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22nd annual Sweet Tater Festival brings crowds to Smith Lake Park



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Tony Leonardi, former organizer of the Sweet Tater Festival, stands by his truck, a staple of the festival, during the 22nd annual Sweet Tater Festival at Smith Lake Park.

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W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Toddler recovering following dog attack in Fairview

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CULLMAN – A dog, described as a "bulldog mix," attacked a 3-year-old girl at a home in Fairview Sunday. The girl was transported by an Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter to a hospital in Birmingham, where she underwent surgery.

The toddler's mother, Destiny Waldrop, told The Tribune Sunday night, "She is out of surgery and she is OK. We are still asking for prayers as she recovers."

The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) said the girl and a parent were at a friend's house Sunday when the attack occurred. The dog allegedly attacked the homeowner and the 3-year-old at approximately 1 p.m.

The CCSO said no arrests were made at the scene, but Cullman County Animal Control (CCAC) is investigating.

The Tribune spoke with the director of CCAC, Tim McKoy, Sunday evening and he stated, "The child, accompanied by a guardian, was attacked by a bulldog mix. The dog was confined in a fenced-in backyard as required by law. The dog is currently in quarantine at a local vet office. No laws were violated in this unfortunate incident."

The cause of the bite is unknown and McKoy emphasized, "Any dog of any breed will bite."

CCAC Sgt. Chris Westmoreland added, "The child was with a family friend when the attack oc-

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IGNITING HOPE

Local ministries, leaders coming together to mark Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

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CULLMAN – September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; Monday, Sept. 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day; and Sept. 10-16 is National Suicide Prevention Week. Hanceville-based Cook Ministries and Preventive Action of Cullman (PAC), along with Melita-Kingdom Cove and W.A.R. Recovery of Piedmont are coming together in the days between now and then to promote awareness in the Cullman area.

Schedule of events

• Wednesday, Sept. 5 - Suicide attempt survivor, speaker and founder of the online support group "Suicide Prevention and God's Helpers" Korey Burris will be speaking at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 2830 County Road 216 in Hanceville at 6 p.m.

• Thursday Sept 6 - Burris and Karen Cook of Cook Ministries will be on Birmingham's WDJC 93.7 FM at 7 a.m.

• On Thursday evening, Burris will be with Daryl "Big D" Nethery on LIVE 95.5 FM in Cullman at 6:30 p.m.

• Friday, Sept. 7 - Ministry representatives will be at the Cullman County Courthouse starting at 9 a.m. The Leadership Prayer event will be at 6 p.m.

• Saturday, Sept. 8 - Burris will speak at the Celebrate Recovery meeting at New Liberty Tabernacle of Praise in Gadsden at 6:15 p.m.

• Sunday, Sept. 9 - Burris will speak at Hanceville Assembly of God, 402 Shady Lane Dr. SW. The service starts at 10 a.m. Burris scheduled to speak around 11:30.

• On Monday, Sept. 10, World Suicide Prevention Day, Cook Ministries encourages people to light a candle in a window in their homes to remember those lost to suicide and honor their loved ones who lived through the loss.

Awareness day at Cullman County Courthouse

According to a notice posted online by Cook:

"We will be set up inside Cullman County Courthouse at 9 a.m. passing out pamphlets, talking to people, maybe doing some Facebook live videos until they close at 4:30 - just hanging out, meeting folks and talking to whoever the Lord puts in our path that day and then that evening we will set up on the outside front steps of the courthouse for LEADERSHIP PRAYER event to start at 6 p.m."

Speakers scheduled for the event include Cook, Burris, Justin Lynch of PAC and Church 212, and motivational speaker/author Cliff Powell.

Numerous officials and local leaders are expected to attend the prayer service as duties allow, along with representatives of various organizations, including:

• Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry

• Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick

• Pastor and 2018 gubernatorial candidate James Fields

• Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail

• Cullman County Commissioner Garry Marchman

• Cullman County EMA Director Phyllis Little

• Cullman County Community Development Commissioner Josh Speakman

• Albert Pugh of The Foundry

• Dr. Howard Rodgers of The Delta Center

• TeeJay Wilson of Fresh Start Recovery

• Tommie Sanders of WellStone/Cullman Area Mental Health Authority

• Bethlehem United Methodist Church Pastor Dan Cobb

• Oktoberfest's Col. Johann Cullmann

• Saving Forgotten Warriors

• Victim Services of Cullman

Cook wrote, "So we have lots of things going on this coming week - we sure hope you can come out and meet Korey, welcome him to Alabama and let's see what we can do to help someone struggling! See you there!!"

A move in the right direction

The last two decades have seen a roughly 25 percent increase in death by suicide across the U.S. After a marked rise in incidents last year in Cullman County, numerous local churches, civic groups and others began forming support groups and holding awareness events across the county.

At an awareness event last fall, Karma in Cullman Founder Rachel Bryant recalled seeing the pain in her own child's eyes after the loss of a friend, and told The Tribune, "I can't take that away, but maybe we can stop it from happening again.

"That's when I decided that we had to do something; we had to take a stand. At the time, even if I had to take a stand alone, I was going to do it. I realized I wasn't going to stand alone.

"There's a lot of people who were prepared to stand with me."

Although even one loss is too many, the situation in Cullman County seems to be improving, with the current number of deaths by suicide at just over one third of the level at this time last year.

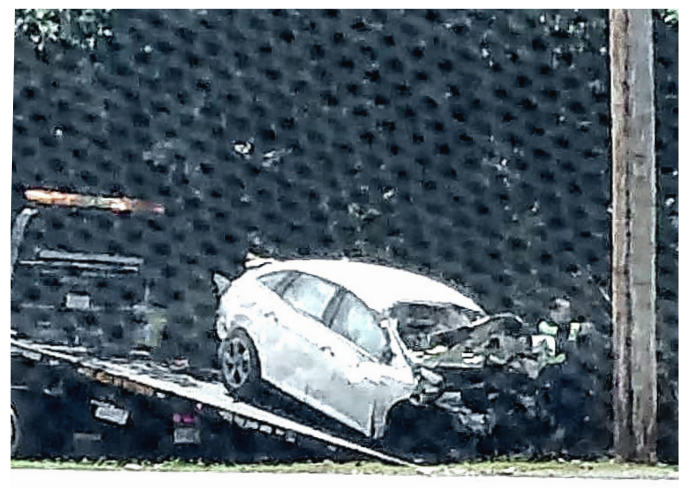
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Learn more about the warning signs of self-harm from Suicide Awareness Voices of Education (SAVE) at https://save.org/about-suicide/warning-signs-risk-factors-protective-factors/.

If someone

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Pursuit ends in crash in Hanceville



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CULLMAN – A suspect being pursued by the Falkville Police crashed on U.S. Highway 31 in Hanceville Monday morning, according to Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper.

"There was a car crash in Falkville, and something from that led to a chase. They came through the middle of town on Highway 31," said Culpepper.

"Our units became involved," he continued. "We didn't know til they were already in town, so we weren't able to get in front."

The chase ended in Hanceville, where the vehicle wrecked.

Culpepper said the driver was injured and was being airlifted out.

The incident happened around 10:45 a.m.

Alabama State Troopers were also involved in the pursuit.

Festival (from Front)

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CULLMAN – Hundreds of festival goers came out to Smith Lake Park for the 22nd annual Sweet Tater Festival Sunday and Monday. The festival featured live music, arts and crafts, all kinds of vendors, a car show and, of course, sweet potatoes.

Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport said this year's festival could be record-setting.

"I don't know what the numbers look like today, but I know from the looks of the traffic we're probably going to set a record for the most amount coming to the park for this," said Davenport on Monday. "I think this has been the warmest one we've had since I've been in involved the last five years. It's been the most perfect weather; this year we couldn't ask for better weather.

Davenport said the event brings in vendors from outside the state, in addition to being a great activity for locals.

"We've had a lot of vendors here; we've even got them from out of state," Davenport said. "So, it's a huge economic impact for the county, not only something fun for the local people to come out and do."

Sunday's portion of the festival was also a big success, according to Davenport.

"We had a full day of entertainment yesterday; we had something new we tried yesterday, and it went over really well. It was the sweet potato dig," said Davenport. "We buried some sweet potatoes here in a big container with pine straw and participants had to run and get a potato and put it in a sack. They did that until the first one to get six potatoes. That went over huge. Then we did a water balloon toss which ended up turning into a water balloon battle."

The festival has been going on for many years, but it didn't start at Smith Lake Park, said Davenport.

"It actually started at Dowling School after the school burned down. It didn't have anything to do with the county or the state or anything, it was just local people," Davenport said.

"Then, as the years went on, they just couldn't keep up with the hours or getting the volunteers and so when I went to them about just moving it to the park five years ago, Tony Leonardi was over it at that time, and he said, 'It's a blessing; we've been praying somebody would step up and you called us,' so that's how we ended up moving it here. Space was limited because I think they only had like 8 acres out there and it was really dangerous with parking on the side of the road. We changed it up a little bit. Their admission used to be $3 per day and we changed it to $5 for both days and different entertainment on both days."

Leonardi and his wife were at the festival, which he ran for many years, enjoying the car show.

"It goes back many, many years. There was a committee that got involved and one way to raise money to cut the grass and keep the park up was to have a festival," said Leonardi "One guy said sweet potatoes and that's where we got sweet potatoes from, because it was the season for them. In fact, they just started coming in."

Leonardi has been involved with the festival for 20 years.

"We moved to Crane Hill 20 years ago and I guess we've been to every one ever since. I was in charge for eight years for sure," Leonardi said.

"What happened was, I asked them if I could sell watermelons there and they hemmed and hawed about it because they wanted to control all the vending and all the money to raise to do the park and I told them, 'I'll give you the money and let me sell the watermelons for you,' and so they did," Leonardi continued.

"Then a couple of years later, it was just going down and down and down and I stepped in and helped the president of the park to organize the festival for the coming years.

"Then he stepped down and there I was. I just took over and we had 8 acres to play with and then we outgrew that because it was really a safety issue with having cars and parking and people and then somebody came up with this idea (of moving the festival to Smith Lake Park), and I said sure."

The festival has continued to thrive since moving to Smith Lake Park, said Leonardi.

"Ever since we've moved it here, it's always been a great, great event," Leonardi said. "I used to take three months out of the year just doing the Sweet Potato Fest, and now I'm a participant and it's really great.

"It's a great satisfaction to see all these people enjoying themselves and how it's grown since I had control over it. The other thing is I turned 70 and I guess that was a good time to turn it in."

According to Leonardi, one quality of the festival has stayed the same over the years.

"Sweet potatoes are still good; we got ourselves four bags of them," he smiled. "It was fun doing the Sweet Potato Fest because you met a lot of people in the city and you really got to know them and they got to know me some, too."

Garland and Debra Durbin came to the festival as vendors from out of state but also camped at the campground during the event.

"We're just selling the whirligigs, enjoying the scenery, and listening to music," said Garland Durbin. "We're from San Antonio, Texas. There's a lot of people out here having a good time."

The Durbins also appreciated the hospitality from other campers.

"We like it over there nice and shady, people are nice," Garland Durbin said.

"People keep trying to feed us," Debra Durbin interjected jokingly.

"They keep trying to give us food. I was just telling her I'd like to go down to the lake before it's over with," said Mr. Durbin.



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Competitors participate in the kids portion of the Bojangles Sweet Potato Pie Eating Contest during the 22nd annual Sweet Tater Festival at Smith Lake Park.



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Attendees of the 22nd annual Sweet Tater Festival check out the car show portion of the event at Smith Lake Park.



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Campers ride by in a golf cart, prepared for the golf cart parade, during the 22nd annual Sweet Tater Festival at Smith Lake Park.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: Monday, September 17, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.
Sale Location: Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Writ of Execution Parties: Premier Bank of the South
vs.
Charles Quick
3211 County Road 702
Hanceville, Alabama 35077

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Charles Quick, in the real property, described as follows:

Approximately 9.4 acres – SW ¼ SE ¼ lying W of County Road No. 518.
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THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Charles Quick, in and to the above-described property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 14th day of August, 2018.

BY: Matt Gentry, Sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

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POLITICS

Cullman GOP welcomes McCool, Kilpatrick

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Republicans' monthly meeting was Saturday morning at the Cullman Elks Lodge. The members met for breakfast and to hear guest speaker, Chris McCool.

McCool currently serves as district attorney for the 24th Judicial Circuit, covering Fayette, Lamar and Pickens Counties. He has held that position since 2001. McCool is running unopposed for Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2. In 2007, VOCAL (Victims of Crime and Leniency) named McCool "Prosecutor of the Year."

McCool lives in Gordo, Alabama with his wife, Sherri, where he also manages the family's farm. McCool is pastor of Zion Primitive Baptist Church. His four children and one son-in-law are also members of the church.

McCool began by thanking Cullman County for its support in the July Republican runoff against Rich Anderson in which McCool garnered 56 percent of the overall vote but received 62 percent of the vote in Cullman County. Though he is unopposed in the November general election, McCool said hel continues to travel throughout the district speaking to as many of his constituents as possible.

As he spoke Saturday morning, McCool used the Bible's story of David and Goliath to explain how Republicans should prepare for the upcoming general election.

He said, "David did not become a giant killer overnight. He worked hard. We can't wait until the day before the election and hope to win. We have to prepare."

McCool continued, "David was given armor, a helmet and a sword. This was not what he knew, and those things made him uncomfortable. He stayed with what he knew: a sling and a stone.

"In order to beat the giant, he stuck with what he knew. It's important for candidates to do like David. Go with what you know. Always be yourself regardless of what outsiders say you need to do to win elections."

He closed by reminding everyone, "It's OK to look at the past, but it's not OK to live in it. Living in the past and not working for the future can cause one to become complacent, discouraged and to lose elections."





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Jeremy Kilpatrick, left, and Chris McCool, right

Cullman County Republican Party Chairman, Kelly Duke, reminded everyone before adjourning the meeting that while most candidates in Cullman County are running unopposed, one race is not.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick will face former coroner Gary Murphree in the November general election.

Kilpatrick has been the coroner of Cullman County for three years. He has worked in emergency medical services for 13 years and served in the Army for 12 years, seven of those as an MP (military police). Kilpatrick is also a member of the Battleground Volunteer Fire Department as well as the Alabama Coroners Association.

Kilpatrick said of his work as coroner, "I have a proactive approach to my job. Suicide prevention is a priority and it's important that we make improvements in the area of mental health. Overdoses, suicides and traffic fatalities are the leading causes of unnatural deaths in Cullman and all three are preventable."

He added, "I have a great working relationship with all the different agencies. I also give the same amount of respect and care to everyone. I care about everyone."

The next monthly meeting of the Cullman County Republicans will be Oct. 6 at 7:30 a.m. at the Cullman Elks Lodge. Candidate for Alabama lieutenant governor, Will Ainsworth, is expected to be the guest speaker.

Hope (from Front)

you care about seems to be showing warning signs, especially when other risk factors exist, there are things you can do. They may well need help, but they often need someone else to point them in the right direction.

Below is a five-step response from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP).

• Speak to the person privately. Don't embarrass them.

• Start the conversation. Ask questions like: How are you doing? You haven't seemed yourself lately. Is everything okay? Is anything bothering you?

• Listen to what they have to say, and express concern and caring.

• Ask if they are having thoughts of ending their life.

• Encourage them to seek mental health services.

If you think the person is in danger, take them seriously and let them know you do. Encourage them to get professional help. Help them remove lethal means from ready access and be prepared to take them to an emergency room or counselor.

Be a friend and stand by them; please don't wish them the best and go on your way. In that moment, you may be the best hope they have; don't leave. Don't hesitate to call 911 if you feel the danger is immediate.

Resources

Call:

• National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

• Local - 256-734-4688 during the day, 256-737-2000 after hours

• The Link of Cullman County (for faith-based help) - 256-775-0028

• En Español - 1-800-628-9454

• Veterans - 1-800-273-8255, press 1

• LGBTQ - 1-866-488-7386

Text:

• Crisis Text Line - text HELLO or START to 741-741

• Deaf or hearing impaired - text to 1-800-273-8255

• Veterans - text to 838255

Online:

• American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) - https://afsp.org

• Suicide Awareness Voices of Education (SAVE) - http://www.save.org

Longer-term care and counseling in the Cullman area:

• Wellstone Behavioral Health - 256-533-1970, https://www.wellstone.com/

• Pathways Professional Counseling (faith-based) - 1-866-991-6864 or 256-737-9918, www.pathwaysprofessional.org

• New Beginnings Counseling - 256-739-1455, www.newbeginningscullman.com

These are fee-based services, insurance not required.

For more on Korey Burris and his work, visit Suicide Prevention and God's Helpers on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/122434621688015.

For more on Preventive Action of Cullman, see our story www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/03/16/preventive-action-cullman-increasing-awareness-mental-health-issues-resources and visit www.facebook.com/CullmanIntervention.

For more on Cook Ministries, visit www.facebook.com/CookMinistries/.

For more on Friday's event at the Courthouse, visit www.facebook.com/events/753771405012220.



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Attack (from Front)

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In this case, with no laws violated, the owner can choose.

According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), "If you were bitten by a cat, dog, or ferret that appeared healthy at the time you were bitten, it can be confined by its owner for 10 days and observed.

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PREP FOOTBALL

PREP FOOTBALL WRAP-UP: week 1

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CULLMAN COUNTY – Another week of high school football is in the books and last Friday featured a few dramatic finishes and a couple disappointing ones from local teams.

(2-0) West Point 27 – (0-2) Arab 26

The visiting Arab Knights (Class 5A, Region 8) got out to a big lead early over West Point (Class 5A, Region 7) last week but the Warriors kept their composure and came all the way back to win it in the final minute of play. West Point scored 19 unanswered points in the second half including a touchdown from senior running back Hunter Persall with 51 seconds remaining. Persall's third touchdown of the evening, followed by a successful 2-point conversion, completed the comeback for West Point and ended the game at 27-26 in favor of the Warriors. Region play begins this Friday for West Point, and Warriors will start by hosting the Hamilton Aggies (Class 5A, Region 7). The Warriors defeated Hamilton last season 23-13, so the Aggies will be hungry for a win this time around.

(1-1) Cullman 16 – (1-1) Mortimer Jordan 18

Despite two big touchdown passes from sophomore quarterback Max Dueland to senior running back Ezra Burks, a late field goal from the Blue Devils (Class 5A, Region 5) gave them an 18-16 road win over the Bearcats (Class 6A, Region 7). Cullman's defense also picked up two points on a safety just before the half to take a 9-7 and on the Bearcats' next possession, Dueland connected with Burks for their second score and a 16-7 lead at the half. The second half belonged to the Blue Devils. They started the third quarter with a long touchdown drive that cut the lead to 16-15, but the Bearcats offense wasn't able to put any more points on the board, setting up the game-winning field goal late in the final frame. This young Cullman squad will have to put this one behind it and refocus for the start of region play, beginning with a road trip to face (1-1) Decatur (Class 6A, Region 7) this Friday night.

(2-0) Cold Springs 27 – (0-2) Berry 20

Just two weeks into the 2018 season, the Cold Springs Eagles (Class 2A, Region 5) have already surpassed their win total from a season ago and don't plan on stopping any time soon. After defeating Meek in week zero, the Eagles stayed in the win column with their win over Berry (Class 1A, Region 6) last Friday thanks in large part to three touchdowns from senior running back Calvin McNabb. Sophomore quarterback Brodi Williams connected with sophomore receiver Roberto Ayala for a score as well. The Eagles will try to stay hot as they open up region play this week with a road trip to Southeastern.

(0-1) Vinemont 28 – (2-0) Falkville 32

The regular season kicked off for Vinemont (Class 3A, Region 5) last week and after picking up a win in their jamboree game a couple weeks ago, the Eagles dropped a tight matchup with Falkville (Class 1A, Region 7). Vinemont led the way at the half 12-11, but the Blue Devils put together a big third quarter, scoring three times and taking a 32-12 lead into the fourth. The Eagles weren't out of it yet. A touchdown pass from junior quarterback Jack Hill early in the fourth quarter cut into the lead and on the next possession, senior running back Dustin Moore scored from 10 yards out to make it a four-point game.

The Vinemont defense came up with another stop, but the offense couldn't convert on fourth down and the Eagles dropped their home opener 32-28. The Eagles' tenacity in the fourth quarter bodes well for head coach Stephen Robinson's team and they should be able to build off of the hard-fought loss going forward. (2-0) Westbrook Christian (Class 2A, Region 6) is coming to town this week and the Eagles will definitely be looking to bounce back and get that first win on Friday.

(2-0) Holly Pond 36 – (0-1) Ider 13

The Broncos (Class 3A, Region 5) had to face a long road trip last week but that didn't seem to affect them once the game kicked off. Holly Pond got out in front of the Hornets 14-0 by the end of the first quarter. Ider (Class 2A, Region 8) managed to find the end zone twice in the second quarter, but Broncos quarterback Kyler Chaney scored his second touchdown of the night in the quarter as well, giving Holly Pond a 20-13 lead at the break.

The Broncos' defense held Ider scoreless for the entire second half and another rushing touchdown from Chaney, along with one from freshman running back Tyler Simmons, allowed Holly Pond to cruise to a 36-13 win on the road. Midfield (Class 3A, Region 5) is making the trip to Holly Pond this week for the start of region play and after two impressive wins to start the season, the Broncos are ready to start collecting wins in Region 5.

(1-1) Meek 14 – (1-1) Winston County 13

Friday night's game with Winston County (Class 2A, Region 5) literally came down to the last second for Meek (Class 1A, Region 6). The Yellow Jackets scored on the goal line as time expired in the fourth quarter and decided to go for two points and the win rather than play for overtime.

The Tigers' defense had other plans and stripped the ball from the Yellow Jackets before they could cross the goal line, giving Meek a 14-13 victory in dramatic fashion. Both offenses struggled for large stretches of the game, and until the final moments of the fourth quarter, Winston County's only score had come from a kickoff return in the first half. Senior running back Gabe Jones carried the load for the Tigers on offense, racking up 220 yards on 29 carries and scoring the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter. Jones' yardage accounted for over two-thirds of the Tigers' total offense. Meek will need Jones to play big again this week as they open up region play on the road against South Lamar.

(1-1) Addison 20 – (1-0) Piedmont 32

The Bulldogs of Addison (Class 2A, Region 7) dropped their first game of the season in their home opener last week in a tough matchup with the Piedmont Bulldogs (Class 3A, Region 6). It was a very tight first half for both squads and senior quarterback Zayne Guthrie was the first to get on the board for Addison with a fourth-down touchdown run. Grant Rice added another touchdown run for Addison in the second quarter, and after a quick answer from Piedmont, sophomore running back Weston Smith made it 20-8 with another touchdown run. Unfortunately for Addison, the lead wouldn't hold for long. Piedmont scored twice before the half to erase the Addison lead and tie it up at 20 going into the break. Addison was held scoreless in the second half and Piedmont was able to pull away and win it 32-20. Addison will have to shake this one off and refocus for a tough road game this week against Winston County (Class 2A, Region 5).

(1-1) Fairview 32 – (1-1) Hanceville 22

This matchup between local teams was close for all four quarters, but it was the home-standing Fairview Aggies (Class 4A, Region 7) that were able to hold off Hanceville (Class 3A, Region 5) and pick up their first win of the year. The first half ended with the Bulldogs on top 8-6, but there was a lot of scoring still to come in the second half. Junior running back Tyvn Ellis put the Aggies up 12-8 with a 16-yard touchdown to start the second half, but Hanceville quickly reclaimed the lead with a touchdown return from sophomore Allen Huckaby on the ensuing kickoff. A touchdown pass from Aggies' quarterback Dayne Black put Fairview back on top heading into the fourth quarter. Black added another touchdown on the ground to go up 26-14, but the Bulldogs quickly cut into the lead with a touchdown run from senior running back RJ Evans. Fairview killed a lot of clock on its next possession and Black capped it off with his third touchdown of the night to seal the win, 32-22. The Aggies will look to build some momentum from this win going forward as they prepare to host a region foe, the D.A.R Patriots. Fairview dropped 62 points on the Patriots the last time they played in 2011, so the Patriots will certainly be ready to play when they arrive at Dafford Smith Stadium Friday night. Hanceville will also be preparing for region play this week and will take on J.B. Pennington at home. The Tigers mauled Hanceville 42-0 last season, so the Bulldogs will be anxious to get revenge on Friday and pick up a big region win.

(2-0) Good Hope 47 – (0-1) Priceville 14

After starting their season on the road last week and coming away with a 20-12 over Carbon Hill, the Raiders (Class 4A, Region 5) had to travel again this week, but this time they could relax at halftime. Good Hope got off to a slow start in its season opener, but last week against the Bulldogs, (Class 4A, Region 7) Good Hope jumped out to a 28-7 lead in the first half. Three of those scores came from senior running back Matt Dixon.

The Raiders allowed one more Priceville touchdown in the second half but added three more scores of their own to complete a 47-14 rout of the Bulldogs. Quarterback Bailey Quick, along with Colton and Preston Bagwell, each found the end zone for the Raiders as well. Good Hope finally gets to come home this Friday and they'll open up region play against Cordova. Good Hope High School will also be hosting the class of 1978's 40th reunion during the game and the celebration will continue at 9 p.m. at The Cotton Gin Seafood Joint in Good Hope.



YOUTH FOOTBALL

Week 2 scoring roundup

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CULLMAN – Week two of Cullman County youth football is in the books. Here's how the games played out.

Good Hope Raiders 12, Vinemont 6 (Fireplugs)
In the fireplugs' matchup between Good Hope and Vinemont, the Raiders held a 12-0 lead and had to hold off a late rally by the Eagles to take home the win in a defensive battle.

Vinemont 16, Good Hope Raiders 6 (Wee-Wee)
The Raiders held a 6-0 lead at the half in a low-scoring first half, but the second half belonged to the Eagles as they scored the final 16 points of the game to win the second game of the day.

Good Hope Raiders 14, Vinemont 0 (Pee-Wee)
Good Hope put up a touchdown in each of the first two quarters and the defense completely shut down Vinemont for the whole game as the Eagles finished 2-1 on the day.

Good Hope Outlaws 38, Cullman Cyclones 0 (Fireplugs)
Good Hope's fireplug squad dominated from start to finish in its shutout victory over the Bearcats.

Cullman Cyclones 6, Good Hope Outlaws 0 (OT) (Wee-Wee)
It took overtime to decide a winner in the wee-wee matchup, and the Cyclones put up the only touchdown of the game, going on to win in a low-scoring affair.

Cullman Cyclones 34, Good Hope Outlaws 14 (Pee-Wee)
The Cyclones finished 2-1 on the day after their dominating win over the Outlaws in the pee-wee game.

West Point 40, Fairview 22 (Fireplugs)
West Point lit up the scoreboard in its win over Fairview in the fireplug game.

West Point 24, Fairview 20 (Wee-Wee)
West Point made it 2-0 on the day after its close victory over the Aggies in the wee-wee game.

West Point 30, Fairview 0 (Pee-Wee)
The Warriors made it a clean sweep over Fairview in a dominating performance.

Holly Pond 20, Cullman Bearcats 14 (Fireplugs)
Holly Pond's fireplug squad took the first game of the day over the Bearcats in a closely contested game.

Cullman Bearcats 46, Holly Pond 0 (Wee-Wee)
Cullman dominated from start to finish in its shutout victory over the Broncos.

Cullman Bearcats 38, Holly Pond 20 (Pee-Wee)
The Bearcats' pee-wee squad wound up taking the final game of the night over the Broncos.



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EDUCATION / ARTS

Ty Parker talks about move to Arab

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ARAB – Over the Labor Day weekend, The Tribune caught up with former West Point and Good Hope director of bands and many other creative things, Ty Parker, who is now band director for Arab High School. Though he commutes across the county line to work now, he is still very much a Cullman County man.

In email correspondence, Parker talked about growing up in Vinemont and getting into music:

"Cullman County will always hold a special place in my heart. For those who do not know, I was born and raised in Vinemont and attended Vinemont School for 13 years. I have to say that band literally saved my life! I was bullied everyday of middle school and some during my freshman and sophomore years for being short, chubby, and for being a musician.

"Funny fact, I almost destroyed the arches in my feet after years of putting socks in my shoes to be taller in middle school. I had to overcome this foot problem when I began pursuing my passion for long distance running and later completing an Iron Man race in 2015.

"Why do I say all of this? Band gave me hope. Music gave me a reason to live. Ironically, I never wanted to be a band director. I worked in a fan factory after graduating from Vinemont and would find myself designing halftime shows while listening to 106.9 the Eagle.

"The song 'Jumpin Jack Flash' by the Rolling Stones came on and I knew I just had to be a band director.

"The past eight years working for Cullman County has been an amazing time. By God's grace, I have witnessed two programs double in size, revived a theatre department, and started an in-school dance studio. My friends and colleagues would sometimes laugh at me and tell me I was taking on too many things at work. After long days at work I would sometimes ask myself the same thing. I always came to this conclusion: this is my ministry and I am here to serve the students at my school. If one more activity can give hope to just one more student, it is worth every minute of my day."

Parker had to pass along a word to his former students in the West Point High School marching band, which he watched march into the stands on the other side of the field last Friday evening: "Watching my West Point students perform last Friday night was so rewarding! Their show was fun, entertaining and performed very well. I would not expect anything less from them!"

Working in Arab

"Arab is now my new mission field," said Parker. "The community of Arab, just like the other two I have worked with, is an amazing place to be. I have tremendous parent support, support from my colleagues, support from the board, and excellent support from my superintendents."

What happened to "Dixie?"

At the beginning of the school year, the Arab school system announced that the high school's longtime tradition of playing "Dixie" as its unofficial team fight song was ending. Naturally, the announcement coinciding with the arrival of the new band director raised some eyebrows, but Parker shared:

"Several of my Cullman County friends have asked about the removal of 'Dixie' as our unofficial fight song at Arab. Mr. (John) Mullins, the superintendent, worded this explanation in a very positive way:

As superintendent, the decision to retire 'Dixie' fell upon me. Please know this difficult decision was not made lightly, arbitrarily, or unilaterally. During the decision making process, the viewpoints of numerous (current and former) school board members, administrators, band directors, and football coaches were heard. While traditions are important and change is difficult, the discontinuation of playing "Dixie" assures us that the controversy and negativity associated with the song cannot be unfairly transferred onto our school district and, more importantly, onto our students."

Still a fan of Cullman County

Said Parker, "With all of this said, I love Cullman County! The students I've had the honor of teaching in Cullman have changed my life for the good. I will always miss my colleagues and the principals I have worked for.

"To Billy Coleman, Craig Ross and Shane Barnette, I thank you for allowing me the time to serve Cullman County. To the students Jessica (Patterson) and I left behind, keep doing what you're doing.

"Always pursue excellence, always provide hope for someone, take up for the downtrodden, and never back down from the bullies in life. Instead, pray for them. As I have always said, hurting people hurt others.

"May this year for Cullman County schools be the best yet! P.S. someone keep an eye out for my mom. She still works in the central office. :)"



TY PARKER

Ty Parker with the Arab Knight, his new school's mascot.

Lions' Labor Day Extravaganza delights in Fairview

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FAIRVIEW – The Fairview Lions Club Labor Day Extravaganza was held Monday at the Randall Shedd Community Park in Fairview. The community came out to enjoy live music, a parade, a car show and more.

Lions Club member Harold Grimes served as grand marshal of the parade. A Lion for 20 years, Grimes said, "Some of the greatest folks in the entire country live here in Fairview. This town has the biggest heart. I have loved every minute of my time with the Lions Club. We do some really great things." Grimes is a lifelong resident of Fairview.

The streets were lined with families as the fire trucks, cheerleaders, football players and the Fairview Aggie Band passed the park.

After the parade, all attention shifted to the more than 45 classic and custom cars entered in the fourth annual Lions Club Car Show.

Lion William Criscoe said, "I think this is going to end up being our biggest year yet. We try to do things for the community to enjoy at least once a month. This is probably our biggest fundraiser and all the money is put back into the Fairview community. We are especially thankful to all the hard work of Deputy Jeff Lawson. He is such a great help and when we ask for help, he always comes."

Lawson also serves as Fairview's school resource officer.

Paul Casto, a proud Vietnam Veteran from Somerville, came to show his 76 El Camino.

He explained, "It's a rare car. It's number 64 of only 883 built. I go to shows every weekend."

Lyndall Carter, a Navy vet from Arab, entered his turquoise blue '55 Thunderbird.

"It has power steering, power windows and power seats. The car only has 13,000 miles on it."

Carter was there with his buddy Leonard Jolley, also a veteran from Arab.

Jolley explained, "We love the cruise-ins and shows. We've been to Arab, Cullman, Oneonta, Decatur and all over."

Jolley brought his '65 Mustang he had found in a scrap yard 40 years ago.

The kids were excited to see Smith the "Hot Wheels Guy" at the show. As Hot Wheels celebrates its 50th anniversary, Smith brought a van full of collectible and hard to find cars.

For those who might prefer classic farm equipment, Harold Culbreath was at the park with a few antique tractors including '48 and '49 Allis-Chalmers G tractors originally manufactured in Gadsden. He and his friends also had a 1927 Maytag washing machine motor and a 99-year-old farm engine. Both were running to demonstrate to the crowd all the moving parts.

Each vehicle registered paid a $15 fee. There were also raffles for a Pepsi clock, a new bicycle and a large rolling tool box and a 50/50 raffles.

Members of the Lions Club sold hamburgers, hotdogs and other concessions with all proceeds going to the Lions for community projects.

The winners of the 2018 Fairview Lions Club Labor Day Car Show were:

People's Choice Firetruck- 252 Fairview

- Lions' Choice Firetruck- Berlin Ladder 213
- Best Original Car- Mark Frazier
- Best Import- Ricky Greenwalt
- Best Bike- Ronnie Clemens
- Best Rat Rod- Vent Chambers
- Best New Vehicle- Steve Kimbrell
- Best of Show- Jim Nemeth
- Best Engine- Vickie Daley
- Best Interior- Blaine Chamber
- Best Paint- Jerry Gilbreath
- People's Choice Truck- Dale Spratlin
- People's Choice Car- Carlos Chambers
- The Fairview Lions Club has more events coming up soon. It will continue to host movies in the park with September's date still being decided. On Oct. 20 it hopes to show "Transylvania 3" for the movie in the park to coincide with the annual Fall Festival.

For more info on upcoming events visit the Fairview Lions Club on Facebook.



TY PARKER

Ty Parker with the Arab Knight, his new school's mascot.

LIFESTYLE

Meet the Golden Dixie Chicks

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Front left to right: Helen Cary, Valerie Cadle, Hazel Heinze, Becky Hudson; back row: Jeanette Buettner and Lois Dunkle; not pictured: Doris Dake

CULLMAN – Ms. Helen Cary of Cullman turned 77 on Aug. 27. Cary, who has recently undergone a hip surgery, just needed some girl time before undergoing a second surgery to repair her other hip. She planned a party at her home on Wednesday the 29th and as they always have, her dearest girlfriends came ready to laugh and have a good time. There was a special purpose of this party: the first official gathering of the Golden Dixie Chicks.

Imagine a little bit of Steel Magnolia, a dash of Ya-Ya Sisterhood and a smidge of Golden Girls and you have this group of strong, funny, smart and loyal Cullman ladies. Those in attendance at Cary's house for the inaugural meeting of the Golden Dixie Chicks were: Lois Dunkle, Becky Hudson, Doris Dake, Valerie Cadle, Hazel Heinze and Jeanette Buettner. Each of these wonderful ladies is unique and adds an important layer to the group's dynamic.

Cary explained, "I met most my best friends at St. Paul's years ago. I just love them all and we try to get together as often as possible."

Heinze followed that by saying, "Helen throws a party for every occasion," to which Cary replied, "Well, it makes me clean my house!!"

Cadle said, "Unlike the others, I met Helen when she came to my door with an Auburn cake welcoming me to the neighborhood. I had my Auburn flag outside and that's all Helen needed to know. We have been soul sisters ever since."

The ladies enjoyed the Amish crafted gazebo and swing as they sipped wine, told stories and playfully poked fun at each other.

There was something special and exquisitely Southern about being in the presence of these women who value each other, embrace their differences and make it a point to be together often.

For just a little while, the Golden Dixie Chicks erased the worry of an upcoming surgery, replaced sadness with laughter for one who recently lost a pet, and they let go of all the day's stress. Nobody checked Facebook. Nobody stared at the phone. Nobody argued over politics. They participated and simply loved the moment.

When these ladies aren't swinging on the back porch at Cary's, they are busy giving back to Cullman. Cary is the director of Two Shoes, a nonprofit that provides new shoes to children and adults in need

Cary explained, "We get requests from Childhaven, DHR and other places for shoes. We find out what the age, gender and size is of the individual. We also find out the occasion. Do they need school shoes, work boots, dress shoes??"

Most of the money raised for Two Shoes comes during the Belk Charity Days event.

If you are interested in learning more or donating, email mimmii75@charter.net.

Heinze and Dunkle both serve on the CCC (Committee on Church Cooperation).

Heinze said, "We are a group of about 13 churches and we help around 500 families a year. We assist families with power bills, prescriptions, rent, other things. Most of the people we help are referred to us by Community Action or through DHR."

Heinze is at Cullman DHR on Tuesdays and Thursdays to interview people and access their needs.

For those who might wish to donate to the CCC, their mailing address is PO Box 1542 Cullman, Alabama 35056.

As the first meeting of the Golden DIxie Chicks wrapped up, the ladies said their goodbyes and love yous. Dee Dee, Cary's Russian Blue cat, seemed happy to have his selection of seating available again while Cary was already looking forward to next time.

She said, "As soon as I am recovered from this next surgery, we are going to PARTY!!!"

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

SHIRLEY KAY DUCKWORTH, deceased CASE NO. PC 2018-269

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY KAY DUCKWORTH, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to SHONDA DUCKWORTH LACKEY on the 31st day of August, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

SHONDA DUCKWORTH LACKEY, Personal Representative

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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EDUCATION

Forest Workforce Training Institute Careers Day Sept. 5 at Falkville High School

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MONTGOMERY – The first ever Forest Workforce Training Institute Careers Day is planned for Sept. 5 in Morgan County at Falkville High School.

This event is open to all area schools and will focus specifically on forestry-related careers. Some 11 different schools from Morgan and Cullman Counties will be attending, bringing a total of approximately 500 students to the event.

Ashley Watts Rowe, workforce development coordinator who oversees the Alabama Forestry Association's Workforce Development programs, said the Careers Day event is designed to introduce students to the myriad career opportunities available to them in the forestry industry in Alabama.

"Local forest-related employers will be there to exhibit and talk about job opportunities at their company and to bring interactive exhibits for students to experience, such as the use of drones, logging equipment, equipment simulators and the forest products they produce. We want to expose high schoolers to what the forest industry is all about and the many high paying jobs available to them in the forest industry," Rowe noted

Chris Isaacson, executive vice president of the Alabama Forestry Association (AFA), said the basis of this new program is to help expose high school students to the many facets of forestry and let them know of the careers available in the state's second largest manufacturing industry.

"Forestry has a $23 billion annual economic impact on our state. Almost one out of every 10 jobs in Alabama is tied to the forest industry," Isaacson noted. "But we need to be a better job of articulating these facts. The Careers Day event is one way to bring this information into the marketplace and get the word out about forestry in Alabama.

"There is a perception that forestry is mostly about logging, which is a vibrant and important part of what we do. But there are numerous high-paying manufacturing and corporate managerial jobs in forestry with some of the largest companies in the world," Isaacson added. "We just have to do a better job of getting the word out to young people who might not know that they can get great jobs and still stay in their home state and, in some cases, their hometown."

For additional information, contact Ashley Watts Rowe at arowe@alaforestry.org or 334-481-2136. Exhibitors go to: https://goo.gl/forms/cvTZOfnrrmeiGYQy1.



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Traditional Latin American dancers perform Saturday at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

FAITH

Divino Niño Festival

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HANCEVILLE – On Saturday, Sept. 1, the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament near Hanceville hosted a pilgrimage day for the celebration of the Feast of the Divine Child Jesus, or El Divino Niño, a hugely popular festival among Latin America Catholics.

According to Pilgrimage Manager Luke Johnasen, "The Divino Niño Festival is a celebration in which we honor the Divine Child Jesus (El Divino Nino Jesus). Mother Angelica (1923-2016), the foundress of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, had a great love and devotion for the Child Jesus. The Shrine was born of a request from the Divine Child to Mother to build a shrine where people of all faiths could adore Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. This Festival helps to remind us that, as Scripture says, 'Unless you turn and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven' (Matt. 18:3)."





