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*Chris Boggan, a first-time skydiver, and an instructor glide to safety after skydiving at Skydive Alabama in Vinemont.*

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YOUTH SPORTS

# Cullman's Axel Ward, 5, competing in national motocross championship

## *Chad Ward weighs in on his son's accomplishment*



CRYSTAL WARD

*Axel Ward*

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# Calling all animal lovers: CAAWA needs your help

**Christy Perry**
Tribune Correspondent

**CULLMAN** – On the frigid afternoon of Dec. 23, 2010, Terry and Patricia Bentley were headed home to Crane Hill after a last-minute trip into Cullman. Patricia was exhausted after her shift as an RN in Homewood. They had just passed the golf course and were 1 mile from exit 299 when Patricia saw her: a yellow lab sitting at the edge of the road in the brush. Patricia needed to turn the car around. There was a connection between Patricia and the dog that many might describe as fate. The Bentleys did turn around and what they found was an extremely pregnant mother-to-be. Patricia's decision that afternoon would set her life on a new course.

Terry and Patricia loaded the dog in the car.

Patricia Bentley recalled, "I didn't know anything about puppies!! What was I going to do?? This sweet dog had been stripped of everything. Her neck had a dark area around it where a collar, a chain or a rope had obviously been. Whoever did this had taken her identity, left her on the coldest day of the year, abandoned her during a time she was in greatest need two days before Christmas."



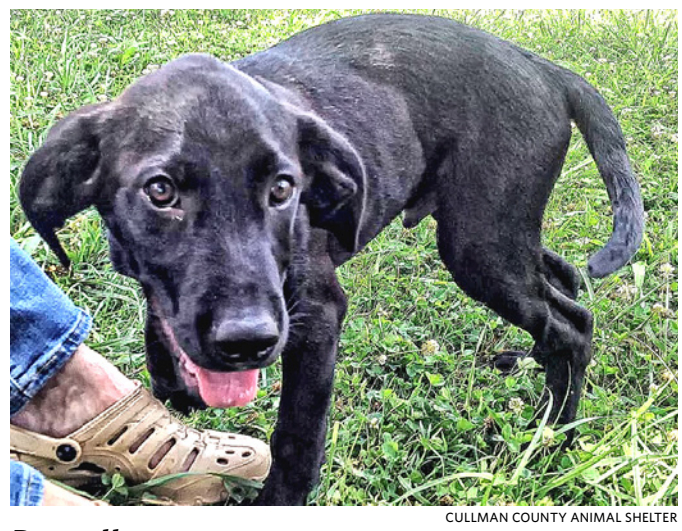
PATRICIA BENTLEY

*CAAWA's Patricia Bentley poses with one of her rescues, Daniel.*

Bentley reached out to Dr. Rebecca Durham at Compton's Veterinary Hospital the following day. Bentley described herself as "hysterical" as Dr. Durham explained that the dog, now referred to as Belle, was dilated and in labor. On Christmas Day 2010, Belle gave birth to six boys and one little girl.

Bentley had reached out to every shelter and rescue she could find for help with her now eight dogs. After dozens of pleas, a representative from CAAWA (Cullman Area Animal Welfare Association) was the only person who offered to help. If Bentley could foster the mom and

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

*Russell*

PET OF THE WEEK

# Russell is looking for his forever home

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**CULLMAN** – Cullman County Animal Shelter volunteer Donna Ruttkay introduces us to The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week:

Russell is a lab with a little puppy still in him at around 4-and-half-months-old. He's not childish, though: he's a laid-back, low- to medium-energy pet. He enjoys human company, whether walking around the large grassy yard, wading through the kiddie pool, or just hanging out by your side. When he's in a playful mood, according to Ruttkay, "his frolicking about is nothing short of pure entertainment."

Russell could be a good therapy, companion, comfort or service dog. Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's dogs have even been "hired" to work as special needs service dogs.

Russell's adoption fee is $90, which includes: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, neutering, microchip, free 45-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

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# West Point mourning loss of middle school librarian

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**WEST POINT** – The West Point community is mourning the sudden loss of one of its educators. Amanda Thrasher, 49, who was the West Point Middle School librarian, died unexpectedly at her home early Sunday morning.

West Point Middle School announced Thrasher's passing on its Facebook page: "It is with deep sorrow and sadness that we report the unexpected passing of one of West Point Middle School's faculty family. Please keep the family and friends of Amanda Thrasher in your thoughts as we grieve the loss of one of our own."

The school also posted service information for Thrasher. Visitation will be Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church in Cullman. Funeral services will be Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. at St. John's.

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette told The Tribune late Sunday, "I was brokenhearted to hear about the passing of Mrs. Thrasher. She was not only a great librarian and educator, but she also loved young people. She was constantly encouraging them to love to read. She made a lasting impact on all three of my own boys and many other children throughout her career. She will be missed. Our hearts and prayers go out to her sweet daughter and husband."

According to the West Point Middle School website, Thrasher had been a teacher and library media specialist for more than 20 years. She was a 1986 graduate of West Point High School.




FACEBOOK

***Amanda Thrasher***

# Arrest report: July 12-15

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**CULLMAN** – Below are the arrests reported for July 12-15. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

**GJ** = grand jury; **FTA** = failure to appear

**JULY 12-15**
**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**Badalucco, Joshua Wayne, 30**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Bartlett, Rhett Stewart, 30**
- attempting to elude
- carrying a pistol without a license
- driving on wrong side of road
- DUI- influence of alcohol
- running a red light

**Berry, Donald Dale Dewayne, 53**
- harassing communications

**Blake, Barbara Marie, 35**
- FTA- disorderly conduct

**Boston, John Calvin, 31**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Dorton, Eric Preston, 25**
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Evans, Kimberly, 34**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Garner, Bradley, 20**
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (10 counts)

**Hill, Johnathan Christopher, 55**
- public intoxication

**Kuykendall, Johnie Lee, 43**
- unlawful manufacturing of a controlled substance

**Lance, Travis Earnest, 21**
- attempting to elude
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana not for personal use

**Lomneck, Charles Whitt, 37**
- FTA- driving while revoked

**Pickering, Angela Ann, 43**
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Rouse, Ricky Gene, 40**
- writ of arrest- child support

**Stephens, Tonya Alise, 31**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Waters, Steven Andrew, 39**
- FTA- first-degree criminal trespassing
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- third-degree receiving stolen property
- FTA- switched tag
- second-degree bail jumping- first-degree criminal trespassing
- second-degree bail jumping- first-degree receiving stolen property

**Weaver, Clinton Alem, 29**
- FTA- attempting to elude

**Yourkwitz, Daniel Paul, 58**
- public intoxication

**JULY 13-15**
**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Pearson, Henry D. Jr., 58**
- public intoxication
- FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)

**Prince, Cailee A., 19**
- fourth-degree receiving stolen property

**Harris, Shelly A., 49**
- fourth-degree theft of property

**Meyer, Damon P., 22**
- resisting arrest

**Carden, Kayla A., 28**
- FTA- DUI

**Smith, James L., 46**
- third-degree domestic violence

**Curtis, Megan L., 28**
- third-degree domestic violence

**Naish, Jillian Y., 31**
- third-degree domestic violence

**Naish, Joseph K., 39**
- third-degree domestic violence

**Goodwin, Phillip T., 54**
- FTA- insurance violation

**Bowlin, Rusty W., 30**
- third-degree criminal trespassing
- resisting arrest

**McCay Breanna M., 24**
- fourth-degree theft of property

**Taylor, Thomas E., 50**
- fourth-degree theft of property

**Conn, Brittany J., 27**
- fourth-degree theft of property

**Pack, Heath S., 33**
- fourth-degree theft of property

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**
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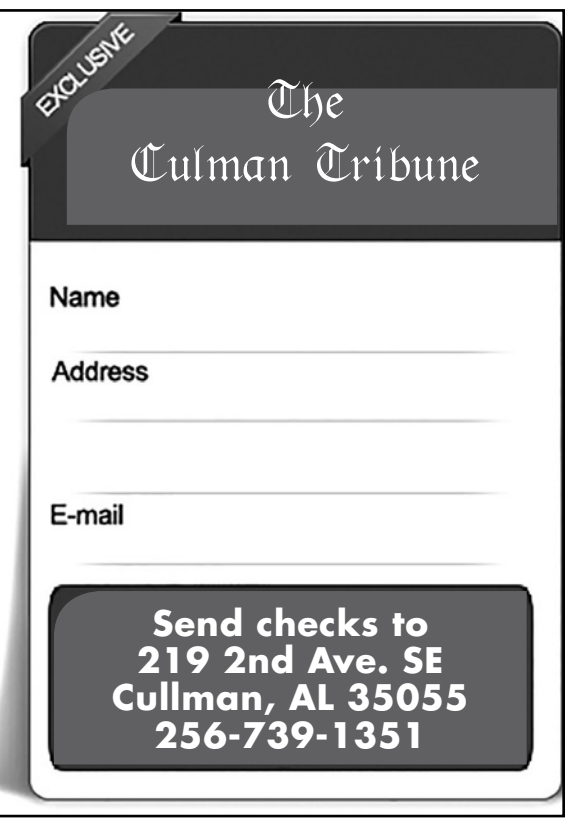
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LINDA S. VAUGHN, Deceased. ) CASE NO.: PC2018-212

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION**

Letters Testamentary having been granted to **MARK WAYNE MADDOX,** as Executor of the Estate of **LINDA S. VAUGHN**, deceased, on the 29th day of June, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

DONE this 29th day of June, 2018.

Mark Wayne Maddox
Executor

Andria Richter
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# 2nd Fridays continues to draw huge crowds; big plans for August, September

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**CULLMAN** – Cullman's Warehouse District was filled to capacity Friday evening, as droves of people came out to enjoy food, live music, games, classic cars and to support local businesses at this year's second installment of 2nd Fridays, a Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event.

The free event featured three different stages for live music. There were games like cornhole, a rock climbing wall and bouncy houses set up for the many children who came out. Car enthusiasts brought out more than 200 modern and vintage classic cars to display for the event. Many different local businesses and artists were selling wares at the event, also.

William Burks, of Burks Farm, had some tables set up for his vegetables at the Cullman Farmers' Market. Burks spoke to The Tribune about why these events are so important for farmers' market vendors.

"Well, it brings in an opportunity for a different crowd. The ones that work during the week, that aren't able to come during the day to the regular market," explained Burks. "It allows them to have a time to come the market to get fresh vegetables and participate in other things going on with the event itself. If they see something that they like, then they might come on the regular days, especially at the market on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays."

Frankie Daniel, who brought one of his antique cars to display, said of the remarkable attendance for the event, "Pretty good turnout for Cullman. It's been about two years since I've been to this. It's pretty big tonight."

One of the most popular food vendors was Johnny's Bar-B-Q.

Manager Josh Wiggins was manning the restaurants food truck. Wiggins, who has participated in 2nd Fridays since the events started, said he has seen the event grow as time has gone on.

"We were one of the first food trucks to do it back when it started," said Wiggins. "I think it's been two or three years and it's really come a long way. It's huge. It's become a huge success if you ask me."

Leah Bolin, president and CEO of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, has noticed the growth of the event, too.

"We started it as a way to think local and shop local so it's great for our retailers and our restaurants," Bolin said.

"But then we expanded on those ideas and we brought in all of our different members through pop-up shops and our artists. Every year we grow a little bit more."




HAYDEN HYATT/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

***Revelers enjoy event activities during 2nd Fridays in downtown Cullman.***

Bolin also spoke to The Tribune about the benefits these events bring to the Cullman business community.

"It's a really fun way to bring all of our chamber members together in a central locations so they can really promote what they are doing," explained Bolin. "Then we get all of these people from outside and inside of Cullman County, to expose them to the great things that our area has to offer."

Bolin also remarked about the attendance at the events.

"We definitely have thousands of people that attend each month, and every month it builds on the next," she said. "So by the time we hit September, you won't even be able to walk around. It's going to be great."

The event is a great time for almost anyone according to Bolin.

"There's something for everybody, whether you're a young family with young children or you're an elderly couple or anybody in between. It's just a really fun night just to come out for a family night in a clean, fun, safe environment and just enjoy the night."

The chamber has more fun in store for future 2nd Fridays events, said Bolin.

"Next month we're going to feature RVs and then after that were going to do kind of a fun little carnival thing for September. Next month were going to do a Furry 5K and 1-mile family fun walk and a lot of dog and fun activities in Depot Park."

Bolin continued, "Then in September we're going to do a really big corn hole tournament for cash prizes. People will be signing up from really all over the United States to be part of that.

"We're super excited about the band we've got because they're a Nashvillian band and they're about on the tipping point.

"Their name is Dozzi and they're from Australia where they've already hit it big. We're really going to be blowing it out of the water in September."

STATE

# Ivey announces BAE Systems to create 'hundreds of new jobs' in Huntsville expansion

**Office of Gov. Kay Ivey**
Contributor

**LONDON** – Gov. Kay Ivey welcomed plans by global defense contractor BAE Systems to launch a major expansion that will create a substantial number of jobs and add new capabilities at its operations in Huntsville.

In an announcement coinciding with the start of the Farnborough International Airshow near London Monday, BAE Systems revealed the $45.5 million project to expand its operations in Alabama. The company said the expansion will create hundreds of new jobs.

"BAE Systems' decision to carry out this significant expansion project in Huntsville is a powerful testament to the expertise that makes Alabama's 'Rocket City' an aerospace hub," said Ivey, who is attending the air show with a state business development team.

"It's great to see a world-class company like BAE Systems expand its presence — and create good jobs — in Alabama, where aerospace is continuing to take off," she added.

BAE Systems said the multi-phase growth plan includes the immediate expansion of its offices at Discovery Drive in Huntsville and the development of a state-of-the-art manufacturing and office space facility in the Cummings Research Park.

Work at the facility will consist of new programs and existing business, including the design, development and manufacturing of precision munitions and aircraft survivability technology.

The increased capacity will enable the company to execute on its commitments to customers while positioning it to address surging demand for key products. "Our expansion in Huntsville provides us a great opportunity to establish a closer working relationship with our critical customers in the U.S. Army and the Redstone Arsenal community," said Paul Markwardt, vice president and general manager of Survivability, Targeting, and Sensing Solutions at BAE Systems. "Huntsville is a good location to attract the key talent needed to develop and deliver important new capabilities to our customers."

BAE Systems is working with Huntsville developer Samples Properties, Fuqua & Partners Architects, and Pearce Construction to build its new 83,000-square-foot facility, which will include engineering development space, manufacturing space, and Department of Defense lab space. A 20-acre site for the building will provide expansion room for phased growth in the future.

Construction of the new building will begin this year and is expected to be complete in 2019.

"Huntsville's expansive capabilities in the aerospace industry make it the ideal location for BAE Systems' growth plans in the United States," said Greg Canfield, secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce.

"There's simply no better place to conduct the critical defense work that provides vital protection to our nation and our allies in unsettled times."

Chip Cherry, president and CEO of the Huntsville/Madison Chamber, said project announcements like the one by BAE Systems are years in the making.

"We met with BAE senior leadership at the Farnborough Airshow in 2016 to discuss the advantages of being in Huntsville/Madison County," Cherry said.

"We are at the airshow again this year meeting with more companies about establishing and expanding their presence in Huntsville." BAE Systems is a global defense, aerospace and security company with more than 83,000 employees worldwide and operations in 30 U.S. states.

"Huntsville has once again proven itself to be the location of choice for companies looking to do cutting-edge R&D, engineering, and manufacturing all in one location," Mayor Tommy Battle said.

"After our recent string of wins in advanced manufacturing, we made the strategic decision to renew our focus on Cummings Research Park and the knowledge-based jobs that have given Huntsville its positive reputation for innovation. BAE Systems is a company we have worked with for a number of years. They will develop new technologies to keep our soldiers and allies safe for decades to come. Huntsville is proud to play a key role in BAE Systems' mission," Battle added.

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF )
)
WALLACE QUINN, ) CASE NO.: PC2018-112
Deceased. )

**NOTICE OF HEARING**
**PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND**
**PETITION FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY**

**TO: RODNEY WAYNE QUINN, GARY DEWAYNE QUINN, BONNIE LEE QUINN, WALLACE JUNIOR QUINN, STEPHANIE BIRMINGHAM, OR ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE DECEDENT AND ANY INTRESTED PARITES.**

Please take notice that a hearing for Petition for Probate of Will and Petition for Letters Testamentary for WALLACE QUINN, filed by GLENDA SUE JONES, Petitioner, has been **set** for **the** 10th **day of** October, **2018, at** 10:00 **a.m.** at the Cullman County Courthouse, Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055, before TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate.

Done this the 12th day of July, 2018.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

**Michael Thornton**
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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN THE MATTER OF** **CASE NO: PC** 2018-276

**J.C.M.,**
**D.O.B. 06-19-12**
**A MINOR CHILD,**

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR MINOR NAME CHANGE**

**TO: ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, UNDISCLOSED PERSONS OR BIOLOGICAL FATHER.**

**A PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR CHILD WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY JESSICA EVERMAN, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS NAME CHANGE, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, ROOM 101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.**

**DONE THIS** 16th **DAY OF** July, **2018.**

Tammy Brown
**TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE**
**CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**STATE OF ALABAMA**
**CULLMAN COUNTY** **CASE NO.: AD2018-064**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF M.C.W.,
A MINOR CHILD.
D.O.B.: 04/09/2007

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

TO: **JEFFREY COLIN WEBSTER, any known, unknown, or undisclosed persons who might be the biological father:**

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of M.C.W., a minor child born on the 9th day of April, 2007, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to biological mother Callie Kristen Doss Johnson, was filed on the 5th day of June, 2018, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by JACOB BLANE DOSS, Petitioner. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE THIS 13th DAY OF July, 2018.

**Jacob Blane Doss**
**Petitioner**

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**TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE**
**CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

STATE

# AL Dept. of Veterans Affairs seeking Korean War veterans

**Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs**

**MONTGOMERY** – The Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs is seeking Korean War veterans for the Korean Ambassador of Peace medal. The Korean government would like to show its respect and gratitude for the devotion and sacrifice of U.S. troops during the Korean War by presenting the medals to veterans.

Sometimes called "The Forgotten War," in part because its memory is often overshadowed by World War II and the Vietnam War, it began after some 75,000 North Korean soldiers poured into South Korea on June 25, 1950. By the time the war ended in July 1953, an estimated 5 million soldiers and civilians had died, including more than 700 from Alabama.

South Korea's government began offering the medals in 1975 to veterans who visited the country through its "Revisit Program," which was meant to show gratitude for the vets' service, as well as see how the country has prospered since the armistice was signed.

In Alabama, there are 21,991 Korean War veterans, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

But the state does not have a list of their names and addresses, so has to rely on word of mouth and local media to alert veterans to the honor.

Veterans should call 334-242-5084 to receive an application for the medal. A medal presentation ceremony will be held at a later date.

For more information, visit http://va.alabama.gov.

STATE

# Outdoor Alabama photo contest now open

**Kim Nix**
Contributor

**MONTGOMERY** – The Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest is now accepting entries through Oct. 31, 2018. The contest is a joint project between the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Alabama Tourism Department and the Alabama Bicentennial Commission. The photo contest is open to state residents and visitors alike, but qualifying photos must have been taken in Alabama.

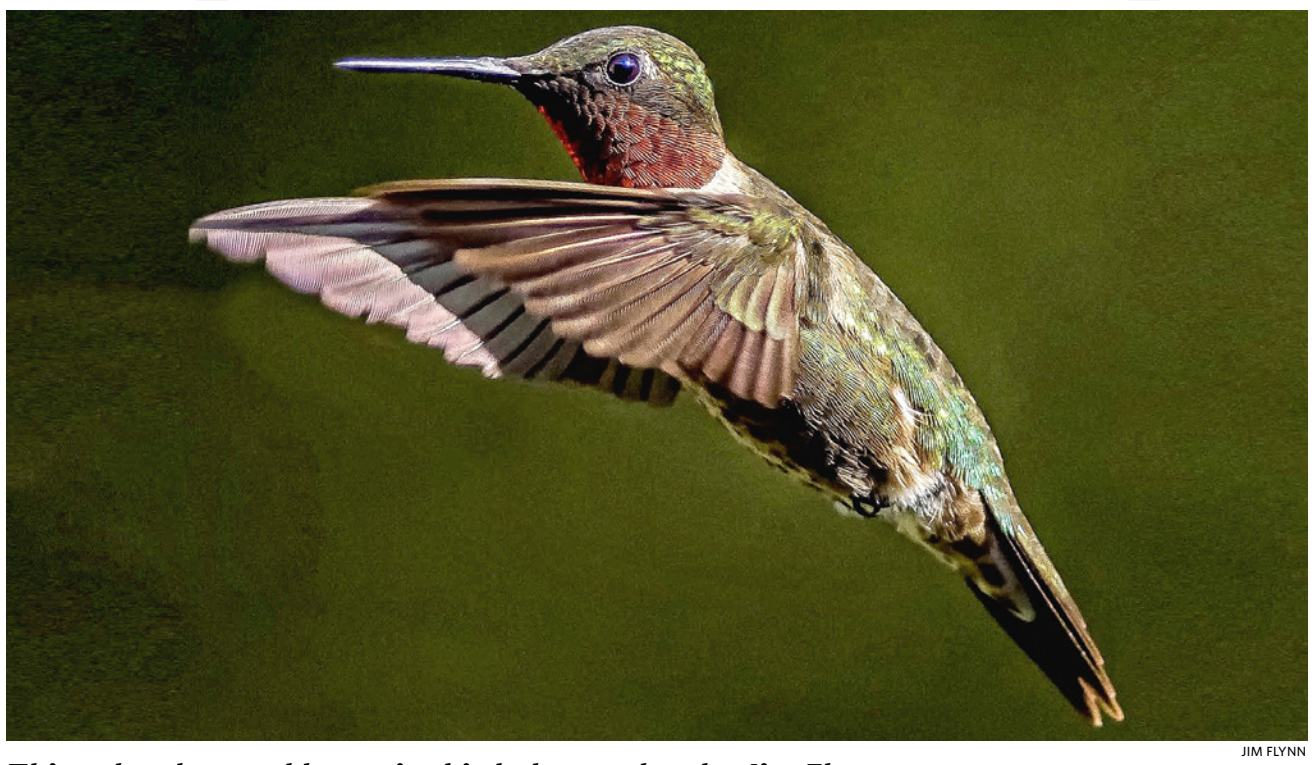
Contest coordinator Kim Nix says a new category connects the celebration of statehood to the photo contest, which is in its 14th year. "We added an Alabama Bicentennial category this year. Photos in this category could include historical parks, forts, lighthouses, battlefields or archeological sites. Those are just some examples—it's a broad category.

"Our other new category this year is Waterfalls. It's been such a popular subject for photos in previous contests that we decided to make it a focal point this year," she said. "Ultimately, our goal is to encourage residents and visitors to explore Alabama's outdoor spaces and document them through photography."

**The contest is open to adults and youth. A total of 10 photos per person may be entered in the following categories:**

- Alabama Bicentennial
- Birds of a Feather
- Bugs and Butterflies
- Coastal Life
- Cold-blooded Critters
- Nature-Based Recreation
- Shoots and Roots
- State Park Adventures
- Sweet Home Alabama
- Watchable Wildlife
- Waterfalls
- Young Photographer

Category explanations and additional entry information may be found at www.outdooralabama.com/photo-contest. Entry is restricted to the online upload of digital images, which can be completed from a computer, tablet or mobile phone.



JIM FLYNN

***This ruby-throated hummingbird photo taken by Jim Flynn placed in a previous Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest.***

The deadline for entries is Oct. 31, 2018. First, second, third and one honorable mention will be awarded in each category. Winning images will be featured online and in a traveling exhibit across the state during 2019. An exhibit of 2018 winners is currently on display around the state. For more information, call 334-242-3151 or email Kim Nix at kim.nix@dcnr.alabama.gov.

# Fun (from Front)

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**VINEMONT** – First-time skydivers and repeat customers alike showed up to Skydive Alabama Friday to- what else- jump from an airplane!

Skydive Alabama, which operates out of Cullman Regional Airport's Folsom Field, was established in 1999 and is still going strong. Skydive's location is also the only drop zone located in north Alabama.

The company offers skydiving opportunities for first-timers through tandem jumps, meaning customers will be strapped to one of their instructors during their jump. Experienced jumpers use the drop zone as well, and if you're not experienced, Skydive Alabama offers various courses to get you there.

Staff member Adam Johnson spoke highly of the company.

"I've been at Skydive Alabama for about five months," said Johnson. "This place is the best community that I've found in the industry in years and has a really great professional vibe."

Kyle Robinson, an accelerated free fall instructor at Skydive Alabama, said the business gets customers from all over.

"We have people that come from Huntsville and Birmingham pretty commonly, but we have people as far as Kentucky, Ohio and from Mississippi," explained Robinson. "People will drive three to four hours a lot, very commonly, to come do a jump, because there's just not many (drop zones) in the state."

Johnson also spoke about the sport of skydiving itself.

"Skydiving is fulfilling, because it's the only time in life where you're demanded to be entirely in the moment. There's no bills or stresses or problems up there," he said.

"It's a beautiful way to therapeutically unwind. The process always gives you fulfillment, euphoria and adrenaline. Everything in one perfect burrito, and it's all legal and fun."

Instructor Owen Greer said he gets something more out of the sport.

"I've been in the sport for about seven or eight years. The thing I enjoy the most about skydiving in teaching," said Greer.

"I have a very big education background. I went to college for it and my mom was a teacher and so I was always around it growing up, so when I came into skydiving that just kinda came along with me and now that's what I enjoy: watching people's first jumps and watching people grow into full-fledged sky divers."

Skydiving is not just for the young, either.

Said Greer, "We get all different ages and backgrounds. I've taken all the way from a just turned 19-year-old all the way to somebody knocking it off their bucket list at about 93years old or so. You get all walks of life around here."

Mike Boggan, a customer who was out at Skydive Alabama on Friday, said he'd been there before and was out again Friday with his son, Chris Boggan.

"Well when my oldest daughter wanted to do this, we looked around at different places. A, (Skydive Alabama) was the closest, B, they were super nice and the jump that we did that day was absolutely fantastic and fun," said the elder Boggan.

"We've never gone anywhere else, just because we had such a good experience here. They run a good business. It's very professional."

Chris Boggan, who was skydiving for his birthday, was excited to do his first tandem jump.

"It's a blast. I'm stoked," he smiled. "Eventually I want to get to the point where I can just solo jump. That's the main goal. I like thrills. This is just another thing that I can scratch off the list. So I'm looking forward to it."

Skydive Alabama Drop Zone Manager Kendra Dewey said the skydiving community is small, but her staff is great and the work environment is exciting.

"It's never a dull moment, that's for sure. The people I think are the best part of everything in skydiving. I have so many great people on my staff. They all do amazing different things," Dewey said.

"My pilot today is actually a doctor as well. He's been flying forever. There's just so many great people. In general skydiving is a very small community.

"So pretty much everybody knows everybody and even if you don't, you know somebody that knows somebody."

Dewey had some advice for those who may be on the fence about skydiving for the first time.

"Whether you're scared or not, actually, no, if you're scared, you should do a tandem," said Dewey.

"Everyone should jump at least once in their lifetime even if they're afraid of heights or just afraid of all of it, do it at least once. Everyone should do this at least once in their life."

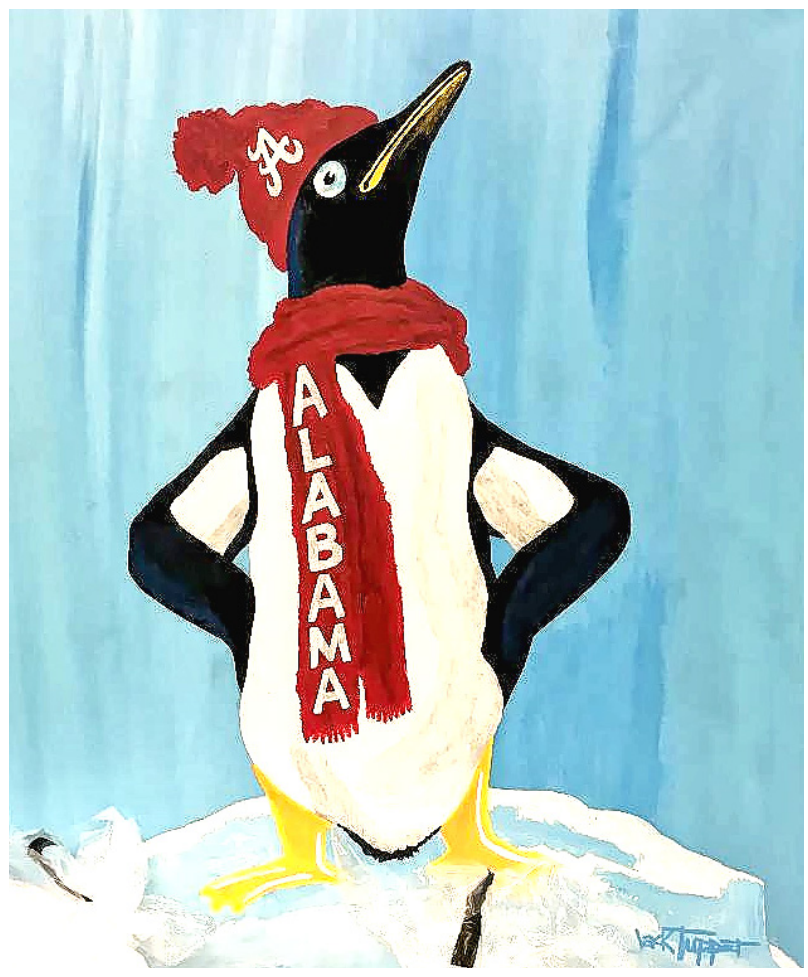
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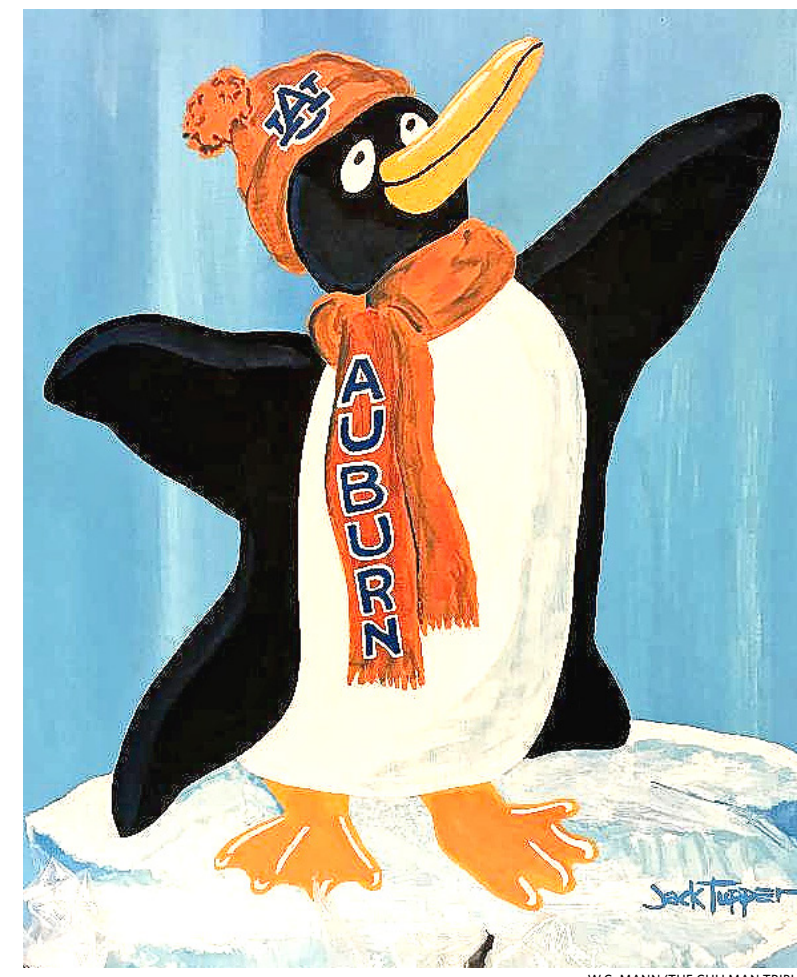





# COOLFEST: the Cullman-grow 'pop-up' cooling festival coming Thursday, July 26

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***Alabama and Auburn penguins by local muralist Jack Tupper will be sold at the event by silent auction. For a little extra, Tupper will even personalize them!***

**CULLMAN** – Local author and artist Ben Johnson and the North Alabama Agriplex have announced their plans to help Cullman folks cool off a little with COOLFEST, a "pop-up" downtown festival next week.

On Monday, Johnson issued the following press release:

"It's hotter than a pepper sprout every Alabama summer and 2018, our state's 198th summer, is another one. So, Cullman welcomes COOLFEST on Thursday, July 26 with a three-hour (4:12-7:12 p.m.), free admission, "pop-up" happening of cool, CULLMAN-GROWN food, ice-cold water and cool drinks, out-on-the-veranda heritage music, sleeping porch storytelling, cool art, fanning and air-conditioning. This cool "happening" is happening in downtown Cullman at Second Avenue and Fourth Street Southeast.

"Start at Consign and Design and register for the FREE DRAWING of a picnic basket filled with CULLMAN-GROWN goodies and see/buy, cool, original art," suggested COOLFEST volunteer organizer, Johnson.

"Then, go next door to Cullman Florist and watch local artist, Jack Tupper, paint sunflowers. Next, grab a CULLMAN-GROWN fruit cooler at 412 Public House and make a dinner reservation; visit the 'pop-up' CULLMAN-GROWN farm stand and savor FREE, grilled tastings by Alabama Farm Credit; grab a FREE handfan and cool drink huggie from Lesley Hyde State Farm; and enjoy FREE heritage music (dulcimer and banjo with Craig Mann, FaSoLa vocals by Sacred Harp Singers), and storytelling by Sharon Drake in the fellowship hall at Christ Lutheran Church.

"COOLFEST benefits the farm heritage programs of North Alabama Agriplex and ALAbundant hunger relief support including The Little Pantry next to the Mary Carter Store. 412 Public House is donating a percentage of all drink and food sales during COOLFEST. Y'ALL COME cool off at COOLFEST!"

**At a glance**

**COOLFEST, the Cullman-grown "pop-up" cooling festival**

- Second Avenue and Fourth Street Southeast in downtown Cullman
- Thursday, July 26, 4:12-7:12 p.m.

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EDUCATION / FAITH

# Cullman Christian School names Josh Swindall principal

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**CULLMAN** – Last week, the board of directors of Cullman Christian School (CCS) announced the hiring of Joshua (Josh) Swindall as principal, effective July 31, 2018.

CCS posted on its Facebook page: "Cullman Christian School is praising God for our new Principal. Josh Swindall holds a master's degree in education administration. He is soon to complete his doctorate in education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is experienced as a mathematics teacher, prior to going into school administration. He and his family attend Crosshaven Church, where he serves as the youth minister. Mr. Swindall brings a love of God and children and enthusiasm for Christian worldview training to CCS. We are now set for the future and expect to see God open doors, strengthen our program and add to our numbers under Mr. Swindall's leadership."

Swindall is currently in Peru on a mission trip but took a few minutes on Friday to communicate with The Tribune online. Look for a full story after his return.

Swindall comes to CCS from Cullman City Schools where he served as the district's technology and federal programs/CTE coordinator. Prior to that, he served as assistant principal at East and West Elementary Schools and taught mathematics at Cullman Middle School. Before coming to the city system, he taught math at Good Hope High School.

Swindall holds an educational specialist degree and a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and is currently pursuing his doctoral degree in education from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

He and his wife, Ashtin, have three boys—Everett Isaiah, Emmett Josiah and Ellis Haddon; and the couple is expecting another baby (also a boy, according to the proud dad!) in December.

"I am excited to join the staff at Cullman Christian School and thankful for the opportunity to serve as principal. I believe this to be a unique role that God has gifted me in and made me for," said Swindall.

Swindall wrote about what led him from a public system into private, faith-based education:

"For the past two years, I have been pursuing my doctorate (Ed.D.) from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Through the process, my passions for teaching and leadership have continued to grow in the areas of spiritual formation and educational pedagogy. While I have always sought to teach and lead as both a Christian and an educator, I now sense the Lord's urging to further marry these two passions in the field of Christian education."



JOSH SWINDALL

***Swindall and his mission team enjoy an aerial view of their mission sites in Peru. Left to right: front: Josh Swindall and Elijah Price. Back: Haley Knight and Josh Knight (not visible in photo).***

CCS offers pre-K through grade 12 education in a context of faith. It offers traditional courses, along with online electives and AP classes and has a Fast Track partnership with Wallace State Community College.

From the CCS website, "The mission of Cullman Christian School is to serve the Christian community by providing an academically rigorous education with a biblical world and life view."

For more information about CCS, visit www.cullmanchristian.org.

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# *Obituary Announcements: July 10 -14*

**Mrs. Jo Maurer**, 73, of Hanceville passed away on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Cullman Funeral Home directing.

**Amanda Kaye Haynes Thrasher**, 49, of Cullman died Saturday, July 14, 2018 at her home. Her service will be Tuesday, July 17, at 10 a.m. at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, Rev. John Richter will officiate. Burial will be at Bowman's Chapel Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is directing. Survivors include her husband, Alan Keith Thrasher, of Cullman, daughters Julianna Zhen Thrasher and Megan Thrasher Smith, granddaughter, Avalea Renee Smith, parents, Dee Levon Haynes and Joyce Raley Lowry, siblings, William Jason (Alison) Haynes, Joseph Trent (Jessica) Lowry, Alyssa Lowry (Bryan) Benefield, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, family, friends, and students. Amanda was born in Hartselle, AL, on September 16, 1968. A 1986 graduate of West Point High School, she received a B.A. in English and Elementary Education from Athens University and a Masters in Media Science from Auburn Univerity. She has spent 26 years as an educator with 17 of those years as West Point Middle School's Media Specialist. She has been married to Keith for 26 years. At 12, she gave her life to Christ and has been a member of St. John's for 18 years and a member of their women's fellowship. She loved sewing, gardening, cooking, scrapbooking, banjo playing, pets, and family gatherings. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to West Point Middle School Library, 4545 Co Rd 1141, Vinemont, AL 35179, or the charity of your choice.

**Arvie Lee Marks Smith**, 87 of Logan, passed away on July 15, 2018 at home surrounded by her family. Arvie was born on May 18, 1931 in Cullman. She was a lifelong member of New Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 1pm at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Logan. Brother Shannon Caudle will officiate. Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery. She is survived by her sons, Michael (Becky) Marks, Phillip (Carrie) Marks and Marty Marks; daughter, Kathy (Jackie) Caudle; sisters, Shirley (Charles) Norman and Janice (Kenneth) Pratt; sister in law, Lorene Waldrep; grandchildren, Brian Marks, Heath Marks, Kristy Bryant, Rodney Marks, Angela Marks, Shannon Caudle, Shane Caudle, Dusty Scott, Cain Marks, Alisha Cobb, Erica Ball, Justin Marks, Jordan Marks, Gracie Marks, Landon Marks, Leslie Marks and Lana Trussell; great grandchildren, Cade, Olivia, Scout, Skylan, Dallas, Jayden, Parker, Marlee, Avery, Kaleb, Rachel, Jacob, Isaac, Hannah, Alivia, Brody, Ben, Alex, Savannah, Drew, Brooke, Lexi, Zoe, Montana, Tala, Lawson and Grayson; and great-great grandchildren, Knox, Leeland, Easton, Rydge and one on the way. She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Hugh Lee Marks; parents, Oliver and Lessie Waldrep, sons, Larry Marks and Roger Marks; brother, Rudolph Waldrep; grandson, Milze Hart.

**Tava Cloe Earnest Housch** passed away at the age of 91 at home in Springville surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Winfield, Al on April 22, 1927. She is preceded in death by her son, James Gregory Housch. Survivors include, son, Anthony "Tony" Parks Housch (Patti), daughters, Susan Housch Tyler, Ramona Cloe Housch Dodd, Melissa Anne Badgwell (Tim), daughter-in-law, Debra Housch, 11 grandchildren: Brett Gregory Housch, Jennifer Housch Yeager (Jonathan), Jessica Housch Silinsky (Michael), Jillian Housch Marks (Justin), Zachary Tyler (Brittany), Jacob Tyler (Makenzi), Alison Potts Shirley (Patrick), Logan Dodd, Stephanie Grooms, Dillon Badgwell (Amanda), Garrett Badgwell; 10 great-grandchildren: Jaden Housch, Hunter Yeager, Jack Yeager, Easton Silinsky, Mabry Silinsky, Gabriel Tyler, Isabell Tyler, Andrew Grooms, Atticus Grooms, and Riley Badgwell. She retired from the University of Alabama in Birmingham after 25 years as a research assistant. She then went to work at the Jefferson County Court House in Center Point where she retired after 10 years of service. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 17, at 11 a.m. at Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home, 5360 Deerfoot Parkway, Trussville, Al. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. prior to service with burial to follow at 2:30 p.m. at Winfield City Cemetery. Rev. Kim Crawford-Meeks is officiating. Special thanks to Teresa Brown, Dr. Noah Fitzpatrick, and the New Beacon Hospice Staff, especially Randi Lynn and Shannon.

**Harold Wade Brock** of Cullman passed away on July 15, 2018 at the age of 75. He was born on June 4, 1943. He was a veteran of The United States Air Force. Funeral services are Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tim Rice officiating. Interment will follow in Fairview First Baptist Church Cemetery. Survivors are: wife Dianne Brock, daughter Karri (Burtis) Oden, grandchildren Todd Phillips, Joshua Wade (Juliane) Phillips and Blake Phillips. Visitation is Tuesday 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home.

**Leslie Eugene Reid**, 87 of Hanceville, passed away on Saturday, July 14, 2018. He was born July 5, 1931 to Leslie Boyd and Ella Beatrice Lewis Reid. Mr. Reid was a machine operator and worked for Daubert before his retirement. Eugene was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Often referring to those he loved by the special nickname he had given each of them, Eugene loved his family and enjoyed being in their presence. He was a special man and will be missed greatly by many. He is preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Ella Reid; wife, Melba Rhea Holcombe Reid; five brothers; and two sisters. Survivors include his wife, Freeda Gregory Reid; sons, Kenny (Cindy) Reid, Jerry (Linda) Reid, Richard (Patty) Reid, Jeffrey Reid; daughter, Linda (Travis) White; sister, Opal Young; ten grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren. Services for Mr. Reid will be Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at 2 p.m. in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Jeremy Collier officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 12 p.m. until the service begins at 2 p.m. on Wednesday. Burial will follow services in Holly Pond Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Reid family.

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# Ward (from Front)

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**CULLMAN** – Five-year-old Cullman dirt bike racer Axel Ward has qualified for the largest amateur motocross race in the world, the 37th Annual Rocky Mountain ATV/MC AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship, presented by Lucas Oil, to be held July 30-Aug. 4 at the historic Loretta Lynn Ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee. Ward took on more than 22,000 hopefuls from across America to earn one of just 1,446 qualifying positions.

"The Amateur National at Loretta Lynn's is the best of the best motocrossers in America and around the world," said Tim Cotter, director of MX Sports. "Just being here makes you an elite racer and a top athlete. A solid finish at Loretta's would you give you instant National recognition and a possible professional career."

Most of America's top professional motocross racers, including James Stewart, Ricky Carmichael, Travis Pastrana and Ryan Dungey, have won AMA Amateur National titles at Loretta Lynn's.

Ward, who will attend Cullman Primary School in August as a kindergartner, has been riding dirt bikes since he was 4 years old.

Ward and his dad, Chad Ward, both qualified to race the Amateur National at Loretta Lynn's this year. Chad was just injured in a dirt-bike wreck and can no longer race at Loretta's. Chad, a former pro, raced professionally for more than 10 years and cannot wait for his son to get to race like he did as a child.

"It's huge, I mean I've done this for about 11 years so just seeing him get into it and love it is awesome for me because it's been such a big part of my life," Chad Ward said. "I've always dreamed of having a little boy that rode, you know."

For Chad, being part of the motocross community is every bit as exciting for him as a parent as it was a racer.

"I love it. For me, I'm getting to live my dream twice I guess and getting to watch him; man, it brings a lot of enjoyment to me and my wife," he said. "I've never seen any parents get more into anything than motocross. It's a pretty awesome community."

This year has been busy and exciting for the Ward family and it's still not over, but Chad is keeping the future in mind.

"Next year brings bigger bikes and you know I can see things just as far as natural ability so I'm being really patient with him as far as where he's going to be in the future," he said. "I think this is something that he can go as far as he wants to go and to be able to see that natural ability is pretty amazing."

Axel will be ready to go for the National Motocross Championship at the end of the month, but it's important to Chad that this trip is about enjoying the experience and the exposure to higher competition.

"We're really not going to set any expectations for the national. I would love to say we're going to win, but next year is when I would say we'll win and this year is good to get the experience and have fun."

With the help of sponsors such as Scott Goggles, FXR gear, Chad Ward, Inc., and mom and dad who help pay his way to the races, Axel Ward has had the opportunity to pursue his dreams.

He has won multiple races in the last year and competes nearly every weekend at local races, as well in races across the country in Wisconsin, Illinois, Texas, Tennessee and Ohio. Ward is the 2018 Alabama State Champion in the 4-6-year-old shaft drive class in Arenacross.

Ward will make the long journey to Hurricane Mills, Tennessee along with his mom, Crystal, his dad and his sisters, Hazel and Jaylee.

The race runs July 30 through August 4. Ward and his family will be camping onsite for the week-long event and will participate in many non-racing evening activities.

Ward is just one of the over 22,000 racers across the country who spent the last four months qualifying for the event. The top finishers in Area Qualifiers and Regional Championships earn a gate position in the National Championship race at Loretta Lynn's. Racers may enter a wide variety of classes, from minicycle classes for children as young as four, all the way up to a senior division for riders over 50. There are also classes for women and classes for both stock and modified machines. In total, there are 35 different classes of competition. Ward will compete in the highly competitive 51cc (4-6) Shaft Dr Limited class. Ward will wear the number 32 as his national number on his jersey.

The track is built on a section of Loretta Lynn Ranch and Campground in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee. The course contains a variety of jumps, corners and other obstacles designed to test the skills and stamina of the racers.

The motocross track is used only once a year for motorcycles, so there is no hometown advantage. Racers compete in three 15-20-minute races over the course of the week per class, sometimes in grueling temperatures. Proper training and preparation are paramount.

Most riders attend the event with the help of their families. In fact, many consider the event their family support summer trip, nicknaming it the "World's Greatest Motocross Vacation." Besides the races, the week-long event hosts many family-friendly activities, including swimming, talent show, concerts, and live entertainment.

The race action will be broadcast live daily at www.RacerTV.com, July 30 through August 4, for a total of 40 hours of live coverage. In addition, two highlight shows featuring the event will air on NBC Sports Network in the fall.

For additional information on the Amateur National, visit the official website at www.mxsports.com or call (304) 284-0101. Also, follow the official Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts for exclusive content and to catch the latest news.

**About the Rocky Mountain ATV/MC AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship**
The Rocky Mountain ATV/MC AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship is the world's largest and most prestigious amateur motocross racing program. The national qualifying program consists of 57 Area Qualifiers (February through May) and 13 Regional Championships (May through June), hosted at select motocross facilities across the country. The qualifying system culminates in the National Final (first week in August) hosted annually since 1982 at the home of country music star Loretta Lynn in Hurricane Mills, Tenn. Nearly 22,000 racers attempt to qualify in 35 classes for the 1,446 available positions at the National. Christened "The World's Greatest Motocross Vacation", the National event serves as a launch pad for some of the biggest names in professional motocross and supercross, including Ricky Carmichael, James Stewart, Ryan Villopoto, and Ryan Dungey. The national program is produced by MX Sports, Inc., a West Virginia-based race production company and sanctioned by AMA. For more information, please visit www.mxsports.com.

**About the American Motorcyclist Association**
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# CAAWA (from Front)

puppies, CAAWA would adopt them out when ready.

Bentley is now retired after a 29-year-career as a registered nurse.

She has a daughter and two wonderful grandchildren.

She and her husband worked very hard and saved enough money by 2002 to build their home on Smith Lake in Crane Hill.

Bentley laughed a bit as she recalled the life she had planned after retirement.

"We were going to travel. I still have the Rand McNally books on my table and had our road trips planned. We would visit the Eastern seaboard from Savannah to Maine. Next, we would drive through Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The next trip we would explore the Pacific Northwest," she said.

Bentley's planned retirement took a detour the day she found Belle. The Bentleys began their fostering journey with Belle and her puppies. The puppies did find wonderful homes, and Belle, she is now Belle Bentley.

Bentley continued to foster puppies for CAAWA as needed but was not active in the administrational aspects of the organization. That all changed in September 2014, when CAAWA was struggling and needed Bentley to help as the organization found itself in a rebuilding phase.

CAAWA is an all-volunteer nonprofit 501(c)(3) rescue. Currently, the organization is "at a crossroads" according to Bentley, who, along with Sue Jones and Becky Greggs, works tirelessly.

When The Cullman Tribune sat down with the three women, they were very candid.

Jones said, "We need help. We need people. We are not young women and it is becoming more and more difficult. We need a dedicated group of young passionate people to give the keys to in the future and we don't have that."

When a rescue is small, like CAAWA, it is difficult to tackle the short-term goals and focus on the future.

Jones continued, "We spend all of our time picking up animals, taking them to the vets, planning adoption events, coordinating transports, and investing in so many short-term needs. We are exhausted and there never seems to be time to focus on long-term goals."

The love the ladies of CAAWA have for their community is palpable. When asked what message they wished to convey to the community, in near perfect unison each said emphatically, "SPAY and NEUTER!!"

They need donations, then need people to get involved, but above all they want people to have their animals fixed.

CAAWA has recently teamed with Friends of Cats and Dog Foundation in Birmingham to allow Cullman residents to participate in the Snip-It Ticket program. A Snip-It Ticket can be purchased through CAAWA for a significantly reduced price on spay/neuters at the Alabama Low Cost Spay Neuter Clinic.

For more information on Snip-It Tickets, email caawarescue@yahoo.com.

CAAWA has pet adoptions on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at the Cullman PetSmart. The dates for July are the 14th and 28th from 10-4.

On Saturday August 4, from 11-1, Rumors Deli will be hosting Paws for Cause, benefiting CAAWA's animals.

There will be a fun pet contest at noon with best pet/owner lookalike, best costume, best trick, best pet hello, waggiest tail, smallest pet and largest pet. The contests are not limited to cats or dogs. ALL pets are welcome to join in on the fun. They will also have refreshments, booths from area businesses, prizes, drawings, face painting and many other activities for families and their pets. If you would like to donate items or help, contact Annette at Rumor's Deli at 256-737-0911.

For all the kitty cat lovers, CAAWA will be participating in Kitten Palooza on July 14 from 11-4 at the PetSmart in Florence. It is a special kitten adoption event with reduced $50 adoption fees. All CAAWA cats/kittens are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and combo tested.

**How can you help?**
There are many ways you can help these volunteers as they work tirelessly to do what they can to help Cullman animals. Donations are always appreciated: money, food, beds, collars and other must-have pet items. CAAWA has vet bills that add up quickly. Donors can pay directly toward those bills at Lee's Veterinary Hospital or Cullman Veterinary Hospital.

Just as important, people can donate their time. If you want to get involved in CAAWA's mission, they need you.

For more information on CAAWA and ways you can help, visit www.caawarescue.com or www.facebook.com/rescueCAAWA.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**STATE OF ALABAMA**
**CULLMAN COUNTY** **CASE NO.: AD2018-065**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF L.E.W.,
A MINOR CHILD.
D.O.B.: 12/29/2008

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

TO: **JEFFREY COLIN WEBSTER, any known, unknown, or undisclosed persons who might be the biological father:**

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of L.E.W., a minor child born on the 29th day of December, 2008, in Jasper, Alabama, to biological mother Callie Kristen Doss Johnson, was filed on the 5th day of June, 2018, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by JACOB BLANE DOSS, Petitioner. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE THIS 13th DAY OF July, 2018.

**Jacob Blane Doss**
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# Alabama State Troopers ask for public's vote in national best-looking cruiser contest

**Jesse Thornton**
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**MONTGOMERY** – With 17 SEC National Championships to its name, the University of Alabama's Crimson Tide is part of this year's Alabama entry for American Association of State Troopers' Best Looking Cruiser Contest.

ALEA's staff photographers — one of whom is a die-hard Auburn fan! — set up the shoot, captured this image and said it goes beyond the Auburn-Alabama rivalry!

This is about coming together to beat the other states' cruiser pics and showing them the Alabama State Trooper Chevy Tahoe is No. 1!

Between Monday, July 16, and Friday, July 20, please go to the AAST Facebook page (www.facebook.com/StateTroopers) and like Alabama's photo! We will send out an updated email with link to page once voting begins. Let's show them who is No. 1!




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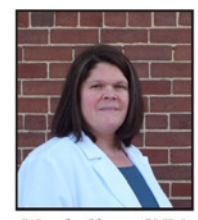

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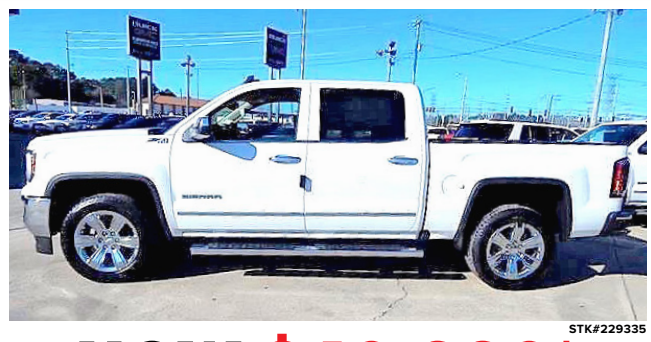
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