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Korean War POW Norman Hale speaks at VFW



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Korean War POW Norman Hale and his wife Winona

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – National POW/MIA Recognition Day was observed Friday morning at Cullman's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214. The day of recognition falls on the third Friday of September every year to honor missing service members and those who were held prisoner. The post was filled with children from Vinemont Elementary, their parents, veterans and their families.

The day began with a ceremony to honor those missing in action which featured a single table and chair that was placed to honor the men who could not be there to join us. It was covered in a white tablecloth to symbolize the purity of their intentions, a single plate to represent the place that they left in the hearts of their families, a candle to represent their rising spirit and salt to represent their families' tears as they wait for them to come home. A Bible symbolized their faith in God and country and a single rose was placed to further represent their families at the table.

The speaker for this year's celebration was U.S. Army veteran Norman Hale. Hale was held as a prisoner of war in a prison camp near Pyoktong, North Korea, near the Chinese border, from 1950-1953.

Now, Hale travels around the South speaking to groups about his experiences. Hale spoke to the audience about his time as a prisoner and the reasons why he thinks it's important for people to understand what he went through. Hale explained that he loves speaking to children because most of them do not yet understand what it costs for America to be free. Hale ended his speech with a reminder of that cost by explaining the number of sacrifices that were made in that war including 54,246 dead, 103,284 wounded and 8,177 Americans that were either missing in action or taken prisoner.

Hale said that he knows how important his work is and is proud to do it.

"I've been to hundreds of places to speak. Churches, VFWs, American Legion, all the posts, I even speak at nursing homes and spoke to them where some were veterans. To speak to these children, I have to break it down in a way they can understand," Hale said. "The death march I was on was horrible. I didn't get to tell everything. We had to stop off in villages because the weather would get so cold and it was a

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West Point dismantles Springville, 49-7; Persall has another huge game



BILL PIPER

Andrea Blakely
Tribune Correspondent

SPRINGVILLE – The West Point Warriors made easy work of the Springville Tigers Friday night on the road with a 49-7 win.

Starting out the game, West Point won the toss giving Springville the ball first.

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How Cullman residents answered the call at the Gov. Guy Hunt Rest Area

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Note: *This article focuses on hurricane relief activities centered at the Gov. Guy Hunt Rest Area on I-65 between Saturday, Sept. 9 and Wednesday, Sept. 13. Many other groups were involved in relief projects of their own (For examples, see our stories www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/09/11/group-florida-evacuees-making-camp-liberty-home and www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/09/12/6-cullman-men-among-200-those-sent-help-restore-power-florida), and The Tribune hopes to recognize them as well.*

DODGE CITY – It all began late in the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 9, with a single social media post asking for a little help. Rhonda Hagemore of the Dodge City Volunteer Fire Department wrote:

"We have had a request from the Rest Area on I-65 between Exit 299 & 304 that there are Evacuees there that have no place to go and are sleeping in their cars. They reported that there was a great need for FOOD & DRINKS. I called the rest area and did verify this information and the need for food.

Jack's Hamburgers at Dodge City is carrying about 60 Hamburgers up there.

I will be carrying food and drinks up there from the Dodge City Fire Dept.

I have had several others to ask how they can help. I'm sure there is a need for other things. Folks this is a golden opportunity for us to help each other out. There is so much hate in this world and it's time we make a change. I would hope that if me or my family were in this situation that someone would be there to help us.

I will be getting stuff to make sandwiches for these people and placing it in coolers for them to eat. If you would like to help me, or donate something, give me a call or a text message and I will coordinate with you."

Within 20 minutes, before Hagemore had even reached the Governor Guy Hunt Rest Area herself, a church, business and a second local fire department announced that they would help. That model was the norm for the next few days, as volunteers came out of the woodwork around Cullman County and other parts of north Alabama.

On Saturday night, numerous evacuating families were enjoying hot meals and getting supplies at the rest area, and were lodged at area hotels, churches and homes. By Sunday afternoon, volunteers had amassed so many supplies, they were shipping out trailer loads to other sites around the county where evacuees were staying. A steady stream of donors rolled into the rest area with bags of food, cases of water and sodas, and other supplies.

Mt. Joy Baptist Church housed 19 families from the rest area Saturday night, and on Sunday afternoon church volunteer Sherell Barnett was back at the center, picking up a trailer-full of supplies and looking for more families to help. His last statement to The Tribune before pulling out seemed to sum up the attitude of so many churches and church members there: "If anybody needs a place, just send them on that way. If we run out of room at that church, we'll just move to another one!"

The visitor center at the rest area was transformed into a free one-stop department store for evacuees. Volunteers from local churches and businesses organized donations and manned tables to pass them out. Goods were distributed to stations around the building: groceries, snacks, hot foods and drinks, clothing, baby goods, children's toys and activities, toiletries and personal items, and even a medication table set up behind former nurse Hagemore's seat.

When an Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) staffer suggested on Sunday that the volunteers should move out because vending machine owners would be upset that people were giving away food and drinks around their machines, Hagemore suggested that the vendors should come to the rest area and open their machines to help the evacuees.

On Monday, the worst of the weather blew through, and traffic slacked off at the rest area as evacuees hunkered down wherever they were.

On Tuesday, traffic was back up to weekend amounts, but was headed the other way. Volunteers continued loading up evacuees with supplies, as before, but their customers were going home. The need was no less: evacuees had exhausted supplies they brought with them or picked up on the way, and were going back to areas where availability of supplies was questionable. Some travelers, who had the longest journeys ahead into areas where curfews were in effect, chose to stop for the night in Cullman. Feeding and lodging seemed ready to continue unabated.

Then on Tuesday afternoon, ALDOT contacted Hagemore once more, telling her again that it was time to go. ALDOT District Administrator Daniel Sparkman and Paul White came to the rest area personally, with stated concerns about tables and stacks of goods creating safety hazards and blocking access to bathrooms. Hagemore and other volunteers reported that they were ordered to leave immediately; when it became evident that they would not be able to get everything out of the center quickly, the administrator allowed them to remain until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Afterward, numerous local residents took to social media to express support for Hagemore and the others, and anger toward the state agency. Following are a few examples:

"You did the right thing when it needed to be done. We support you!"

"Thanks for all of your HARD work and all the volunteers that helped also. Godspeed!"

"Proud of you and your volunteers. When your first post came on FB, I knew you would and could take care of the situation."

"I'm with you. This is crazy. All it boils down to, is these people cannot stand not getting

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Hanceville Nursing and Rehab donates funds to Wallace State to establish endowed scholarship

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Hanceville Nursing and Rehab Center continued its tradition of supporting Wallace State Community College by presenting a check to the Wallace State Future Foundation to be establish the Jim D. and Mattie Moody Endowed Scholarship for nursing students.

Michael Vickers, administrator at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab, along with Future Foundation board member Donna Guthrie, made the donation to WSCC President Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

Wallace State Nursing and Hanceville Nursing and Rehab have worked together for decades, with the center serving as a clinical site for students, as well as employing many Wallace State graduates.

"We are grateful for the continued support of Hanceville Nursing and Rehab and for their partnership with our Nursing program," said Deborah "Pepper" Hoover, director of the Wallace State School of Nursing.

"Their support of our students is greatly appreciated and has a big impact on their lives."

The Wallace State Nursing program is a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education, as designated by the National League For Nursing. It's most recent graduating class earned a 97.72 percent pass rate on their RN licensure exams, well above the national average of 85.84 percent for associate degree candidates so far this year, according to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. It's also higher than that 91.07 percent for baccalaureate degree programs to date.

The Nursing program instituted a new curriculum last fall which allows students successfully completing their first three semesters the opportunity to sit for the licensure exam to be a Licensed Practical Nurse, and continue seamlessly through the next two terms to finish the Associate Degree Nursing degree and sit for the NCLEX Registered Nurse licensure exam.

The Nursing program accepts students each Fall and Spring, with the deadline for applying for Spring 2018 recently extended to Sept. 15. The deadline for Fall 2018 entry will be May 15, 2018.

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

Hanceville Nursing and Rehab Center was founded more than 45 years ago by Jim D. and Mattie Moody, and continues to be owned by the Moody family. It is one of the largest private nursing facilities in the state, with more than 260 staff members serving more than 200 patients. Services include residential nursing care, restorative care, mental health services, advanced rehabilitation services, and Alzheimer care services.



GAIL CRUTCHFIELD/WSCC

Michael Vickers, center, the administrator for Hanceville Nursing and Rehab Center, presents a check to Wallace State Future Foundation Board Member Donna Guthrie, left, and Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

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Poet's Corner

A Bird Came Down

By Emily Dickinson 1830-1886

A bird came down the walk:

He did not know I saw;

He bit an angle-worm in halves

And ate the fellow, raw.

And then he drank a dew From

a convenient grass,

And then hopped sidewise to the

wall To let a beetle pass.

He glanced with rapid eyes

That hurried all abroad,-

They looked like frightened beads, I

thought; He stirred his velvet head.

Like one in danger; cautious,

I offered him a crumb,

And he unrolled his feathers And

rowed him softer home.

Than oars divide the ocean,

Too silver for a seam,

Or butterflies, off banks of noon,

Leap, splashless, as they swim.



Singing at Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church (U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately two miles east of Holly Pond on the left) will have its regular third Sunday night singing, on Sept. 17 at 6 p.m., featuring "2nd Mile" from DeKalb, Mississippi. For more information call 256-796-5986 or 256-590-4468.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The Yellow Shirt People



Bill King
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Contributor

I have been part of "The Yellow Shirt People" for the past twelve years. My first deployment with them was to Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi back in 2005. Hurricane Katrina had devastated the Gulf Coast. The epicenter of the storm was in the Bay Saint Louis and Waveland area. I lived as far from there as you could go and still be in the state of Mississippi, in the Memphis suburb of Southaven. A few days after the storm, we loaded up two van loads of men from our church and headed south. Over the next two years we made numerous trips back to the coast, first to help them dig out and eventually to help them rebuild. I had never seen such destruction in my life. I still haven't, although the 2011 tornados in Tuscaloosa and across Alabama came close.

All along the Gulf Coast looked like a war zone, where a gigantic bomb had blown everything to pieces. Houses and buildings simply were not there.

I saw a boat lodged in the top of a tree and cars stacked on top of one another. I quickly learned what the red spray painted X on standing houses meant.

I stood in numerous spots where all I could see was total destruction in every direction for as far as my eye could see.

I had a funny story written and ready for my column this week, but in light of the recent hurricanes and floods in Texas and now in Florida, I'll save that one for later.

In case you aren't familiar with "The Yellow Shirt People," we are a volunteer army of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief teams.

We all wear matching yellow shirts and caps when we are on a deployment. The team leader wears a blue cap. We do this so the local residents and officials in disaster areas will know who we are and that we're there to help. Quite honestly, we have developed quite a reputation – a good one. Residents of the numerous places, where we have worked gave us that nickname, sometimes because they didn't know who we were at first or what to call us.

They have learned that we are there for them. We are the third largest disaster relief group in the nation. We have chainsaw teams, clean-up teams, mass feeding teams, childcare teams, shower trailer teams, ham radio operators and chaplains.

Volunteers are grouped together according to Baptist associations and/or districts. Teams from Tuskegee Lee Association have been all over the nation in the past several years. As I write this column, a clean-up team, with chaplains, from Tuskegee Lee Baptist Association and District four, has been in Houston for a week. We will, no doubt, have other teams going to Florida and perhaps even back to Texas.

There are numerous local teams throughout the state and probably one in or near your area. We do require training and certification in order to become a team member. We don't want to bring disaster on top of the disaster by getting someone hurt because they don't know what they are doing. There are also certain restrictions as to who can become a team member, but if you are interested you may visit our website at www.sbdr.org/dr for details. Here in Opelika/Auburn, there will be a special emergency training on Sunday, September 24th, beginning at 12:30 p.m., at Opelika First Baptist Church. If you are interested in attending you should go to the web-site and pre-register.

Even if you can't go, we can all pray for those affected by the storms and we can give financially to help them.

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Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1933

Doctor Dodson and daughter, Jane and Doctor J.C. Martin and daughters, Eunice and Grace left, on Wednesday, for a visit to the world's fair, in Chicago.

Maurice Norwood spent Monday afternoon, in Birmingham. Henry Wilhite and son, Verbon spent the past week, in New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Ponder, Miss Melda Ponder and Elbert and George Ponder, Junior will leave, next Tuesday for the World's Fair, in Chicago. Doctor and Mrs. Culpepper and Miss Verdie Kinney and Clark Griffith, of Hanceville, left on the first of June for a visit to the World's Fair, in Chicago.

There were four baptized into Eva Baptist Church, on Sunday.

Miss Esther Pritchard spent Saturday night and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Wynell Federer, at Oak Level.

There will be a play, at Good Hope School, on Saturday night, June 17th, at 8:00, directed by Miss Rubye Hinkle.

The characters in this play are: Gilbert Day, Collis Day, Frank Livingston, Newton Hendrix, Marion Woodall, Jack Methvin, Mavis Hendrix, Thelma Day, Lena Woodall, Marie Schlichting, Beulah Day and Ozella Hinkle. The name of the play is "Poor Father." Admission is ten cents.

Lum Hendrix and John Mangum had the misfortune of losing a barn from a fire, at their farms, in Simcoe, this week.

A New York newspaper columnist took a vacation, not because he needed one, he said, but to give his readers a rest.

From The Files Of 1952

Keith Hammond, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Hammond, of Route One, Falkville, died in Veterans Hospital, in Nashville, on Saturday, June 14th.

He was injured on Thursday when he dived off a bank, while swimming at Stinson Falls and a rock struck his head. He is also survived by five sisters and six brothers.

W.R. Gable brought the first cotton bloom into the Tribune, in 1951, on June 25th. H.A. Seibenhener, of Route Three, Cullman, has 27 acres profuse with blooms, as of June 16th. His cotton was planted, on April 9th and 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Moss are celebrating their wedding anniversary today, June 19th. Their grandmother, Mrs. Louise Spitnazle is celebrating her 82nd birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. O.R. Rushing, of Second Street West, had quite a start about 5:00 a.m., on Sunday morning.

A huge water oak limb hit the roof above their bedroom.

Joe Morgan returned to Houston, Texas, after visiting relatives here.

Joe Hugh Yates is recuperating, after being hit by a truck, while riding a bicycle.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Yates. He has a broken left leg, near the hip.

The Birmingham Black Barons and the Chicago American Giants will be the big attraction, in Cullman, on Saturday night, June 21st, featuring Negro baseball players. The Rotarians are sponsoring the event at the VFW field.

Curtis Wayne Kilpatrick, age 24, drowned in Sportsman Lake, on Friday, June 13th. Surviving are his mother, Geneva Speegle, one brother, Kenneth Kilpatrick and one sister, Mildred Peinhardt.

Haynes Motors will hold a formal opening, on Saturday, June 21st, on U.S. 31, as a Studebaker dealer.

Sunday afternoon or night dates included: Shirley Hamilton and Dwight Tucker, Nell Ann Durham and Max Kelley, Wanda Milligan and Nookie Tucker and June Smith and Bill Taylor.

Martha Jo Sinyard, Mayra Jean Wilcutt and Wilmer Murray, of Guthery's Crossroads, visited Mr. and Mrs. Amuel Johnson and children and Edd Johnson, on Thursday night.

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2 late interceptions lift Decatur Heritage past Meek, 26-21

Ryan Guthery
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ARLEY – The Meek Tigers welcomed the Decatur Heritage Eagles to Arley Friday night, where the Eagles upset the Tigers 26-21 at homecoming.

The Tigers received the opening kickoff, and on their first possession went three-and-out. Just when it looked like the Eagles would do the same, Nathan Ladner completed a long pass to Jeffery Hunter, who fumbled the ball, which bounced into the hands of Lynn Buckner for a 63-yard touchdown.

The Eagles were up 7-0 with 8:49 left in the first quarter.

The Tigers returned the ensuing kickoff into Eagle territory where the offense took over, moving the ball inside the 20-yard line.

The play stalled due to a negative play on third down.

Decatur Heritage took over on its own 19-yard line, and the Eagles' offense controlled the ball for 23 plays thanks to several penalties.

With 9:10 remaining in the second, Colton Keith punched the ball in from 1-yard out to put the Eagles up 13-0.

Both teams took turns going three-and-out.

The Tiger offense finally got on the scoreboard at the five-minute mark of the second, when Luke Sherer rumbled down the field for 71 yards, cutting the lead to 13-6.

The Meek defense gave its offense the ball back after a quick three-and-out, and the Tigers capitalized on it when John Mark Abercrombie scored, giving Meek the lead, 14-13, with 53 seconds to go until halftime.

Responding immediately, the Decatur Heritage offense took advantage of excellent field position.

Ladner completed a 6-yard pass to Mason Terry as time expired to give the Eagles a 19-14 lead going to the locker room.

Opening the second half, the Tigers forced the Eagles into a quick three-and-out, but the Eagles' defense was having none of that, making the score 26-14 when Hunter picked up a fumble and ran 60 yards for a touchdown with 8:47 remaining in the third quarter.

An excellent kick-off return set up the Meek offense 7 yards from the end zone, and Abercrombie punched it in from 1-yard out on fourth-and goal to pull the home team Tigers within five at a score of 26-21 with 6:42 left in the third.

The Eagle offense put together a time-consuming drive, but the Tigers eventually forced a punt.

Hopes of taking a late fourth-quarter lead were dashed, however, when Decatur Heritage's Jeffery Hunter intercepted the ball.

The Eagles worked the clock, but on fourth down, Meek got a huge stop, giving its offense one last shot to punch it in for the win.

It was heartbreak time in Arley, when on the very next play, Hunter intercepted the ball for the second time, sealing the hard-fought victory for the Eagles.

Final score: Decatur Heritage 26, Meek 21



RYAN GUTHERY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Regional showdown goes down to the wire; Vinemont over Hanceville, 21-20

Norman Bush
Tribune Correspondent

VINEMONT – It was a regional showdown in Vinemont Friday night, with the Eagles hosting the Hanceville Bulldogs. Vinemont eked out the win, 21-20.

Vinemont won the toss and took the ball on its own 40-yard line. The Eagles went three-and-out. Hanceville answered by putting together a drive, but ended up having to punt.

Vinemont took control of the ball on the 32. After another three-and-out, Hanceville got the ball on its 42, but a bad snap to Alex Campbell resulted in a loss of 15 yards, and the Bulldogs were forced to punt again.

Next up, Vinemont took advantage of good field position, putting together a 47-yard drive, capped off with an 11-yard touchdown run by Carl Price. After one quarter, it was Vinemont-7, Hanceville-0.

Later, on a muffed snap to the punter, Cameron Carter picked up the ball and ran for a gain of 22 yards and a first down, but Vinemont failed to score. Hanceville took over with the ball on the 30-yard line. The Bulldogs engineered a 70-yard drive that ended with Romael Simmons taking it 3-yards for the TD, and the score was 7-6 after a missed PAT.

The Eagles go the ball and Carter passed to Ethan Burson for a 38-yard gain setting up the first down at the 11-yard line. Price rushed for 6-yards and the score, and the Eagles were up 14-6 with 1:28 to go in the second.

A good kick-off return by R.J. Evans set the Bulldogs up with great field position, and three plays later Campbell ran 12-yards for a touchdown with 16 seconds remaining until halftime. A failed 2-point two-point made the score 14-12.

Hanceville got the ball to start the third, putting together a long drive, with Evans again scoring. This time he rushed 43-yards for the TD. A good 2-point conversion made the score 20-14 in favor of the Bulldogs.

After a back-and-forth, Vinemont's Carter threw an interception, which was picked off by Hanceville's Alex Chacon at the 11-yard line.

The Bulldogs failed to capitalize, though, and after more back-and-forth action, the third quarter came to an end with the score unchanged.

It was all defense in the fourth, with each team forced to punt twice. The Eagles went for it on fourth down and came up short, handing the ball over to the Eagles on the 25. Hanceville moved the ball, and the clock was ticking down. With 1:38 left to go, the Eagles got the ball back at their 17.

Vinemont put together an effective drive, and with time running out, Jack Hill passed to Teague Whatley for a 61-yard gain, setting up first down at the 15.

Two plays later, Hill passed to Dustin Moore for 15 yards and the go-ahead touchdown. The extra point was good, and the Eagles were up by one with :35 left in the game.

The Bulldogs didn't give in, charging down the field. They came up short, though, with the Eagles claiming victory.

Vinemont coach Stephen Robinson commented that the game was a good one, no matter the school's record. He said he pleased with how his team played, especially since practices were cut short due to the weather. Robinson said he was especially proud of sophomore Jack Hill and how he played under pressure at the end of the game.

Vinemont goes to 1-2 and 1-1 in region play. Hanceville falls to 0-3 and 0-2 in region play.

Vinemont will host Fultondale next week and Hanceville will travel to J.B. Pennington.

No. 8 Oxford takes down Cullman, 38-14; Bearcats drop to 2-2 on season, 1-1 in region play

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OXFORD – Hard defensive stances by Oxford, deep throws and a 96-yard touchdown run by the Yellow Jackets' Tyetus Smith Lindsey proved to be too much for the Bearcats, who fell 38-14 Friday night.

Cullman could not gain traction in the first half while no. 8 ranked Oxford put up 14 unanswered points to end the first half 21-7. The Bearcats' first drive was shut down by the Yellow Jackets. Oxford went to work, scoring on its first drive of the game to put them up 7-0.

Cullman's next drive was heart-stopping for Bearcats' fans as the team dropped passes and allowed an interception, but a penalty on Oxford gave Cullman new life. It was short-lived, though, and the Bearcats were forced to punt to the hungry Yellow Jackets.

The third play in the series proved to be a momentum shifter for Cullman, when Dylon Wallace snagged a tipped ball to give the Bearcats the ball back at Oxford's 43-yard line.

A hard run by Ezra Burks followed by two passes to Carson Freeman, had Fletcher Jennings and the Bearcats tied with Oxford 7-7 as the first quarter expired.

However, the momentum shifted back to Oxford when Jennings was rocked by a hard hit resulting in an interception; due to a roughing the passer call, Cullman was given another shot.

Two plays later Jennings was leveled again and picked off by Oxford's Jordan Swain, who took it in for the pick six.

The Yellow Jackets tacked on the extra point, pulling ahead 14-7 off Jennings' first interception of the season.

Burks, Freeman and Jennings tried to keep the Bearcats close, but hard defensive stands would not allow Cullman to move the ball freely. Once Oxford saw an opening the Yellow Jackets took it in the form of Brody Syer, who took a short screen pass and turned it into a first-and-goal from Cullman's 1-yard line, following a 64-yard reception and penalty on Cullman. Oxford punched it in and left the field at halftime leading 21-7.

The Bearcats came out in the second half ready to take it to the Yellow Jackets, but Oxford only gave up one more touchdown to Cullman following a fumble recovery on Oxford's 1-yard line. This allowed Burks to stroll in to bring the game to a 21-14 deficit.

Cullman was not allowed entrance into the end zone for the rest of the game, while Oxford continued to pound the ball, ending the game 38-14.

The Bearcats will return home to take on Ft. Payne on Friday, Sept. 22.

Addison stays unbeaten, handling Sumiton Christian, 44-7

Josh McBrayer
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ADDISON – As Yankee legend Yogi Berra once said, "It's deja vu all over again," and that is exactly what it was as the Addison Bulldogs secured their fourth victory on the year, beating the Sumiton Christian Eagles 44-7.

It was a rough start for the Bulldogs on special teams when, after forcing a three-and-out, Tyler Borden was returning a punt and was stripped by Sumiton Christian's Luke McDonald, who returned the ball down to the Addison 21. Two plays later Eagles quarterback Chase Crane connected with Jeremy Brown for a 21-yard touchdown pass. The PAT was good, putting Sumiton Christian up 7-0.

Both teams spent the remainder of the first quarter trading possessions. It took until the 9:17 mark of the second quarter before Addison found pay dirt on a 47-yard Borden touchdown run. Ben Robinson carried the ball in for the two-point conversion to give Addison its first lead of the game, 8-7, a lead they never relinquished.

Following the third part of the half for the Sumiton Christian Eagles, Addison found themselves with the ball on its half of the 50. Zayne Guthrie called his own number on a designed quarterback draw and split the tackles, racing up the middle for a 50-yard touchdown. The PAT was no good, and the score stood at 14-6 with 2:28 left to play in the half.

After another Eagle punt, Addison took over on the Sumiton Christian 36 with less than two minutes to go in the half. The Bulldogs used up all but .3 seconds on the drive, ending with a 6-yard touchdown pass from Guthrie to Gage Gilliland. Guthrie connected with Logan Wilkins for the 2-point conversion to give Addison a 22-7 lead as they headed to the Randy White Field House at halftime.

After deferring in the first half, Addison got the ball to start the second, setting up shop on its own 35. It took them just one play, when Robinson found a seam and was gone, 65 yards, to the house. Addison added the 2-point conversion to extend its lead to 30-7.

Addison scored once more in the third, this time on a 44-yard touchdown run by Caleb Crider who broke four tackles on his way to the end zone. The Bulldogs converted the PAT to make the score 37-7.

Just seconds into the fourth quarter, Sumiton Christian was forced to punt the ball and Addison took full advantage when Borden fielded the punt at the Eagle 40, made two players miss, and took it into the end zone for the touchdown. The PAT was good, putting Addison comfortably in front 44-7.

Final score: Addison 44, Sumiton Christian, 7

Addison improved to 4-0 on the season and will be looking to stay in the ranks of the unbeaten at Lynn next Friday.

Night of old-school football ends with Broncos winning, 36-20, over Susan Moore

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

HOLLY POND – The Holly Pond Broncos hosted the Susan Moore Bulldogs on Thomas Michelfelder Field Friday night for a week four matchup that was big for both teams. In the end, it was the Broncos that came out on top with a 36-20 win over the visiting Bulldogs.

The running game was critical for both offenses and made for an old-school style game of football.

Holly Pond entered the locker room at halftime with an 8-6 lead over Susan Moore after a physical first half with strong defensive showings on both sides.

At the half, the two teams combined for less than 200 yards of offense, but that all changed when they came out for the second half.

Holly Pond set the tone of the second half early with a long touchdown drive built on big runs from senior running back Rip McBee.

McBee finished the game with 119 yards and a touchdown on just six carries, nearly all of which came in the second half.

Holly Pond's defense stayed firm and the Broncos' offensive line began to take over the game.

Sophomore quarterback Kyler Chaney took advantage of how his line was playing and carried the ball for a game-high 147 yards and three touchdowns.

Junior running back Jeremiah Holmes was the other man in the backfield that found a lot of running room in the second half as he finished with 127 yards and a touchdown of his own including a 74-yard sprint down the sideline that iced the game late for the Broncos. Combined, the Broncos' backfield ran for more than 300 yards in the second half alone to take over the game.

Head Coach Mike Bates was happy to see his offense perform well, his offensive line in particular.

"I think every time I talk about us rushing the football everybody sees running backs; I see offensive linemen," Bates said. "Coach Cornelius has these guys really coming off the ball and believing. Our backs were hitting the hole hard, but the offensive line has been key for us and I'm really proud of them."

Bates is excited about how his team is built and the way they play despite being young at a lot of key positions.

"We've got one senior on offense and he didn't play last year; we've got one senior on defense and he didn't play last year," he said.

"So we're young but this bunch is not afraid. If you're still wiggling they'll try to hit you and that's what I like about them."

This win moves the Broncos to 3-1 on the season, including an undefeated record at home. They'll try to stay on the winning path at home after they enjoy a week off to rest up for Asbury, who will travel to Holly Pond on the 29th.

Quick hits Hancock for 28-yard TD as time expires to lift Good Hope past Hamilton, 33-28

Brett Garner
Tribune Correspondent

HAMILTON – The Good Hope Raiders traveled to Hamilton to continue region play this week. The game went down to the final seconds, as Good Hope's Bailey Quick connected with Matt Hancock on a 28-yard pass to defeat the Aggies 33-28.

The Aggies received the ball to start the game and took over at the 48-yard line. A slow start engulfed Hamilton as penalties and a low rushing game were factors in the not so stellar opening drive. The Raiders took over after forcing a punt and started at the 34-yard line. Good Hope had a combined 5 yards on its first drive of the game. The Aggies forced a three-and-out and took over on offense.

Hamilton's Michael Reed rushed for 18-yards and running back Tristen Stewart ran for 13 for a combined 31. That, however, was all the Aggies would muster, and Tyler Holcomb attempted a 43-yard field goal, which came up short. The Raiders took over at the 37-yard line.

The Raiders went for 19-yards on the drive, 12 of which were on the ground by running back Matt Dixon. Hamilton's defense stood firm.

On Hamilton's next possession, wide receiver Tyler Holcomb was a catalyst for the Aggies, with 14 yards and two receptions on the drive. A holding call on the Raiders gave Hamilton 5 yards. On the very next play Michael Reed caught a 28-yard pass from quarterback Jathan Jackson.

With 8:50 left in the half, the Aggies were up 7-0, which was the score as the teams headed to the locker rooms.

Good Hope received the ball to open the second half with Matt Dixon rushing for 48 yards on the drive and scoring a touchdown with 9:28 left in the third. A failed 2-point conversion left the Raiders trailing 7-6.

Hamilton took over, trying to avenge the Raider touchdown.

After a total of 22 yards on the ground from Stewart and Jackson, the Aggies scored on a Conely Ellis 20-yard touchdown reception to go up 14-6 with 6:23 left in the third.

Good Hope and Hamilton followed up with two three-and-outs apiece before a Hancock 21-yard reception sparked a fire for the Raiders and allowed Dixon and Colton Bagwell to power their way inside the 5-yard line. Bagwell scored a touchdown on a 5-yard run with 9:05 left in the game. The Raiders failed to convert on yet another 2-point attempt and the score was 14-12, Hamilton.

The Aggies had an answer though, and after a failed onside kick attempt, Holcomb and Stewart powered their way for a combined 45-yards on the next drive. Hamilton eventually scored on a 16-yard touchdown reception thrown to wide receiver Alex Reid. The score was ahead 21-12.

Good Hope needed an answer to this seemingly unstoppable Hamilton offense and they got it when Dixon rushed for 73-yards on the next drive, including a 66-yard rushing touchdown. Good Hope finally converted on a 2-point play and trailed 21-19.

Hamilton came back on the next drive and marched 57-yards to score a touchdown on a Matthew Gann 33-yard touchdown reception to go up 28-19.

With 1:51 left in the game, and Good Hope down 27, the Raiders took a kick-off return to the 24-yard line to start the last drive of the night. Dixon rushed for 11-yards, then Good Hope moved up 9 more yards on a Bagwell reception. Kyle Carlton caught a pass for 17-yards. Quick ran for 8 yards, and up to the 41-yard line went the Raiders.

Quick then hit Carlton for an 18-yard pickup, up to the 23-yard line with 20 seconds remaining in the game. A false start pushed the Raiders back to the 28. Quick threw two incomplete passes to set the clock at 4.9 seconds remaining.

With one play remaining, the Raiders had to take a shot at the end zone, and that they did.

Quick hit Hancock for a 28-yard touchdown reception as time expired, and the Raiders took the win at the wire, 33-28.

Good Hope was led offensively by Dixon who rushed for 210 yards against the Hamilton defense. Hancock and Bagwell also had big nights. The Aggies were led offensively by Jackson who threw for more than 200 yards in the loss.

Good Hope will play host to Cordova next week.

West Point (from Front)

West Point scored first, when Hunter Persall took the ball 12 yards into the end zone; a good extra point made it 7-0 with 8:23 left in the first quarter.

Springville threw an interception on its next series with 8:01 left.

West Point had a turnover on its first play, and Springville recovered the football.

Springville didn't have any other options with the ball on its next series, but to try its luck at a field goal. The attempt went wide left, and the score stood at 7-0.

With only 38 seconds left in the half, Persall took it all the way up the middle, 75 yards, into the end zone. With the extra point no good, the Warriors took at 13-0 lead into the locker room.

West Point wasted no time in the third, scoring on a handoff, with Persall again trucking down the field, this time for 55 yards, with 6:49 left in the quarter.

The 2-point try was no good, and the Warriors went up 19-0.

The Tigers gained some momentum after a huge run in the third, finally getting on the board, 19-7, with 4:22 left in the third. The home team crowd showed some life.

That momentum was taken away when Persall, continuing his monster game, went 65 yards to the 1-yard line, where quarterback Rylan Jones took it to the end zone with 3:08 to go in the third.

The score stood at 25-7 after a missed PAT, with West Point leaving little room for Springville to come back.

West Point owned the fourth quarter.

Springville had no chance.

The Warriors scored again, this time courtesy of Brandon Woods, with 11:11 left and ended that series with a 2-point conversion.

The Warriors' defense went on attack, forcing a safety, putting West Point up 35-7 with 10:17 remaining.

The Warriors scored twice more to end the game. A TD by Jones and good PAT made the score 42-7 with 3:39 to go.

Just more than two minutes later, West Point's Will Brown scored on an interception, and a good PAT made the final 49-7.

West Point will play Corner at home next week.

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Hanceville passes 2018 budget, grants 5 percent raise to City employees

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HANCEVILLE – In a session that lasted more than three hours, the Hanceville City Council walked item-by-item through a 24-page proposal Thursday evening, before approving the city's fiscal year 2018 budget.

The council anticipated that Hanceville will generate $3,773,609 in revenue during the coming year, including more than $2 million in various taxes.

The originally proposed budget projected $3,652,552 in expenditures, for a net positive income to the City of $121,057.

Council members made four modifications to the proposed budget that would change the total expenses:

• A proposed $1,000 donation to the Cullman County Emergency Management Agency was removed. That money was re-appropriated, being divided evenly between the Hanceville Tractor Show (raising its total from $500 to $1,000) and the Cullman Area Mental Health Authority (which did not receive any funds in the original budget).

• A proposed $28,000 line item for a new traffic light pole and arm was deleted, and that money placed back into the general budget fund.

• A proposed $100,000 budget for street paving was increased to $150,000, to allow more paving to be done.

• An extra $1,000 was added to the proposed $1,500 budget for street signage, bringing the total to $2,500.

While the overall budget remained the same, the changes lowered the net income to $98,057.

The most important line items in the budget for most people in attendance were those listing employee payrolls. All City employees except firefighters received a 5 percent raise. Firefighters received a separate payroll increase package to bring their pay more in line with current rates for Hanceville police officers.

With modifications accepted, the council approved the budget with only vote against.

Councilman Charles Wilson complained that the council had only just received the budget, and had not had time to study it in detail.

After Councilman Justin Pruitt countered that he had read the budget the day before, Mayor Kenneth Nail noted that copies had been emailed previously to council members.

The Hanceville City Council will meet next at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28, in the Hanceville City Hall auditorium, with a work session at 6.

The public is invited to attend.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 16-18

Funeral service for Blaine Mooney, 29 of Vinemont, will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Mooney passed away on Thursday, September 14, 2017. He was born, January 22, 1988 to Anthony (Tracie) Mooney and Michelle Hopper. He is preceded in death by his grandfathers, Jimmie Leigeber, Doug Hill, and Harold Hopper, Survivors include his father, Anthony (Tracie) Mooney, mother, Michelle Hopper, brothers Michael Hopper, Colton Yarbrough, Justin Yarbrough, sister Emalee Hopper, grandparents, Sam (Linda) Mooney, Lynette (Ronald) Parrish, grandmothers Gail Hill, and Gail Hopper. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Hilda Mae Miller Bartlett of Vinemont Alabama passed away on September 13, 2017 at Cullman Regional Medical Center at the age of 84. She was born on September 28, 1932 to Guy Thomas and Mamie Wright Miller. She is preceded in death by her parents, brothers: Othal, Melvin, G.T. and Robert Miller. Funeral service will be Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel at 1 p.m., with Rev. Delwin Kilgo and Rev. Billy Gable officiating. Interment will follow in New Hope #1 Cemetery. Survivors are: husband: Louis U. Bartlett, daughter: Shelia (Herman) Clark, sons: Max (Janet) Bartlett, Greg (Chastity) Bartlett, sisters: Mildred Reid, Frances Kilgo, Willowdean White, brothers: Frank Miller, Fred Miller, grandchildren: Amy (Shawn) Robinson, Adam (Tawanna) Clark, Jessica (Ryan) Coleman, Jonathan (Magan) Bartlett, Tyler Bartlett, Drew Bartlett, Cayden Davis, great grandchildren: Carson and Caleb Robinson, Lakelee and Emma Tumlin, Sophie Mae and Nash Clark, Claire Mae Bartlett, Burke Coleman , Hylan Coleman and a host of other family and friends.

Otha Madison Holt, 89, entered into rest on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 in Mobile, Alabama. Otha was born on June 17, 1928 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mr. Holt retired from the USAF as Chief Master Sergeant after 24 years of service, having served in WW II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. He then worked for the Orange County Public School System in Orlando, Florida, as the Heating and Cooling Manager before retiring after 18 years of service. He proudly served as both a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner for many years. He was a member of numerous military organizations, including: The American Legion, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the AFA Veteran Benefits Association, and the Armed Forces Top Enlisted Association. He loved the Lord, his country, and his family. Funeral service will be held at Addison First Baptist Church on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 11 a.m. Brother Kenny Sudduth and Brother Mark Kimbrell will officiate. Burial will be in Winston Memorial Cemetery Haleyville, Alabama with military honors. Otha is survived by his wife of almost 71 years, Obera Cobb Holt; daughters, Betty Lazauskas and Tammy Jones; grandchildren, Melody (Ryan) Gartman and Kathryn Jones; great granddaughter, Karis Gartman; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mamie and Roscoe Holt; brothers: James Oliver Holt, Olen Holt and John Paul Holt; half-sister, Pauline Holt; and sister, Louise Smith.

Funeral service for Lillie Doris Walton Cornett, 90 of Cullman, Alabama will be 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Edwin Hayes officiating. Mrs. Cornett died Thursday, September 14, 2017. She was born in Sumter County Alabama to Robert King and Lillie Belle Dearman Walton Sr. Mrs. Cornett taught school two years at Fairview High School. She worked thirty years as a librarian at the Redstone Scientific Information Center; the library that serves the Army Missle Command and the Marshall Space Flight Center and their contractors. She is preceded in death by her parents, two sisters: Dr. Johnnye Ruth Ward and Mary Lou Hughes, a brother: Robert King Walton Jr. Survivors include her husband: Henry Hardie Cornett, two sons: James Walton (Sarah) Cornett and Dr. John Hardie (Robin) Cornett: a daughter: Cindy Lu (Lynn) Calhoun, five grandchildren: Evan Marie Cornett, Laura Lynn (Clay) Taber, Joshua Thomas Calhoun, Lillie Walton Cornett and Anna Foret Cornett: one sister: Annie Laurie Windham. The family request in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Southern Care Hospice in memory of Doris W. Cornett at 417 Main Street, Hanceville, Alabama 35077. Visitation is Saturday from 2:30 p.m. until service time at Moss Funeral Home.

Funeral service for Paul Barker, 65 of Hartselle, will be Saturday, September 16, 2017 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the Rev. John Bussman officiating. Mr. Barker passed away Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at Huntsville Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, May 14, 1952 to Vernon Oris Barker and Dortha Barker. He retired from U.S. Department of Defense after 37 years of loyal service. Paul was a very loving and caring man who never met a stranger. He had a love for all things challenging. MacGyver comes to mind when thinking of Paul, yet the end result of his task was always beautiful. Paul was a wonderful man who selflessly enjoyed making the people around him better. He was preceded in death by his father, and his brother Ronnie Barker. Survivors include his mother, Dortha Barker, his loving wife of 11 years, Janice Apel Morgan; son, Jarrett Barker (Jana) of New Market; daughter, Keri Bell (Derek) of Madison; stepson, Jonathan Easterwood (Mandi) and stepdaughter, Jennifer (Wes) Harding both of Cullman; grandchildren, Anthony Sawyers, Aidyn and Savannah Bell, John Harding and Austin Easterwood. Viewing before service from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Michael Tyler Dane Mauldin, 25 of Bear Creek, entered into rest on September 13, 2017. Tyler was born on February 26, 1992, in Kamyshin, Russia. Tyler's religious preference was Church of Christ. He loved his family, friends, fishing, hunting, playing his Xbox, making people laugh, and would give you the shirt off his back. Tyler was known as "Bubba" by his mom and sisters. Visitation will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Tom Lewis and Nikki Pressnell will officiate. Burial will follow in Mt. Home Cemetery. Tyler is survived by his mom, Annette Mauldin; sisters, Pamila Hyde and her husband Christopher, April Mauldin; nephews, Hayden Hyde, Garrett Hyde, Damien Mauldin; uncle, Jerry (Shirran) Mauldin; aunt, Kathy (Kenneth) McCarley; cousins, Kim (Tony) Wooten, Chris (Monica) McCarley, Martha (Larry) Voce, Janie (Steven) Gravely, Arlen Frost, Regina (James) McKinney, Sheila (Mark) Vickery, Nick (Ally Milton) Mauldin, Aaron (Brooke) Mauldin, Amy Welch Knight, Sarah Welch Richardson, Kelly Swims (BJ) Jordan; also a host of other cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Michael Lynn Mauldin; grandparents, Robert and Elvina Mann, R.L. and Virginia Mauldin; and aunt, Kati Mauldin Swims.

Magratha Andrews, 78 of Cullman, formerly of Addison, entered into rest on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at The Folsom Center in Cullman. Magratha was born on June 10, 1939 in Hartselle. She graduated from Austinville High School in Decatur. She was a member of Enmonfield Baptist Church for approximately 40 years, where she played the piano. Magratha enjoyed many hobbies, including managing the Upshaw softball team, playing the piano and accordion, sewing and spending time with her family. Visitation will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Brother Gary Driver and Brother Mike Turner will officiate. Burial will be in Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery in the Upshaw Community. Magratha is survived by her husband of 60 years, Guin Andrews; sons, Jerry Guin Andrews and his wife Meloney, and Benny Ray Andrews and his wife Brittney; daughter, Karen Andrews Tucker; sister, Ella Marie Garrett and her husband T.C.; she was "Mee-Maw" to 7 grandchildren, Andy Tucker, Dana Andrews Pigg, Allen Andrews, Jake Andrews, Jordan Andrews Rogers, Bridgett Andrews and Kyle Denton; and 6 great grandchildren, Easton Tucker, McKenzie Andrews, Beckett Andrews, Harley Andrews, Ryder Andrews and Anastasia Rogers. She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Elsie Smith Legg.

Funeral service for Frances L. Morgan, 77, will be Sunday, September 17 at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home; with interment in Bethlehem Cemetery. Visitation on Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. Mrs. Morgan passed away on September 14, 2017. She is survived by her sons, Joseph David Ryan and Jonathan Daniel Ryan; granddaughter, Sara Ryan; brothers, Ted Scott and Samuel Scott and sisters, Mary Alice Bishop and Pam Maeows. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gerdis and Helen Scott; husband, Greer Morgan and brothers, Marvin and Emory Scott.

Gracie Olene Fell, 91 of Hanceville, passed away September 13, 2017, at Morningside. She was born on July 13, 1926 to Earnest and Maude Creel. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Willie C. Fell; brothers, Vallie and Horace Creel; and sister, Irene Smith. Survivors include daughters, Pat Hicks (Darrell), Paula Burks (Larry); and son, Bart Fell; grandchildren, Heather Birdsall (Dennis), Kelly Burnham (David), Amber Milne (Steen); great-grandchildren, Sam and Sarah Birdsall, Carlie and Cole Burnham, Kada and Casey Milne; sister, Margaret Dean; brother, Bob Creel; and a host of other family and friends. Graveside service 2 p.m., Sunday, September 17, at Arkadelphia Cemetery.

Artis Leldon "Buck" Garrison, 88, entered into rest on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at Walker Baptist Medical Center. He was born on March 16, 1929 in Winston County, Alabama. He worked as a saw miller and was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Houston for seven years where he served as a Sunday School teacher, and most recently conducted Bible Study for the residents of Hendricks Health Care in Double Springs. Visitation will be Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. Brother Homer Jones and Brother Royce Shelton will officiate. Burial will be at Frost Chapel Cemetery. He is survived by his sons; Rick Garrison and Larry (Lora) Garrison; daughters, Melinda and Glinda Garrison; brothers, J.C. Garrison and Andrew Jr. Garrison; sisters, Nellie Baccus, Haskell (Cecil) Smith; grandchildren, Judy Hamby, Joey Garrison, Ranee Robinson, Jeremy Clement, Robby Garrison, Stacey Wood, Jessica Gravitt, Marcus Ruthland, and 25 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Fannie Garrison; brothers, Harden, Horace, Loyal and Pat Garrison; granddaughter, Felicia Garrison.

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County fair still something special

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent



The Cullman County Fair started the year that I was born. At the time, people were getting back a sense of normalcy after the end of WWll and the housing boom had hit Cullman. The average cost of a house in the U.S. was $10,250 and the cost of a gallon of gas was 22 cents. A new car would set you back about $1,700 bucks, and you could see a movie for around 50-70 cents.

Taking a date to the Cullman County Fair might set a young man back about five dollars, that is if he really splurged to impress her!

Even back then, the fair was something special.

If you had kids, it was the highlight of the year, right up there with Christmas. The fair meant games, prizes, rides and food that you never, ever got at home, like big pink swirls of cotton candy, sticky red candied apples and the enticing aroma of roasted peanuts. Those familiar smells hit you all the way out at the gate, making your mouth water before you even saw the first carnival booth.

And the rides, man, you could ride on the ferris wheel and see all over the fairgrounds and out to Highway 31.

You always felt a little scared being up that high, come on, admit it. But you couldn't let your friends know it, or you'd be teased mercilessly the next day at school.

And pity the poor one in the crowd who would upchuck after riding the roller coaster or the Tilt-A-Whirl (and you can bet that there was always one, every year).

It would take a whole school year to get over the ribbing a guy or girl would take from classmates.

The Cullman County Fair has grown with the city and county.

It is now 10 days of fun for the whole family, and people come from surrounding counties, as well, to see the sights and inspect the demonstration booths, the livestock and of course the fair queen contestants. Everyone is always curious to see who will be this year's kitchen queen, who wins the most blue ribbons and who has the prettiest or the most interesting booth.

As the years have gone by, the Cullman County Fair has become one of the most anticipated events in a county where there are numerous well-attended, family-oriented events. Oddly, the September fair doesn't have an adverse effect on the upcoming Oktoberfest, if anything, it helps to advertise the annual German festival, reminding people that they will soon have another reason to gather here in this welcoming city.

Fairs, like many such attractions, have suffered over the past few years because of the economy, but the Cullman County Fair seems to have stood the test of time, and instead of folding the way others have had to do, it has prospered and continues to provide the citizens of the county and surrounding areas with quality entertainment and local produce, livestock and culinary expertise, not to mention offering scholarships to young girls who take the stage each year in hopes of attaining money for college.

If you think that all kids do nowadays for fun is to stay tethered to a cell phone or an iPad, all you have to do is check out the faces of the youngsters at the fair.

The sights, the sounds, the smells of the fair are something you can't get from a computer.

This year, when you are walking between the booths and the rides, stop and just look around you. Many things have changed, but the real heart of the fair is still the same.

There are still little ones asleep on their dads' shoulders, others pulling on their mom's hands, begging for just one more ride on the Merry-Go-Round, and others who want just one more bag of popcorn and one more hot dog for the road, and smiling teenagers, holding hands and making eyes at one another, and



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tired but happy parents who have spent more than they intended, but what can you say? The fair only comes to town once a year!

All this stuff still makes the same statement – that there are things that people never forget, that they want to have their own kids experience, the good things, the things that make the best memories.

Take some time to see this year's fair; it's gonna be better than ever!

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Addison sweeps Brilliant and Meek in three straight; Meek takes care of Brilliant

Sammy Confer
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON – Addison, Meek and Brilliant volleyball enjoyed some tri-match action on Thursday, with sweeps for Addison and Meek.

Addison (3-0) over Brilliant

No. 1 ranked Addison (13-2) overcame a slow start to pull away late from Brilliant in game one, 25-11. After Brilliant stayed with the Lady Bulldogs through almost half the game, Addison turned up the pressure and allowed just six points for the rest of the game, outscoring Brilliant, 17-6.

Addison continued its momentum into the second game, dominating the Lady Wildcats, 25-9. The Lady Bulldogs completed the sweep in convincing fashion, 25-14.

Lady Bulldogs Savannah Manley, Abbie and Allie Chambless, McKenzie Berry had stand-out performances, and the rest of the team stepped up their game, piling up kills from almost every member on the roster.

Meek (3-0) over Brilliant

Meek easily took care of Brilliant in the first game, 25-11. Game two was much the same as the first, with the Lady Tigers on top, 25-13, and Meek finished up the sweep rather easily, 25-12.

The Lady Tigers got huge performances from Kelsy Kilpatrick, Sevanna Banks, Amanda Cunningham and Jayden Waldrep, with the number of kills in all three games almost too many to count as the Lady Tigers kept their intensity through all three games with everybody chipping in.

Addison (3-0) over Meek

Addison overcame a great Meek team in game one to win, 25-15. Addison took a 14-5 lead and looked toward another strong performance, but the Lady Tigers had other ideas, cutting the Lady Bulldogs' lead to 16-11 after a big point by Cunningham, but Addison pulled away late, outscoring the Lady Tigers.

Game two, it was all Addison as they jumped out to an 11-3 lead and were on cruise control from there, taking the game, 25-11. The final game was not so easy. Addison took a 13-4 lead, but the Lady Tigers sheared it to 17-10 after a kill by Cunningham.

The Lady Bulldogs finished the night strong, though, scoring eight of the final 12 points, including the final three, to clinch the sweep.

Big aces and kills by Destinie Walker, Manley, Abbie and Allie Chambless, Kendra Tyree, Berry and others helped cement the sweep for Addison, who improved to 14-4 on the season. The Lady Bulldogs will take part in the Donoho Classic on Saturday.

Meek got great performances from Cunningham, Kilpatrick, Banks and Jayden Waldrep. The Lady Tigers will participate in the Elkmont Varsity Invitational on Saturday.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Cullman takes care of Mars Hill, falls to Muscle Shoals

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MUSCLE SHOALS – Cullman split a pair of matches Thursday afternoon, defeating Mars Hill, but falling to Muscle Shoals.

The Lady Bearcats took care of the Mars Hill Lady Panthers in straight sets, 25-14, 25-14.

"Against Mars Hill we served well, the passing was great and we played more relaxed," said Cullman coach Megan Cagle.

Cullman played hard against Muscle Shoals, but was unable to overcome the Lady Trojans, falling in straight sets, 25-9, 25 - 15.

"Gracie Apel, a six-rotation player, got hurt in the tournament over the weekend and was out tonight," said Cagle. "It hurt because we had to move players around to fill holes.

"We made some mental errors and got stuck in a serve, receive and it just snowballed from there," said the coach on the loss to Muscle Shoals. "We just couldn't get a run together."

Cullman looks to get things back on track Tuesday when they welcome the Lady Black Bears of Austin to town.

Hale (from Front)

200-mile march. I rubbed my feet and my hands all night, every night because we had no heat."

Hale said his harrowing experiences are what drive him to educate young people and he wants the next generation to understand what it costs to be free, but said he has been impressed at how knowledgeable children are when it comes to the sacrifices people have made for their country.

"I've spoken to children that wrote every word I said down on paper like they were writing a book and you'd be surprised how much fourth and fifth graders know about the conditions that people were in.

"The children need to know what it takes for America to be free because America is not free on its own; you have to pay a price. That price was paid by the 54,000 that I mentioned. I'm thankful that I can go and talk about a portion of what it takes to be free. It's not that I want to tell it, because it hurts me to talk about it, but I need to tell it so people can understand. The only way America can be free is if we fight for it."

It was a humbling, educational and inspirational morning for all those in attendance for this year's observation of POW/MIA Recognition Day.

The VFW will surely be filled with veterans, families and young students next year when we gather again to commemorate those who sacrificed themselves for their country.

In 2013, on the 60th anniversary of the end of the Korean War, Hale shared a detailed account of his experiences as a POW with Stars and Stripes. Read it and watch the video at http://qrne.ws/starsandstripes.

City of Cullman
NOTICE OF EXAMINATION FOR FIREFIGHTER

The **City of Cullman,** Alabama, is accepting applications for the **Firefighter** exam. Duties consist of general firefighting work in combating, extinguishing and prevention of fire and operating firefighting apparatus. Applicants must be at least 19 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED, and must have a valid Alabama driver's license. Individuals must be able to successfully complete the physical requirements of the Alabama Firefighters' Personnel Standards and Education Commission. Applications must be received in the City of Cullman Personnel Office by **4:00 P.M. on Friday, September 22, 2017**, to be eligible to take the written exam.

Upon successful completion of the firefighter written exam with a passing score of 70%, confirmation of successful completion of Alabama Fire College approved CPAT or State of Alabama Firefighter I/II Certification, eligible applicants may be called for a panel interview. **PREFERENCE MAY BE GIVEN TO CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER I/II & EMT ADVANCED OR HIGHER.** Upon recommendation by the Fire Chief, applicants must pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol screening, pass a NFPA 1582 physical exam, and submit an employment background screening.

Starting base pay is $32,493. Employee/Firefighter benefits include, but are not limited to: paid individual health, dental, and life insurances, retirement, city matching FICA/Medicare benefits, annual uniform allowance, and accrual of vacation and sick time based on years of employment. Other benefits which augment base pay include: paid Kelly days ($1697+) 9 paid holidays ($1756), annual PT benefit ($500), EMT-Advanced incentive pay ($1300), Paramedic incentive pay ($2600), 5% Associate's Degree or Military incentive, and 10% Bachelor's Degree incentive. Employees will serve a probationary period for up to one year.

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Call (from Front)

the attention. They don't want to help, but they sure want to run there mouth. They need to stand up or sit down and keep their mouth closed."

"I am just appalled at what they are insinuating! They should be proud of what this community has done for the evacuees!"

"You were doing a good deed and working super hard to comfort people. I think everyone in the community will have your back."

"Not sure I exactly know who is accusing who for what....but know that a lot of people including Rhonda were doing what they could to alleviate a bad situation."

"You did a great job, which is something the ALDOT knows nothing about. They only cause problems!"

"You hang tough gal. I know you will. Just amazes me how some folks think they can treat others this way. I for one appreciate all y'all have done, and I know those that were in need really appreciated everything and everyone as well."

"ALDOT, you need to remember who pays your salary: the citizens of Alabama. May need to do some more swamp draining???"

"I understand that you never wanted recognition, but everyone coming together to help out those in need knows what y'all have done was a blessing to those that needed help. The great father above sees all and know that everything will come out in the open in all due time. Keep pushing forward and thank our father for giving you and this community the assignment he led y'all to do. Everyone that y'all helped was very grateful and it showed."

"It was an outpouring of love and compassion from many people to help all people!!! It was just amazing!"

"Is someone SERIOUSLY trying to stop these efforts?? SERIOUSLY? There is absolutely NO excuse and what a slap in the face to the hard working and caring people of the company those negative nancies claim to represent. There are no words for that atrocity."

"I know how hard everyone worked to help those displaced by Irma. These evacuates were so grateful to have people care about them and show them Christ's love for them. Shame on ALDOT for shutting it down!!"

While having no kind words for the upper-level ALDOT staffers who came to the rest area, Hagemore and her volunteers commended the rest stop facility staff. Volunteer Katie Murphree Loyd posted on social media, "They have been wonderful. So kind and helpful. We thank all of you. If you had not brought it to the attention of others we may not have known about the needs. You have helped us carry the heavy stuff out to our neighbors and worked so hard to keep it clean with all the goodness going on. You have all been wonderful to us and our neighbors. May each and everyone one you receive blessings. I feel like I have known some of you for years. Your employer should be very proud of all of you. THANK YOU."

After relief workers packed up and left the rest area, they moved their operation into Dodge City and continued to take donations. With the donated use of a warehouse and J.R. Smith Trucking vehicles, volunteers loaded supplies onto pallets to be shipped to Impact Church in Jacksonville, Florida, where they will be distributed to storm victims in that area. One truck left Friday, and another is scheduled to go on Sunday. An exhaustive list of donors, supporters and hand-lenders was not immediately available, but the following businesses and organizations were identified in a preliminary listing. Hagemore said that she maintained a detailed list that includes individual volunteers as well, and will release that information soon. The Tribune will make her list public when it is available. For now, even the partial listing shows how the community reacted to this disaster. The list includes some rest area volunteers, and donors who gave anything from a hot meal to free lodging for multiple families.

Businesses

- All Properties Real Estate
- Brandin' Iron
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Chick-fil-A Cullman
- CiCi's Pizza
- Dunkin' Donuts
- J & D Tire
- Jack's Dodge City
- James R. Smith Trucking
- Keller Williams Realty Cullman
- Luna's Barbecue
- Olive Garden Decatur
- Pizza Hut
- Ryan's Creek Produce
- Valley Heating and Cooling
- Wendy's
- William's BBQ
- Schools and school organizations
- All West Point CCBOE Schools
- Harmony School
- Cold Spring High School varsity cheerleaders

Churches

- Bremen Missionary Baptist Church
- Cullman Church of Christ
- Daystar Church
- Eastside Baptist Church
- Hanceville First United Methodist Church
- Holly Pond Methodist Church
- Johnson's Road Methodist Church
- Mt. Joy Baptist Church
- North Highland Baptist Church, Warrior
- Pine Hill First Congregational Methodist Church
- Temple Baptist Church
- Valley View Baptist Church youth

Community/government agencies

- Alabama Department of Transportation rest area staff
- Alabama Law Enforcement Agency
- Bremen Volunteer Fire Department
- Cullman County Detention Center work release inmates
- Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (CEMA's overall role in the response is a subject of controversy, but the agency did deliver needed supplies to Mt. Joy Baptist Church, while that congregation was housing evacuees.)
- Cullman County Sheriff's Office
- Cullman Regional Medical Center
- Dodge City Volunteer Fire Department

Identifying and crediting every person, group and organization that helped is likely an impossible task, but Hagemore offered her thanks to all: "Just know we could not have done this without you, no matter the job you did: whether offering shelter for people or sending supplies, or being there to help coordinate. I am weak but together we are strong!"

If you still want to make a last-minute donation, text Rhonda Hagemore at 256-736-3220.





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