Our Home’s in Alabama
Benefit concert raises over $1 million for JSU

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Wednesday’s Alabama & Friends Disaster Relief Benefit Concert for JSU raised over $1.2 million dollars for the tornado relief of Jacksonville State University.

Thousands of country music fans and members of the JSU community braved a dreary, wet afternoon to contribute to the cause and listen to some of their favorite bands. Due to ticket sales and a “stirrable” donation from band Lynyrd Skynyrd, JSU President Dr. John Beehler was presented with a check for $1,280,000 at the end of the event by members of Alabama Randy Owen, Jeff Cook and Teddy Gentry.

According to Owen, a JSU alumnus and member of the Board of Trustees, the Country Music Hall of Famers began planning the concert as soon as they heard about the tornadoes that ravaged Jacksonville on March 19.

“This is an idea we started the day after the tornado,” Owen said. “The devastation here the day or two after this happened is beyond anything that you can talk about, unless you saw the film of it, unless you were here personally.”

Owen says the group was galvanized into action because of their connections to JSU.

“The University is a special place for me, and a special place for Jeff and Teddy,” Owen said. “This is my university, and it’s very much a part of me. It’s a very emotional thing for me.”

For Jacksonville native and former JSU quarterback Riley Green, the devastation was personal as well.

Randy Owen salutes the crowd during the Alabama & Friends Benefit Concert for JSU.

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Alabama & Friends put on a show in Jacksonville

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After 6 months of hurt and healing, destruction and rebuilding, sorrow and joy, Jacksonville State University took a special step in its recovery. Wednesday night, the JSU community gathered together to raise money for the university’s recovery from the March tornado.

Randy Owen, lead guitarist of Alabama as well as a JSU alumnus and trustee, decided after the tornado that he wanted to do something to help the community. He decided on organizing a concert to raise funds for the universities recovery from the March tornado.

The event was attended by several country artists, many of which are originally from the state of Alabama. Along with Randy Owen, Teddy Gentry, and Jeff Cook of Alabama, the concert also featured:

- Charlie Daniels
- Shenandoah
- Jason Isbell and the 400 unit
- Home Free
- The Sweet Tea Trio
- John Berry
- Drake White
- Gordon Mote
- Jamey Johnson
- Riley Green
- Also featured was comedian Darren Knight, known for his Southern Momma social media videos. The concert was hosted by Storme Warren of SiriusXM’s The Highway.
- While most of the acts were announced beforehand, some were left as surprises for the audience. These included Drake White, Home Free, and The Sweet Tea Trio. Together with the other bands they put on quite the show.
- Many of the acts were also from the state of Alabama. It seemed in many ways a concert that was meant to give back to their collective home. Of special note are Randy Owen and Riley Green who are both JSU alumni. That seemed to be the theme of the night: to give back and remember what home is all about, coming together and having a good time.

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“I was in Nashville the night that it happened,” explained farmer Owen. “I saw the damage on TV, but I pulled into town the next morning, and it hit me that it didn’t do it justice. Jacksonville will never look the same.”

Green, a budding country music artist, organized a benefit concert of his own in March, but was happy to join this community.”

When asked what JSU students could take away from a group of similar events, such an event, Owen had one message: “This is what you do, you go out and give back.”

Owen says the concert is just the beginning for the recovery of Jacksonville.

“There is so much more to be done, and we’re just getting started. I hope we continue the awareness of what we are trying to do. This concert is a way to say thank you, and bring the spirits up at this university and this community.”

COMMUNITY

Jo Jo’s creates Cajun connection in Jacksonville

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Jacksonville residents no longer have to go on a road trip to find authentic Cajun flavors. Recently opened Jo Jo’s Po’Boy Shack is located on 1725 Broadwell Mill Road, which is a near 5-minute drive from JSU’s campus. Owners, Shane Weaver and Dianna Weaver recently opened this Cajun inspired restaurant looking to bring something “different” to the Jacksonville area.

“You can’t really get any good Cajun food around here,” Mrs. Weaver said. “According to the owners, a lot of inspiration for the restaurant came from their late miniature pinscher dog, Jo Jo. ‘He’s in everything we do around here. We came up with the name Jo Jo’s Po’Boy Shack because it was going, the owners replied with a steady. “We’re trying to add to our menu. We wanted to start out with a basic menu that offered a good variety of sizes and flavors. As we grow and become more in-depth in what we are doing, we’re going to add the menu here and there. Many asked about how business was going, the owners replied with “steady.”

“A personal connection is what it takes to stay here for a long time. To be personal with the people that come in here and to cater to every need that they have when they come in here is everything.”

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver relate a lot of the success of their family-oriented base of Jo Jo’s.

“They’ll just start coming in here and rearranging furniture to make it like home and that’s what we want it to feel like,” Mrs. Weaver said. Although normal business hours are usually Tuesday through Saturday, with times varying, for the month of October, the owners decided to do something special for the public. They will be open Sundays from 11am-3pm to feature Fresh Farm Raised Catfish and any of their signature Po’Boys.

The Calhoun County Board of Registrars will be accepting applications for voter registration on October 17 in the TMB Lobby from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

- Citizen of the U.S.
- Must not have been convicted of a disqualifying felony, or must have had your civil rights restored
- Resident of Calhoun County AL
- Must be at least 18 years old on or before election day

For more information or to register online, go to alabamavotes.org
How to Improve Your Study Habits

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Students of all ages have, at one time, been subject to procrastinating when it comes to studying or doing homework assignments—this often leads to all-nighters, consumption of energy drinks and coffee, and the process of cramming as much information into our brains as possible. Definitely not a good idea.

There are ways to improve study habits, which include, and aren’t limited to, bettering your process of note taking, managing your time and projects; check it every day. Marking off completed assignments may even cause you to release a sigh of relief.

Improving your memory may seem like an impossible task, but by following key steps the goal is easy to achieve. Face it, most of the information from certain classes is difficult for students to process, and understand. An easier way to remember this information is to summarize it in your own words, that way you’re able to comprehend it a bit easier. Organizing the information into separate categories is also something you should do. Group all of the vocabulary terms together or all of the discussion questions together.

Combining all of the study tips will lead you to having an easier time in your toughest classes. Try them out and make sure to live your life when it’s well deserved.

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Alabama & Friends:

Artists pose for pictures at the press conference before the concert Wednesday.

John Berry performs

Charlie Daniels prepares to perform onstage with Alabama

Storme Warren shares the stage with Cocky!
Legends in Jacksonville

Gordon Mote performs

The Sweet Tea Trio Sing the National Anthem

ABOVE: Home Free performs "Elvira" by the Oak Ridge Boys. RIGHT: Jamey Johnson, a former Marching Southerner, performed on Burgess-Snow once again.
**Study Break**

**Word Scramble! Sports Edition:**

VLLYBLALO        SFBLATOL
NISNTE           CALORESS
KRTCA           XGNOBI
FSBLATAT       KSBLLATEAB
OFTOBLLA       TINCAGSYMS

**A Few Sick Punz...**

Why do math teachers make good dances? Because they have algorithm.

What do you call a goat that’s lazy? Billy Idle...

A scarecrow says, “This job isn’t for everyone, but hay, it’s in my jeans.”

**Riddle me this...**

What two words have thousands of letters in them?

At night they come without being fetched. By day they are lost without being stolen. What are they?

What is the best month for a parade?

**Did YOU know?**

Banks have therapists known as ‘wealth psychologist’ who help ultra-rich clients, who are unable to mentally cope with their immense wealth.

James Blunt recorded his first album while living with Carrie Fisher. ‘Goodbye My Lover’ was recorded in her bathroom.

Some cat breeds (called ‘puppy cats’) are bred specifically to exhibit dog-like behavior.

In the year 2016 it was recorded that the site MySpace was still getting 50 million visitors a month.
JSU FOOTBALL

Gamecocks pull out victory over the Governors on Homecoming

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JSU quarterback Zion Webb looks to pass Saturday during game.

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With the question of how the Gamecocks will do playing back to back games I think we all go our answer. Homecoming 2018 against the Austin Peay Governors was a hard fought and hard-won game. With the Gamecocks pulling out a 48-32 victory over the Govs.

The 1st quarter started off rocky with the Governors going up 9-0 on JSU, but in the second quarter the Gamecocks would quickly score making it 12 to 14 at halftime. The game would remain tight until the Gamecocks broke away in the fourth quarter. The Gamecocks only suffered 24 yards of penalties compared to a few weeks previous. The Governors and the Gamecocks gave a great performance and the Gamecocks capped off a great homecoming with a great victory.

Now sitting at 2-0 in the conference the Gamecocks will leave Burgess-Snow Field and head out to Richmond, KY where the will square off with the Eastern Kentucky Colonels.

The question of how the Gamecocks will do after two back to back bye weeks is over and now all eyes are on the Gamecocks to see if they can keep their perfect 34 OVC win streak. In the coming weeks the Gamecocks will look to extend their win streak.

The Gamecocks will be back in action on Burgess-Snow Field on October 13 when they battle the East.

JSU SOFTBALL

Softball to host Tera Ross Memorial Tournament Oct. 6

The Jacksonville State softball team will host the 12th annual Tera Ross Memorial Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 6, at Choccolocco Park in Oxford, Ala.

The Gamecocks will play four games in the one-day tournament, taking on Marion Military at 9 a.m., Southern Union at 10:45 a.m., Southern Wesleyan at 12:30 p.m. and Calhoun Community College at 2:15 p.m. A 1 1 of JSU’s games will be played on Field 1. Admission to the tournament is $5 for the entire day.

The tournament is named in the memory of former Jacksonville State pitcher Tera Ross, a three-time letterwinner that was killed in an automobile accident just before her senior season.

As a junior in 2003, Ross led the team with a 1.17 earned run average, still the third-lowest in school history.

She ranks in the top five in Jacksonville State’s career record books in four categories: strikeouts, outs, wins and games started.

The Gamecocks are set to play at 9 and 10:45 A.M., and then at 12:30, and 2:15 P.M.

JSU Sportwire
Gamecocks split exhibition doubleheader with Mississippi State

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