

Lexington Fall Festival 2018



Pictured at left: Jaylin Williams enjoys her tiger styled face paint during Lexington's Fall Festival that was held on Saturday, October 6. (Photo submitted)



Pictured above (from left): Ella Green and Sadie Jordan each hold their potted Peace Lily after speaking at the Cancer Walk during Lexington's Fall Festival that was held on Saturday, October 6. Both ladies are cancer survivors. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. (Photo submitted)



Pictured above (from left): Mable Rule, Lexington Alderman David Rule and Musette Epps enjoy the sights and sounds during Lexington's Fall Festival that was held on Saturday, October 6. (Photo submitted)

Hunter Engineering breaks ground on expansion in Durant

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 Gov. Phil Bryant and officials from Hunter Engineering broke ground on the company's expansion in Durant.

The project, which was announced in September, is an \$8 million corporate investment and will create 60 jobs. "Hunter Engineering's ground breaking marks a significant milestone as the company takes the next step in creating new capital investment and 60 new jobs for workers in Holmes County," Gov. Phil Bryant said.

Hunter Engineering is a leader in wheel alignment and wheel balancing systems, tire changers, brake service equipment, alignment lifts and inspection

lanes. The company's expansion includes an addition of approximately 85,000 square feet to accommodate increased manufacturing, painting and shipping operations. The expansion also includes a 500-square-foot workforce training area to support continuous employee development.

"Governor Bryant and his team have been essential to our growth in Mississippi, and we are excited about this milestone," said Wayne Bowling, plant manager at Hunter Engineering's Durant facility. "It is always great to host Governor Bryant and other special guests onsite so that we can show off this world class facility and our wonderful team here in Durant."

The Mississippi Development Authority is providing assistance for the building expansion and building improvements to the existing publicly owned facility. The Delta Regional Authority is providing assistance to extend water lines, relocate city-owned electric utility poles and install new electrical equipment in the Hunter facility. DRA funds will cover the cost of new transformers, conductors, switchboards and distribution panels to ensure the manufacturing plant receives safe and reliable power.

"Sixty new career opportunities are closer to becoming a reality in Central Mississippi with the groundbreaking of Hunter Engineering's 85,000-square-foot expansion in Durant," said MDA Executive Director Glenn McCullough, Jr. "We congratulate our partners at the Delta Regional Authority and the city of Durant on this exciting occasion. Their teamwork with MDA was key to winning this project."

"The Delta Regional Authority is proud to make vital infrastructure improvements that will play a key role in helping create new jobs and retain existing ones in Durant," said DRA Chairman Chris Caldwell. "DRA's investment in Hunter Engineering's growth is a prime example of how DRA works with the state and local partners to create economic development in the Delta."

Hunter Engineering employs approximately 590 workers in Mississippi, 192 of which are in Durant. The expansion is slated for completion by the end of 2020.



Pictured above (from left): Sara Doss, Mississippi Development Authority project manager, James Young, president of Holmes County Board of Supervisors, Dr. Henry Robinson, mayor of Durant, Chris Caldwell, Delta Regional Authority, Glenn McCullough, Jr., MDA executive director, Governor Phil Bryant, Stephen Brauer, Jr., Hunter Engineering president, Nick Colarelli, Hunter Engineering COO, Jason White, Mississippi representative/legislator, David Jordan, Mississippi senator, Chad McMahan, Mississippi Senator, Bryant Clark, Mississippi Representative, and Wayne Bowling, Hunter Engineering plant manager. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

JOIN THE BULLDOG FAMILY FOR

HOLMES HOME COMING 2018

OCTOBER 20
 GOODMAN CAMPUS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 1 p.m. ▪ Women's Soccer vs. Northwest & Sophomore Day
- 3 p.m. ▪ Men's Soccer vs. Northwest & Sophomore Day

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 9:30 a.m. ▪ Softball Alumni Game
 - The Holmes Connection! Brunch "Celebrating 25 Years" in the Fine Arts Lobby
- 10:30 a.m. ▪ Baseball Alumni Game
- 11 a.m. ▪ Honoree recognition in McDaniel Auditorium
 - Art Department open until 2 p.m.
 - Basketball Inter-squad scrimmage
- 11:30 a.m. ▪ Coachmen & Connection! performance in McDaniel Auditorium
- *Noon ▪ Lunch - until 1:15 p.m.

- Little Bulldog Kids Zone opens
- Steel Band performance
- Honorees Lunch with the President
- Coachmen & Choral gathering in the Chapel on the Hill
- 12:45 p.m. ▪ Chorale Performance in Chapel on the Hill
- 1 p.m. ▪ Annual Alumni Meeting in the CCN Room of Library
- 1:30 p.m. ▪ Parade begins at Cook Dorm
- 2 p.m. ▪ Pep Rally in Main Parking Lot
- 2:30 p.m. ▪ Band enters the Football Stadium
- 2:45 p.m. ▪ Honorees recognized on the Football Field
- 2:55 p.m. ▪ National Anthem performed by the HCC Chorale
- 3 p.m. ▪ Kick-off!
- Halftime ▪ Presentation of Homecoming Court & Crowning of the Queen

For our SEC fans: Games will be broadcast in the lobby of Grenada Hall and Lorance Student Center so you don't have to miss a minute of any game! We also have free wifi to check game updates: HCC-Football.

Need a cool place to sit? Or a minute away from the crowd? The McMorrough Library will be open to all guests! Come visit and enjoy a cold bottle of water.

*Noon activities occur in the grove, unless otherwise noted.

