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Snakes you might encounter here



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The Western Pygmy Rattlesnake is found in Alabama.

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CULLMAN – First, you may never see a snake, poisonous or non-poisonous. Many people, especially in the city might go their whole lives without crossing paths with a reptile outside a zoo. Others, however, will have several scary encounters over a lifetime, and still more will have a snake story to tell about every year or so.

North Alabama is home to several species of snakes, most of them non-poisonous, but even those can cause fright so extreme that it could cause a heart attack, so even some non-poisonous snakes can cause death, or make people think they are dying. Statistics compiled by the National Safety Council reveal that in 2004 six people died from contact with venomous snakes or lizards. However, in that same year, 402 drowned while in or falling into bathtubs and more than 19,000 died as occupants of vehicles. Further investigation would likely reveal that some if not all of the deaths from venomous snakes or lizards resulted from the animals being handled or otherwise harassed by the victim.

Almost everyone has at least seen photos of the most common snakes, including the rattlesnake, which is common in our neck of the woods.

The most common snake one might see around here is known by the name "chicken snake." Its common name is ***Pantherophis spiloides***.

Other names for this snake include Rat Snake or Oak Snake.

The chicken snake is fairly common statewide and is of the lowest conservation concern.

It is a large, moderately stout snake attaining a maximum length of about 101 inches or just over 8 feet. The gray rat subspecies is slightly smaller than the black rat, attaining a maximum length of only about 84 inches or around 7 feet long. The black rat snake is more common in north Alabama, while the gray rat snake is more common in the south.

The black rat snake has a black background color and may have traces of white between the scales. White marking may not be visible on all snakes. Some snakes have faintly visible dark blotches. Both are fairly common statewide.

You are most likely to find a chicken snake in terrestrial habitats but it attains greatest densities in areas where forests and farmland are generally intermixed and small rodents are relatively abundant. This snake will also be found in, or near, forested suburbs. Skillful climbers, rat snakes ascend trees or rafters of buildings in search of birds, eggs and mice. They may nest high in tree cavities, a position that may reduce mortality from fire ants and other ground-foraging predators.

The adults mainly feed on mice and eggs, but will also eat birds, insects, rats, bats and other small mammals. Young rat snakes feed mainly on lizards and small frogs.

Their life span exceeds 20 years in captivity.

Chicken snakes are useful in some ways, such as helping to keep the rodent population under control; however, they will still scare you when you walk up on one, and they will still bite you, even though it won't be a fatal bite, unless, of course, you have a heart attack!

Black Racer: *Coluber constrictor*
Common statewide in Alabama, but declining in many areas. They include the following subspecies *C.c.constrictor* (northern black racer) and *C.c. priapus* (southern black racer). They are of low conservation concern.

The black racer (*Coluber constrictor*) is a relatively long and slender snake, usually between 3 and 5 feet long, but some individuals may reach lengths of more than 6 feet. Black racers are, as the name implies, solid deep black in color on their upper side. Their bellies vary from dark gray to black, and some white frequently occurs on the chin and throat. Their eyes are brown, and their **»PAGE 2**

Topre America expanding operation: larger facility, new jobs

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CULLMAN – Topre America, a manufacturer of press-formed metal components for automobiles from brands Toyota, Hond, and Nissan, recently moved part of its production to a new center in Ohio. The company said that no Cullman jobs would be lost, and has since announced plans to expand both activities and facilities at the Cullman plant. A new production line will press metal parts under heat, a process Topre says will allow lighter parts to be made while actually increasing the strength of the metal, leading to vehicles that are both safer and more fuel efficient.

The Tribune sat down with Cullman Economic Development Agency (CEDA) Director Dale Greer and Existing Industry and Economic Development Manager Stanley Kennedy to talk about the project.

"It's going to be for 36 million dollars," said Kennedy, "with 84 positions; some of those positions will be filled by people who already work for Topre. We're looking at about 55-65 new employees and new jobs. It's going to be for some new business they've gotten.

"They're also going to be building a new facility out at the site, just east between them and Nafco (North Alabama Fabricating Company). They're going to build a new distribution facility and a facility for storage of tool and die maintenance equipment for the new hot press line. It will be a three-year project before everything's fully online. The County (Commission) has agreed to the abatements needed, and we're moving forward from there."

In May the Cullman County Commission agreed to a $1 million property tax abatement over the next 10 years, to help Topre offset some of the cost **»PAGE 3**

Return to the Smoky Mountains: Gatlinburg

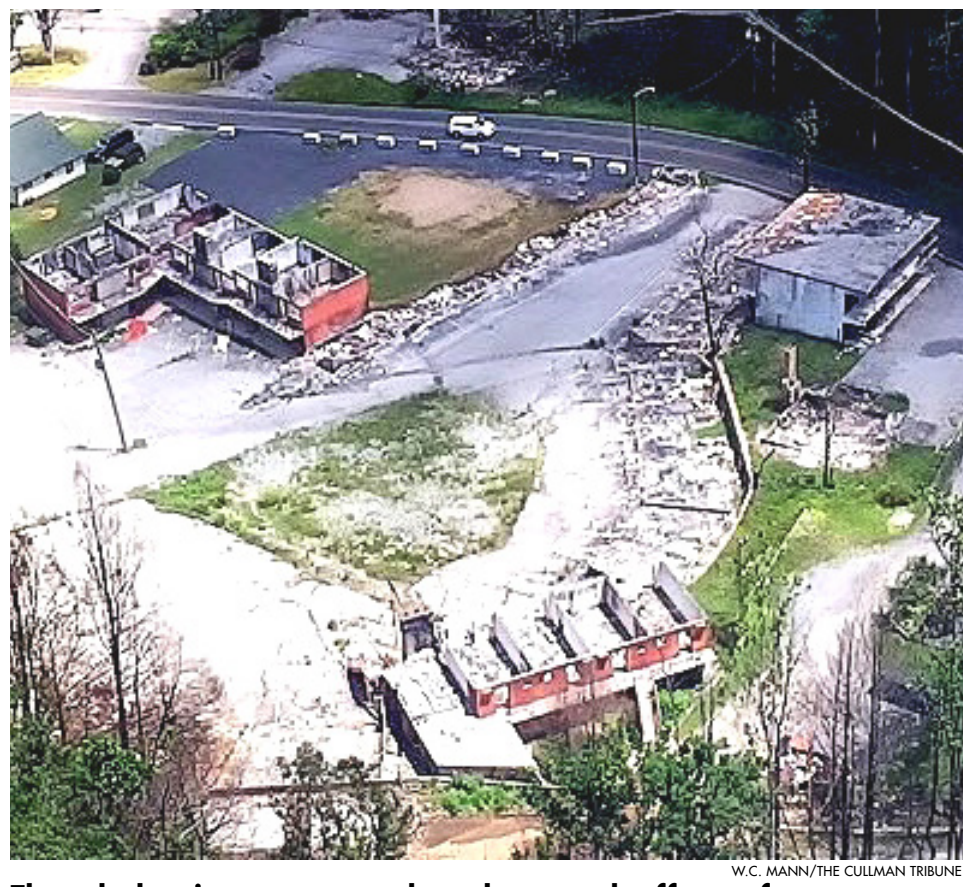
The second in a series on the recovery of one of the Cullman area's favorite vacation destinations from the wildfires of November and December 2016

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GATLINBURG – Right in the heart of Gatlinburg's tourist district the main road forks, and in the fork sits the iconic (at least to us hill country enthusiasts) Mountain Mall. On Nov. 28, 2016, the mall's general manager Brian Myers lost his home on the outskirts of the city to the wildfire that destroyed 2,000 structures in Sevier County, but when he was finally allowed to return from the ordered evacuation a week and a half later, he found the mall unscathed.

Examination of maps showing fire damage reveals something amazing: despite so much devastation to outlying neighborhoods and resorts, the heart of Gatlinburg was largely untouched. There was some loss: Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts lost two buildings, and the Gatlinburg Sky Lift was shut down for more than six months by the loss of its upper terminal. All that damage, though, was to parts of those complexes away from the main drag, and most businesses along that route were, after washing off a thick layer of ash, ready to reopen. But where were the tourists? Information released by the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors' Bureau showed that tourism revenue was 36.5 percent and $19 million lower in Dec. 2016 than in Dec. 2015.

There is no desire on anyone's part to belittle the awful personal toll the fires took on the lives of Sevier County residents, but tourism is the lifeblood of this region, **»PAGE 3**



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Though the city center was largely spared, effects of the fires were clearly visible in outlying areas.

Former Cullman woman killed in Nashville

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CULLMAN – A former Cullman resident was killed Saturday night in Nashville. According to Nashville's WKRN, Amy Freeman Williams, 41, was shot outside her home by an ex-boyfriend in the 1500 block of Fatherland Street near South 15th Street around 10:15 p.m. The report named the shooter as Andrew Tucker.

Williams was the daughter of Dr. Phil and Patti Freeman of Cullman and the granddaughter of the late Chester Freeman, known for his work with Cullman Parks and Recreation. She graduated from Cullman High School in 1993.

WKRN reported:
Investigators believe Williams was standing on the sidewalk talking to her sister as she was preparing to leave when Tucker drove by.

Tucker reportedly turned around and parked his pick-up truck near Williams' home.

Williams walked over to Tucker and spoke with him for five minutes before shots were fired, according to police.

Multiple witnesses told police there was no shouting or confrontation prior to the shooting.

Tucker then walked to his truck and shot himself in the head.

Tucker, 40, was pronounced dead at the scene. Williams was taken to Vanderbilt University Medical Center where she died.

Metro police said the former couple had been dating for four months prior to ending the relationship a week ago.

They had no history of domestic violence on file with Metro police.

No additional information was released.

Read the full story at: http://wkrn.com/2017/06/18/man-woman-killed-in-shooting-at-east-nashville-home/.

As of press time, service arrangements have not been released. Check www.cullmantribune.com for the latest.



AMY FREEMAN WILLIAMS/ FACEBOOK

Amy Freeman Williams

Snakes (from Front)

scales are smooth. Young snakes are tan or grayish in color with a series of brown or reddish blotches running down the center of the back. The color pattern present in juveniles fades to black as they grow older. Black racers are alert and very active, and are quick to flee when approached, but will fight aggressively when threatened.

Black racers are found throughout the eastern United States from southern Maine to the Florida Keys. The northern black racer (*Coluber constrictor constrictor*) is found in Alabama's northeastern counties while the southern subspecies (*Coluber constrictor priapus*) occupies the remainder of the state. These subspecies look alike.

Black racers can be found in virtually any of the Southeast's varied habitats, but are more abundant in edge type habitats where two or more habitats meet such as the borders of swamps, old fields, and agricultural acreage. They only eat snakes, frogs, toads and insects. When prey is captured, racers press down on their victim with a loop of their body to immobilize it, but they do not kill their prey by constriction.

Pygmy Rattlesnake : *Sistrurus miliarius* also known as "ground rattler"

The three subspecies of the pygmy rattlesnakes are (Carolina pygmy, dusky pygmy and western pygmy), all of which occur in Alabama. Generally, pygmy rattlesnakes, as their name would imply, are miniature rattlesnakes. Sometimes referred to as "ground rattlers," they range in length from 15 to 24 inches at maturity, and when in a coiled position are roughly the size of a loblolly pine cone. The tip of their tail contains a very small delicate rattle or button that is not much wider than the end of the tail itself. When vibrated for a warning, the rattle is often difficult to hear and has been compared to the sound of an insect buzzing.

Carolina pygmy rattlesnake (*Sistrurus miliarius miliarius*) is pale gray to reddish above with prominent markings, one or two rows of spots on sides, usually with 23 scale rows.

Dusky pygmy rattlesnake (*S. m. barbouri*) is dark gray above with heavy black stippling obscuring pattern, with 23-25 scale rows.

Western pygmy rattlesnake (*S. m. streckeri*) is pale grayish-brown above with blotches forming crossbars, two rows of spots on sides, usually with 21 scale rows.

In Alabama, Carolina pygmy rattlesnakes occur across the northern one-third of the state and in the eastern portion of the state southward to Lee County. Dusky pygmy rattlesnakes are restricted to the Lower Coastal Plain, typically in sandy pinelands and scrubby areas. The western pygmy rattlesnake is found only in the extreme western portion of central Alabama, although the limits are not exactly known. All of these subspecies cross-breed and intergrades are found throughout most of the state.

This species is found in a variety of habitats including everglades prairies, palmetto-pine flatwoods, sandhills, mixed pine-hardwood forests, borders of cypress ponds, and in the vicinity of lakes and marshes, but are seldom found in extremely dry habitats.

Pygmy rattlesnakes prefer to sit and wait for prey to pass by. While waiting for prey, they will remain in a coiled position, sometimes for as long as three weeks. Although they prefer to sit and wait on prey, pygmy rattlesnakes will also actively hunt for prey and it is believed they will use their tail as a lure. They have been reported to feed on mice, lizards, frogs, nesting birds, insects, centipedes and spiders.

Pygmy rattlesnakes are most often encountered during late summer as they are crossing roads in late afternoon or night. Some might be very aggressive and strike with little provocation. When approached by humans, they often lie motionless as a defense mechanism to avoid detection. There are no documented cases of death caused by a pygmy rattler, although a bite can be very painful and could cause the loss of a digit.

According to Wildlife Biologist Roger Clay, landowners frequently wish to attract wildlife to their property or homes. Land is often managed with deer and turkey in mind and around our homes, songbirds are popular. However, it would be rare indeed – and a pleasant surprise – for someone to call inquiring about methods to attract snakes to their back yards.

Snakes are a component of Alabama's diverse wildlife. Approximately 50 species of snakes occur throughout the state. A few commonly encountered snakes around homes include the harmless black racer, garter snake and rat snake. The odds of encountering a venomous snake are much less, as only six snakes in Alabama are venomous.

Homeowners are often alarmed when spotting a snake around their home after years of never seeing one. This apparent absence of snakes is most likely due to the secretive nature of the animal. In addition, some of the snakes around our homes are very small. Red-bellied snakes, brown snakes and earth snakes are small, (typically less than 1 foot long) very slender, and spend their time in search of food amongst the leaf litter and loose soil. Unless raking or gardening, these snakes go unnoticed.

No snake is a vegetarian. Snakes eat other animals and the size of the snake determines the size of the prey. Small snakes eat insects or other invertebrates while the large snakes eat birds and mammals. Unless your house is a haven for bugs or mice, there is no food in your house to attract snakes. The appearance of a snake inside your house is likely a random occurrence. While crawling about, a snake encountering an outside wall typically follows the wall and may enter your home through an open outside door or even under the door. Small snakes can crawl under or through what appear to us as an impassable gap.

A good winterizing check of all the weather sealing around your doors and windows will go a long way in preventing snakes from crawling inside, as well as offering a savings on your heating and cooling bills.

To eliminate an unwanted guest, Clay recommends a broom, which will often suffice in sweeping a small snake out the door. For larger snakes, get a closed cardboard box with a small opening cut on one side. Place the box near the animal and corral the snake toward the entrance you made. The snake will often crawl toward and into the dark confines of the box. Simply remove the box to the outside after the snake enters. Snakes are reclusive by nature and seek available hiding places. Shrubbery, woodpiles and thick plantings around the outside of your home will give the opportunity for snakes to stay hidden right outside your door. In fact, the best deterrent in combating snakes in and around your house is to keep a neat, trim yard and reduce the landscaping next to your house. Of course, the drawback is that you will eliminate much habitat for songbirds and other small reptiles and amphibians we all enjoy around our properties.

There is much unfounded fear of death or injury with venomous snakes, so it is good to keep things in perspective. Unless your home is in the middle of a paved parking lot that is surrounded by an impenetrable snake-proof fence, you will eventually encounter a snake or two over time. No need to be alarmed, as almost all of the snakes encounters in and around our homes are with harmless, beneficial species. In fact, the presence of a snake or two is likely an indication that your property is being managed to support a healthy and varied population of wildlife right in your own backyard.

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CHS Class of 1962 holds 55-year reunion

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CULLMAN – The Cullman High School Class of 1962 had its 55-year reunion on Saturday night at Top of the Town. They were the very first class to graduate from the new Cullman High School.

First row left to right: Katherine Denny Johnson, Juanita Schafer McCravy, Brenda Priest Nelson, Brenda Schuman Graham, Diane Nelson Brown, Clark Keller, Virginia Graff Waddy, Mary Ann Harris Sims, Jackie Harbin Gentry, and Joan Knight Free.

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'Operation Broken Heart IV' locks up child predators

Two-month long coordinated law enforcement sweep concludes with more than 1,000 arrests

Corp. Jesse Thornton
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MONTGOMERY – Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task forces around the country, including the Alabama Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, hosted by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA), launched in April a two-month operation called, "Operation Broken Heart IV."

Operation Broken Heart IV was a coordinated effort by law enforcement representing more than 3,000 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies--with the purpose of arresting as many child predators as possible, along with internet safety education and outreach.

The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force says the operation concentrated on offenders who: (1) possess, manufacture, and distribute child pornography; (2) engage in online enticement of children for sexual purposes; (3) engage in the commercial sexual exploitation of children (commonly referred to as child prostitution), and (4) engage in child sex tourism (traveling abroad for the purpose of sexually abusing foreign children).

All participating ICAC task forces compiled arrest statistics from the two-month long Operation Broken Heart IV and shared them with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) in Washington, D.C.

"The Alabama Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force was proud to participate in this national campaign to protect one of our most precious assets--children. As of today, people that prey on children are behind bars and facing prosecution and in return less children are being victimized because of a collaborative law enforcement effort," Acting Secretary of Law Enforcement Hal Taylor said.

Gatlinburg (from Front)

and fewer tourist dollars mean slower recovery. Healthy tourism means a return to normal life for the people of Gatlinburg.

While touring the city, I had the opportunity to speak with Myers in his office at the mall, and his statements echoed comments I heard from numerous business owners and managers, as well as local officials.

"There's no doubt that there's been some decline (in tourism)," he said. "It's still early in the season, and year to year fluctuates anyway; so it's hard to tell specifically how much of an effect it had. But it's hard to deny that it's had an effect.

"One thing we're discussing a lot is that a lot of the losses were in places like the Westgate resort and the rental cabins, and things like that. With fewer beds to sleep in, especially in the higher-end lodging, we're losing some of the customers that tend to spend more."

For Myers and others, the problem is mainly perception. Television and internet news broadcast horrific scenes of motorists fleeing for their lives through gauntlets of flame and falling trees, and of hotel guests watching in terror as flames reached the very doorsteps of their lodges. And then it was over. The people who put so much effort into publicizing the horror didn't do a very good job of telling the rest of the story.

"It's hard to fight the sort of negative publicity that you get when something like this happens," said Myers.

"I lost my home in the fire, and was temporarily living in Knoxville. And even as close as Knoxville, people I'd run into would say, 'Is there anything left of Gatlinburg?' It's hard to get out the word that most of it's still here, that there was very little damage downtown.

"We were all evacuated out of town, and couldn't even get back in to check on our businesses or our homes for 10 days. The news cycle goes through so fast, by the end of those 10 days, the rest of the world had forgotten about us. It was hard to fight that publicity you get, when it's all over the news that Gatlinburg is gone."

I spent the day in Gatlinburg with my family, and was determined to go back the next day, as we simply ran out of time and energy to do everything we saw and wanted to do. I can attest that Gatlinburg is not gone; in fact, it's growing.

At familiar landmarks like the Mountain Mall, Space Needle, Hillbilly Golf and Ober Gatlinburg, it's business as usual.

The arts and crafts community east of town was preserved intact. The Sky Lift, severely damaged in the fire, reopened last week. More recent attractions like the Aquarium of the Smokies and multiple other Ripley's venues just seem to keep expanding their offerings. New life is even appearing: Jimmy Buffet is building one of his Margaritaville resorts right downtown, and a new chair lift near the aquarium will soon take visitors up Anakeesta Mountain to a family adventure park of the same name, where they can enjoy aerial activities like ziplining in a treehouse-themed setting.

The numbers may be down, but people are coming, and the numbers are on the rise. After December's losses dragged on into the first quarter of 2017, April and May saw an upswing in tourism. Based on my experiences, that trend should only continue.

Gatlinburg, I can attest, is back; not that it ever really went away. It's still vibrant, it's still fun, and for those of you who know it the way I have come to know it over the years, it's still Gatlinburg.

Topre (from Front)

of the expansion.

Greer talked about the facilities that Topre has in other states, then explained how the tax abatement that brought the new facility here benefits the Cullman community, "When you go to the County and you ask for an abatement, I think there's a misconception where people think you're giving corporate welfare; but they have operations in Mississippi, an operation in Tennessee, an operation in Ohio; so they can put them anywhere they want.

"What you're actually abating is a portion of the tax that doesn't exist if they don't come and do their expansion here, and put that equipment, and that building and those things in Cullman. The property tax abatement was a million dollars over 10 years, but what they (Topre) did was immediately begin paying a portion of $750,000 in education tax. That doesn't count the jobs you get, and the sales tax off of the jobs from the money they spend on things they buy within the community. As soon as he puts that facility there, some pest control company is coming and spraying it, and some landscaping company is doing the lawn mowing. All of those things are further expenditures locally. It spreads out an awful lot in the community."

The expansion project is projected to begin later this summer.

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Indivisible Alabama hosts Democratic candidate forum in Cullman






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CULLMAN – Indivisible Alabama, a "a non-partisan progressive movement that uses grassroots activism and direct action to affect change" held a Democratic candidate forum at the Cullman County Museum over the weekend featuring numerous candidates eyeing their party's nomination for their respective races. The U.S. Senate special election primary will be held on Aug. 15 for both parties.

Candidates present included:

• Senate candidates Dr. Will Boyd, Vann Caldwell and Brian McGee (This seat is currently held by Republican Luther Strange, who was appointed by former Gov. Robert Bentley when Jeff Sessions was appointed by President Donald Trump to be the U.S. Attorney General.)

• Independent gubernatorial candidate Mark Johnston

• U.S. House of Representatives, Alabama District 4 candidates MB Wain and Bill Browning (This seat is currently held by Republican Robert Aderholt.)

Other speakers included:

• Alabama Rep. Patricia Todd, surrogate for Senate candidate Doug Jones

• Former Alabama Rep. James Fields Jr.

First to stump was Boyd of Lauderdale County on a message of "people over politics." Boyd said, "Alabama needs a U.S. senator who will fight to protect the poor, grow the middle class, fight for women's rights and seek justice for all." In closing, Boyd said, "A vote for me is a vote for food on the table. I can promise you that I will put Alabama back to work. I will put public schools in a place where they need to be, and we will ensure that every Alabamian has access to the healthcare that they need."

Next to speak was former representative Fields of Cullman. Fields has been considering running for office, but has neither confirmed nor denied that he will be running again soon.

"The most important thing that we have going on right now is that we have to win this U.S. Senate race," said Fields as he began to stress the importance and ripe opportunity for Democrats to pick up a senate seat that many don't see as possible. Said Fields, "I hope to inspire you to invest in this senate race. It will be the best Christmas gift that we can give to this state, to give them a Democratic senator. We need it in D.C. We need it In Alabama."

In addressing calls for him to run, Fields stated, "I'd love to run for office again. I believe in serving people; it's in my heart and it's in my blood. I don't have much, and it takes a lot to run."

Two possible challengers to U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt, R- Alabama were in attendance, Browning and Wain. First to speak was Browning, of Guntersville.

Browning referred to the current Congress as "spineless," and said, "The Democratic process and the rights of voters like you and me have been hijacked. I marched in Selma against it. It hasn't ended; we need to end it." He went on the offensive against Aderholt, saying, "Robert Aderholt is a 20-year incumbent. He was pulled in to the White House by the president, given a prep talk, and he voted in for the Republican House (healthcare) bill. If you look at his record, he does not vote for his constituents or issues that his constituents are concerned about."

He continued, "He votes 100 percent for big business, 100 percent for the NRA and 96 percent for the military just as we sent 4,000 troops to Afghanistan yesterday."

Wain spoke, but mostly about supporting and getting Democrats to the polls on Aug. 15 and later on Dec. 12. Wain linked many of the country's woes to income inequality and the greed of the "one percent," saying,

"We have a nation that is lost. There is such a drastic difference between the one percent and the 99 percent that the 99 percent is stressed; we don't know what's going to happen tomorrow; we don't know what's going to happen to our kids. Because we're stressed and worried so much, we're afraid and live in fear. We're looking to replace that emotion with an even stronger one. If everyone had a few extra bucks, it would be a whole lot easier to forgive the person that cut you off."

Stepping in as a surrogate, Rep. Todd of Birmingham came to Cullman to stump for Jones, who is fighting for the Democratic nomination to be Alabama's next U.S. Senator.

A fight that doesn't seem so hard to win, according to Todd, "Let's be clear here, the governor has handed us a gift, and we have one shot." Jones seems to have the name recognition and the money to win, said Todd, but will that be enough to win over Liberal activists? "Let's be real about this, people can promise you what they're going to do in Congress, but we are the minority. We need a fighter, someone who will stand up to the Republicans."

Hansen was unable to attend, but a portion of his written statement reads, "I am running for the democratic nomination for U.S. Senate because I believe this moment calls for us to be bold and try something new. I am unapologetically progressive. For too long, Democrats in Alabama have played by the rules of someone else's game. We are told that in order to get elected, we must kowtow to the powerful and pander to conservatism. Not now. Not me," and continues, "I'm told that a Democrat doesn't stand a chance if winning this race, and that a 35-year-old gay Democrat certainly has no shot. Well, I refuse to believe that. Rather, what I would say is that if we as Democrats keep doing the same thing over and over again we will never get different results. My campaign is decidedly different."

The next senate candidate to speak was McGee, who vowed to run as a, "fiscal moderate and social progressive." McGee says his focus as a senator would be Alabama's capitalization on the clean energy market. McGee wishes to create a Solar Economic Zone in the state to boost the state's economy.

"I vow to work tirelessly for you, the people, I will work so solve problems rather than just get soundbites and I will work to have Alabama to reach its full potential."

McGee rebuked Todd, saying, "Whoever you choose, I believe it's you, the grassroots, who's supposed to be choosing-not folks at a higher level choosing who we're going to put in that position. Whoever is the nominee, we must all get behind them. We must work to get that person elected; we must take that seat from the Republicans; it's so important."

Last to speak was Independent gubernatorial candidate Mark Johnson, who is a first-time candidate.

Johnson said he's running as an Independent because he doesn't want to be the candidate of one party or the other. "I have a way to win by a campaign of the people," he said.



MRP

The new Five Below store in the Cullman Shopping Center will be in the building left vacant by Hancock Fabrics.

Five Below to open in Cullman Shopping Center

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CULLMAN – Specialty retail store Five Below, whose products are aimed at pre-teen and teen customers and are all priced at $5 and below, will open in the Cullman Shopping Center in mid-late July. The store will be in the location of the former Hancock Fabrics.

"Five Below is one of the fastest growing retailers in the country and we are excited about the addition of this merchant to the Cullman Shopping Center and the community," said Susan Eller, project coordinator with the Cullman Economic Development Agency.

"The Cullman location is one of only seven stores to open in the state of Alabama. The other location has opened in Trussville."

Eller continued, "With the closure of Hancock Fabrics, it left a hole in the Cullman Shopping Center and we are pleased that gap was filled so quickly. Five Below caters to teens, pre-teens and their parents. This fills a gap that I'm sure a lot of our younger citizens will enjoy!"

Merchants Retail Partners (MRP), a Birmingham-based real estate investment firm, will open the store. MRP also brought Publix, Dick's Sporting Goods, Ross Dress for Less, Ulta Beauty and PetSmart to the Cullman Shopping Center.

"Five Below is a great addition to our lineup. With Cullman's low unemployment and strong school system, more and more retailers have identified this trade area as untapped with great potential" said Bill Leitner, managing principal at MRP.

Five Below was founded in 2002, and is headquartered in Philadelphia, with approximately 550 stores in 32 states. For more information, please go towww.fivebelow.com.

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Recipes and tips: Homemade ice cream

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

It's that time of the year again. No, not taxes or tags or even graduation, that's all past us. It's time for some fun, now, and in the South, that translates as shady porches, tall glasses of iced tea, cold watermelon and homemade ice cream.

The days of the crank freezer are pretty much just a story we tell our grandchildren, although you can still find people who swear they make the best ice cream. Children were often recruited to sit on top of a damp towel that had been placed on the iced down bucket.

Their weight helped an adult to turn those last hard cranks to ensure that the ice cream was of perfect consistency. These days electric freezers have become the 'must-have' for making everything from sherbet to sorbet and of course, ice cream. People have strong opinions about just which ice cream is best, plain vanilla for some, fruit-laden concoctions for others, while some love the Orange Crush type recipes. All of it is a delight on a hot afternoon!

Here are some things you might not know about ice cream.

George Washington purchased a "cream machine for making ice" and spent the unheard-of sum of $200 making ice cream all summer!

Nancy Johnson of Philadelphia received the first U.S. patent for a small-scale hand-cranked ice cream freezer in 1843.

The ice cream freezer was actually a pewter cylinder.

The paddles were hand-turned every 10 minutes or so for a few hours until reaching the desired consistency and flavor. Johnson sold the patent to William Young, who marketed the machine as the "Johnson Patent Ice-Cream Freezer."

The White Mountain Freezer Company, which manufactures ice cream makers, is the largest establishment of its kind in the world.

The company began business in Laconia, New Hampshire in 1872. Thomas Sands being the inventor was also the proprietor and manager.

The enterprise was a success from the start and greatly expanded its business.



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Vintage ice cream maker

Some favorite recipes

Vanilla Ice Cream
Makes approximately 1 ½ pints.

- 2 eggs
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 ½ cups heavy cream
- 1 ½ cups whole milk
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

1. In a large mixing bowl whisk the eggs until they're light and fluffy.
2. Add the sugar a bit at a time while continuing to whisk until completely blended.
3. Add the cream, milk, and vanilla. Whisk to thoroughly blend.
4. Add the mixture to your ice cream maker and freeze according to the manufacturer's directions.

Recipe from World of Ice Cream.

Note: one can of Eagle Brand Milk can be substituted for the heavy cream, and more sugar can be added to taste.

Variation; Strawberry Banana Ice Cream
Follow the recipe for vanilla above, then add slightly mashed, chopped strawberries, and sliced, ripe bananas to the recipe. Make sure that your ingredients do not go above the 'fill' line on the inside of your freezer.

Easy Chocolate Freezer Ice Cream
Makes 1 gallon.

- 5 eggs
- 2 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 3 (13 oz.) cans evaporated milk
- 1 (16 oz.) can chocolate syrup
- Milk

1. Beat eggs until light and fluffy.
2. Stir in sugar, vanilla, evaporated milk and chocolate syrup.
3. Pour into freezer can of a 1 gallon hand turned or electric freezer.
4. Fill to within 3 inches of top of can with milk.
5. Freeze according to manufacturer's instructions.
6. Let ripen at least 2 hours.

Recipe from Cooks.com.

Lemon Sorbet
Makes 1 pint.

- 1 cup water
- 1 cup sugar
- ¾ cup fresh lemon juice
- 5 tablespoons lemon zest

1. In a medium saucepan, over medium heat add the water and sugar. Cook until dissolved. Raise the heat and bring to a boil, then lower the heat and simmer for 2 or 3 minutes. Let cool. Add the lemon juice and zest to the syrup. Chill
2. Add the mixture to your ice cream maker and freeze according to the manufacturer's directions.
Recipe from World of Ice Cream.

French Peach Ice Cream
Makes 1 gallon.

- 5 eggs
- 2 c. sugar
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 (13 oz.) can evaporated milk
- 1 tbsp. vanilla
- Milk
- 2 c. mashed peaches
- 1/2 c. sugar

1. Beat eggs until frothy.
2. Add 2 cups sugar.
3. Add condensed milk, evaporated milk, and vanilla.
4. Combine 1/2 cup sugar with mashed peaches (peaches must be very ripe).
5. Add to mixture.
6. Add enough regular milk to fill freezer 1 inch from top.
7. Freeze according to freezer directions.

Recipe from Cooks.com.

Butter Pecan Ice Cream
Makes 2 quarts.

Toasted nuts:

- 3 tbsp. butter, melted
- 3/4 c. pecans, chopped
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1 tbsp. sugar

Ice cream:

- 1/2 c. brown sugar, packed
- 1/4 c. sugar
- 2 tbsp. cornstarch
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/3 c. maple-flavored pancake syrup
- 2 1/2 c. milk
- 1 c. whipping cream
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract

1. On a baking sheet, combine butter, pecans, salt and 1 tablespoon sugar and spread into a single layer.
2. Roast at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.
3. Stir and roast 15 minutes longer, cool.
4. For ice cream, combine sugars, cornstarch, eggs and syrup in the top of a double boiler, gradually add milk. Cook over boiling water until mixture thickens.
5. Remove from the heat and chill several hours or overnight.
6. Stir in nuts, cream and vanilla.
7. Place in ice cream freezer and freeze according to manufacturer's directions.
8. Allow to ripen in ice cream freezer or firm up in your refrigerator freezer an hour before serving.

Recipe from Cooks.com.

White Mountain recommends this old-fashioned method to harden the ice cream:

- It is best to make a cooked recipe the night before, so it has plenty of time to chill.
- Leave ice cream in the canister. Place a sheet of waxed paper across the top of the can; place the canister cover over the waxed paper.
- Drain water and repack maker with 5 parts of ice and 1 part of salt. Do this until entire canister and lid are covered with the ice and salt mixture.
- Cover with a towel or some suitable materials for insulation. Let stand until frozen hard.

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HISTORICAL FEATURE

This July, the Duchess Bakery turns 78

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CULLMAN – The Duchess Bakery is one of Cullman's most well-known local landmarks. The bakery- located at 222 First Ave. SE and owned by Larry Bontrager- sells a wide variety of delicious sweets, such as cookies, cinnamon twists, cakes, pies and last but not least: donuts, the item they are perhaps the best known for. It is also one of Cullman's oldest businesses, having been opened in 1939. While many other Cullman businesses dating from the early 1900s have closed, the Duchess Bakery is still going strong.

The idea behind Duchess Bakery came from A.F. 'Al' Grasser. Grasser first worked as a salesman for the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company in Birmingham before deciding to return to Cullman and open a bakery. Grasser was quoted in the July 6, 1939 edition of The Cullman Tribune as saying he "considered a great many favorable business opportunities before he fully decided to start a bakery," and that he was "of the opinion that his hometown offers him a splendid opportunity in the bakery and delicatessen field."

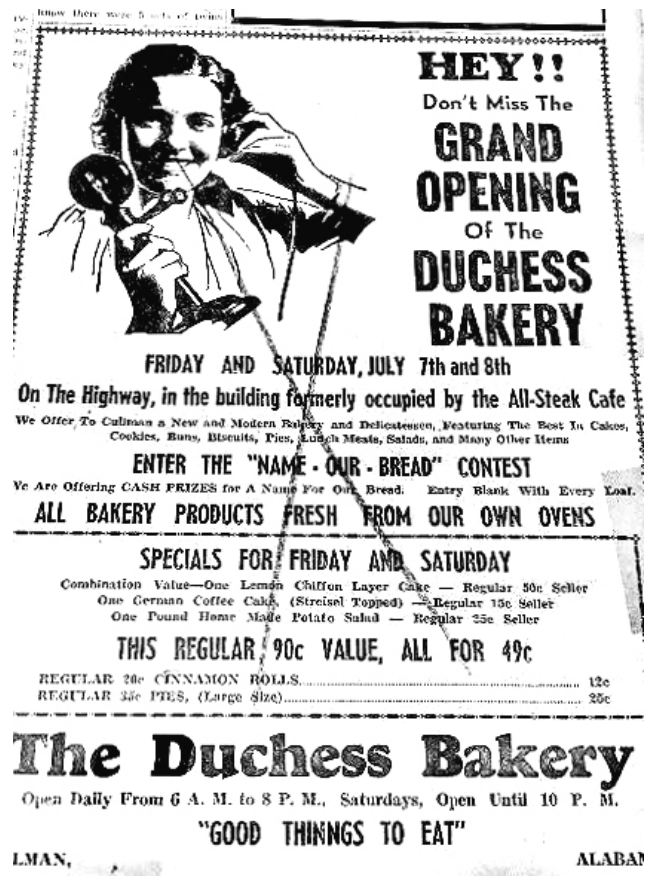
The Duchess Bakery held it grand opening on July 7- 8, 1939 at 222 First Ave. SE, the location it has occupied for the past 78 years.

The building was formerly the home of another well-known local restaurant-the All Steak- during its earliest years.

However, though the location has not changed, the menu has been transformed over the years.

Originally, the Duchess Bakery was not only a bakery, but also a deli, offering lunch meats, salads, breads and biscuits in addition to sweet items.

Others of its original items included German-style coffee cake, potato salad, cinnamon rolls, cookies and lemon chiffon layer cake. Donuts did not join the menu until later in the bakery's history. Prices have also changed: the original cost for a large pie was 35 cents, and a cinnamon roll sold for 20 cents.



THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTO: JULY 6, 1939

Ad for the grand opening of the Duchess Bakery

Cullman High's Hembree selected for Advanced Placement Reading

Kim Hall
Contributor

NEW YORK – Josh Hembree, an AP Calculus teacher at Cullman High School, has been selected to participate in the College Board's Annual AP Reading in AP Calculus. Each June, AP teachers and college faculty members from around the world gather in the United States to evaluate and score the free-response sections of the AP Exams.

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Can you break out? June 28 workshop offered for area educators

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Area educators who want to break out of the rut and get some new ideas for their classrooms will want to take part in an exciting professional development workshop offered this month by the Wallace State Community College Alumni Association.

The 2017 Educator Alumni Connection will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the James C. Bailey building on the Hanceville campus.

The workshop is a good six-and-a-half hours of professional development activities. The fee is $15 to WSCC Alumni members and $20 for all others, and includes lunch.

"Can You Break Out?" Is the title of the workshop, which will introduce educators to educational versions of the popular trend of escape rooms. The lessons will be easily adaptable for educators teaching kindergarten through college levels.

Aimee Bates, technology specialist for Cullman City Schools, and Susan Boyd, library media specialist, will show educators how to create subject/content-related tasks and clues to solve riddles or complete tasks to unlock physical or digital locks and "break out" of the class. Bates will also demonstrate a digital breakout and show participants how to access free resources to use this technique in their classes.

To register for the workshop, visit www.wsccalumni.org/edconn17. For more information, contact LaDonna Allen at 256-352-8071 or ladonna.allen@wallacestate.edu.

Duke earns President's List recognition at Southern Miss

Landy Laird
University of Southern Mississippi

HATTIESBURG – The University of Southern Mississippi has released its President's and Dean's Lists for the 2017 spring semester.

Brooke Allison Duke, of Bremen, made the President's List.

The President's List includes full-time students who earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average (all As).

The University of Southern Mississippi, founded in 1910, is a comprehensive doctoral and research-extensive university fulfilling its mission of being a leading university in engaging and empowering individuals to transform lives and communities.

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Obituary Announcements: June 19-20

Arthur Carl Leigeber, 77 of Cullman, died Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Mr. Leigeber was preceded in death by his parents: William and Eva Kress Leigeber; and brothers: Ervin Leigeber & Ernest Leigeber. He is survived by his wife, Johnnie Thrasher Leigeber; his son, Derek Leigeber (Vicki); his daughter, Tracy Hartwig (Trent); grandchildren: Alicia Hollis (James), Joseph Leigeber, Nikolas Hartwig, & Emily Leigeber; sisters: Evelyn Yancey (Pete), Ester Love (Allen), Shirley Vigil (Robert), Shelby Solley, Ruth May (Jimmy), Sister-in-law, Virginia Leigeber, brothers: William T. Leigeber (Rosemary), Melvin Leigeber (Donna), & Johnny Leigeber (Margaret); and 2 great grandchildren: Ezekiel Hollis & Abigail Hollis and numerous nieces and nephews. The family will celebrate the life of Mr. Leigeber Monday, June 19, 2017 at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow at Cullman City Cemetery. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Nona Mae Edwards, 72, of Bear Creek, entered into rest on June 16, 2017 at Haleyville Health Care. Mrs. Edwards was born on May 19, 1945 in Bear Creek, Alabama. She was long time member of Cherry Hill Church of God in Haleyville. Funeral services held on Monday, June 19, 2017 at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville. Brother Royce Brimer and Brother Mickey Crane officiated. Burial will follow in Littleville Cemetery. Mrs. Edwards is survived by her son, Abe Jr Edwards; brothers, James Crane, David Crane, and Dennis Crane and his wife Vivian; she was "Nanny" to 5 grandchildren, Zachary Edwards, Lee Edwards, Carolyn Edwards, Allan Edwards and Savanah Mealer; and 7 great grandchildren, Will Edwards, Clayton Edwards, Hunter Edwards, Dalton Edwards, Anna Green, Rylee Edwards and Maddie Edwards. She was preceded in death by her husband, Abe Lee Edwards; parents, Odelle and Beatrice Crane; brother, Buddy Crane; and sister, Darlene Crane.

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WaLLi member celebrates 90th birthday

Gail Crutchfield
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CULLMAN - Wallace State Community College WaLLi member Marilyn Lutzky doesn't let her age slow her down. She arrived at her 90th birthday party on a motorcycle that was driven by a member of the King's Riders of Cullman.

"It was a bumpy ride," Lutzky stated as she arrived for the celebration.

At 90 years old Lutzky is a treasurer of several clubs including three sewing clubs, a model airplane club and is a member of two bowling leagues.

Fellow member of sewing club Stitch and Knit and friend of Lutzky's, Robin Lambert, was one of the many who helped put together the special event.

"I always have some sort of mixed nuts at my house and when Marilyn comes over she always eats all of the cashews out of them," said Robin Lambert. "That's why we only have cashews here."'

As Marilyn's friends and family arrived she blew out her candles but before she did she wanted to let everyone know on her 100th birthday she would take a parachute jump out of an airplane.

"My grandmother lived to be 103 and I am hoping that I'm taking after her," Lutsky said.

During Lutzky's party she had several special guests to stop by including Melinda Edwards, who is the WaLLi program coordinator, and Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs.

Marilyn got involved with WaLLi because she and some friends had heard about it so they attended the informational meeting that was held for it.

She said they were enthused over it. Since becoming a WaLLi member she has attended concerts and luncheons at Wallace State and has taken day trips around Alabama as well. WaLLi, the Wallace State Lifelong Learning Institute, is open to area residents 50 and older, and provides access to special services, classes, and events across campus.

When asked what she credits her long life to she responded with, "Do whatever you want to do and eat whatever you want to eat and stay away from doctors."

WaLLi, a program for local citizens 50 and older, is the Wallace State Lifelong Learning Institute and is a revamped version of the Continuing Education department's Lifelong Learning program, which offers classes, lectures, travel and social activities for the older generations. The program also offers access to the Wallace State Wellness Center and Wallace State services provided by numerous programs on campus.



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Marilyn arrived at her party in style with a motorcycle ride from a member of King's Riders of Cullman.

Meeting will spotlight Wallace State health programs with fall openings

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Health Science programs with openings still available for the Fall 2017 semester at Wallace State Community College will hold an informational meeting on Wednesday, June 28, at 10 a.m. on the 12th floor of the James C. Bailey Center on the Hanceville campus.

"This meeting gives students who did not get into their first-choice program, or those who want more information about our programs, the opportunity to hear about other options available to them here at Wallace State," said Lisa German, dean of Health Sciences.

"We have a number of highly-competitive programs that fill up with students rather quickly, but there are other fantastic programs that students may not be aware of that can help them get jobs in the healthcare field, or that can be used as a building block toward getting into that first-choice program.

"This meeting is to let students know they do have options for this fall," German added.

"Rather than thinking there's nothing they can do for the next year, they have the opportunity to enter other programs that will help them reach their ultimate goal of employment or possibly lead them down a path they hadn't considered before."

After a brief overview of each program with openings for the fall, students can meet individually with representatives of each program they're interested in to get more detailed information. The meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about Wallace State's Health Science programs.

The programs that will be represented at the meeting include: Child Development, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Assistant, Medical Coding, Medical Laboratory Technician, Pharmacy Technology, Polysomnography (Sleep Study), and Therapeutic Massage. Completion time for program range from one to two semesters for certificates, to five semesters for Associate degrees.

Not all programs require completion of pre-requisite courses.

For more information about the meeting or Wallace State's Health Science programs, visit www.wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-8000.

What: Health Science Options Meeting

When: Wednesday, June 18, 10 a.m.

Where: James C. Bailey Center 12th Floor, Wallace State Community College

Information: 256-352-8302

51 area students graduate from University of Alabama

Richard LeComte
University of Alabama

TUSCALOOSA – The University of Alabama awarded approximately 5,000 degrees during spring commencement May 5-7.

Area students who received degrees include:

• William Collins, of Arab, Bachelor of Science in Education
• Austin Hamilton, of Arab, Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration
• Christopher Mann, of Arab, Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration
• Miranda Mason, of Arab, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
• Connie McCoy, of Arab, Master of Science in Human Environmental Sciences
• William Morgan, of Arab, Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration
• Dalton Shedd, of Arab, Bachelor of Science
• Russell Williams, of Arab, Educational Specialist
• John Bullard, of Cleveland, Bachelor of Science in Human Environmental Sciences
• Hunter Gibbs, of Cleveland, Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration
• Michael Hazelrig, of Cleveland, Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration
• Tori Swindle, of Cleveland, Bachelor of Science in Education
• Kathy Haynes, of Crane Hill, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
• Ethan Flack, of Cullman, Bachelor of Science
• William Glasscock, of Cullman, Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration
• Mary Gray, of Cullman, Bachelor of Science in Human Environmental Sciences and Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration
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• Zoie Wilson, of Cullman, Bachelor of Arts
• Morgan Dove, of Cullman, Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration
• Alissa Giddings, of Cullman, Bachelor of Science in Human Environmental Sciences
• Keaton Ramsey, of Cullman, Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering
• Nathanael Booth, of Hanceville, Doctor of Philosophy
• Kaitlyn Corum, of Hanceville, Bachelor of Arts
• Samuel Dye, of Hanceville, Master of Business Administration
• Cameron Cole, of Hayden, Master of Science
• Kyle Haynes, of Logan, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
• Lauren Head, of Oneonta, Master of Arts
• Jake Pettus, of Oneonta, Master of Science
• Melia Farlow, of Remlap, Bachelor of Arts
• Donica Burton, of Vinemont, Bachelor of Arts in Communication & Information Sciences
• Erica Kelly, of Vinemont, Master of Science in Human Environmental Sciences
• William Parker, of Vinemont, Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering
• Ella Waldrop, of Vinemont, Bachelor of Arts
• Hannah Yerby, of Vinemont, Bachelor of Science in Education
• Abby Andre, of Falkville, Bachelor of Science in Human Environmental Sciences
• Tammie Holmes, of Falkville, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
• Dalton Stisher, of Falkville, Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration
• Bryan Harris, of Altoona, Master of Accountancy
• Erica Jolley, of Horton, Bachelor of Arts
• Leah Miller, of Horton, Bachelor of Arts

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