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Mae's Food Hall hopeful for October opening



PHOTO MAE'S FOOD HALL/FACEBOOK

An imported Italian wood-burning oven similar to this will cook up gourmet pizzas.

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CULLMAN – Among the most anticipated happenings in the Warehouse District is the upcoming opening of Mae's Food Hall, under development by local entrepreneur Shane Quick. The establishment, which will be home to multiple food vendors and an arcade featuring classic games, is slated to open this fall.

Food vendors already signed on include (descriptions from vendors' or Mae's Facebook pages):

• **Strada di Napoli** - "real pizza straight from the streets of Naples"

• **Cantina Taqueria** - home of "world class tacos"

• **Lichita's** - makers of "gourmet ice cream and popsicles," including "authentic Mexican ice cream"

• **I Love Bacon** - The proprietors of the "I Love Bacon Truck" will be "serving up bacon like you've never had it before!"

Quick met The Tribune at Mae's to talk about how things are coming along.

"We're on about the 16th hole," he stated, "and we can see the light now."

Of a projected opening date, Quick shared, "We're basically just telling people some time next month. We're hoping to get the earliest we can in October."

As for food vendors, "We've already announced the Mexican restaurant, Cantina Taqueria. Then we have I Love Bacon, which is basically a sandwich shop that'll have amazing sides and gourmet level sandwiches. We're honored to have them here. They've been winning food truck rallies all over the Southeast, and they take a lot of pride in their food.

"Really, everybody that's coming here, they're passionate about the food: all the way from Amede (head chef, Strada di Napoli), who's a world-class Neapolitan baker, to our Mexican restaurant that's a crowd favorite in Birmingham. Lichita's ice cream and popsicles is coming.

"We're excited. We feel like everyone that's coming is something that brings a different flavor to Cullman, and that's our main thing. We don't want to do something that someone's already doing well. There's a lot of great restaurants in Cullman, a lot of hard-working restaurateurs in this city, and they're all doing a great job. One of our main goals is simply to bring something we don't have, something that's missing. Hopefully, we've built the menu to where we can focus on bringing something different, a different flavor."

The vendors are taking a different approach to doing even foods that are pretty common around Cullman. Strada di Napoli, for instance, brought

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Sluggish start for West Point gives Hayden the regional win, 37-18



BILL PIPER

Bill Piper
Tribune Correspondent

WEST POINT – West Point got off to a slow start with a quick three-and-out on its first series, giving Hayden great field position at midfield. A few offside penalties later and Hayden scored, putting them ahead 7-0 over West Point.

It appeared as if this woke up the Warriors as West Point connected on a third-and-long when Raylon Moore hauled in the 20-yard pass from Rylan Jones. Shortly after, Jones nailed Cameron Bates for a 35-yard touchdown, bringing the Warriors within one point. This stood as the PAT missed, leaving the score 7-6 in favor of the visiting Hayden.

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Rhythm of the Fall: area marching bands, part 4

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BREMEN – In our final installment of "Rhythm of the Fall," we drop in on the Cold Springs Royal Blue Band, led by director William Johnson.

Members:
"The Royal Blue of Cold Springs High School has 56 band members."

Drum Major:
"Our drum majors for this year are Jeremiah Wilson and Layla Finley."

Musical theme:
"The 2017 halftime time show is entitled, 'Ladies of the 80s.' Musical selections include 'Get on Your Feet' by Gloria Estefan, 'Hit Me with Your Best Shot' by Pat Benetar, 'Sweet Dreams' by Annie Lennox and the Eurythmics, and 'Call Me' by Blondie."

What's the wow factor?
"This will be the first time that the Cold Springs Royal Blue Band will have two drum majors conducting on the field at the same time."



The Cold Springs Royal Blue Band



PHOTOS COURTESY WILLIAM JOHNSON

Dual Drum Majors Layla Finley and Jeremiah Wilson

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Cullman Regional: CEO's contract extended 6 years

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CULLMAN – The contract for Cullman Regional's CEO, James Clements, has been extended for six years, according to Cullman Regional Board Chair Judy Butler-Patterson.

A press release issued by the hospital cited the hospital's financial stability and growth since Clements came on board in 2014 as reasons for the extension.

In 2013, Cullman Regional's operating losses topped $13 million over five years.

"We knew changes were necessary in order to survive in the current healthcare environment, and we hoped that bringing in a new chief executive officer with a strong background in growth would be just what we needed," Immediate Past Board Chair Todd McLeroy said, "but we honestly weren't certain."

"Over the past three years, James has built a leadership team, made the hospital financially sound and has broken ground on two major expansion projects – both of which will help Cullman Regional better serve our community and add 150 local jobs to our local economy," Butler-Patterson said. "The success of the hospital has surpassed our expectations, and we couldn't be more pleased. In fact, the hospital is stronger than ever. We want to insure the future of the hospital continues on this path; therefore, we've extended his (Clements) contract for six more years."

Since Clements was hired, Cullman Regional has increased volume by 23 percent, said the press release.

The 30-bed expansion is ahead of schedule and plans to open in February of 2018 and the new Urgent Care Center and Outpatient Imaging Center is slated to open in April of 2018.

"It takes all of us working toward the same goals to make this happen," Clements said. "Together, our team is working to make Cullman Regional one of the best hospitals not only in Alabama, but in the Southeast. "Personally, our family is proud to call Cullman home and are excited to be here for the next six years. We've been particularly impressed by the school system and our local church, who have both embraced our family with open arms."

Clements is a healthcare executive with more than 30 years of healthcare operations experience for acute-care hospitals with 60-500 beds.

Previously, he served as co-founder and chief operating officer for a seven-hospital healthcare company in which he was responsible for the management of hospital executives and medical directors. He has also served in various capacities as a chief executive officer, chief financial officer and as vice president of business development and strategic planning during his career.



CULLMAN REGIONAL

James Clements

Prior to joining Cullman Regional, Clements served as the CEO at South Fulton Medical Center, a Tenet Healthcare Corporation hospital in Atlanta. Clements holds a Master of Business Administration from Georgia State University in Atlanta and a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia.

For more information about Cullman Regional, visit www.CullmanRegional.com.

Vinemont man killed in single-vehicle wreck

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VINEMONT – A Vinemont man was killed Thursday morning in a single-vehicle crash, according to a statement from Alabama State Troopers.

Billy Wayne Wilbanks, 73, was killed when the 2010 Chevrolet Silverado he was driving left the roadway and struck a tree.

Wilbanks was pronounced dead at the scene.

The crash occurred at 9 a.m. on County Road 1301, 1 mile north of Vinemont.

Nothing further is available as Alabama State Troopers continue to investigate.

Sipsey man arrested in Bremen with heroin, meth, guns

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BREMEN – A traffic stop on Wednesday led to the arrest of a Sipsey man. Cullman Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET) deputies arrested Joe Benny Reese, 58, on County Road 109 near Bremen.

According to a media release from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), agents had the suspect's vehicle stopped and knew the driver as Reese, who had active warrants.

After the suspect was arrested for the warrants, a search of his vehicle allegedly led to the discovery of heroin, methamphetamine, several diazepam pills, marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The CCSO said three firearms were located in the vehicle, two of which had been reported stolen.

Reese was charged with three counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana, two counts of second-degree receiving stolen property and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Reese had failure to appear warrants for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

"I am glad this suspect is behind bars and we caught him before he was able to come into Cullman County and sell all these drugs, especially the heroin, which is a growing problem. I am also glad we were able to safely recover these pistols, and hopefully we can return them to their owners," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "I would like to thank CNET for the good job they did on this arrest."

Reese is being held in the Cullman County Detention Center on a $26,700 bond.



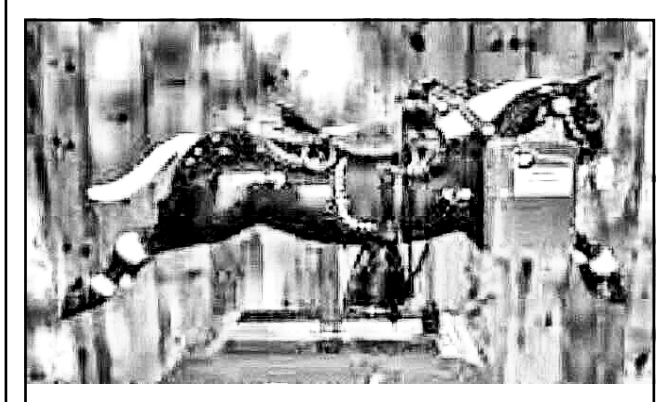
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Recovered assets

Poet's Corner



Riding Old Brownie

By: Randy C. Hale

I remember that shiny brown horse

in front of Bargain Town.

Dad slipped a coin in and suddenly

I was out west riding toward the sun.

Nothing else interest me there. Just a

place my mother liked to go, clothes,

shoes and those bright colored signs.

In mid-summer, they were the

first to remind you that school was

starting back and they had a sale, so

hurry on down to Bargain Town!

That didn't interest me either,

but that horse, polished over

like a new waxed floor, even when

older, still caught my eye.

Times sure seemed simple then,

the occasional trip into town.

Me and my parents, the groceries

for the week, sometimes ice

cream. Good Old Brownie.

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby give to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

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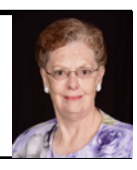
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News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



Good morning Tribune readers and families. Hope that most of you didn't receive extreme damage from the bad weather last weekend. First of all, I would like to commend all the members of the East Cullman Baptist Associational Disaster Relief Team and many, many others who responded to the damage that occurred in the Holly Pond Area during the tornado weather last week.

The First Baptist Church in Holly Pond made sandwiches and other snacks and the Redan Baptist Church also assisted in feeding all those who were cleaning the debris.

Of course, I may be omitting others who assisted. Anyway, a great big Thank you! to all the good neighbors who assisted in this community-wide clean-up endeavor.

It's not over yet, the effects of this storm will be felt for some time to come. Let's remember the folks affected with prayers, good wishes and pitching in to help wherever needed.

On Sunday afternoon, September 3rd at the First United Methodist Church in Cullman the Daughters of the American Revolution held their first meeting of the new year.

Julia Floyd, Regent, presided. All members stood and repeated the opening ritual. Teresa Goodwin led in the scripture and prayer. Linda Schgier presented the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Brenda Scott led in the American's Creed.

The National Anthem was led by Brenda Scott and Linda Schgier.

This part of the program also included the President General's Message, National Defense Minute and Constitution Minute.

A very interesting program was presented by Mrs. Gina Webb, Principal of Welti Elementary School. She talked about their Outdoor Classroom. Community Classroom initiatives are a part of the challenge from the NSDAR President General, Mrs. Ann T. Dillon for assisting schools in the coming year.

Following the serving of refreshments, the club officers presented their reports.

Then unfinished business and new business was presented.

Up-coming events were also announced and included Continental Congress Hotel Reservations open on September 15.

The next club meeting will on October 1st and KDS Dedication Day will be held on October 13th.

The meeting was closed with a benediction.

Hostesses for this meeting were: Linda Schgier, Brenda Scott and Donna Cornelius.

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Labor Day Holiday on September 4th. Of course, school students enjoyed being out of class, as well as the teachers.

Until next week, keep cool, please be careful.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1964

Hanceville Happenings

Mrs. Maude Garner, Elena Chappell and Dickie Garner spent Sunday afternoon visiting, in Oneonta.

Mrs. Maude Hesterly, of Birmingham, spent a few days here last week, visiting her sisters, Misses Dicie and Maymie Jones.

Mrs. Fred Meadows is spending several days in Cullman Hospital, where she is undergoing treatment.

Mrs. Lonnie Rice spent Friday, in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vincent, of Tarrant and Mrs. Hettie Abercrombie, of Garden City, were the Saturday guests of Mrs. L.B. Jones.

Mrs. Homer Thigpen and Mrs. WilsonW. Ballard spent Friday, in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coppedge (Christine Johnston) spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Johnston.

Mr. Coppedge left for the Army, on Thursday the 12th. Mrs. Coppedge will remain with her parents, until he has finished basic training.

Mrs. J. Lowell Edmondson, Charles Ray and Barbara, of Huntsville, spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. W.O. Mann.

After spending 14 months in service, in Korea, Major James McNutt arrived in Nashville, on Tuesday, where he was met by his wife.

Major McNutt will spend 30 days here with his family, before reporting to Camp Rucker, where he will be stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitfield, Mrs. Frank Ballard, Don and Larry, spent Sunday, in Birmingham.

Luther Rider, of Miami, Florida, spent Friday night visiting his cousin, Mrs. Maude Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Buel Johnston and daughter, Charlene, have returned to their home in Akron, Ohio, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Johnston.

From The Files Of 1952

A few of the dates, on Saturday night were Ann Lindsey and Tommy Burleson, Wanda Holcomb and Byron Crider, Ann Chatham and Max Kelley, Leona Giles and Donald Patrick, Justin Bridges and Asa Blalock and Carol Dean and Clyde Price.

Mrs. H. House and Jackie and Ronald, of Berlin spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sutton and Rex, of Walter.

Reverend Emory Calvert preached at Bethany, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Roden and children, of Cullman, visited the Weaver Sinyard family, at Guthery's Crossroads, on Thursday.

Devon Harbison and Joan Clay, of Bethany, were married, on March 29th.

Mrs. Johnnie Duke was the Tuesday afternoon guest of Mrs. Vera Ray, at Vinemont.

Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Schults and Billy have been ill with the flu.

Mrs. W.L. Bice, of Walter, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thalbert Bice, of Mulberry.

Kelley P.T.A. president is Mrs. Emil Leigeber, vice-president is Mrs. Elmer Hanes, secretary is C.A. Hutson and Zelma Self is reporter.

From The Files Of 1933

June the 18th was temperance Sunday, in Alabama, in 1933. Let us vote to keep John Barleycorn in his grave a long time.

Mrs. Henry Meyer was the chaperone for a party of young girls, of Cullman, at Blount Springs, this week, including: Misses Elsie Kempson, Esther Naomi Meyer, Lucy Guthrie, Opal Lee, Evelyn Blackburn, Freda Wooten, Jessie Keller, Virginia Blackburn and Dickie Meyer.

Best granulated sugar, 20 pounds -$1.00.

Doctor Carlie Burkart, of Hanceville, attended the state druggist convention, held in Mobile, on Wednesday and Thursday.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The big man whom I still called boy

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Until he was born, I had never paid much attention to the birth of any baby. I never understood why people carried on so about them or exactly what they meant when they talked about them being so beautiful. I thought babies were red, wrinkled, smelled bad and cried all the time. From day one, I thought he was wonderful.

I had never cared how much any baby weighed or the color of his hair.

The day after he was born, I proudly announced to all my fellow third graders that I had a nephew, which made me an uncle.

I said his name was Paul David King, that he was a boy, and that he weighed eight pounds and two ounces.

If they acted like they couldn't care less, I made them look me in the eye and listen.

I expected excitement, like when the bell rings for recess or dismissal.

We didn't have cell phone cameras back in those days, or I would have had pictures to show them.

I was the youngest in my family, so I had never experienced such.

I was eight when Paul was born.

Since my two brothers were twelve and fifteen years older than me, he was closer to my age than either one of them.

Both Paul and his younger brother, Phillip, have always seemed more like brothers to me, rather than nephews.

They both lived with Jean and me for a while after they finished high school.

They named him after Paul and David in the Bible.

I called him other things through the years, like the time when a barber cut off all his hair and I nicknamed him "Peeled Head."

I also called him "Boy," even after he had towered to six feet five and I had to stand on tip-toes and stretch to reach six feet.

Five months after Paul was born, my other brother and his wife had a baby girl named Teresa Lynn.

My "by then" fourth grade colleagues, got the treatment again.

Teresa had no choice but to be a tomboy. I played with all three of them as they grew up.

We played backyard football and sometimes I carried Teresa like she was the football, while Paul, Phillip and my dog named Big-Pud, tried to tackle us.

We also played a game that involved a tricycle, a hill in the back yard and a creek at the bottom of the hill.

Paul was the only one I could ever talk into letting me push him down the hill on the tricycle.

As he sped toward the creek, I hollered, "Turn over or hit the water!"

We only played this game when the adults were all inside.

While Paul was still in college, he worked at a Dairy Queen in Chattanooga. One day, some guy came in and robbed the store at gun point. Big Paul chased him down the street – unarmed.

I'm thankful the robber was faster than Paul, because when the police caught him he shot one of them!

Paul grew into a fine man who married a wonderful woman named Alma.

They had two awesome sons named Jonathan and David, who gave them five beautiful grandchildren.

After college, Paul became a pastor.

He served in four different churches in Tennessee and Alabama.

This Wednesday, at the age of fifty- three and after a lengthy illness, we laid Paul to rest.

I love you, "Boy," and we all miss you greatly. Hey, if they have big tricycles in heaven, enjoy the ride, but watch for creeks!

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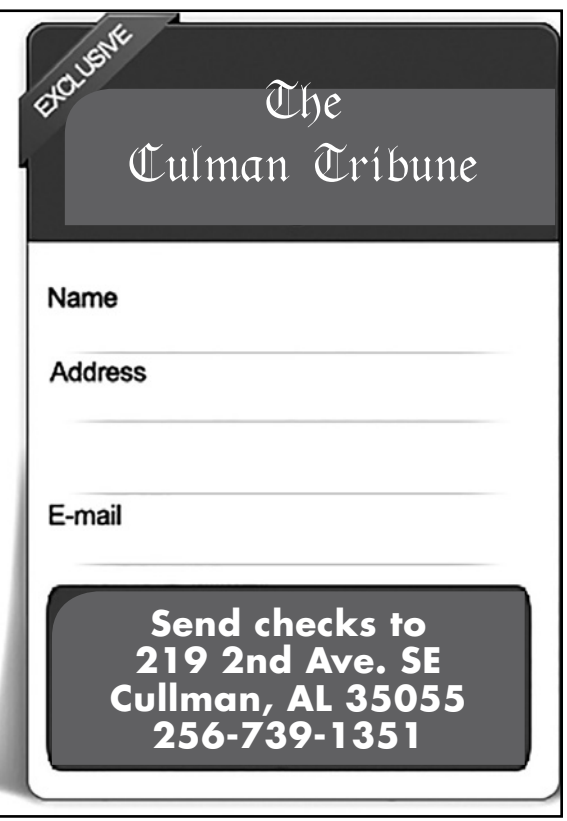
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Bearcat defense steps up for 31-9 win over Albertville

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CULLMAN – Defense, defense, defense. Those are the words most heard on the sideline and Friday night the Cullman Bearcat's proved why it is so important as they dominated the air space, snatching down four interceptions on the night and defeating the Albertville Aggies 31-9.

The game did not start out fast and furious as both teams exchanged field goals. It wasn't until Cullman's Josh Skinner broke through the special teams' defense to block a punt attempt and eventually recovered the ball at the Aggie's 10-yard line that the game really took off.

On first-and-goal, Bearcat QB Fletcher Jennings connected with Carson Freeman on a fast screen pass on the first play to take the lead 10-3 with 2:43 left in the half. Jennings and Ezra Burks helped carry the Bearcats down the field before connecting to give Cullman a 17-3 lead at the half.

The Bearcat defense came out after the half with a chip on its shoulder and hounded every play Albertville attempted before forcing the Aggies into a bad punt, setting Cullman up at the Aggies' 34-yard line.

Burks and Jayden Sullins carried the Bearcats down the field easily as Burks scored on an easy walk-in touchdown, ballooning the lead to 24-3.

Seth Gable took down an interception for the second time of the game, giving Cullman the ball back on its 46-yard line. A turnover on downs gave the Aggies a chance but it wasn't meant to be; Bearcat Kasey Murphree intercepted a screen pass and took it back deep into Albertville territory with 7:47 left in the game. Burks took advantage of the great field position for a quick 11-yard run to put Cullman up 31-3 after the PAT.

Cullman pulled most of its starters after Jaron Potter snagged Cullman's fourth interception of the game at midfield with 6:55 remaining in the game.



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The Aggies scored in garbage time but missed the PAT, leaving the final score at 31-9.

Cullman will be on the road next week to take on Oxford with a 2-1 record, coming off its first win in Region 7.

Corner too much for the Aggies, 21-14

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FAIRVIEW – The Fairview Aggies kicked off region play with a home game against the Corner Yellow Jackets.

It was an electric night at Dafford Smith Stadium. The Aggies received the opening kickoff and they set up shop at the 25-yard line. Fairview running backs Ethan Satterfield and Grant Howard racked up a total of 11 yards rushing on the opening drive. Dayne Black then threw a bullet pass to Scoot Bennett, who fumbled the ball allowing offensive tackle, Dylan Garner, for Fairview to recover the ball and keep the drive alive.

After a three-and-out, the Yellow Jackets were in business. After a barrage of drives stopped by both defenses, Dan Knowlton found Caleb Brasfield for a 32-yard gain through the air.

It looked like the Yellow Jackets were on to something. The Aggie defense prevailed, however, to force Corner to punt.

The Aggies had no answer for the Corner defense as the first quarter of play ended in a 0-0 tie.

Early in the second quarter the Aggies had something cooking as Black found Ethan Holland for an 18-yard gain and both Satterfield and Howard pushed their way to a combined 32 yards on the drive. The drive would be for not, however, as the Aggies were forced to punt the football for the fifth time in the game.

Corner had finally had enough of the Fairview defense as Yellow Jacket running back, Jared Millwood, ran for a total of 43 yards before finding the end zone on a 25-yard touchdown run with 2:38 left to play in the half, to give him 58 yards on the drive. Fairview responded well to Corner though, as Black found Bennett on a 48-yard reception and then again the very next play for a 21-yard gain only to have him fumble on the 2-yard line for Corner to take possession.

The score at the half was Corner-7 and Fairview-0.

The Yellow Jackets received to start the third. Corner racked up 78 yards on the drive only to be stopped on fourth down in the red zone, in Aggie territory.

On the next drive for Faiview they marched 83 yards and scored on a Holland 9-yard touchdown reception with 2:04 left in the quarter.

The Aggie crowd was elated. They were elated until Corner's Millwood ran 73 yards down field, on the next drive for Corner, and scored a touchdown with 1:55 left in the third.

The Aggies responded well, going 72 yards, with Howard responsible for 36 of them, only to have Howard fumble and Corner take over.

After a Corner three-and-out, the Aggies took the ball back. They went 41 yards before Black plunged in for a 2-yard touchdown run with 4:47 remaining in the game. The game was tied at 14.

Knowlton then found Brasfield for a 76-yard touchdown reception to put a dagger in the Aggie comeback. Fairview put up a great fight but came up short.

Millwood of Corner carried the ball for an impressive 229 rushing yards in the Yellow Jacket victory. Howard put up 64 rushing yards for Fairview while Bennett racked up 146 receiving yards. Satterfield and Holland also had good numbers in the loss.

Fairview will have a bye week next week and the Corner Yellow Jackets will play host to Mortimer Jordan to continue region play.

Addison makes quick work of Southeastern, 62-0

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REMLAP – It was all Addison from start to finish Friday night as they dismantled the Southeastern Mustangs by a final of 62-0.

The Bulldogs got on the board twice in the first quarter.

The first was a 2-yard touchdown run by Caleb Crider with 5:54 left in the frame.

Four minutes later, Addison scored again, this time on a 5-yard rush by Tyler Borden to give the Bulldogs a 14-0 lead after one, but the scoring was far from over.

At the 7:32 mark of the second quarter, Ben Robinson blasted around right end for a 41-yard touchdown carry. Logan Wilkins added the 2-point conversion.

Less than four minutes later quarterback Zayne Guthrie called his own number and took it in himself from 17 yards out. The PAT was good, making the score 29 - 0, Addison.

Following a quick three-and-out, Southeastern was forced to punt the ball to the Bulldogs. Borden got the ball on his own 29 and did the rest, taking it up the right sideline for 61 yards and the score. After the missed PAT, Addison led 35-0 with 1:17 left in the half.

Another three-and-out gave the ball back to Addison, giving them just enough time to score again as Robinson rushed for 15 yards and the touchdown with 25 seconds left to go in the half.

The PAT was no good, giving the Bulldogs a 41-0 cushion going to the locker room at halftime.

Addison received the ball in the second half and went straight to work marching the ball down the field. The drive was capped by 15-yard quarterback run by Guthrie.

Southeastern had their best driving of the night when they started from their own 40 and got all the way down to the Addison 15 where they attempted a field goal; it went wide left giving the ball back to the Bulldogs on the 20.

After using up the rest of the clock in the third, Addison found themselves facing second down at the Mustangs' 48.

They wasted no time scoring as Dayson Parker took the ball into the end zone from 48 yards out to make the score 54-0.

After going nowhere in three plays and a bad snap on a punt attempt, Addison took over on the Mustangs' 11.

They scored one final time as sophomore Ethan Baker made a 1-yard plunge for the TD. A PAT attempt resulted in a 2-point conversion to put the Bulldogs on top 62-0 with 2:41 left to play in the game.

Final score: Addison 62, Southeastern 0

Addison improved to 3-0 on the season and will take on Sumiton Christian next week.







Lynn outplays Meek, 28-12

Norman Bush
Tribune Correspondent

LYNN – It was the Meek Tigers versus the Lynn Bears Friday night as the teams, both 2-0, opened region play.

Lynn won the opening toss, starting on its own 25 and went three-and-out.

Meek took over ton its 41, but on the first play threw an interception, giving the ball back to the Bears, who started on their own 37-yard line. Jordan Davis fired the ball downfield for a 63-yard touchdown pass; with 08: 12 in the first, Lynn was up 7-0.

Meek went three-and-out on a couple of bad snaps to the quarterback and Lynn got the ball right back.

The Bears started from their own 49-yard line and ran the ball up the middle. Davis broke free for a 46-yard run, setting up a first-and-goal from the 1-yard line.

Noah Jackson ran it in, and Lynn went up 14-0 with 4:33 in the first.

The Tigers continued to struggle and the first quarter ended with Lynn at 14, Meek 0.

After putting together a good drive, Lynn settled for a punt, giving the Tigers the ball.

Meek put together a drive of its own, ending with a pass from Payton Key to Luke Sherer for a 19-yard touchdown pass.

The Tigers finally got on the board, and the score was 14-6 with 5:40 left in the second.

The Bears punted, giving the Tigers the ball on the 35, but Meek fumbled the ball, giving it back to Lynn on the 33.

The Bears moved the ball down the field, but came up short on fourth-and-6, when a Jackson's pass to Delay wasn't enough. The half ended at Lynn 14, Meek 6.

Meek started off the third with a punt, and Lynn started on its own 44-yard line, driving down the field with a 38-yard pass from Cam Balby to Micah Cagle, setting up a 3-yard touchdown run by Jackson. It was Lynn 21, Meek 6 with 7:57 left in the third quarter.

Meek went three-and-out, the Bears got the ball back, but they ended up throwing an interception.

Meek moved the ball down field, but a bad snap cost the Tigers good field position and they turned the ball over on downs at the 23-yard line.

Lynn came up short on fourth down, giving Meek the ball at the 18-yard line, but the Bears' defense was too much for the Tigers, and the third ended at Lynn 21, Meek 6.

Early in the fourth quarter, Meek got the ball on its 49 and John Mark Abercrombie rushed for a 51-yard TD, making the score Lynn 21, Meek 12.

Lynn answered with a 59-yard drive that ended on an 8-yard rush by Jordan Davis to put Lynn up 28-12 with 6:14 left in the game.

A couple of non-productive possessions ended the game.

Final score: Lynn 28, Meek 12. Lynn improves to 3-0 and 1-0 in region play. Meek falls to 2-1 and 0-1 in region play.

Meek's head coach David Norwood said he was proud of what his team did Friday night, saying a few bad plays turned the momentum of the game around. Norwood said this was the first time the Tigers had problems snapping the ball this season.

Cold Springs falls, 48-0, in Class 2A, Region 7 opener

Sammy Confer
Tribune Correspondent

TARRANT – Cold Springs looked to win its region opener against Tarrant Friday night, but the second quarter derailed those plans in a hurry as the Wildcats completely dominated on both sides of the ball. The Eagles were defeated 48-0, their first loss in fours meeting against Tarrant.

The first quarter was a defensive battle between both teams. The second quarter, though, belonged to the Wildcats. On the opening play of the second quarter, quarterback Coryell Taylor found Emery Bryant for a 62-yard touchdown pass to put Tarrant on the scoreboard with only 13 seconds coming off the clock.

After a three-and-out by Cold Springs, Taylor threw another touchdown strike, this time to Jawuan Dowdell, for 67 yards, on the first play of the series to increase the lead to 14-0 with 9:19 remaining in the first half.

Another three-and-out by the Eagles forced them to punt, and Bryant fielded the ball, taking off down the left sideline for a 73-yard touchdown return to make it 20-0.

Dowdell found the end zone again, this time on a 24-yard run, and D'Andre Sandlin recovered an Eagle fumble and ran it for a 5-yard score to make it 34-0, the score at the half.

The Wildcats added two more touchdowns in the second half: A 40-yard run by Gavontay Leeth and a 45-yard interception return for a touchdown by Bryant. The Eagles got held to just 88 yards of total offense for the game.

Taylor went 4-of-6 for 175 yards and two touchdowns and added 44 more on the ground on eight carries.

Bryant had 64 yards on two receptions and a touchdown, and added a punt return and an interception for touchdowns.

Dowdell had 91 total yards of offense and two touchdowns, and Sandlin had the fumble recovery for a touchdown. They will take on Falkville in Tarrant next Friday night.

The quarterbacking duo of Brodie Williams and Jordan Lacey failed to complete a pass in 14 attempts and had four interceptions combined; the Eagles finished with five turnovers for the game. Austin Lively had 51 yards on 19 carries.

They will take next week off, and then be back on the road to Falkville.

Holly Pond loses bruiser to J.B. Pennington, 48-20

Howard Cole
Tribune Correspondent

BLOUNTSVILLE – J.B. Pennington found the end zone in all forms as the Tigers took down the Holly Pond Broncos 48-20 following a close first half.

The Tigers took advantage early as J.B. Pennington scored on its opening drive, taking a quick 7-0 lead with 8:20 remaining in the first quarter.

Roughly six minutes later the Holly Pond Broncos took it into the end zone, but a missed PAT had the team trailing the Tigers, 7-6.

Less than a minute later J.B. Pennington found its way down the field to regain the lead at 14-6 with 1:30 left in the first quarter.

As the second quarter began the Broncos found themselves back in an offensive mindset, taking the ball in for a quick six before tacking on the 2-point conversion, as the Broncos tied the game at 14 all.

However, the Tigers would not be down for long as they converted on a long 30-yard play for a touchdown and added the 2-point conversion to give J.B. Pennington a 22-14 lead and from that point on it was nothing but J.B. Pennington.

The third quarter ended with the Tigers up 36-14.

Final score: J.B. Pennington 48, Holly Pond 20

The Holly Pond Broncos travel to Susan Moore on Friday.

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Fayette County gets by the Raiders, 35-22

Nick Griffin
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GOOD HOPE – The Good Hope Raiders and the Fayette County Tigers both entered week three with a 2-0 start to the season, but the Raiders dropped the game to the Tigers at home 35-22.

The momentum of the game shifted early and often as the Raiders fumbled the opening kickoff but got the ball back two plays later when junior linebacker and running back Matt Dixon came up with an interception near midfield.

The Raiders took advantage of the turnover with a 19-yard touchdown toss from junior wide receiver Preston Bagwell to senior running back Matt Hancock on a reverse pass play.

The Raider defense forced a turnover on downs during Fayette County's second possession and quickly turned it into six more points on a 17-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Bailey Quick to a wide-open Bagwell. The pass gave Good Hope an early 12-0 lead.

The Raiders' defense allowed just seven points and 106 yards of offense in the first half and carried a 12-7 lead into the locker room at halftime but could not corral the Tigers' passing game in the second half.

Fayette County quarterback Chance Stevenson led the Tiger offense to three touchdowns on their first three possessions of the second half, one of which ended in a 65-yard touchdown pass to Tre'darion Walker. Stevenson finished the game 15-of-24 for 243 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

His favorite target of the night, Walker, finished with eight catches, 164 yards and a touchdown, nearly all of which came in the second half.

The Raiders' defense was able to capture a little momentum with a safety at the start of the fourth quarter and the Good Hope offense moved the ball in the second half but was unable to finish their drives with points due to three late turnovers, all of which occurred inside the red zone.

The Tigers put the game out of reach on a 42-yard touchdown pass with less than four minutes left to play to go up 35-14.

Dixon got the Raiders on the board one last time on an 11-yard touchdown with just less than a minute in the game to cap off an impressive individual performance.

In addition to his early interception on defense, Dixon finished with 193 total yards and two touchdowns.

The Good Hope Raiders drop to 2-1 now in 2017 and look to stay above .500 next week as they hit the road to face the Cordova Blue Devils.

Fultondale dominates Hanceville, 60-6

Ryan Guthery
Tribune Correspondent

HANCEVILLE – It was a battle to get an early leg up in 3A Region 6 between the home team Hanceville Bulldogs and visiting Fultondale Wildcats.

The Wildcats won the toss and elected to receive with every intention of a quick start.

And that is just what happened, taking six plays until Walter Blair found the end zone for a 23-yard touchdown to put the Wildcats up 7-0 with 10:02 remaining in the first.

Hanceville's offense looked to have the same success, but the Fultondale defense had its own opinion forcing a quick punt.

The Hanceville defense stepped up to force a three-and-out to give the ball back to the Bulldog offense.

The Wildcat defense proved to be too much, and Fultondale got the ball back.

It didn't take long for Blair to rumble in for a touchdown to push the lead to 13-0 with 8:24 left in the first.

Both teams would alternate three-and-outs until 8:08 left before halftime when Jayson Jones ran the ball in from 18 yards out to make the score 20-0.

Hanceville muffed the ensuing kickoff to set Fultondale up 25 yards away from the end zone; four plays later James Adams-Smith capitalized on a 1-yard touchdown, putting the Wildcats up 26-0, with 6:41 to go before halftime.

A quick three-and-out by the Bulldogs gave Fultondale the ball back, and on the second play of the drive Jones found Willie Smith for a 66-yard touchdown with 5:17 left in the half to stretch the lead to 33-0.

Unfortunately, the Bulldog offense couldn't get out of its own way, fumbling the ball in the end zone.

Elias McHenry pounced on the football for a touchdown with 4:26 to go until halftime, making it a 40-0 game.

The second half was a continuation of the first, with a quick punt for the Bulldogs.

The Wildcat offense didn't lose any rhythm during intermission, and with 8:21 remaining in the third, took only two plays before Marquis Henderson put the Fultondale Wildcats up 46-0.

At the 5:45 mark of the third, Jones corralled a bad snap and found the end zone 73 yards later to put the Wildcats up 53-0.

After a spectacular interception by Fultondale's Willie Smith, the Wildcat offense continued its domination.

With 2:38 left in the third, Eltonte' Reese gave the Wildcats their final score of the night from 33 yards out, giving the Wildcats a commanding 60-0 lead.

Most teams would've quit a long time ago.

Not the Bulldogs of Hanceville.

Their never-quit mentality payed off as RJ Evans rumbled for 37 yards and a touchdown with 10:57 to go in the game.

In the end, the Wildcats were just too much for the Bulldogs in this 3A Region 6 matchup.

Final score: Fultondale 60, Hanceville 6

Hornets sting Eagles; Locust Fork drops Vinemont 44-6

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LOCUST FORK – It was a career day for Andrew Rogers of Locust Fork who rushed for four touchdowns in their 44-6 win over Vinemont.

Rogers got the first of his four TDs on a 5-yard carry with 4:00 left to go in the first. Just 54 seconds later he found himself in the end zone again, this time from 3 yards out. With the extra point, the score stood 14-0 Locust Fork.

The Hornets increased their lead to 17-0 on a Jose Hernandez Duarte 30-yard field goal.

Vinemont answered with a 14-yard touchdown pass from Jack Hill to Dustin Moore, but Locust Fork answered right back with a 1-yard touchdown run from Rogers.

Rogers got his fourth and final touchdown, a 3-yard carry, late in the first half to make the score 30-6 Locust Fork at halftime.

Locust Fork scored twice more in the second, half both by Benjamin Oden. The first was an interception that he took to the house to make the score 37-6. The final score came with 9:18 left to go in the game when Oden carried the ball across the goal line for a 1-yard touchdown plunge to make the score 44-6.

Vinemont will look to get back on track next week when they welcome Hanceville to Mark Smothers field on the campus of Vinemont High School.

Hayden (from Front)

Less than a minute later, the Wildcats broke out for a long 50-yard run but the Warriors' Anthony Woods forced a fumble, which gave new life to the Warriors after the ball was recovered by West Point.

Jones completed a 30-yard screen pass to Kolton Easterwood, putting the Warriors inside Wildcat territory.

Jones got the second quarter started off right when he took a 4-yard run into the end zone, giving West Point a 12-7 lead, following another missed PAT.

Following a brief back and forth, Hayden scored on the opening play of the drive, to put the Wildcats up by one, 13-12, with 7:31 left in the game, which was the score at the half.

It didn't take long for the Wildcats to take advantage of the third quarter as they went deep for a long 80-yard touchdown pass to extend the lead to 19-12.

Hayden kept with the aggressive play, recovering their own onside kick, and scored on the first possession, widening the gap to 25-12.

The Warriors tried to get the offense moving but a turnover on downs gave the ball back to Hayden on their 35-yard line. The Wildcats could not be stopped, quickly taking the ball back down the field to tack on to the score, 31-12, following a missed PAT.

West Point was able to tack on a touchdown reception from Hunter Persall to narrow the gap, but ultimately the night belonged to Hayden as the Wildcats took the regional game 37-18.

West Point will face Springville next Friday at 7 p.m.

Mae's (from Front)

a wood-burning pizza oven and other equipment over from Italy, and is even sourcing its pizza ingredients from Italian suppliers, to produce as authentic a Neapolitan pizza as possible.

Quick shared that all six initial vendor slots have been filled. In addition to the four named restaurants, two more will be announced soon. Though he decided to start with six, Mae's could eventually accommodate up to eight eateries.

"The venue can grow up to eight," said Quick, "but we feel like that's Mae's 2.0. We'll come out with two more restaurants, but we're not quite ready to go there, yet."

Mae's will include seating for 150 customers. According to Quick, the actual seating capacity is higher, but fewer seats will make the dining area more comfortable.

And as for the arcade, "We're going to have the (video game) classics in here, plus the Skee-ball, shuffleboard and dartboard lanes.

"So, really, it's games for all ages: games for kids, and games for adults. No matter if you're on a date night with your wife or your girlfriend, or you've got the kids out, or a moms' night out or whatever; there'll be something here.

"We'll be doing things throughout the week, whether it be different games, contests, bingo, ladies' night or whatever. There'll always be something going on at Mae's, every night of the week. We'll be a seven-day-a-week operation here. You'll never have to wonder, 'Is Mae's open,' because it's open."

Some folks have seen the front of the building and are concerned about handicapped access. The Tribune asked Quick how that's being addressed.

"The building's front and facade was a loading dock, so you can imagine how impossible it is to put a (handicapped-accessible) entrance on something that's so many feet high.

"The good news is, we're working hand-in-hand with the City and our two (handicapped-accessible) entrances will be in the back of the room, where a lot of parking is back there, too. We feel like it's just as convenient, and allows us to have a storefront on the front, but also have a massive roll-up door in the back, along with two other doors that are (handicapped)-accessible."

The building has a large roll-up door in the rear, and two smaller roll-up doors in front, on either side of the main entrance. About the use of those doors, Quick shared, "When we have great weather like we have today, we want to roll them up and let people enjoy themselves. And when we have festivals, people can come and walk through this as a thoroughfare from this road to the alley in the back.

We want it to be a community center where people will stop in here every day, if they want to, and try something different, but have a really great social spot for families, for young adults and adults, and everybody--all ages.

"Everyone was welcome at Mae's house, so everyone's going to be welcome at Mae's Food Hall."

In closing, Quick shared, "People have asked me, 'Is this place going to be better than the other local restaurants in the city?' I always say, 'No way; it's just going to be different.' We have no ambition to be better than other people. We just have an ambition to be different and give people another option. I like to bring things we don't already have.

"Johnny's Bar-B-Q makes a famous barbecue sandwich. If I were to try to do what he does, I'd fall right on my face, and it'd be a waste of my time. But I want to bring things we don't already have, and in the food world, there's billions of options. The creativity that happens in food reminds me of the creativity that happens in music, and that inspires me, and we hope to showcase that at Mae's."

OPINION

My ride along: on the road with area law enforcement

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Through the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Citizens' Academy (CA) program, I found myself on the road recently with one of the department's night shift patrol deputies. In accordance with CA policies, I took no pictures, and will not reveal any potentially sensitive details about cases or suspects I encountered; law enforcement officers will not be identified. I will, though, offer a few observations about my experience.

Just before sunset, I met my host deputy (who will be "Dep. A") at the County Detention Center, where a suspect had just been delivered.

We had been advised at the CA to go slowly, that deputies might be hesitant to talk about what they do.

Mine, though, was gracious and open from the beginning, striking up an interesting conversation about the hours of duty he had already put in that day.

We stopped for gas as we reached Dep. A's patrol area. My host was looking forward to getting supper soon, but advised me to use the restroom at the gas station if I needed to, because "out here, you never know." Thanks for the warning!

Sure enough: while making what should have been a quick sweep through the patrol area before tying on the feed bag, we discovered that supper was not nearly as close as we hoped.

First off, on a lonely back road through ranch country, we (I say "we;" Dep. A worked hard, and I did a commendable job of not getting in his way.) got to be cowboys, helping a farmer wrangle up a couple of stray cows that were wandering close to the road.

If that seems a little Barney Fife to you, check YouTube for what happens when a car meets one of those things the wrong way. We made Cullman County a safer place to drive!

Now we eat? Way too easy.

We got to start that way, but then a few words crackled over the radio, and we were on our way to back up other officers on a 100-plus mile per hour highway pursuit.

My host seemed as calm at 100 as he was in the CCSO parking lot. After the suspect gave up to lead pursuing officers, and upon our arrival, Dep. A set about assisting others in processing the scene and preparing the suspect's vehicle to be towed.

And our suspect was completely inconsiderate: from his point of surrender, not a single restaurant was in sight (ha!).

Once we got back on the road, another sweep through the patrol area.

Then, about two hours behind the original announcement of intent, it was supper time.

Our server--a face in a drive-through window; our dining room--a parking lot overlooking a highway intersection where Dep. A could keep an eye on things while he ate.

A quick bite, a call to wish a loved one good night, and we were back on the prowl.

It's impressive just how much of Cullman County a patrol deputy can cover in a short amount of time. I won't name specific locations, but we saw a lot of places. Along the way, we got to talk.

My host seemed passionate about his job. He got into law enforcement after seeing people close to him in his youth fall victim to alcohol and drugs.

He really feels like getting drugs off the street can make at least his corner of the world a better place. Early in the morning, he got his chance.

After midnight, CCSO and Hanceville Police Department personnel teamed up for a joint operation at a spot where the two agencies' jurisdictions overlap.

It didn't take too long for the prey to come to the trap: two cars, six people, and stories that didn't add up.

A K-9 unit was called for a sniff-around, but would take a while to arrive. Deputies and police secured the scene, and the waiting began.

Then something remarkable happened. Officers conversed, even joked and laughed at times with the suspects; speaking firmly but politely and treating them like, well... people.

One driver consented to a car search, and found himself in handcuffs when evidence turned up quickly.

Even he was treated decently as he was interrogated.

Contrary to a popular TV scenario, this round of questioning involved no "bad cops."

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty, but enough evidence was found to hold five of the six suspects, at least for the time being.

Even in custody, the interaction between officers and suspects remained respectful.

The fact that no one resisted arrest or became belligerent helped a lot, but the officers conducted themselves in a professional manner all the way through a drawn-out process.

They didn't try to be the suspects' buddies; they maintained firm control of the situation, but did so without threats, insults or bullying.

One suspect's last words to officers as she was loaded in a patrol vehicle for transport told its own story: she said, "Thank you."

She wasn't thankful for being arrested, to be sure, but for the way she was treated through the process.

Now, the officers with whom I interacted that night all knew that a ride-along was there, and at least two knew I was a reporter; so "best behavior" rules may have been in play.

But I can say that the patrol officers of the CCSO and Hanceville Police Department with whom I had contact conducted themselves in a manner that was professional, and at the same time courteous and compassionate--to me, to local businesses, and even to suspects.

For one night, and I suspect for many others, they lived up to the CCSO's watchwords: Honor, Courage and Integrity.

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PLANT IT

Red Spider Lily

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent



The Red Spider Lily (Lycoris radiata)

These multi-flowering, bright jewel red flowers make such a truly dramatic show in the fall that people will stop their cars and get out and take pictures, just the way I did here.

Strap-shaped green foliage appears earlier in the year with no flowers, in preparation for the flower spike bursting forth in August.

Apply winter cover in zones below 7.

This plant requires very little attention, just be sure to plant in a bed, or a place where you won't need to mow for a few weeks.

- Zone 4-10
- Height 18 - 24 inches
- Bloom Time Fall (August-Sept)
- Light Requirements Full Sun, Partial Shade



LORETTA GILLESPIE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 9

Funeral Service for Gary Lee Hines, age 63 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 09, 2017 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Malcolm Carter, III, officiating; burial at Enon Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Hines passed away on Thursday, September 07, 2017 at his residence. He was born Friday, July 30, 1954 in Cullman, AL to John Junior and Willodean Hines. He is preceded in death by his: father, John Junior Hines, sister Elizabeth Ann Leigebe and Nephew, Little Ricky Leigeber, 2 brothers, Ricky Dale Hines and Charles Hines. Survivors include his: Mother, Willodean Hines, 5 brothers Billy Wayne Hines, Randy Eugene Hines, Timothy Lamark Hines, Larry Dewight Hines and Keith Hines, 3 sisters, Betty Dean Slaton, Peggy Sue Bailey, Linda Hines. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

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Bernard Blues and BBQ Festival this weekend

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard Prep

CULLMAN – Saint Bernard Prep School's new fall arts, crafts and music festival, the Bernard Blues and BBQ Festival, is this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9-10, from on the campus of Saint Bernard Abbey and Prep School. The festival will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. An admission donation of $5 per person is requested.

"We have received numerous requests for the school to host a fall festival, so we felt it appropriate to wrap up the 125th Anniversary celebration at Saint Bernard with the Bernard Blues and BBQ Festival," President, Father Joel Martin said.

Festival Director Joyce Nix shared, "Whether one is shopping for seasonal decorations such as Halloween, Thanksgiving or Christmas, something unique will certainly be available at Bernard Blues and BBQ."

Handmade quilts, brooms, pottery, jewelry, children's clothing, doll clothes, ragdolls, pillows, Christmas ornaments, driftwood creations, birdhouses, ceramics, flowering plants, fiber art, honey, handmade soaps, hand-painted door hangers, photography, oil paintings, wooden music boxes, ladies clothing, woodcarvings, handwoven baskets, yard art – these are just a small sampling of what patrons can expect.

"We invite Alabama and neighboring states to attend and support the handmade works of our artisans while enjoying a variety of music we have planned for the weekend," Nix said.

Get ready to tap your toes while enjoying live entertainment throughout the weekend. Visitors can expect to hear:

• Live blues music provided by Microwave Dave and the Nukes, of Huntsville on Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon

• Bluegrass and sacred music from Chimney Branch, of Addison on Saturday from 2-4 p.m.

• Sunday, Sweet Licks Dixieland Jazz Band, of Birmingham will perform from 10 a.m. until noon

• Americana Blues by Coco O'Connor and the Redeemers of Nashville, Tennessee, at 1 p.m. Sunday

The hickory-smoked aroma of barbeque ribs, pulled pork, hamburgers and hotdogs will fill the air.

Pair that with ice cold tea, Pepsi or freshly squeezed lemonade, and top it off with Saint Bernard's famous strawberry waffles, funnel cakes, fried spiral potatoes, caramel apples, kettle corn, monk's bread and more.

Whole butts and full slabs of ribs will also be available.

A hands-on art and craft center for children will be available as well as a cash giveaway of $10,000.

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