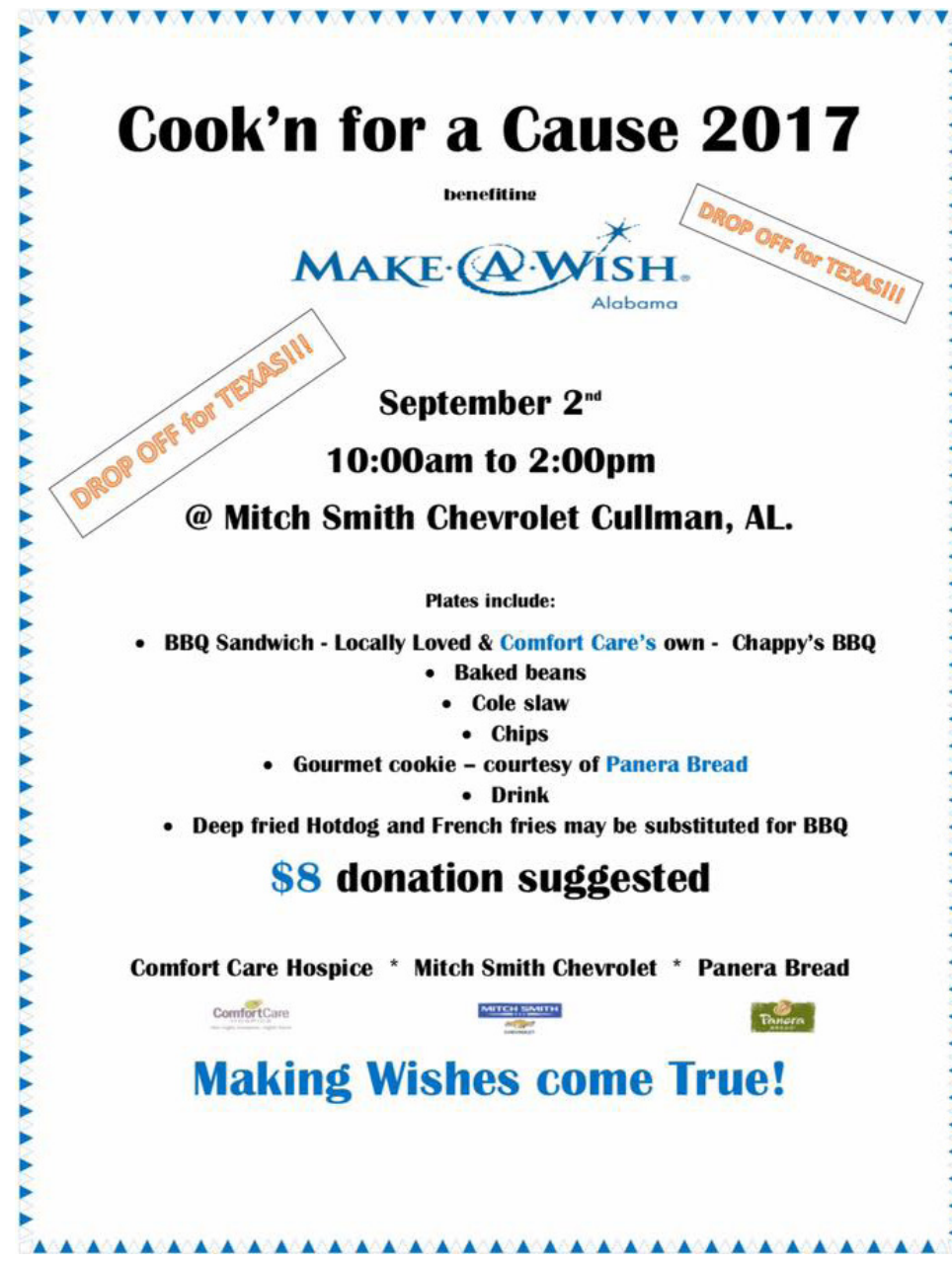
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Sweet Tater Festival this Sunday, Monday

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CULLMAN – The 21st annual Sweet Tater Festival is this weekend. It will take place at Smith Lake Park on Sunday, Sept. 3, and Monday, Sept. 4.

The event, which lasts for two full days, costs just $5 for admission.

For full details, see www.cullmantribune.com/calendar.

Labor Day closings

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CULLMAN COUNTY – Both City and County offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 in observance of Labor Day. All sanitation routes will be run as normal.

Tornado (from Front)

visible from public roads.

CEMA Director Phyllis Little planned for a busy day and evening ahead. As she prepared to leave for the CEMA warehouse to pick up a truckload of tarps, she shared, "We'll provide any kind of assistance we can. We're limited in what we can do. From what I've seen, there's an awful lot of damage, and it's a disaster for our local folks. It's a disaster for me as the EMA director, but this will not warrant any kind of federal assistance, and the State of Alabama does not have any kind of disaster assistance fund, so we're pretty much on our own with this disaster. All disasters start local and end local, anyway.

"My job right now: I'm going to head back to Cullman. We have a warehouse with some tarps stored in it. I'm going to get some help and load as many as I can on the back of the truck, and bring those back out here for anybody that needs them."

Little encouraged anyone who needs help to call 256-736-5388 and leave a voicemail.

"They can call me there and leave a message," said Little, "because I'll be in and out all weekend. They can call the sheriff's office if they have an urgent need. If they call the sheriff's office, the sheriff's office can reach me by radio or by cell phone.

"We'll do whatever we can. (Cullman County) Commissioner (Kerry) Watson has been out here this morning, and so has Commissioner (Garry) Marchman, and I've spoken with Commissioner (Kenneth) Walker by phone. I'm sure he'll be out here, if he's not already. The County is willing to offer any assistance they can. We'll try and put people in touch with whatever resources we can."

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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.

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Ricky Burks, left, leads students through a jazz tune during the annual Jazz Band Camp hosted at Wallace State.

Jazz Band Camp introduces students to jazz music

Gail Crutchfield
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HANCEVILLE – Clapping out the beat and sounding out the notes, Wallace State Community College Jazz Band Director Ricky Burks put about two dozen students through their paces during the annual Jazz Band Camp held for incoming freshman and returning sophomores interested in joining the school's music ensembles.

The camp offered some students their first introduction to jazz and gave students a chance to meet or reconnect with fellow classmates for the fall.

Jessica Webster, of Fultondale, is a freshman at Wallace State. A graduate of Tabernacle Christian in Gardendale, Webster said she's been a musician since she was 2 years old. "I was a singer first, and I picked up piano around third grade, and guitar about four years ago," she said. She will be playing the piano at Wallace State and her goal is to work on her music career as a Christian music singer/songwriter while taking courses at Wallace State. If her music career kicks off like she hopes, she'll focus on that; if not, she plans to transfer to the University of Alabama to become a music therapist. Trained as a classical pianist, Webster said the Jazz Band Camp was a great help in getting her ready to play that style of music. "I've never been used to the style before, I never listened to it, so this camp has helped a lot," she said. "I've learned how to improvise, because a lot of the songs here they give you chord charts. There are some written notes here and there, but a lot of it is you're going to fill in the chord for the soloist."

The camp also introduced her to new friends. "I made about five, six friends and I found out I have a lot in common with these people," she said. "It's nice to have a little family that I can go to every day." Along with Jazz Band, Webster plans to perform with the Wallace State Choir.

Becky Finley, of Cullman, is returning for her second year with the Jazz Band and Wallace State Choir. She's been playing trumpet for more than 20 years and is a singer as well. She stepped away from music and school for a while, before deciding to come back to both and is now a music education major. "I came specifically for choir; I want to be a choir director, and the more I kept praying about it, the more God opened doors," she said. She joined the Jazz Band during her first semester at Wallace State. "I love improv and I love jazz," she said. "It's something that you can work through and present yourself. It's a way of expressing yourself through music."

This was her first Jazz Band camp and she said she learned a lot, even though she's been in the band a year. She'll also be a member of the Wallace State Choir once again.

Wallace State Community College is an All-Steinway School, one of only six community colleges in the nation to earn that honor.

All students at Wallace State Community College are welcome to try out for the Wallace State Jazz Band, Concert Band, Singers and Theatre productions. All Wallace State students are welcome to join the Wallace State Choir.

For the Jazz Band, contact Ricky Burks at 256-352-8287 or ricky.burks@wallacestate.

For the Concert Band, contact Jacob Keisler at 256-352-8176 or jacob.keisler@wallacestate.edu.

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For more information about Wallace State, call 256-352-8000 or visit www.wallacestate.edu.

Commission hears concerns about CR 236

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CULLMAN – When the Cullman County Commission opened the floor of its meeting to public comment Thursday morning, two residents who live on County Road 236 near Dodge City came forward to voice concerns about the condition of that road. They asked for the commission to repair its part of the road, and to press Dodge City Mayor Tawana Canada to do something about her town's portion.

"We need some roadwork done," said Wood, "repair, resurfacing, whatever. There's 12 houses on the road; it's a half mile long. But the problem is half of it's in Dodge City township, half of it's in the county, and it's about equal halves.

"The mayor of Dodge City said that she would work with us if we could get the county to work with us, and I think y'all have done work for Dodge City before. This is a residence, and we'd like somebody to at least come look, and, I think if you look, you'll see that we need either resurfacing, a lot of patching, if nothing else. We've just been waiting it out.

"We'd appreciate anything that could be done. We'd rather surface it if we can, but at least patching if nothing else. We're going to talk with the Dodge City mayor again, so anything, we'd appreciate it."

Roger Faison, another County Road 236 resident, also came forward to add his concerns.

He added, "I believe I live on the County end of the road, and my section of the road is really bad; in fact, it's becoming just about impassable for me to get in and out on my motorcycle, and it's really taking a toll on my truck and my little car."

Chairman Kenneth Walker assured the men that the commission would have someone look into the matter, and that they would get in touch with the mayor of Dodge City.

Earlier in the summer, another Dodge City resident reported bad road conditions on County Road 216 on the outlying edge of the township, where she lived, saying that she had been unable to get the problem resolved through talks with the Town. (See our story at www.cullmansense.com/articles/2017/07/26/citizen-alleges-deficiencies-road-management-dodge-city)

Other commission business

The commission approved the annual Emergency Management Performance Grant that funds the Cullman County Emergency Management Agency. CEMA Director Phyllis Little was on hand to sign the grant paperwork with Walker.

The commission also approved the following items:

- Authorizing Walker to sign an agreement with the Cullman Electric Cooperative for billing and collection of sanitation accounts
- Authorizing Walker to sign a consulting agreement for Confinement Technologies for work on the Cullman County Detention Center phone system by Secured Perimeters International
- Authorizing Walker to renew the County's annual long-term detention contract with the Alabama Department of Youth Services
- Approving payment for road dept. geomapping services provided by Diversified Computer Services
- Approving the purchase of furniture for the county Volunteer Fire Department Training Center
- Approving the purchase of new service trucks for the water dept.
- Approving a contract for Santex Havoline Xpress Lube to perform service on sheriff's office and other County vehicles

The next Cullman County Commission meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 10 a.m. in the commission meeting room at the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.



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County Road 236 resident Charles Wood addresses the commission about road conditions.

Rusken Packaging acquires Great Southern Industries

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CULLMAN – Cullman's Rusken Packaging announced Tuesday that it has completed the acquisition of Jackson, Mississippi-based Great Southern Industries, Inc., effective Aug. 25, 2017. Rusken's Executive Vice President Gene Marino announced the news on LinkedIn.

Rusken expects this transaction to expand its presence in the Southeast, leveraging the reach, capabilities, talented team members and the stellar market reputation of Great Southern.

"We are extremely pleased to add Great Southern to the Rusken family. We feel that this is an excellent fit into our culture and growth strategy in the Southeast, and we look to continue to build upon the many years of success Great Southern has enjoyed," said Greg Rusk, President & CEO of Rusken Packaging.

About Rusken Packaging

Rusken Packaging is one of the largest independent corrugated packaging companies in the Southeast. Headquartered in Cullman, AL, Rusken operates additional facilities in Jackson, TN, Harrisburg, AR, Heflin, AL, Atlanta, GA, Clarksville, TN and Tupelo, MS. Rusken is also a partner in two sheet feeders (RusCorr in Cullman, AL and CSC Atlanta, LLC of Atlanta, GA) and Alsip Minimill, LLC located in Alsip, IL.

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