

GUEST COLUMN to the MONROE DISPATCH

For the Thursday, September 1, 2016 Edition

From: Mayor James E. "Jamie" Mayo

Southern vs ULM Game Week of Activities

Football fans across the state are filled with excitement as the Southern University Jaguars prepare to face off against the University of Louisiana at Monroe Warhawks for the 2016 college football season kickoff game for both teams, 6 pm Saturday, September 3, at ULM's Malone Stadium on JPS Field. Tickets for the game are going fast and local hotels are almost sold out. Below is a short list of some of the activities associated with this exciting week of college football. Since this paper comes out on Thursday, September 1st, you've already missed the first couple of events, but there is still plenty ahead for this weekend.

Tuesday, August 30th 11 am Press Conference @ Monroe Regional Airport featuring both the band directors - Stephen Pederson from ULM's "Sound of Today" and Nathan Haymer from Southern's "Human Jukebox".

Wednesday, August 31st – Spirit Day "Wear your school colors to work!"

Thursday, September 1st – 6pm til 8pm. "Alumni and Fans" Mix and Mingle @ Monroe Regional Airport. Mayor Jamie Mayo and City Officials, ULM President Dr. Nick Bruno, Southern University System President Dr. Ray Belton, ULM Athletic Director Brian Wickstrom, plus a Scholarship Fundraiser raffle for both schools, Warhawk and Jaguar Alumni and more!

Friday, September 2nd – Wear your ULM and Southern gear to work!

Saturday, September 3rd – Game Day! Tailgating....Networking....and Fun for the entire family!!!

Sunday, September 4th – 5pm River Fest Jam's at the Origin Bank Downtown RiverMarket. LIVE music featuring Wilson Meadows, Vick Allen, SMACKWATER, Nicole Jackson, Ricky White, William Calhoun, Ms. Charli, and Avail Hollywood. \$5 Admission. Food Vendors call Metra Mitchell at 318-807-1737. Bring your lawn chairs. Emceed by BJ Bell from 100.1 The Beat.

The fan base and alumni from both schools are excited for the game and the list of activities planned this week.

By working together, we are making a difference. Monroe is one city, with one future!