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END OF AN ERA

Longtime Bearcat coach Mark Britton announces retirement



AERIAL ENVISION

Coach Mark Britton, seen here on Friday, Sept. 22, 2017, has been the head coach of the Cullman Bearcats for 17 years. This will be his last season.

Cullman High School
Contributor

CULLMAN – It's the end of an era at Cullman High School. Following a successful 30-year career in education and athletics, Cullman High School head football coach and former head baseball coach Mark Britton on Friday announced that this season will be his last.

After achieving the goal of 30 years with an accumulated 149 career football wins to date and 199 career baseball wins, Britton has decided to hand off the ball to the next leader of the Bearcats.

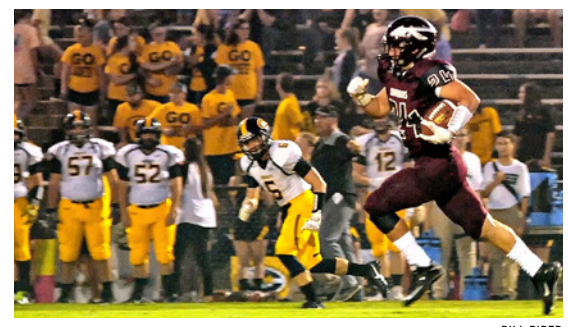
In 1964, after completing his 24-year career in the U.S. Navy, Britton's father Roy, along with his wife Elizabeth Britton, returned to Roy's native Alabama and moved to Cullman. In 1976, the Brittons moved to a home just two blocks away from Cullman High School with their six children. Mark Britton began his life as a Bearcat near the campus that he has called home for 27 of his 30 years in his career in education. During his high school days at CHS, Britton played football and baseball for the black and gold. Upon completing his college career, he returned to Cullman High School in 1988 to serve as history teacher, head baseball coach and assistant football coach.

Under his leadership, the Bearcat baseball team made it to the final four of the state playoffs; the team garnered 199 game wins during his 10-year run as head baseball coach. Since 1998, two of Britton's former players have served as CHS head baseball coaches: Brian Bowen and Brent Patterson. In 1998, Britton was hired on as the head football coach at Fairview High School, where he led the Aggies to a 17-15 record during his tenure. In 2001, Britton returned to his alma mater to take over the helm as head football coach of the Bearcats.

Mark and Patti Britton raised their children at Oliver Woodard Stadium, where each Friday night was a family event. The Britton brothers ran the scoreboard, filmed games and worked the chains, while "Pop" Roy Britton and Patti Britton cheered on the team from the stands. As children, Patrick, Matthew and Meaghan Britton

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Persall carries Warriors to 49-42 victory



BILL PIPER

Bill Piper
Tribune Correspondent

WEST POINT – It only took 17 seconds and the feet of Hunter Persall to put West Point up 7-0 over Corner, as he took it to the house on the opening kickoff. Persall continued to see the ball often once Corner was shut down on its next drive, giving West Point an open path for a 35-yard run by the West Point junior running back to set up his own 1-yard touchdown run to extend the lead to 13-0, following a botched extra point attempt.

Less than a minute later the Warriors forced the Yellow Jackets to go three-and-out. The Warriors took over at their 35-yard line. For the third time in the first quarter, Persall broke away, this time scoring on a 55-yard run. The Warriors tacked on the 2-point conversion with Persall punching it in again for the 21-0 lead as time expired in the first.

Following a botched punt reception, the Warriors took over from their 5-yard line. Rylan Jones connected with Nathan Appling for a 45-yard pass, putting West Point inside Corner's territory. Corner stiffened up for the next couple of downs, but Persall would not be denied as he broke through for a 2-yard run to keep the drive alive. This allowed West Point to spread the field and Appling took advantage with 27-yard sweep into the end zone, putting the Warriors in dominant control, 28-0, in the waning moments of the first half.

With 2:28 left in the half the

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Cullman Economic Development Agency receives international award

CEDA
Contributor

CULLMAN – The Cullman Economic Development Agency won a Bronze Excellence in Economic Development Award this week for its recruitment of Sequence Health, a project in the category of Partnership with Educational Institutions of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).

The honor was presented at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 19, during the IEDC Annual Conference, which was held Sept. 17 - 20, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

"On behalf of the IEDC board of directors and Excellence in Economic Development Awards Advisory Committee, congratulations to the Cullman Economic Development Agency. Not only did they work to provide a necessary service to their community, but also, their participation in the awards program sheds light on their stellar projects which other communities can now use as a benchmark," said Michael Langley, FM, CEO of GREATER MSP, Minneapolis–St. Paul, Minnesota, and 2017 IEDC board chair

Cullman had originally been eliminated from consideration for Sequence Health's new medical contact center project that would create 128 jobs in the community. The problem was, Sequence had already terminated its building lease in Atlanta and could only consider existing buildings because it only had a few months to relocate.

Cullman was extremely interested in the project, however, because Sequence is a medical contact center (call center) and offers a totally new type of industry to the community. Wallace State has nearly 2,000 students enrolled in nursing programs and other types of health field courses, so it seemed like a perfect fit.

Company officials had toured Wallace for information on the college and health care programs, and they were convinced they could recruit workers from the student population and former students, but the lack of an available building was still the show stopper and the company said there was simply not enough time to consider allowing the community to build one.

That changed when Wallace State President, Dr. Vicki Karolewics offered Sequence operating space for a year (or as long as necessary) in the Bailey Building on campus while a building was being constructed.

Sequence agreed this might be an option, and that allowed the industrial development board to work with TVA on assistance with financing.

The details for a lease agreement fell into place and a new 15,000-square-foot building in Cullman Industrial Park 3 on County Road 222 is expected to be completed in early November. Sequence has more than 30 employees at Wallace and committed to grow to 128 employees when the new building is completed. Company forecasts predict the workforce could exceed 300 people in the next five years.

Without the partnership between WSCC, the City of Cullman, the CEDA and TVA, Sequence Health would not be in the Cullman community today.

"That kind of community cooperation and support is the type of spirit that has contributed to Cullman and Cullman County being one of the most successful counties in Alabama year after year for the recruitment of new industry and growth of expanding industry," said CEDA Director Dale Greer. "We are always looking for ways to create jobs and opportunities for our people. I am proud of this award because it honors partnerships, and that is critical to our success."

"The awards process is a thorough, non-biased and multi-layered process. These are extraordinary accomplishments for all winners and an overall great effort by all participants. We look forward to next year's awards competition," Langley said.



CEDA

Pictured left to right: Dr. Johnny McMoy, WSCC; Jamie Troutman, Cullman EDA; Joseph Burchfield, TVA

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The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 5,000 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base. From public to private, rural to urban, and local to international, IEDC's members are engaged in the full range of economic development experience. Given the breadth of economic development work, our members are employed in a wide variety of settings including local, state, provincial and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions. Among many activities which benefit the economy, IEDC's members create high-quality jobs and develop vibrant communities. www.iedcONLINE.org.

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Cullman man sentenced to 90 years for child pornography

United States Dept. of Justice Office of Public Affairs

BIRMINGHAM – An Alabama man was sentenced Wednesday to 90 years in prison and 10 years of supervised release for production of child pornography involving seven minor victims, announced Acting Assistant Attorney General Kenneth A. Blanco of the Justice Department's Criminal Division and U.S. Attorney Jay E. Town of the Northern District of Alabama.

Gregory Jerome Lee, 54, formerly of Cullman County, Alabama, pleaded guilty in January 2017 to four counts of production of child pornography.

U.S. District Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins presided over the sentencing in Birmingham, Alabama.

According to court documents, beginning in September 1996 and continuing for over a decade, until August of 2007, Lee and his co-conspirators belonged to a group of sophisticated offenders who gathered in secret, password-protected, chat rooms to discuss their sexual interest in minors and the real-life sexual abuse of children being perpetrated by several group members.

Lee and others also used these chat rooms to advertise, distribute, receive, and possess child pornography.

Court documents state that from September of 1996 through December of 2004, Lee sexually abused at least seven different minors and that he frequently produced images and videos depicting his sexual exploitation of these children which he shared with his co-conspirators.

Trial Attorney Ralph Paradiso of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) of the Justice Department's Criminal Division and Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Fortune of the Northern District of Alabama prosecuted the case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse, launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice.



ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Gregory Jerome Lee

Led by U.S. Attorneys' offices and CEOS, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims.

For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

Russellville man arrested, charged with rape in Hanceville

Suspect allegedly traveled to Hanceville after talking to a minor online

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CULLMAN COUNTY – A Russellville man was arrested on Thursday, charged with second-degree rape, according to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

Shawn Douglas Berryhill, 20, allegedly entered a home in Hanceville after communicating with a minor on social media. Berryhill's alleged victim came forward to the CCSO investigators after being interviewed by the Child Advocacy Center.

Because the crime involves a minor, the CCSO will not be releasing additional details, but did say Berryhill may be facing additional charges.

"I continually encourage parents, grandparents and anyone who has control over their children's phones or social media accounts to check them regularly because predators use all the social media accounts like Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, etc., looking for victims," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "I would like to thank our investigators and the CAC for their help on this case."

Berryhill is currently being held in the Cullman County Detention Center on a $7,500 cash bond.



CCSO

Shawn Douglas Berryhill

Mental health plays role in Wednesday night incident in Hanceville

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HANCEVILLE – An incident involving a man declaring suicidal intentions inside a home on Alabama Highway 91 near Pitts Chevron in Hanceville early Wednesday evening was resolved quickly and without incident, according to Hanceville Assistant Police Chief Adam Hadder.

Hadder told The Tribune that the man, described only as in his 30s, had a gun, but didn't threaten anyone but himself.

"He told his family that he was tired of living and wanted to kill himself," said Hadder. "He had a gun, and the family members went outside. The man fired one shot inside the home. No one was injured. He never threatened anyone but himself."

Once the family called 911, the Hanceville Police Department responded, along with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Cullman EMS.

Hadder said the whole situation was over in about an hour.

"Patrol officers and Lt. (Brannon) Hammick went inside and talked to him, and he came out," stated Hadder.

"No one was outright threatened. It wasn't that big of a deal. Everything was handled well, and I hope he gets the help he needs now."

The man was transported to an area facility for a mental health evaluation.

Hadder echoed many law enforcement and community leaders' recent concerns, saying that the people who need it don't get the mental health care help necessary.

He said the HPD sees about two cases a week involving someone who needs mental health care.

According to the CCSO, the sheriff's office averages three to four a week.

Editor's Note: Asst. Chief Hadder's "wasn't that big of a deal" comment was in reference to the situation not being a large-scale, active shooter-type situation involving the public. It was not a dismissal of the seriousness of the situation.

Falkville man killed in 2-vehicle wreck

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MORGAN COUNTY – A Falkville man was killed Wednesday in a two-vehicle crash in Morgan County.

According to a media release from Alabama State Troopers, Ken McDearmon, 62, was killed when the 2013 Dodge Challenger he was driving collided head-on with a 2001 Dodge 1500.

McDearmon, who was not using a seat belt, was pronounced dead at the scene. Three people were also injured in the wreck. The driver of the Dodge 1500, along with two passengers in his vehicle, were transported to an area hospital for treatment of their injuries. Troopers said the crash occurred at 4:13 p.m. on East Lacon Road, 4 miles south of Falkville.

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

Poet's Corner



Mid-September

By Randy C. Hale

In a old dead tree

a small head appears from a hollowed hole,

then two, and three baby squirrels emerge.

Across grey limbs they scamper.

The mother comes out to the mischief

three, teaching as winter nears.

There is life in this decaying shelter.

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News from the Pond

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Good morning *Tribune* readers and families. Summertime has not left us yet. We truly had a dreary week last week because of Hurricane Irma. Fall is just around the corner, however and we are really looking forward to those clear, cooler days.

The Holly Pond Historical Society held another "Cemetery Talk" on Sunday, September 17th in the Guy Hunt Conference Room at the library. Even though an afternoon downpour happened at the beginning of the program, we still had almost a room full of interested participants. There were five people who presented the history of their relatives.

The program was started by Carolyn Bryan portraying Sarah Elizabeth Holcomb Gorham. She was the daughter of George Martin and Dradah Ann Rucker Holcomb. She was from a family of eleven siblings. She married to John A. Gorham. Sarah and John were the parents of eight children. Mrs. Sarah died in 1958 and her husband John died in 1920. They are buried in the local cemetery.

Doctor Steve Murphree portrayed Noel Hudson Estes. Mr. Estes was born in Henry County, Georgia. He was the son of Noel Matthew and Mourning Blackmon Estes. They were the parents of four children. Mr. Estes died in 1932 and was buried in the New Hope #2 cemetery. His wife was better known as "Aunt Net" Estes and lived until 1984. She lived next door to the present school campus.

Mr. John Zachariah Segers was portrayed by Clayton Segers. He was also a native of Georgia. He married Sallie Stisher, the second oldest of ten children. They had seven children. Mrs. Sallie Segers died in 1930 and John Segers died on February 2nd, 1941. They are both buried in Holly Pond Cemetery.

Next on the program was Margaret Williamson Lambert portrayed by Montez "Belinda" Brown. Idella Lambert Mooney was portrayed by Gail Atnip. She was married to Franklin Pierce "Frank" Lambert in 1871. Eight of their 11 children were born in Georgia. Frank Lambert died in 1924 and Margaret died in 1925. They are both buried locally.

To conclude the program was Malissa Mason Patterson portrayed by June Palmer. She married Charles Davis Patterson in 1856. They were the parents of eight children. Because of his serving in the Georgia Volunteers his death was caused in part of this ill health. He and Malissa are both buried in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

It was just a great pleasure to see Mrs. June Palmer. She was also a former columnist for "The Cullman Tribune" in years past. She was known for writing "From The Porch Swing," which she used to relate her and her late husband's adventures while he was a preacher. She said because of her failing health, she decided to quit her writing. It was surely good to see her.

Another interesting event occurred last Thursday, September 13th at the Redan Baptist Church. This was the quarterly meeting of the senior adults of the East Cullman Baptist Association. Mrs. Becki Mc Annally presided. She turned the program over to the "Prime Time Singers" directed by Brenda Scott. We had a lot of good fun with this program, which was also written by our director. The singers sat in a semi-circle like the Bill and Gloria Gaither groups on all their tapes. We sang seven different type songs, featuring solos trios, and even a quartet. Our songs included the following: "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" with Mr. Smiley Robbins as featured soloist; "He Touched Me", "He Will Pilot Me", with a good group of alto singers doing the chorus; "I'm Winging My Way Back Home"; "What A Day That Will Be"; "I Feel Like Traveling On" (which was the highlight of the program) and finally, we sang "When We All Get to Heaven." Other members doing special parts included a comedy routing by Mrs. Elna Barnett, commentary by Brenda Scott and Sue Griffin, Nedra Green, Patsy Reynolds, Gladys Wisener, Myrl House, Dianna Love and probably some I've forgotten. Reverend Doug and his wife, Judy Reeves presented an enlightening slide show of their trips over the years to the "Holy Land." Thank you to all who participated, it was a great event.

Congratulations to the Holly Pond Bronco Football team for a winning season thus far. We are all proud of your accomplishments. The Holly Pond High School Marching Band is sounding great under the direction of their new band teacher.

The next Holly Pond Civitan Club meeting will be the installation of new officers and initiation of new members on September 26th.

The DAR Chapter is holding Constitution Week observances this week. Do you know your Constitution facts?

Until later, keep cool and please be careful.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1952

Sherrill Phillips visited his parents, Ben and Pearlie Phillips, at Brushy Pond, last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Mayfield and Joe, of Hanceville, spent the weekend, in Kentucky.

Six large rubber tired wagons for sale. Will hold two bales of seed cotton. W.L. (Lidy) Walker, at Berlin.

From The Files Of 1902

There will be an all-day singing, at Bethlehem West, the first Sunday in July, conducted by P.M. Allison, Warren Hamner, Walter Peavy and Will Vickery, with Miss Cora Allison as organist.

Lonnie York has gone to Jasper, Tennessee, to bring his father's stolen horse home, which has been located at that place.

J.W. Boike lost his gin and mill by fire a few days ago.

J.R. Griffin will open a general merchandise store in the Rheulander Building, on July 1st.

Miss Bertha Burkart, of Hanceville, is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. C.A. Stiefelmeyer.

Pres Tennyson has 20 acres of wheat two miles northeast of Vinemont.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alvis, of Malahy, were in the city, on Tuesday.

From The Files Of 1901

Miss Catherine Gurley is visiting her brother at Blossberg.

F.M. Hamilton returned on Thursday from a trip to Arkansas.

Miss Emma Potts, of Clanton, is visiting here.

There will be an excursion from Birmingham to Cullman, on Wednesday, June 5th.

Miss Fannie Dyer, of Sonara, Kentucky, is visiting Miss Allie Bogue, of this city.

The courthouse is being renovated and painted, which adds much to its appearance.

Mrs. Lena Moses and Phillip, of Memphis, are visiting her nephew, J.T. Schneider.

O.S. Roden, George Markland and Carl Hartung were in Montgomery during the first of the week.

Thad Quattlebaum, Carl Goff, Frank Brown and Carl Johnson went to North Birmingham, on Monday to work.

There will be an all-day singing, at the West Cullman Baptist Church on the second Sunday in June, conducted by W.W. Mann and F.P. Morris.

W.T. Vandiver, recently of Stiefelmeyers, is now traveling for a wholesale dry goods house, of Louisville, Kentucky.

From The Files Of 1919

Cullman County has been lent a two-ton army truck to be used in hauling chert for the pike roads of the county.

Piano recitals will be presented at Sacred Heart Academy by Miss Margaret Deppe, on June 10th and by Miss Hilda von Hagel, on June 11th.

The Cullman Courthouse is getting a repaired roof and a new coat of paint. For the first time since the courthouse was erected there is no leak in the roof.

Little Edward Kinney broke his arm on Saturday, while playing at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Kinney.

Clay Smith has returned from a business trip to Kansas City, Saint Louis, Missouri and Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Robertson have returned from a trip to Maryland.

Mrs. Lee Gregory, of Arab, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. Stewart.

Luther Sterling has accepted a position with Allison Drugstore.

Edward, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Fuller, broke his arm on Wednesday.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Goliath did fall

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



I was on my way home but still several miles away when I heard Jean's voice mail. She said, "Call me, right now, please, now! I need you home!" I could hear a serious problem in her voice, but I didn't know what. Several horrible thoughts raced through my mind, but none were correct, and honestly, for that I give thanks. That was last Monday afternoon. Jean and all the rest of Lee County, as well as most of Alabama, had been given the day off from school, due to an unwelcome intruder named Irma. Jean was home by herself, in our second floor den, grading school papers.

Rain was already falling and the wind was blowing from Tropical Storm Irma, but nothing like I expected would come later.

Jean heard a loud boom and felt our entire house shake. There were no windows on the back side of the upstairs room, but when she came downstairs, she saw tree limbs and leaves against the windows there.

When I called her back, she said, "We have a tree on the house."

I imagined one of the little evergreen trees that line our driveway. No, the giant poplar tree across on the other side of our driveway had slammed down on top of our house.

Actually, through our house, better describes what happened. Its one-hundred five feet stretched across our driveway and from one end of our house to the other. I have always thought sky- lights in a ceiling were nice, but I have to confess that I don't especially care for the two I now have in the roof of our garage.

The monster sliced through the roof and through the fireplace chimney like a giant chainsaw. That big-boy perfectly centered our chimney, ripping a gash about six feet down. Yes, that is the same chimney we rebuilt the bottom portion of back in the spring, but good news, he didn't reach as far down as the new part.

I guess we'll rebuild the top now and have an entire new chimney, from the ground up!

We also got a new satellite dish in the deal, and we will get a new roof, new ceilings and a fresh coat of paint in a couple of rooms. All of that is nothing more than stuff. It can all be replaced.

Most important of all, I give thanks to God that Jean walked out of that house without a scratch on her. Another six feet to the left, might have brought a different outcome. Even in the bad, God is good.

Later that day, I sat down at the kitchen counter and noticed a new book that a dear friend of ours had mailed me a couple of days earlier.

I'm sure she sent this particular book because of the health issues I'm dealing with right now, and not because she knew a tree was about to blow over on my house.

I had seen the title of the book and even read a few pages in it, but I couldn't help but chuckle as I read this title again - "Goliath Must Fall." I said, "Well, I guess so. He has." The subtitle of the book is, "Winning the Battles Against Your Giants." David's Goliath fell.

Although Goliath was a seasoned warrior as well as a giant, young David, took him down with nothing more than a sling and a stone – and of course, God.

Our house will be rebuilt, my cancer will be removed, and we will win the battle against these giants. Whatever giants you may be facing, with God's help, may they fall too.

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Addison drops first game this season, 21-18

Nick Griffin
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LYNN – The Addison Bulldogs hit the road this week to take on the Lynn Bears and came into the game with a 4-0 record having soundly defeated their first four opponents. In a tight game, the outcome is usually decided in just a handful of plays and tonight those plays came in the form of critical mistakes from the Bulldogs, leading to a 21-18 loss.

The Bulldogs' defense forced a three-and-out from Lynn on the first possession of the game and quickly got the ball to their offense. The offense marched down the field eating up nearly half of the first quarter but fumbled the ball inside the 2-yard line handing it back to Lynn.

Lynn's next possession ended with an interception by senior standout Tyler Borden to set up the Bulldogs' offense with good field position midway through the second quarter. Borden took advantage of his defensive takeaway and spun through the Bears' defense from 20 yards out to give Addison a 6-0 lead with less than two minutes in the first half.

The Bulldogs recovered the ensuing kickoff due to none of the Lynn returners touching the football and set up Addison's offense on the 12-yard line with 1:43 in the half and three timeouts.

The Bulldogs were unable to capitalize on the opportunity and were kept out of the end zone, leaving the score at 6-0 at halftime, but the big defensive stop shifted the momentum to the Bears when the teams went into the locker room.

The Bears forced a punt from the Bulldogs on the first possession of the second half and took advantage as they ran the ball in from the 12-yard line after a six-minute drive to take a 7-6 lead.

The Bulldogs answered with a quick scoring drive that was finished off with a leaping touchdown from junior Zayne Guthrie that gave the lead back to Addison 12-7 early in the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs seized more momentum with a big stop on fourth down inside their own 30-yard line with less than eight minutes to go in the fourth.

Addison's offense was unable to pick up a first down due to a false start penalty that backed them up; they lined up to punt but the snap was low and went through the legs of the punter.

Lynn recovered the ball on the 2-yard line and scored on the next play to go up 15-12.

The last critical mistake of the night for the Bulldogs was on the next kickoff when one of the up-men muffed the kick and the Bears recovered the ball with the lead and five minutes left to play. Lynn put the game away on a 26-yard touchdown run to stretch its lead to two possessions with less than three minutes to play.

Addison put together an impressive, quick drive ending with a 3-yard touchdown pass from sophomore Grant Rice to freshman Logan Wilkins to cut the lead to 21-18 with 30 seconds in regulation.

But the Bulldogs could not recover the following onside kick and dropped their first game of the season to Lynn.

The loss puts Addison at 4-1 as teams approach the half-way point of the high school season; the Bulldogs will look to put this game behind them as they get ready to travel to Vinemont next week.

Falkville beats Cold Springs handily, 63-7

Andrea Blakely
Tribune Correspondent

FALKVILLE – Cold Spring lost a bruiser to Falkville Friday night on the road. The Blue Devils beat the Eagles 63-7 for homecoming.

Falkville started with ball and a promising run, but was pulled back for holding, ending up on the 11-yard line. The Blue Devils were not slowed down; they turned right around and scored. With only 59 seconds off the clock, it was 7-0, with Falkville taking the early lead.

The Blue Devils struck again, with 7:30 left in the first to make it 14-0.

Cold Springs answered with a huge run by Mason Harris, and it was 14-7 after the extra point.

Falkville answered back with a pass, making it 21-7 with Cold Springs needing to do some work in the second quarter.

The start of the second was quiet until Falkville pushed through to get a 1-yard carry into the end zone, making the score 28-7 with 8:47 left on the clock.

Falkville twice more, making it 41-7 at the half.

The third quarter opened and the Blue Devils were still on fire, scoring on a run and a good PAT. The score was 48-7 with 4:07 to go in the quarter. With 6:57 to go in the fourth, Falkville struck again, got the 2-point play and made it 56-7.

Capping off the tough night for the Eagles, Falkville got in one last run and a good kick, making the final score 63-7.

Fultondale downs Vinemont, 48-6

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Tribune Correspondent

VINEMONT – It was a tough night for the Eagles at Mark Smothers Field on the campus of Vinemont High School when the Fultondale Wildcats rolled into town Friday night and rolled out with a 48-6 victory.

Fultondale was firing on all four cylinders on the ground and through the air. Quarterback Jayson Jones threw four touchdown passes of 30 yards, 56 yards, 21 yards and 7yards respectively.

He also scored on the ground, calling his own number from 2 yards out.

James Adams Smith added a touchdown on the ground from 12 yards out.

The lone Vinemont score came via the legs of Dallon Dinkle when he found paydirt from 3 yards out.

Catching three of Fultondale's passes was wide-out Nathan Donnavent who hauled in the 30 yarder, 57 yarder and 7 yarder.

Vinemont will try to get back on track next week when they welcome Addison to town.

Hanceville shut out, 42-0, by Pennington Tigers

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Tribune Correspondent

BLOUNTSVILLE – Friday night was a 3A Region 6 matchup between the J.B. Pennington Tigers and Hanceville Bulldogs. It did not end well for the Bulldogs. They were shut out 42-0.

The Bulldogs won the toss and elected to receive; it seemed a quick three-and-out, but a roughing the kicker flag put the ball back in the hands of the Bulldog offense. It looked like Hanceville would capitalize, but the ball found the ground, and the Tigers pounced, giving it to the Pennington offense. The Bulldogs' defense stepped up, forcing a three-and-out.

Both teams played strong defense through the next several possessions. It wasn't until the second quarter that any points were scored.

Jalon Bullard ran it in from 10 yards to give Pennington a 7-0 lead with 11:24 remaining in the opening half.

It looked to be a low-scoring affair until Bullard snagged an interception to finally wake up the Pennington offense; they capped off the ensuring drive with a 9-yard touchdown from the arm of Noah Allison into the arms of Alex Washburn, stretching the lead to 14 with 5:27 in the half.

The Tigers were not content to go to the locker room up 14; they scored again to make it 21-0 with only 16 seconds to go when Sheldon Blythe pounded it in from 7 yards out.

Fresh out of the break, it didn't take long for Pennington to pick up where it left off, taking the opening drive of the all the way into the end zone on the legs of Bullard; he scored from 13 yards out with 9:40 left in the third to make it 28-0.

A bad snap by the Bulldogs put an end to the series when they had to punt, giving the ball back to a hot Tiger offense.

It only took one play for Allison to find Cole Littleton with 1:16 left in the third to stretch the lead to 35-0.

Pennington started to pound the ball and chew the clock, eventually finding the end zone once again. Bullard scored on a 2-yard run with 8:10 remaining in the game for his third TD of the night, giving the Tigers a commanding 42-0 lead.

The Bulldogs' Romael Simmons broke a 54-yard run, but it was followed by a couple of incompletions that resulted in a turnover on downs.

The Tigers possessed the ball for 12 plays to end the game, sealing the deal on a 42-0 victory for the home team.

Tigers maul Trojans; Meek dismantles Gaylesville, 52-6

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GAYLESVILLE – It was a long trip for the Meek Tigers, but a worthwhile one as they dismantled the Gaylesville Trojans, 52-6.

It didn't take Meek long to get on the board when, after forcing a Gaylesville three-and-out, John Mark Abercrombie fielded the Trojan punt at his own 39 and raced 61 yards down the sideline for the touchdown. The PAT was no good, but Meek took a 6-0 lead with 10:31 left to go in the first.

Meek forced another three-and-out and set up shop at the Trojans' 47 for its next possession. Abercrombie got things going with a 16-yard pickup. The Tigers kept the ball on the ground the entirety of the drive, capping it with an 11-yard touchdown run from Stewart Waldrep. The PAT was missed and the Tigers held a 12-0 lead.

Gaylesville couldn't get anything going on its next possession and was forced into a three-and-out for the third consecutive drive.

Meek started its next drive at its own 30. Four plays later the Tigers were in the endzone again when Payton Key connected with Waldrep for a 46-yard touchdown strike. The PAT split the uprights to give Meek a 19-0 lead.

The Trojans' next drive ended with Meek's Dennis Nalley falling on a fumble. The Tigers controlled the ball and clock for the remainder of the first quarter.

Meek found paydirt again less than a minute into the second quarter when Luke Sherer took it in from 9 yards out. The 2-point conversion succeeded, putting Meek up 27-0 with 11:10 left in the half. Following a Gaylesville three-and-out, Meek took over at the Trojan 44. It took the Tigers just one play to cross the goal line when Waldrep took a reverse handoff 44 yards to the house. The PAT was missed but Meek led comfortably 33-0. The Trojans ran just one play on their next possession. Luke Tidwell saw to that when he took the ball right out of the hands of the Gaylesville runner and took it the other way for a 48-yard scoop and score, putting Meek on top 40-0 and effectively putting the game away.

Gaylesville got its only score on the next possession when Colby Scott found Brayden Stordahl for a 5-yard touchdown, making the score 40-6 heading to the half.

Meek dominated the ball and the clock in the second half, scoring two more times on an 8-yard touchdown run by Abercrombie and a 23-yard touchdown run courtesy of Nelson Martin to cruise to a 52-6 victory.

Bearcats scratch back to win in final moments, 20-16, over Ft. Payne

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CULLMAN – In a game that looked to be all but over, the Cullman Bearcats dug deep on both offense and defense to come from behind to defeat Ft. Payne, 20-16, in the final minute of play when Jayden Sullins took a 44-yard screen pass from Fletcher Jennings for the game-winning score, giving Bearcat head coach Mark Britton his 150th career win.

It wasn't all rosy for the Bearcats as Ft. Payne was the first to get out and score on its first possession. The Wildcat defense pressured Cullman into three quick three-and-outs, while Ft. Payne nailed a field goal and a quick touchdown to put them ahead 10-0. It was Cullman's Ezra Burks who put Cullman on the board late in the first quarter to give some life to the Bearcats, making it a one-possession game.

As the second quarter started both teams looked tired. Cullman, though, had a little left in the tank and began to prove it on defense, shutting down Ft. Payne, but it didn't last long, as the Wildcats nailed another long field goal, putting them ahead 17-7. Penalties allowed the Wildcats to move easily down the field as they attempted to set up a scoring drive to end the half.

Ft. Payne went deep, and yet another penalty on the Bearcats for pass interference stopped the clock and brought the Wildcats to Cullman's 23-yard line. The Bearcat's clamped down and forced Ft. Payne to take the field goal, putting the Bearcats behind 13-7 at the end of the first half.

Jennings went deep to Jayden Sullins for the game-tying touchdown on first play of the fourth quarter. The PAT gave Cullman its first lead of the night, 14-13, with 11:52 left in the game. Ft. Payne could not be stopped, as the Wildcats methodically worked their way down the field before settling on a field goal to put the Bearcats behind 16-14 with 8:13 left in the game.

Both teams exchanged series before Cullman was able to push the Wildcats far enough back where a field goal was out of the question. Cullman's defense and errors on Ft. Payne backed the Wildcats into a first-and-27. The Bearcats tightened up and quickly took down any effort by Ft. Payne, forcing an incomplete pass and a long third-down attempt. The Wildcats tried to convert on the third-down, but came up short of a first down and too far out for a field goal. Cullman took over at its 20-yard line.

Burks ran up the gut for a quick 5 yards but the clock kept running. Jennings was flushed from pocket and sacked at Cullman's 10-yard line, setting up a long third-down attempt. A roughing the passer call rejuvenated Cullman, moving the 'Cats to their 36-yard line with 2:32 left in the game.

Sullins took the ball up the center, but only netted a couple of yards. Then the pass from Jennings to Reese Harbison to Ft. Payne's 30-yard line was knocked down, but not before the refs threw a flag for pass interference, giving Cullman yet another chance to take over the game.

Sullins, on a 44-yard screen pass from Jennings, gave Cullman a 20-16 lead with 1:16 left in the contest. Cullman could not complete the 2-point conversion. Cullman's defense got aggressive, and Ft. Payne was unable to gain any ground on the Wildcats' final possession, giving the Bearcats a hard-fought win, 20-16.

Cullman will take on Fayette County on Friday, Sept. 29.

Blue Devils stump the Aggies, 34-3

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KIMBERLY – The Fairview Aggies were back in action Friday, after having a bye last week, and took on region foe, the Mortimer Jordan Blue Devils. The Aggies came up short, 34-3

The Aggies elected to receive the ball to open the game. Scoot Bennett returned the ball 24 yards and put the Aggies at the 26-yard. Fairview, however, couldn't string anything together as Grant Howard could only salvage 3 yards before an Aggie fourth down.

Fairview elected to punt, and Blue Devils defensive end Hayden Finney came up with the block, taking the ball into the end zone for a touchdown, a 21-yard return that gave Mortimer Jordan a 7-0 early lead.

Looking to avenge the touchdown, Howard returned the kickoff 64 yards to give the Aggies great field position. But again, the Aggies couldn't figure out the Blue Devils' defense. The Aggies mustered up 3 yards and came up short going for it on fourth down.

The Blue Devils took over on downs and had momentum with quarterback Kourtlan Marsh and running backs Hunter Bartlett, Garek Hall, and Daniel Rouse rushing for a total of 44 yards. Later in the drive Hall fumbled and Bennett recovered to give the Aggies the ball. Fairview put together a decent drive with Aggie running backs Howard and Tyvn Ellis rushing for a combined 12 yards before quarterback Dayne Black was picked off by Landon Rogers, who ran for 73 yards following the interception.

Mortimer Jordan rushed for 1 yard before Fairview's Mason Black pick off Marsh and returned it for 26 yards. Black started off the drive with a pass intended for Ethan Holland but was intercepted by Julius Washington for the Blue Devils. The first quarter abruptly ended by a score of 7-0 Mortimer Jordan.

The Blue Devils started off the second with running back Garret Helm rushing for 19 yards on two carries. Then Marsh ran for 11 yards on a quarterback keeper. Things were set up nicely for the Blue Devils, as Marsh handed the ball off to Helm who rushed 8 yards into the end zone for a touchdown with 11:04 left in the half. The score was now 14-0 in Mortimer Jordan's favor.

On the kickoff Howard returned the ball 85 yards to bring the Aggies to the 10-yard line. Black and Ellis only rushed for a combined 2 yards before Jaxon Swann kicked a 24-yard field goal. The score was now 14-3.

The Blue Devils took over on the 27-yard line. After only getting 7 yards, the Blue Devils ran a fake punt that went for 47 yards and a first down. But Mortimer Jordan couldn't convert on fourth down, and the Aggies took over.

Following an Aggie three-and-out, the Blue Devils got the ball back, marching 59 yards and scoring on a Helm 27-yard touchdown run with 1:50 left in the half. The score was 21-3 Mortimer Jordan.

The Aggies had a promising drive going before the half ended with Howard, Holland and Bennett racking up a combined 26 yards before Black was sacked for a loss of 13 yards. Going into halftime the score was 21-3.

The Aggies kicked off to begin the second half, and Helm returned the kick 67 yards for a touchdown putting Mortimer Jordan on top 28-3.

The Aggies controlled the ball most of the third quarter, but failed to score. The score was unchanged heading into the fourth.

Mortimer Jordan held the ball for almost eight minutes before scoring on a Marsh 39-yard touchdown run with 4:41 left in the fourth. On the drive, the Blue Devils marched 91 yards.

The Aggies couldn't get anything going on their final shot at the end zone and failed to convert on fourth down, allowing the Blue Devils to take the victory formation.

Mortimer Jordan came out on top 34-3.

Aggie running back Howard had a total of 201 yards, leading Fairview's offense. Black rushed for 52 yards and Ellis also had a big night for the Aggies.

For the Blue Devils, running back Helm had 175 yards total with Marsh and Hall having big nights as well.

The Aggies will travel to Priceville next week and take on the Bulldogs.

Good Hope bested by Cordova, 26-14

Sammy Confer
Tribune Correspondent

GOOD HOPE – There's an old saying: If you can win the turnover battle, you have a good chance to win the ballgame. The Raiders lost the turnover battle, with six for the game, and fell in regional play to the Cordova Blue Devils, 26-14.

Good Hope started out strong on its first series as Matthew Dixon gained 33 yards on his first two carries of the night, but the offense stalled after that, forcing the Raiders to punt. During the punt, Matt Hancock felt something pop in his knee, and was done for the rest of the game. The Blue Devils struck quickly on the first play of their series from the 34-yard line, as Demetrius Kirk found Kolbi Fuqua for a 66-yard touchdown to put Cordova on the scoreboard. After recovering the kickoff, Fuqua's pass was intercepted by Preston Bagwell, but the Raiders were forced to punt once again.

Cordova's Javion Hill was a factor early on in the drive as was Jeffrey Mayes, and Kirk's legs gave the Raider defense fits and so did his arm as they went on an amazing 17-play drive that started from the last part of the first quarter to a little bit into the second. Hill finished it off with a 2-yard touchdown run to give the Blue Devils a 12-0 lead. After each team punted on its next drive, Good Hope got the ball on the 47-yard line, and Bailey Quick and Dixon got it going on the ground gaining 29 yards on the first three plays. Then Quick found Matt Schwaiger for a 24-yard touchdown pass to cut the deficit to 12-7.

After getting the ball back by recovering the onside kick, the Raiders looked to take the lead, but Quick fumbled the ball at the 1-yard line, and Cordova recovered, but the Raiders forced them to punt. Then, Dixon lost the ball on the second play of their next series. Cordova scored on just four plays when Mayes found a hole and scampered 35 yards for the score to give the Blue Devils a 20-7 lead with 1:10 remaining in the first half. But Good Hope struck on its next series, finding the end zone in just four plays; Quick powered through the end zone for a 1-yard score to cut the deficit to 20-14, which was the score at the half.

The Raiders forced a Blue Devil fumble and Dylan McDonald recovered the ball to start out the third quarter, but Hill intercepted a Quick pass. Mayes and Hill continued to wear down the Raider defense as they gained all 64 yards on the drive, and Hill finished off the drive with a 32-yard touchdown run to make the score, 26-14, with 6:19 remaining in the third quarter. Dixon fumbled once again on the next series, but the defense held Cordova scoreless on the next series and for the rest of the game. The Raider offense, even though they had some good plays late, either punted or turned the ball over for the rest of the game.

Final score: Cordova 26, Good Hope 14

Hill finished with 82 yards on 19 carries and two scores, plus an interception. Mayes had 111 yards on 18 carries and a touchdown. Kirk went 6-of-10 for 116 yards and a touchdown, plus 28 more on the ground. Cordova improved to 2-3 on the season and 2-1 in region play.

Quick went 5-of-10 for 100 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions, adding 111 more on the ground on 21 carries and a touchdown. Dixon finished with 101 yards on 16 carries and a touchdown. He, along with Riley Kilpatrick, Dylan McDonald, Tucker Putman, Peyton Hill, Kyle Carlton, and others played a good game on defense, forcing a pair of Blue Devil turnovers. The Raiders fell to 2-2 on the season and 1-2 in the region. They will face off next against Cold Springs in their homecoming game.

"The guys played really hard out there," Good Hope coach Alan Scott said. "But we can't be negative in the turnover battle. We have to learn from this. I'm still really proud of them for continuing to play hard out there. We are continuing to preach to them: next play. We had plenty of opportunities, but we will learn from this and move forward to play a big county game against Cold Springs next week."

Warriors (from Front)

Yellow Jackets scored on a 10-yard run to cut the deficit to 28-7. Following a big knockdown from the Warriors' Anthony Woods, the team muffed the punt return and Corner recovered for the second time of the evening at its 45-yard line. It didn't take much time for Corner's Garrett Purvis to punch it in on a 30-yard run to pull the Yellow Jackets within two scores, trailing West Point 28-14 at the half.

Corner started the second half strong and pushed the Warriors to the limit as the Yellow Jackets began their second half barrage. Corner's Purvis scored on a 2-yard run and claimed the 2-point conversion to pull Corner within six points, 28-22 with plenty of time left in the third. This added to the 22 unanswered points put up by the Yellow Jackets.

Just nine seconds later, West Point's Jones fumbled the snap and Corner grabbed possession at West Point's 15-yard line. Moments later a quick touchdown throw put the Yellow Jackets ahead 29-28, with 29 unanswered points.

The pressure began to crack the Warriors as Corner forced yet another fumble and the Yellow Jackets reclaimed possession at the West Point 10-yard line. Corner took the 8-yard carry into the end zone, increasing the lead to 36-28, pushing the unanswered streak to 36 points. The Warriors attempted to come back, but Corner quickly regained the ball and marched down the field. The Yellow Jackets broke the defense to take it in for another rushing touchdown, but a missed 2-point conversion, putting the Yellow Jackets ahead 42-28 as the third quarter expired, the unanswered streak creeping up to 42 consecutive points.

West Point would not give up, marching down the field and allowing the Warriors' Jones to take it in on a quarterback sneak to pull West Point to a 42-35 deficit. Following three minutes of pressured football, the Warriors stood tall, forcing a turnover to take back the ball on West Point's 8-yard line. This was all Persall needed to reopen the game, taking one rush for 50-yards before scoring on a 5-yard carry to tie the game 42-all with just more than six minutes left to play.

Levi Farley intercepted the Yellow Jackets' next pass, giving the Warriors great field position at the 50-yard line. Despite a penalty, Persall kept rolling, breaking the plane to give West Point the 49-35 lead. Corner tacked on another touchdown late to bring it within a score, but Persall's monster carries and five touchdowns brought home the win.

West Point will have a bye week on Friday, Sept. 29 but return to play Fairview on Friday, Oct. 3.

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Obituary Announcements: Sept. 22-26

Evelyn Howell Sapp, 97 of Hanceville, AL, passed away September 20, 2017. She was born September 29, 1919, in Blount Springs, AL to Rev. Malcolm Howell and Lou Rice Howell. She was a retired teacher. During her career, she taught at Prospect, Cold Springs, Hanceville and Hayden Schools. In addition, she was an active leader in many Baptist churches and taught Sunday School for more than 70 years. She was a member of East Side Baptist Church in Cullman, AL. After her retirement, she had a card ministry where she sent thousands of birthday cards along with sympathy cards and other cards for many occasions. She enjoyed quilting and hand pieced well over one hundred quilts and gave many of them to her friends and family. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Earl Sapp; sisters, Roberta Crabtree, Elizabeth Paulk, Kathleen Wallace and Lucille Bagwell. Survivors include a brother, Malcolm Howell of Mobile, daughter, Lucille (Butch) Calvert of Warrior; son, Danny (Joy) Sapp of Murfreesboro, TN; grandchildren, Corey (Sharon) Calvert, Eric Sapp and Nick Sapp; and four great grandchildren. Funeral Services will be held at Hanceville Funeral Home on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 10 a.m. Burial will be at Ricetown Chapel Cemetery in southern Blount County. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday evening from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Ricetown Chapel Cemetery Fund c/o Danny Sapp, Trustee, 111 Paschal Drive, Murfreesboro, TN. 37128.

Mary Jane Dyer, 87, passed away Thursday, September 21, 2017. Funeral service will be held Sunday, September 24, 2017 beginning 2 p.m. Moss Service Funeral Home. Visitation will be held Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral service for Buck Baker, 73 of Hanceville, will be held Sunday, September 24 at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home; with interment in Damascus Cemetery. Visitation on Saturday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mr. Baker passed away on Thursday, September 21, 2017. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold C. Baker and Ruby Mae Stanford Baker; brothers, Don and Bob Baker; sister, Wynell Haynes and granddaughter, Maranda LaMay. He is survived by his wife, Pat Cruce; children, Tammy (Jake Koch) Baker, Timmy Baker, Larry Baker and Kevin Baker; grandchildren, Renata LaMay, Flaime LaMay-Perry, Blaise "Flash" LaMay, Kassandra Baker, Dominique Baker, Aslyn Baker, Kayla Baker, Kaitlyn Baker, Jaycee Baker, Kyleigh Baker, Jorgia Baker and Kierra Baker; great grandchildren, Kheagon Allwelt, Baylee LaMay, Allenia LaMay, Liahm Allwelt and Kali Clayton; brothers, Ray (Geree) Baker, Buddy (Denise) Baker and Arthur Baker; sisters, Faye Duffie, Carolyn (Dwight) Amos and Linda Coots; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Elizabeth "Jane" Leonard Meyer, 81 of Cullman, died Friday, September 22, 2017. She is survived by her brother, Garry Leonard, many loving nieces, nephews and cousins as well as her church family and a community full of friends. The family will receive friends on Monday, September 25, 2017 from 12 noon until her funeral at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Cullman Memory Gardens.

Graveside service for Martha Carolyn Adams, 76 of Holly Pond, will be held Monday, September 25 at 11 a.m. at Oak Grove Cemetery. Visitation on Sunday from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Adams passed away on Thursday, September 21, 2017. She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Grace Nelson; her husband, Charles "Tuffy" Adams; grandson, Howard Lee Adams and two brothers, Charles "Snooks" and Bobby Nelson. She is survived by her son, Howard (Michelle) Adams; brother, James "Peanut" Nelson; sister, Frances Polan; grandchildren, Austin Adams, Kaylin Burkhardt and Cory Burkhardt and great grandchildren, Amanda Adams and Zona Adams.

Marvorene Marie Hamilton of Cullman passed away on September 21, 2017 at the age of 90. She was born in Clanton Alabama on July 30, 1927 to Phillip O. and Jewel Esther Littleton Mims. She is preceded in death by her husband Ernest Almon Hamilton. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel at 11 a.m. with Rev. Etsel Riddle officiating. Interment is in Cullman Memory Gardens. Survivors are: daughter: Anita (Henry) Burns, sons: Kenneth Michael (Marlene) Hamilton, James Lewis (Debra) Hamilton, brothers: Kenneth E. (Wilma) Mims, Phillip O. (Charlene) Mims, grandchildren: Amanda Morgan, Courtney (Josh) Gulley, Julie Hamilton, Brad Hamilton, Allyson Cofield, Anthony Hamilton, Ronnie and John Cruz, great grandchildren: Ashlyn, Ayden and Zander McAbee, Ian and Isaac Gulley, Owen and Adeline Hamilton, Bethany and Colyn Cofield. Visitation will be on Monday September 25, 2017 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home.

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PETITION FOR THE INCOPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BERLIN, ALABAMA

TIMELINE

1st PETITION	**Filed**	**7-07-2017**
1ST PETITON	**Made Court Record**	**7-10-2017**

Petition signed and submitted by Patrick E. Bates through legal counsel, Heath E. Meherg.

The first petition filed was non-compliant. Requirements could not be clearly determined by Alabama Code § 11-41-1 (1975).

Three Requirements ----- Alabama Code § 11-41-1

1. Petition must be signed by not less than 15% of the qualified electors residing within the limits of the proposed municipality.
   NOTE: Signers must each be qualified electors and must reside within the proposed boundaries of the proposed municipality.
2. Person, firms or corporations owning at least 60% of the acreage of the proposed municipality must have signed the petition.
   NOTE: This group of signers is not required to be qualified electors. In fact, they are not even required to be individual land owners. This group can be made up of individuals or corporations in order to meet the 60% threshold. Additionally, there is no residency requirement for this provision. The only test for this category is property ownership.
3. Each of the quarter of each quarter section must have at least four (4) qualified electors.
   NOTE: These four (4) qualified electors must reside on the property within the proposed municipality and must have signed the petition.

Motion to Withdraw Petition for the Incorporation of the Town of Berlin, Alabama, filed and granted by the Probate Court the 21st day of August, 2017.

2nd PETITION	**Filed**	**8-21-17**
2nd PETTION	**Made Court Record**	**8-21-17**

Petition signed and submitted by Patrick E. Bates through legal counsel, Heath E. Meherg.

Probate Office published one (1) time the: ***NOTICE OF FILING of Petition for the Incorporation of the Town of Berlin, Alabama***/Proof of Publication 9-3-2017 (Within forty-five (45) days of this filing (on or before Thursday, October 5, 2017), the Judge of Probate shall determine whether or not this petition meets each of the requirements. Should the Judge of Probate determine that the petition meets each of the enumerated requirements of Alabama Code § 11-41-1 (1975), further notice shall be given for the filing of any objections.

The second (2nd) petition is compliant the each of the enumerated requirements of Alabama Code § 11-41-1 (1975), therefore;

Probate Office will publish for three (3) successive weeks the: ***NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE of Petition for the Incorporation of the Town of Berlin, Alabama***. All interested parties shall have until November 14, 2017, to file a written objection to the said "PETITION" with the Office of Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Any objection being filed shall state with specificity the basis for the objection, and a copy of said objection shall be served upon the Petitioner in accordance with the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure.

For any questions please contact the Probate Office 256-775-4652

TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate

CULLMAN COUNTY FAIR

Can you handle them? Rating this year's fair rides for thrill-seekers

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – The Cullman County Fair opened its gates Thursday night and, as usual, there are several fun rides for guests to enjoy, ranging from traditional bumper cars for kids to terrifying thrill rides like The Zipper and The Kamikaze.

For this year's festivities, local Cullman High School alumnus Connor Milligan acted as The Tribune's ratings specialist, testing each ride and reporting back with his ratings, 1-5 in the categories of fear, thrills and sickness.

The first ride on the list was The Genesis. Milligan came off of the ride really enjoying it and with a mostly accurate prediction of what his final ratings would be. He rated the fear level at a 2, the thrill level at 3, but found the sickness level higher than he predicted, at a strong 5.

Next up was the high-speed spinning attraction, The Starship. Milligan left the spinner with an adamant 5 on both fear and sickness and a 4 on the thrill scale. It's safe to say The Starship is one of the more intense experiences at this year's fair.

He hit The Kamikaze next, and it exceeded all of Milligan's predictions. After experiencing the high-speed drops and flips, Milligan came away with a 3 on the thrill scale and 5s in both the fear and sickness categories. The Kamikaze is not for the faint of heart and promises another intense experience.

The next stop was The Star Flyer. The high-altitude swings look mundane from the ground but Milligan found it was a bit more than he expected. After predicting a 1 in the sickness column, he walked away with a 5 on the sickness meter. "You spin around a whole lot up there," Milligan said. He also gave both the fear and thrill categories a solid 4.

Nearing the end of the attraction tour, Milligan got in line for The Zipper. Milligan predicted a full score across the board with 5s in fear and thrill and even pushed the boundaries in the sickness column asking if he could predict a 6.



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Coming off the ride, he felt he nailed his predictions, even sticking with his 6 rating on sickness. "I nailed it. 6 on the sickness factor, 5 on fear and 5 on thrill." Milligan said. "This one is pretty intense!".

The last stop on the tour of this year's main attractions was The OMG. This ride swings its passengers back and forth with maximum momentum, to really move riders' stomachs. Milligan proclaimed The OMG his favorite, siting the excellent ratio of fear and thrills compared to sickness. Milligan placed a 4 in both the fear and thrill slots and just a 2 in the sickness area. "It was great, that's my favorite one so far," Milligan said. "It was a great fear to sickness ratio."

After completing his circuit of thrilling rides, Milligan said his is confident that this year's Cullman County Fair has a ride for everyone who enjoys stomach turners, high-speed thrillers or terrifying heights and flips.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This year's Veterans Day celebration is for our Vietnam veterans

Col. Ken Brown
Contributor

This year, the Cullman Elks Lodge will host a community-wide celebration of Veterans Day at Cullman Airport all day, Saturday, Nov. 4. The focus this year will be on honoring our Vietnam veterans. It will include helicopter rides over Cullman, provided by the Army Aviation Heritage folks from Ozark, Alabama.

The Huey was the workhorse of the Vietnam War and carried 10 troops into combat at a time.

It will be flying 10 riders on each flight from the airport on Nov. 4. Children must be 5 years of age or older and must be accompanied by an adult. Cost per ride is $75.

The Cobra is a gunship and it provided escort for the Hueys in Vietnam and also supported ground troops in contact. Each flight only carries one rider and these flights are fast and maneuverable. Adults 18 and older only. The cost of this ride is $325 due to the increased cost of parts and maintenance on this aircraft.

It is important that all Vietnam veterans in our county hear about this daylong event and have an opportunity to fly a ride. Family, neighbors and friends are encouraged to spread the word to all county veterans. Details on all the day's activities may be found at www.cullmanveteransday.com.

You or your company might also like to sponsor a ride for a Vietnam veteran, or you may wish to buy one for a worthy employee of the year or as a birthday or anniversary gift for a loved one or friend.

These helicopters have been in Cullman in the past and have drawn big crowds and long lines. You can avoid waiting in line by purchasing advanced tickets during the Cullman County Fair at the Elks fair booth.

If you have questions, call Vietnam veteran Col. Ken Brown at 256-507-1121.



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Britton (from Front)

worked the sidelines behind their father as ball boys and water girls until the day that they would take the field themselves as players, athletic trainers and even coaches.

During his time at CHS, Britton has never had a losing season - with a current career accumulation of 149 wins and a CHS head-coaching record of 132 wins and 62 losses - Mark Britton has surpassed Coach Oliver Woodard's previous record of 106-40-6. Under the mentorship of coaches like Andy Page (city councilman), Dale Cook and Woodard, Britton continued the legacy of Cullman High School football. As a head coach, Britton has led his teams to playoff appearances in 17 out of 20 years.

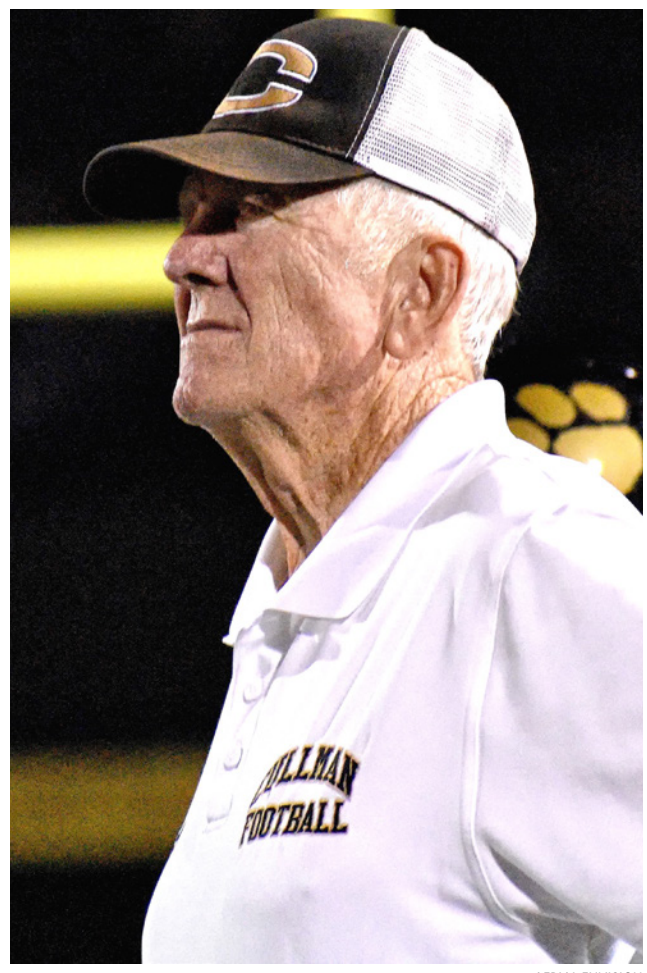
Spencer Region (All-American) went on to play for the Clemson Tigers after playing for Britton and the Bearcats. Tyler Caldwell (All-American), one of Britton's finest, still holds the all-time record in the state of Alabama for most passing yards in a single season (4,132), most passing attempts in a season (530), most passes completed in a game (42), and most passes completed in a season (319). Zac Tubbs was selected to the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game and later went on to play for the Arkansas Razorbacks where he was named All-SEC. First Team All-State players such as Tubbs, John Nyquist, Jonathan Mason, Justin Britt, Ben Moore, Andrew Winfrey, Caldwell, Michael Timmons, Charlie Sanford, Gavin Ellis, Drew Forrest, Trey Moon, Justin Patterson and Owen Lovell are Britton standouts, earning honors in high school and many at the collegiate level as well. Most recently, after completing last season with the Bearcats, Hunter Brannon was honored to play offensive line in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game and now continues his football career at the University of Alabama.

Britton has been inducted into the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame and received an invitation to coach in the AHSAA North-South All-Star Football game.

Britton has worked with six principals and eight superintendents in the Cullman City School system. Through these partnerships and under their joint leadership, the community has seen the renovations of Oliver Woodard Stadium and the construction of a new athletic gym which includes state-of-the-art weight rooms for all CHS student athletes, along with new locker room facilities for football, track, cheer, cross country and volleyball. In 2007, Britton accompanied a team of community leaders to investigate the feasibility of installing a multi-use turf field at Oliver Woodard Stadium. Since 2008, football, cheer, soccer, cross country, track and field, band exhibitions, youth league football and the 1A-3A State Track meet have all called Oliver Woodard Stadium "home turf."

On a personal level, Britton coached many community leaders. Among the ranks of individuals arising from Britton's athletic programs are community leaders such as coaches Bowen and Patterson, Hank Apel (Apel Steel), Garlan Gudger (city council president), Rev. John Richter, CCS CTE/Tech Coordinator Josh Swindall, CHS administrators Jake Johnson, Aaron Sparks and Mark Stephens, and CCS School Board members Lee Powell and Chris Branham. Coach Jonathan Romine joined the coaching staff during Britton's first year as head coach and has been a part of the team's success for the past 17 years. Many of the coaches and teachers on staff in the school system today are former students and players of Britton's.

Britton and the Bearcats stood together with Winfrey and family in 2013 as they fought together to support Winfrey's recovery efforts following his car accident. Britton's Bearcats responded to the call for help during a time of need at the Cullman Memory Gardens and again when the devastating tornadoes of 2011 ripped through Cullman County.



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