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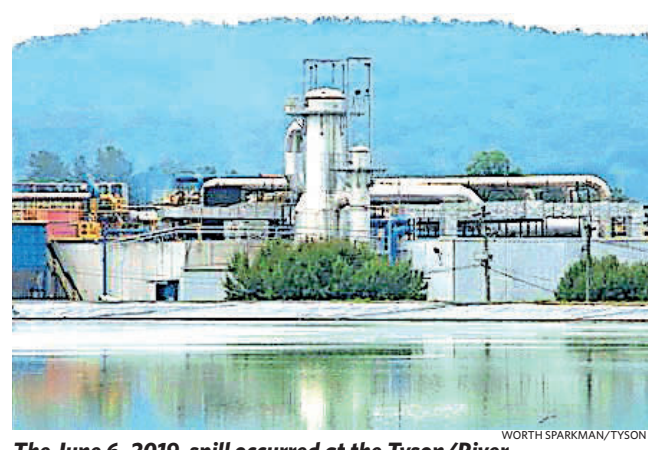
COURTS

Tyson now faces nine lawsuits over 2019 Hanceville plant spill

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Over two years have passed since a June 6, 2019, spill at the Tyson Farms/River Valley Ingredients rendering plant near Hanceville triggered a large fish kill on the Mulberry Fork that extended down to the Sipsey River in Walker County. That time has been busy for the poultry giant; in all, nine lawsuits have been filed against Tyson and its subsidiaries, seven of them in Walker County:

• Kayla Mims vs. Tyson Farms Inc. and others, Case No. CV-2019-900225, filed June 22, 2019, before Judge Doug Farris » PAGE 6



WORTH SPARKMAN/TYSON

The June 6, 2019, spill occurred at the Tyson/River Valley Ingredients rendering plant near Hanceville.

PRINCESS LILLIE

Community rallies behind Holly Pond's Lillie Handley



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Approximately 800 people came to show their love and support for the entire Handley family and let Lillie know that she is, indeed, a princess.

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — "She came out of the womb smiling," Kelly Handley said of her daughter Lillie. "She has always been very loving, and she smiles through everything and has since the day she was born. She has been so strong and brave through everything she has endured, and she has endured a lot in the past five years – more than most adults would see in a lifetime. She has handled it with grace."

Lillie was diagnosed in May 2016 with Neuroblastoma. Her mother explained, "We found out about it after an ER visit due to dehydration from a stomach bug that her, my husband (Jonathan) and other two kids had gotten." The doctors asked to do an X-ray to rule out appendicitis. When that checked out fine and Lillie was given some medication and sent home.

The following day, the Handley's received a call from Lillie's pediatrician. "They told me there was a spot above her right kidney that the radiologist had seen and that we needed to have it checked out. We went for an ultrasound and then it just kind of went from there."

Over the past five years, Lillie has endured countless amounts of chemotherapy, been in remission three times, received a bone marrow transplant in 2016, radiation, ports placed, several surgeries and numerous other procedures. Kelly recalled the first time Lillie went into remission, "Lillie stayed in remission for almost a year. We thought the outcome was really good and then she had that first relapse."

The Handley's learned last November that the disease had progressed. Kelly said, "The biggest thing for Jon and I through all of this is we want a good quality of life for Lillie. We don't want her in and out of the hospital. We don't want her sick. We want her to have that good quality of life."

She continued, "Last week, we were actually in Charlotte, North Carolina. We were going to go and have more radiation » PAGE 5

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 22

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 22, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 19
- domestic violence; CR 1564
- harassment; CR 109
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1402
- theft of property; Clark St. NE

July 20
- theft of property; CR 128
- domestic violence; CR 735
- burglary; theft of property; CR 717
- theft of property; CR 1570
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 69 N
- theft of property; Pine Ln. SE
- harassment; Hwy. 91
- harassment; Scenic Dr. NE
- criminal mischief; CR 1564
- harassment; Teal Rd.
- theft of property; CR 814
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 610
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S

July 21
- burglary; CR 842
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1524
- domestic violence; CR 715
- unlawful possession of marijuana; Hwy. 157
- theft of property; CR 593
- Violation of Protection Order; CR 1352
- theft of property; CR 1564

ARRESTS

July 19 through July 21

Akins, Wendy Harper; 50
- possession of opium or derivative
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Barnett, Loyd Jarrad; 45
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Boyd, Lucas Andrew; 33
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- traffic-no liability insurance

Brenner, David; 61
- possession of heroin
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Brown, Alexandria Rae; 30
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana

Burney, Cody Dewayne; 29
- Probation Violation- larceny/theft-shoplifting $500 less than $1,500 (3 counts)
- Probation Violation- using false name/identity to law enforcement

Cadle, Kathy Lynn; 45
- Family Offense- causing delinquency, dependency or need of supervision

Campbell, Arielle Madison L.; 22
- Probation Violation- burglary-residence-force
- Probation Violation- possession of methamphetamine

Cantrell, Jerimiah Ross; 25
- FTA- improper lane usage

Chaffin, Peggy Davis; 55
- public intoxication

Drummond, Heath Lester; 30
- FTA- traffic-leaving scene of an accident

Hall, Sydni Marie; 18
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Harvey, Laruen Alexandra; 25
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Hyde, Kimberly Leighann; 42
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Jones, Dustin Patrick; 33
- assault-harassment (simple assault)

Kent, Steven Eugene; 51
- FTA- driving on wrong side of road

McDonald, Joshua Rowdy; 31
- possession of dangerous drugs

Meyer, Paul Steven; 43
- Parole Violation/Revocation- sex offense- failure of adult sex offender to register

Pope, Shelly Nicole; 44
- Family Offense- causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision

Prakelt, Tabitha Lynn; 46
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Schindler, Zachary Hans; 19
- minor in possession of alcohol
- DUI

Schofield, Alexis Cheyenne; 18
- assault-domestic harassment-family

Spiegel, Michael James; 33
- FTA- public intoxication

Stockman, Jessica Rachelle; 34
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- no seat belt

Turner, Franklin Jason; 42
- Motion to Revoke Bond-possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- Motion to Revoke Bond-possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- Motion to Revoke Bond-sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- Motion to Revoke Bond-attempting to elude police officer
- Motion to Revoke Bond-driving while license suspended
- Motion to Revoke Bond-improper lane usage

Winfrey, Jessica Sherrel; 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Wright, Christina Ann; 37
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- public intoxication

Butler, Thomas Andrew; 28
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Carpentier-Teague, Shelia; 53
- Family Offense- failure to make child attend school (2 counts)

Clay, Cody Lemark; 33
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Gardner, Brigette Kayln; 29
- forgery-forged instrument
- fraud-identity theft

Knighten, Larry Joe; 69
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- DUI (alcohol)

Parker, Roderick Henry; 33
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Pichelmayer, Timothy Ozel; 51
- possession of amphetamine

Raphael, Lorena Lynn; 40
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Tworkowsky, John Mathew; 50
- FTA- possession of dangerous
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Vandegriff, Tanya Renea; 42
- fraud-identity theft

Willingham, Tyren Shane; 24
- FTA- driving while license suspended (3 counts)

ARRESTS

July 21

Barnett, Loyd J.; 45
- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree criminal trespass

Mathis, Alan B.; 42
- public intoxication

Farley, William S.; 45
- FTA- driving while revoked

White, Charles E.; 34
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving without license (2 counts)
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- switched tag
- FTA- driving while revoked

Camp, Blakeney N.; 26
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana

Fowler, Jason T.; 30
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Tworkowsky, John M.; 50
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- leaving scene of accident
- FTA- improper lane usage
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while suspended

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 21
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Sherwin-Williams; Town Square SW; catalytic converter $500

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

Find arrest reports online Monday-Friday at www.CullmanTribune.com.

Alert (from Front)

NWS
Contributor

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Severe thunderstorms can be life-threatening, but not all severe storms are the same. Hazardous conditions range from tornadoes, large hailstorms and widespread straight-line winds called derechoes, to cloud-to-ground lightning and flash flooding.

Starting July 28, the National Weather Service will better convey the severity and potential impacts from thunderstorm winds and hail by adding a "damage threat" tag to severe thunderstorm warnings, similar to our tornado and flash flood warnings.

"Destructive" and "considerable" damage threat categories

We developed three categories of damage threat for severe thunderstorm warnings to distinguish between high-impact and low-impact events.

The categories, in order of highest to lowest damage threat, are destructive, considerable and base.

These tags and additional messaging are designed to promote immediate action based on the threats.

- The criteria for a destructive damage threat is at least 2.75 inch diameter (baseball-sized) hail and/or 80 mph thunderstorm winds. Warnings with this tag will automatically activate a Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) on smartphones within the warned area.

- The criteria for a considerable damage threat is at least 1.75 inch diameter (golf ball-sized) hail and/or 70 mph thunderstorm winds. This will not activate a WEA.

- The criteria for a baseline or "base" severe thunderstorm warning will remain unchanged, 1.00 inch (quarter-sized) hail and/or 58 mph thunderstorm winds. This will not activate a WEA. When no damage threat tag is present, damage is expected to be at the base level.

On average, only 10% of all severe thunderstorms reach the destructive category each year, nationwide.

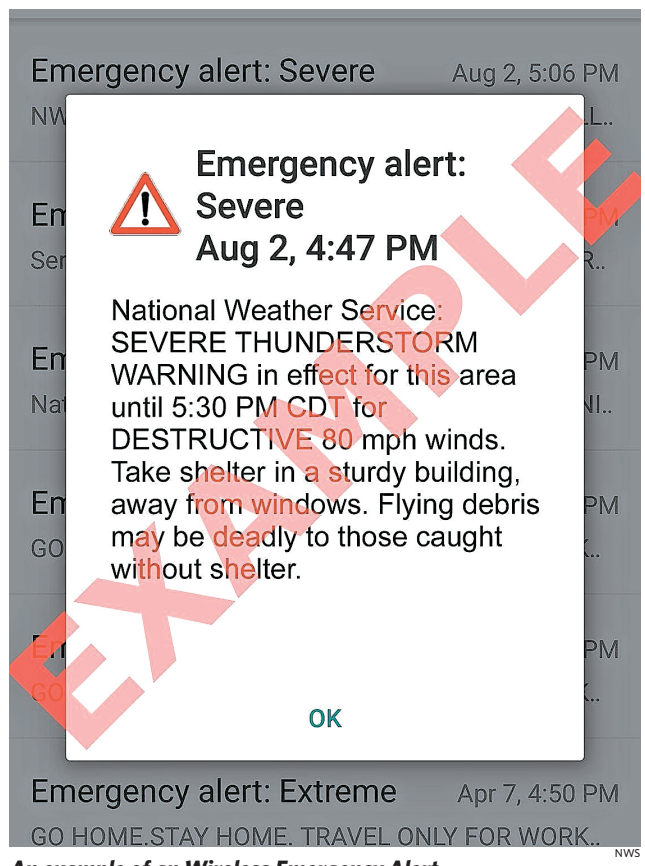
Most of these storms are damaging windstorms, such as derechoes and some of the larger, more intense thunderstorms called "supercell" storms that can typically produce very large hail in their path.

The new destructive thunderstorm category conveys to the public urgent action is needed, a life-threatening event is occurring and may cause substantial damage to property. Storms categorized as destructive will trigger a WEA to your cellphone.

All weather service severe thunderstorm warnings will continue to be issued and distributed via https://www.weather.gov/, NOAA Weather Radio, Emergency Alert System and through dissemination systems to our emergency managers and partners.

The addition of damage threat tags are part of the broader Hazard Simplification Project to improve communication of watches and warnings to the public.

Thirteen of the 22 costliest weather disasters in 2020 were severe thunderstorms. The new "destructive" tag would have activated a Wireless Emergency Alert for many of these impactful events, including the costliest thunderstorm in U.S. history, the $11 billion derecho that affected Iowa in August 2020.



NWS

An example of an Wireless Emergency Alert

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, July 22, COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes

Along with decreases in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, ADPH will be updating its dashboard less frequently. Effective June 7, the Data and Surveillance Dashboard will update Monday, Wednesday and Friday; the Vaccine Distribution Dashboard will update Tuesday and Thursday and no weekend updates will be made. Additional information may be provided in the future as ADPH gathers more data on the pandemic.

Case details (Updated Mon, Wed, Fri)
- Total confirmed cases in Alabama: 432,812 (+ 1,986 since Monday)
- Probable cases in Alabama: 131,131 (+ 1,037 since Monday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 9,143 (+ 19 since Monday)
- Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,319
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,886 (+ 26 since Monday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,261 (+ 20 since Monday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 142
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 44,142
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co: 1,824
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 114
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,725,837
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 8,966
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 91,372
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 602

Vaccine details (updated Tues, Thurs)
- Doses Delivered to Alabama: 4,745,105
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,187,235
- Doses administered: 3,376,543
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,575,798
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,575,798
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,557,870

Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 12 and older) are now eligible to receive a vaccine.

View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan at: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf

Variants of SARS-CoV-2

Variants of SARS-CoV-2 continue to circulate in Alabama and pose a significant threat of increased disease. Variants of concern reported, as of July 9, are Alpha (820 cases), Beta (2 cases), Gamma (31 cases) and Delta (56 cases). These variants are more transmissible, specifically the Alpha and the Delta, and some variants have less response to treatments such as monoclonal antibodies.

Percent positivity escalates

Alabama's current statewide percent positivity for COVID-19 has increased to its highest level since February 2021, at 7.7%. This is equal to the percent positivity recorded April 3, when vaccines had not been readily available.

Percent increase in COVID-19 cases

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in Alabama has risen 39% from June 26 - July 9. The best way to prevent getting the highly infectious and easily transmissible Delta variant or any other strain of COVID-19 is to get vaccinated as quickly as possible. The vaccines we have are highly effective and their benefits far outweigh any risks. Only a very small percentage of deaths due to COVID-19 are among the fully vaccinated population.

COVID-19 hospitalizations increase

As of July 14, 341 persons were reported hospitalized as a result of COVID-19 disease. On July 3, 179 persons were hospitalized due to COVID-19. Increases in numbers of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations due to COVID-19 are the result of low vaccine rates and unvaccinated persons not following preventive measures for themselves such as wearing masks, good hand hygiene and social distancing. So long as Alabama has such low rates of vaccination, cases will continue to rise, posing risk of illness and death from COVID-19, as well as threatening the ability of our health care system to treat all Alabamians.

Make vaccination a priority

This July 14, 4,124 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered in the state. At the height of vaccine administration on April 8, 45,128 vaccine doses were given. Young people and others who are taking a wait-and-see stance on vaccination should be aware that they need to protect themselves, their families, friends and communities by getting vaccinated as soon as they can. Safe, effective and free vaccine shields vulnerable people and saves lives.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study
• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. SE in Cullman
• Please wear a mask/face covering.

Baileyton Bargain Days
• First and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park
• Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items
• A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted.
• Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Classes- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult class, "The Phases of Armageddon" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m. – noon, Tuesdays 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. – noon Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry, and Spirit Life Church.
• Sundays-9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m. Praise and Worship and message at 11 a.m.
• No Talent Talent Show: July 31 - Saturday 7 p.m. No admission fees! Donations accepted. Free meal at 6 p.m. Everyone welcome! Fun and entertaining! Come see impersonations of some of your favorite singers. We hope "Elvis" will be there!

Free Community Dinner at Center Hill Baptist Church
• 5-6 p.m.- The first Wednesday of every month we will be offering a Free Community Dinner. Church members, community members, neighbors and friends are welcome. This will be takeout only. Please message or comment with how many plates you will need to help us prepare enough food for everyone. RSVP at http://bit.ly/centerhill.
• 13108 County Road 747, Hanceville, AL 35077

Miércoles de Despensas
• 6-7 p.m. ler. miercoles del mes, En Su Tierra Cullman FUMC
• Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

Festhalle Farmers Market
• 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from April – October
• Stop by to shop the freshest produce from Cullman-based farms.
• For more information, call 256-590-5009 or send an email to mgraveman@cullmanrecreation.org

Agriplex Children's Summer/Fall Camp Programs
• Aug. 20 - 10 a.m., Little Farmers Farmer's Market: Run your pretend farm stand and then use tokens to shop with a local farmer.
• Aug. 26 - 9 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Solar Power: Celebrate the new solar panels producing electricity at the Agriplex with hands-on activities powered by the sun.
• Sept. 4 - 9 a.m., Farm Kids Club County Fair Crafts: Create handicrafts that can be entered in the Cullman County Fair and win prizes!
• Sept. 10 - 10 a.m., Little Farmers "The Very Hungry Caterpillar": Explore the miracle of the butterfly life cycle through the beloved Eric Carle classic.
• Sept. 30 - 9 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Harvest & Seed Saving: Harvest the falls bounty at the Agriplex and save seeds for your very own collection. We will pick, taste and learn how to preserve the harvest.
• Oct. 2 - 9 a.m., Farm Kids Club Pumpkin Patch: Pick a pumpkin out of our patch and join us for some fall-themed fun! We will play games, have snacks and carve a pumpkin.
• Saturdays, beginning at 9 a.m. at Festhalle Farmers Market, Power of Produce: Kids up to age 12 can sample fresh produce while earning market money (pop bucks) to buy produce from local farmers.

Agriplex Adult Programs
• Aug. 10 - 6 p.m., Heritage Skills Beginning Brewers Class: The Cullman Brewers Guild will explain the process of brewing and demonstrate how to make homemade beer. See equipment and learn the science of brewing your own beer.
• Aug. 16 - 6 p.m., Learn to Sew Christmas in August: Get an early start on Christmas decorating and join us for felt ornament making for the tree using sequins and decorative thread.
• Aug. 18 - noon, Lunch & Learn presents Planting & Growing Fall Veggies. This is a free program, light lunch provided. Please call us at 256-297-1044 to reserve your spot.
• Aug. 31 - 6 p.m., Living Landscapes Growing Berries & Grapes: Retired Auburn Experiment Station Director Arnold Caylor will be back at the Agriplex sharing his vast knowledge on growing berries and muscadines best suited for our region.
• Sept. 9 - 6 p.m., Cowboy Cooking - Cooking with a Dutch Oven: Local ranchers Greg and Emily Anderson from Sullivan Creek Ranch will be demonstrating how to cook over an open fire.
• Sept. 13 - 6 p.m., Learn to Sew Projects for the Kitchen: This will be a fun class making things to use in your kitchen.
• Sept. 14 - 6 p.m., Heritage Skills Raising Pigs: Learn the basics of raising pigs for your family.
• Thursdays: noon – 1 p.m., Yoga under the Pavilion, Join us for a beginner yoga class in the serenity of nature. $5 per person, summer family special of $10 per family. Ages 10 & up, must be able to follow along with class. No registration required. Please bring your yoga mat & water.

Country Legends Rediscovered Exhibition
• Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College.
• Through Aug. 31. Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Swamp John's Meal
July 23 – From 4-7 p.m. Friday, July 23 at Christ Covenant Church (1310 Saint Joseph Drive NW, Cullman, AL 35055). Dine in or carry out. Sponsored by Heartland Quilters Retreat Bunch

West Point High School Class of '62 School Reunion
July 24 – The Class of '62 School Reunion will be Saturday, July 24 at 1 p.m. at the Brandin' Iron Steakhouse in West Point (87 County Road 1242, Cullman, AL 35057). For more information, contact Linda Jordan 256-747-6883.

West Point Class of '67 Reunion
July 24 - The West Point Class of 1967 reunion will be held Saturday, July 24, at Brandin' Iron Steakhouse at West Point, from 4-6 p.m.

Grace Episcopal Church VBS
July 25-28 - Join us for this year's VBS fun titled "The Fishy Messenger" from 5-7 p.m., Sunday, July 25 - Wednesday, July 28. Your child or grandchild who will be in K - 6th grade next year will love learning about the story of Jonah and The Whale and what this exciting Bible story teaches us! Of course, there are no costs. To sign your child up leave a message at the church office 256-734-6212 or email Paige Gardner at pbgardner18@gmail.com. Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold Street NE, Cullman.

UNITE Summer Encounter at Church at the Well
July 30-31 - This weekend is dedicated to students encountering the power and presence of God. There will be powerful worship and dynamic speakers that will take us further into all that God has! Services are nightly at 7 p.m. with pre-service games starting at 6:30 p.m. at Church at the Well (708 Ninth Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055). Saturday morning service is at 10:30 a.m. followed by Orphan Run 4 Hope!! We hope to see you there! Get ready to ENCOUNTER!

Orphan Run 4 Hope
July 31 – Starting at 12:30 p.m. at Heritage Park. Orphan Run for Hope Project helps ordinary people do extraordinary things by participating in a 5K to benefit orphan children around the world. OR4H exists to be a bridge between churches and passion-driven people to orphans and orphanages that truly need our help! Join us for this year's OR4H and let's make a difference!

White City Junior High Reunion
July 31 – The annual White City Jr. High Reunion will be held July 31, 2021. It will be at the Johnson Crossing Fire Dept building at 1542 Co. Rd. 617 Hanceville, AL (old school location) and is for anyone who ever attended White City School. It will start at 9 a.m. We will furnish paper products, ice, water and tea. Bring your favorite food and all your memories!! Call Ronnie McElroy Crocker at 256-347-6976 for more info or visit our Facebook page.

Wallace State Diesel by Distance Open House
July-Aug. - Wallace State's Diesel by Distance program will host a series of open house events to learn more about the program, experience virtual reality lessons and more. Open house will be held from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. in the Diesel Technology building on the Hanceville campus on the following dates: July 1, July 8, July 29, Aug. 5, Aug. 12 and Aug. 19. For more information, contact Anna Parrish Beard at 256-352-8356 or anna.parrish@wallacestate.edu or visit www.wallacestate.edu/dieselbydistance.

United Way of Cullman Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser
Aug. 3 – United Way of Cullman County's Women United will host their 2nd annual Designer Bag Bingo fundraising event Tuesday, Aug. 3, at The Loft 212 (212 4th St. SW Cullman, Al 35055). Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are $35 each or $350 for a table of eight. Each ticket includes light refreshments and 15 games. Donate a gently used purse filled with personal care items for a chance to win a door prize. For more information and/or to RSVP, call 256-739-2948 or send an email at dmcdonald@uwaycc.org. To purchase tickets, visit https://www.uwaycc.org/.

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame
Aug. 14 - The Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame will hold its annual banquet and induction ceremony Aug. 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Stonebridge Farms. Tickets can be obtained at First Southern Financial and are $20 each. For more information call 256-737-5120 or 256-736-4445.

WSCC Applied Technologies Open House
Aug. 17 – Wallace State Community College Dept. of Applied Technologies will host an Open House Tuesday, July 20 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Department tours and refreshments will be provided. Stop by the Bailey Center Lobby for campus maps, schedules and information. Call 256-352-8000 for more information.

Free Community Movie Night at Vinemont Community Center
Aug. 21 – Bring a blanket or chair and come enjoy "Toy Story 4!" Start time will be announced at a later date. Vinemont Community Center – 88 Ridgeway Street, Cullman, AL 35058

WSCC's Payton Golden & Tatyanna Davis, assistant coach Hannah Nichols participating in NJCAA All-Star Weekend

Russell Moore
WSCC Athletics

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College's rising women's basketball's sophomores Payton Golden and Tatyanna Davis and Lady Lions' assistant coach Hannah Nichols have each been selected to participate in the 2021 National Junior College Athletic Association's (NJCAA) Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-Star Weekend, which is scheduled for July 29-31 in Atlanta.

Wallace State women's basketball has had a player selected to the All-Star festivities for three consecutive summers. The event, which is held at Clayton State University, features 40 of the top rising sophomores in the country.

"Payton and Tatyanna both have unique skill sets and confidence in their abilities. Payton did a little bit of everything for us last season. She can play 40 minutes a game if needed and can beat an opponent multiple ways," said Wallace State coach Jessica McBrayer. "Tatyanna is an athlete. She can defend both ends of the floor and never gets tired. She does the dirty work that does not show up in the box score.

"Neither player is flashy nor worries about the limelight. They're both earning recognition for doing their jobs well on the basketball court."

Golden, a Fairview graduate, was an Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) All-North Division second-team selection as a freshman after starting all 19 games.

The 5-foot-8 guard was second on the team in scoring, averaging 11.5 points, and dished out a team-high 81 assists.

Davis was the unquestioned high motor for the Lady Lions last season during a COVID-19-shortened 12-7 campaign. The Lee grad averaged 6.9 points, a team-high 6.3 rebounds and added 27 blocks.

Golden and Davis join Jiselle Woodson (2020) and Imari Martin (2019) as Wallace State All-Star Weekend selections under McBrayer's tutelage.

During the 2021-22 season, Nichols will enter her third season as a Wallace State assistant coach.

Nichols, a Madison County High graduate and former star at Samford, is one of four assistants across the NJCAA women's basketball ranks to be selected to lead a team during the All-Star Weekend. Four teams are comprised of 10 players each at the event.

"It's awesome recognition for our program and for the current team.

"Our incoming freshmen get to see you don't have to be a superstar to get recognized. If you work hard to put your best foot forward, good things can happen to you as it has for Payton and Tatyanna," McBrayer said.

"I'm also thrilled for Hannah Nichols. It's an awesome acknowledgement for her, especially since she's entering her third year as a college assistant. She's a great asset to our program."

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu or the athletics Facebook page at www.wallacestate.edu/athleticsfb.



WSCC ATHLETICS

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North Boys' and Girls' All-Star Teams sweep AHSAA All-Star Tennis Competition

Ron Ingram
AHSAA

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The North boys and the North girls each posted 7-2 victories Tuesday at Montgomery's Lagoon Park Tennis Complex to win the 2021 AHSAA All-Star Week North-South matches.

Due to heavy rains, the matches didn't conclude until 9:30 p.m., Tuesday. However, the teams persevered to complete the competition, which was in its second year after joining All-Star Sports Week's lineup of all-star contests in 2019. Last year' All-Star Sports Week was canceled due to the COVID Pandemic crisis.

The North boys won all six singles matches to win the tennis competition. Madison Academy's Parker Jacques, who won the AHSAA Class 4A/5A No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles state titles in 2021, earned North Best All Around honors with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Guy Hughes of Montgomery Academy in match 1 Tuesday. Jacques earned North MVP Tuesday teaming with Hewitt-Trussville's Joshua Blake to beat Hughes and Gaines Freeman, also of Montgomery Academy, 6-0, 6-3 in the No. 1 doubles match.

The South Best All-Around recipient was McGill-Toolen Catholic's Nick Short, who combined with Lebo Mashego of Thompson to win No. 2 doubles match over Drew Keeton of Brooks and Drew Shankles of Albertville, 6-1, 6-4.

The North girls' netter named Best All Around was Lilly Brown of Guntersville. She won her No., 5 singles match over Anna Louch of Saraland 6-0, 6-0. South Best All Around for the girls was Libby Hamilton of St. Paul's Episcopal, who won the No. 1 doubles with St. Paul's teammate Maggie Sullivan over Jackie Alcocer of Northridge and Sophia Poolos of Jasper, 6-2, 6-3. Hamilton also won her singles match at No. 1 downing Alcocer 6-2, 6-3.

Complete results from Tuesday's North-South tennis competition is included below.

NORTH-SOUTH ALL-STAR TENNIS MATCHES

GIRLS

- North 7, South 2

Girls individual results
Singles

- Match 1: (South) Libby Hamilton (St. Paul's) def. Jackie Alcocer (Northridge), 6-2, 6-3.
- Match 2: (North) Dawson Fite (Decatur) def. Hannah Vosteen (Thompson), 3-6, 7-5, 10-8.
- Match 3: (North) Avani Singireddy (James Clemens) def. Alina Day (Saraland), 6-3, 6-2.
- **Match 4: (North) Kate Krigbaum (Cullman) def. Mary Michael Key (St. Paul's), 7-6, 4-6, 10-8.**
- Match 5: (North) Lilly Brown (Guntersville) def. Anna Louch (Saraland), 6-0, 6-0.
- Match 6: (North) Angela Kahler (Lindsay Lane) def. Ansley Brown (Thompson), 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles

- Match 1: (South) Libby Hamilton (St. Paul's) / Maggie Sullivan (St. Paul's) def. Jackie Alcocer (Northridge) / Sophia Poolos (Jasper), 6-2, 6-3.
- Match 2: (North) Dawson Fite (Decatur) / Lauren Grace Acupan (St. John Paul II Catholic) def. Sydney Cohen (Pike Road) / Anna Marie Bentley (St. Luke's), 6-1, 7-5.
- Match 3: (North) Ava Watkins (Muscle Shoals) / Emma Eady (Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa) def. Caroline Schumpert (Prattville Christian) / Addie Nelson (W.S. Neal), 6-0, 6-1.

- North Best All-Around Award: Lilly Brown, Guntersville.
- South Best All-Around Award: Libby Hamilton, St. Paul's Episcopal.

- **North coaches: Nathan Bates, Cullman;** Sue Marshall (Randolph), administrative coach.
- South coaches: Robin Carr, Enterprise; Elisa Bowden (Trinity), administrative coach.



MARVIN GENTRY/AHSAA

The North Girls All-Star Tennis Team featuring Cullman's Nathan Bates and Kate Krigbaum defeated the South All-Stars Tuesday.

BOYS

- North 7, South 2

Boys individual results
Singles

- Match 1: (North) Parker Jacques (Madison Academy) def. Guy Hughes (Montgomery Academy), 6-0, 6-0.
- Match 2: (North) Santiago Castillo (James Clemens) def. Carter Chase (Auburn), 6-2, 6-3.
- Match 3: (North) Alex Barber (Jasper) def. Ahnaf Hossan (Auburn), 7-6, 6-3.
- Match 4: (North) Drake Woodard (Muscle Shoals) def. Gabriel Perkins (Satsuma), 6-3, 6-2.
- Match 5: (North) Masen Howard (Douglas) def. Calvin Hughes (Fairhope), 6-1, 6-4.
- Match 6: (North) Jase Schwanke (Buckhorn) def. Bryce Lawrence (Northside Methodist), 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles

- Match 1: (North) Parker Jacques (Madison Academy) / Joshua Blake (Hewitt-Trussville) def. Guy Hughes (Montgomery Academy) / Gaines Freeman (Montgomery Academy), 6-0, 6-3.
- Match 2: (South) Nick Short (McGill-Toolen) / Lebo Mashego (Thompson) def. Drew Keeton (Brooks) / Drew Shankles (Albertville) def. 6-1, 6-4.
- Match 3: (South) Rowland Cobb (Pike Road) / Evan Stewart (Enterprise) def. Grant Spivey (James Clemens) / Jeremiah Lowther (Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa), 6-4, 6-2.

- North Best All-Around Award: Parker Jacques, Madison Academy.
- South Best All-Around Award: Nick Short, McGill-Toolen Catholic.

- North Coaches: Jennifer Lee, Pell City and Reese Morton, Huntsville. Sue Marshall (Randolph), administrative coach.
- South Coaches: Matt Hooper, Auburn; David Bethea (Montgomery Academy), administrative coach.

Alabama's Metchie III, Robinson Jr. named to Maxwell Award Preseason Watch List

Josh Maxson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama football's John Metchie III and Brian Robinson Jr. have been named to the 2021 Maxwell Award Watch List, the Maxwell Football Club of Philadelphia announced on Monday.

Metchie and Robinson are among 80 players from around the country named to the preseason list. Alabama has had four Maxwell winners in the program history, all of which have come in the last eight seasons. DeVonta Smith was the Crimson Tide's most-recent winner, earning the honors in 2020 as part of a decorated senior season. Prior to Smith, Tua Tagovailoa was recognized with the award in 2018, joining record-setting running back Derrick Henry (2015) and former All-American AJ McCarron (2013) as the Crimson Tide's other winners in program history.

JOHN METCHIE III
Wide Receiver, Junior

- Steps into the Tide's No. 1 receiver role for his junior season after a solid 2020 campaign
- Totaled 916 yards and six touchdowns on 55 catches as a sophomore
- Averaged 16.7 yards per catch to rank seventh in the SEC
- Converted a first down or found his way into the end zone on 35 of his receptions in 2020
- Played in 13 games as a freshman, accumulating 23 yards on his four receptions that season

BRIAN ROBINSON JR.
Running Back,
Redshirt Senior

- Steps into the starting running back role for his final season with the Crimson Tide in 2021
- Played in 52 career games, including every game each of the last three seasons
- Racked up 1,361 yards and 15 touchdowns on 274 career carries to average 5.0 yards per tote
- Added 17 receptions for 150 yards, all of which have come across the last two seasons
- Totaled 483 yards and six touchdowns on 91 carries while adding six receptions for 26 yards as a senior to rank second among Tide running backs

The Maxwell Award has been presented annually since 1937 by the Maxwell Football Club of Philadelphia to recognize the top player in college football. The award is named in honor of former college player, official and sports columnist Robert Maxwell. The 2021 winner will be announced at the ESPN Home Depot College Football Awards Show held at the College Football Hall of Fame in early December. Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabamaFTBL on Twitter and Facebook and AlabamaFBL on Instagram. General athletic news can also be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.



KARLIE PATTERSON/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Lillie (from Front)

done on Lillie's lower back and her arms. Last Tuesday, Lillie had a seizure at the hotel. She had never had one." The seizure was caused by a brain bleed.

Four weeks prior, Lillie's scans had shown that her organs were fine, although the cancer was still in her marrow. "That shows how fast that stuff can grow and spread even on the chemotherapy drugs. We were told last Tuesday after the CT and MRI that there were two new lesions on her brain and some going down her spinal column," Kelly said.

The family was told that unfortunately, nothing more could be done for Lillie that would not cause more harm. Kelly said they were told, "They said that there wasn't really anything else we could do and to expect to fulfill our wishes for Lillie as far as the good quality of life that we have always strived to have."

The family came back home to Holly Pond and Lillie is now in hospice care and the family continues to pray for more good days.

Lillie's personality and attitude have helped her and her family through many of the toughest times. Kelly describes her daughter, "She is just full of spunk and a little sassiness in there too. I always said when we were inpatient for hospital stays getting chemo and stuff that I think her sass is what gets us through.

"She tells you what she wants and what she doesn't want and to me, in a sense, that has made life a little easier."

She added, "It has always been in the sweetest, cutest way possible. I don't think there is a mean bone in her body."

Several years ago, Lillie was able to visit Walt Disney World after her wish was granted by Make-A-Wish Foundation. She fell in love with all things Disney and especially all things Disney princess. The family began having princess parties four years ago. "Lillie said she would like to have a princess party. It's not related to a birthday or anything like that. It's just a special day where everybody comes out and loves on Lillie."

The first party was at Lillie's grandmother's work at Cullman Internal Medicine at Cullman Regional. Kelly described the princess party, "All the nurses, doctors and everybody--they dress up like characters. We have food and kids come. We have carriage rides and it's a really fun experience."

Lillie chose to dress as Princess Aurora for the first princess party. This Saturday, Lillie will have another princess party. She has chosen to dress as Princess Jasmin.

On Wednesday, the community came together to help make sure Lillie has more great days when a parade was organized by friends and family of the Handley's. The community responded in a way that nobody could have imagined.

"She was so excited! So excited! It was a nice surprise, and she had no idea what was about to happen. I really can't put it into words. It made her day for sure," Kelly said of the parade held in Lillie's honor Wednesday evening.

Approximately 800 people came to show their love and support for the entire Handley family and let Lillie know that she is, indeed, a princess.

People came in cars, on motorcycles, in carriages, in limousines and on horseback. Some traveled over 100 miles when they heard the call. Fire trucks came from Cullman, Blount, Marshall and all-around. The outpouring of love was truly magnificent.

Lillie was not only showered with love and support, she was showered with gifts of some of her favorite things. Kelly said, "She loves princesses, LOL dolls, Barbie and anything girly. She loves to get her fingernails done."

Jonathan and Kelly wanted to thank the community. She said, "We appreciate everyone praying for us and all the support throughout the years that everyone in our community, family and friends have given us. Mainly the prayers. The prayers are what has gotten us through the hard times and I know it's what will continue to get us through the next days to weeks that we have."

Lillie is also a fabulous big sister to her 6-year-old twin brothers Gabe and Garrett. Jonathan and Kelly have done their best to keep spirits high at home.

They don't want their children to worry about anything, so they have chosen not to discuss the severity of Lillie's illness.

Kelly said through tears, "Lillie is a very, very smart little girl. I think she knows but she doesn't want to talk about it for fear of upsetting me and her dad.

"I don't want to tell her because I don't want her to be upset because Lillie has nothing to worry about. I want her last days here with us to be enjoyable and fun."

She continued, "We are trying to keep her as comfortable as possible. She is on pain medicine that we give every four hours, even through the night. Each night I set an alarm and get up and give it to her."

Wednesday night, a spot on her chest appeared indicating that her platelet count was low. Kelly asked Lillie if she would consider seeing the doctor Friday to check it out. Lillie said, "I don't want to go. I am tired."

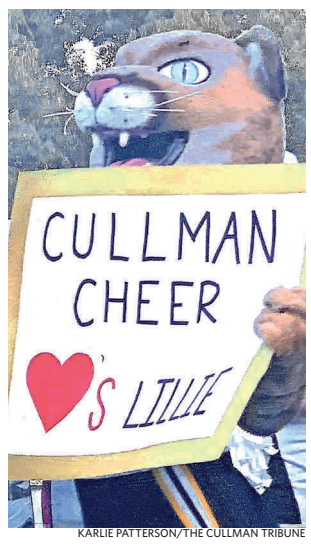
Kelly said softly, "She is tired, and I don't blame her. She's had a long road. The Lord has blessed us though. He's pulled us through some really difficult times, and we've had some good times and we are hopeful for some more good days with Lillie."



KARLIE PATTERSON/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE



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Roost (from Front)

Marlee Moore
Contributor

EVA, Ala. — In the quest for Bama's Best Chicken Tenders, one eatery rules the roost — Bobby's Restaurant in Eva.

The Morgan County institution, owned by April and John Hall, is known for basketfuls of deep brown tenders covered in crunchy breading. Crinkle-cut fries, fresh-cut slaw, perfectly buttered Texas toast and homemade sauces round out the judge-approved meal.

"Everything is homemade," April said. "That's the kicker. We have a sign in the back that tells our staff 'Sauces always need to be done.'"

Bama's Best Chicken Tenders slate of judges agree: The sauces perfectly compliment Alabama's No. 1 agricultural commodity.

As the winner, Bobby's Restaurant receives bragging rights, a cash prize, plaque and a feature on "Simply Southern TV."

"This is so exciting. We try to be excellent, but we were simply honored to be among the finalists for this contest," said April.

"Serving our community is a labor of love.

"We do what we love, and we love what we do. This whole contest was a great experience."

The trio of judges visited Bobby's Restaurant July 15 as part of a two-day judging journey across Alabama.

Bama's Best Chicken Tenders judges were "Simply Southern TV" reporter Melissa Bowman, Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries Deputy Commissioner Tami Culver and Federation Poultry Division Director Russ Durrance.

The contest was also sponsored by the Alabama Farmers Federation Poultry Division.

"We are so thankful for the hospitality we experienced as we hit the road to judge this contest," Durrance said.

"Each restaurant puts so much care and attention into serving their loyal customers. While it was hard to separate these great restaurants, at the end of the day, we were blown away by the folks and food at Bobby's.

"As soon as we tried their chicken (paired with all four of their sauce offerings), we knew we'd found Bama's Best Chicken Tenders."

The saucy lineup includes homemade white barbecue sauce, fresh ranch, sweet honey mustard and chicken sauce, a local favorite April considered dubbing "everything-but-the-kitchen-sink sauce."

April inherited her cooking chops from her restauranteur parents, the late Bobby Smith and his wife Trish.

The restaurant pays homage to its roots with the original Bobby's Fisherman's Catch Restaurant sign blanketing a wall.

The original Bobby's closed in 2014. Five years ago, April and John dove back into food service with Bobby's Restaurant, where they dole out to-go orders and quickly serve customers in their 80-seat joint in Eva.

April admits — the recipes are courtesy of Trish. Think hushpuppies, banana pudding, fried catfish and strawberry pretzel salad.

Besides the tender baskets, another meal they are featured in is one of April's specialties-- fried tenders doused in white gravy and served with biscuits, mashed potatoes and peas.

A repeat visit to Bobby's is on the to-do list for Bama's Best Chicken Tenders' judges, including Culver.

"Bobby's made an impact with delicious food, excitement for the work they are doing and the family environment they extend to their employees," Culver said.

"April has a vivacious personality and has created a fun atmosphere. It's exciting to see the continuation of a family business and community legacy."

Bobby's is open Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and from 4-7:30 p.m. Find Bobby's Restaurant on Facebook to view their daily specials.

Bama's Best Chicken Tenders nominations were accepted on the Alabama Farmers Federation Facebook page. Fan voting narrowed the Edible Eight finalists to the Flavorful Four — which judges note are all worth a taste.

To judge for yourself, plan visits to:

- Bobby's Restaurant in Eva - Morgan County
- The Chicken Shack in Luverne - Crenshaw County
- Crowe's Chicken in Brundidge - Pike County
- J's Hole in the Wall in Bryant - Jackson County

Tyson (from Front)

- Sipsey Heritage Commission and others vs. Tyson Farms Inc. and others, Case No. CV-2019-900252, filed July 19, 2019, before Judge Doug Farris

- Office of the Attorney General vs. Tyson Farms Inc. and others, Case No. CV-2020-900123, filed April 29, 2020, before Judge Doug Farris

- Mark Griffin vs. Tyson Farms Inc. and others, Case No. CV-2020-900242, filed Aug. 19, 2020, before Judge Hoyt Elliott

- Jasper Water Works vs. Tyson Farms Inc. and others, Case No. CV-2021-900126, filed June 4, 2021, before Judge Doug Farris

- Kathy Russell and others vs. Tyson Farms Inc. and others, Case No. CV-2021-900127, filed June 6, 2021, before Judge Hoyt Elliott

- Tiffany Ashley and others vs. Tyson Farms Inc. and others, Case No. CV-2021-900128, filed June 6, 2021, before Judge Joletta Barrentine

Attorneys for plaintiffs in the various cases filed a motion to consolidate all cases under Judge Doug Farris. Tyson and other defendants have opposed the request. The court has not yet responded.

WALKER COUNTY CASES

Kayla Mims
June 14, 2019, Mims was hospitalized for sepsis due to "a severe bacterial infection later confirmed to be caused by E. coli. High levels of E. coli are confirmed to have been present in the area of the Mulberry fork subsequent to the wastewater spill at the River Valley Ingredients location." Mims filed suit against Tyson Farms Inc., Tyson Cullman office manager Ronald Boatright, River Valley Ingredients and Jasper Water Works and Sewer Board.

Sipsey Heritage Commission and others
July 19, 2019, the Sipsey Heritage Commission and Chandler Holdings, along with 40 individual property owners along the Mulberry and Sipsey Forks of the Black Warrior River, filed suit against Tyson Farms Inc., River Valley Ingredients LLC, RVI Hanceville plant manager Jason Spann, American Proteins Inc. and Hydraservice Inc.

In addition to the Sipsey Heritage Commission and Chandler Holdings, plaintiffs include Marnice Aaron, Sidney Aaron, Neal Ballenger, Ann Burke, Michael Cates, Joseph Christianson, Lisa Christianson, Robert Earl Clifton, Billy Joey Dill, Susan Donaldson, Ed Frazier, Norma Jane Green, Ricky Hall, John Lively, Linda Lively, Billy Parson, Chris Peed, Kevin Perkins, Roger Perkins, Jimmy Phillips, Michael D. Phillips, Regina Phillips, Iris Ramey, Robert Ramey, Fred Rutkowski, Sr., Rita Rutkowski, Kari Salomaa, Martha Salomaa, Betty Shed, Don Smith, Chiyako Starnes, Norman Starnes, Rex Starnes, Toby Stover, Paul Wigley, Kerri Wigley, Westin Wilborn, A.C. Williams, Mechelle Williams and Dennis Yglesias.

According to the complaint, plaintiffs who live or own property on the river, "fear to go outside, use the river, fish in the river or let their animals use the river because of these spills. Some of these Plaintiffs use the river as a means for living and fear such way of life has been altered forever costing them money and happiness."

State Attorney General's Office
Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall on April 29, 2020 filed a lawsuit in the Walker County Circuit Court on behalf of the State, Alabama Department of Environmental Management and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, declaring:

"This is a civil action against Tyson for violations of the Alabama Water Pollution Control Act ('AWPCA') and the Alabama Environmental Management Act ('AEMA') and certain regulations promulgated under each statute, as a result of violations of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, and unpermitted discharges of wastewater and/or partially treated wastewater from Tyson's processing facility into waters of the State.

"In addition, the Plaintiffs allege herein that Tyson engaged in negligent and wanton conduct by causing a public nuisance, committing a trespass to State land and by committing a trespass to chattel, resulting in the death of various species of fish and other wildlife.

Plaintiffs seek declaratory and injunctive relief as well as the recovery of civil penalties and compensatory and punitive damages from Tyson for alleged violations of the law of the State of Alabama."

Mark Griffin
Mark Griffin filed suit August 19, 2020, against Tyson, River Valley Ingredients, Hydraservice, Jason Spann and the Jasper Water Works and Sewer Board. The complaint alleged that Griffin contracted severe illness due to exposure to contaminated water. He suffered a bacterial infection that affected body tissues and required 12 surgeries.

Jasper Water Works and Sewer Board
In June 2021, Jasper Water Works and Sewer Board, a co-defendant with Tyson in several cases, filed its own suit against the company, River Valley Ingredients and Hydraservice, alleging that treatment of contaminated water from the spill increased the board's cost and "caused JWWSB to lose money as it was unable to sell the water it flushed from the system and it credited each of its wholesale customers' account for the amount of water flushed by them."

The suit further alleges a significant reduction in the value of real estate on the Mulberry Fork owned by the board.

Kathy Russell and others
Kathy Russell, Tiffany Ashley and Krystal Stasko filed a class action against Tyson, River Valley Ingredients, Hydraservice and the Jasper Water Works and Sewer Board on June 6, 2021, on behalf of themselves and "others similarly situated" (property and business owners in areas near the river, as well as customers who got water from the Jasper Water Works and Sewer Board between June 6, 2019, and June 6, 2020), alleging negligence, wantonness, liability and nuisance.

Tiffany Ashley and others
Tiffany Ashley, Charles Richard Corry and The Bullpen Steakhouse filed suit on the same day as Kathy Russell, against the same defendants and alleging the same charges. Attorneys for the plaintiffs recently filed a motion to dismiss this case, as its plaintiffs can be included under the "others similarly situated" in the Russell case.

FEDERAL CLASS ACTION CASES

In addition to the seven Walker County cases, two cases similar to, but preceding the last two cases above, are pending in federal court.

The Jasper-based law firm of Nelson, Bryan & Jones and the Birmingham-based firm of Goldasich, Vick & Fulk filed federal class actions against Tyson, Hydraservice, Jason Spann and the Jasper Water Work and Sewer Board in the Northern District of Alabama U.S. Federal District Court July 24, 2019:

- 5:2019cv01179 – entitled "Russell et al v. Tyson Farms Inc. et al"

- 5:2019cv01180 – entitled "Ashley et al v. Tyson Farms, Inc. et al"

The two federal class actions were consolidated into a single proceeding by the federal court. The complaint for case 01180 declares that the suit seeks:

"To recover damages suffered by Plaintiffs and the Class Members as a result of the contamination of the Mulberry Fork segment of the Warrior River, and the subsequent transmission of unsafe and/or tainted water to residents, property owners and/or business owners in the State of Alabama including, but not limited to, residents, property owner, and/or business owners in Walker County, Alabama and Cullman County, Alabama."

Plaintiffs in the two consolidated cases include Tiffany Ashley, Kathy Russell, Krystal Sasko, Charles Richard Corry, The Bullpen Steakhouse and "All Alabama residents who own or lease residential or commercial property and/or personal property that has been or will in the future be damaged as a result of the June 6, 2019, wastewater spill/contamination and the subsequent containment, handling and/or remediation of said spill/contamination, and/or all Alabama residents who have experienced a negative effect on his/her/their use of natural resources and/or the general/normal use of their real property and/or personal property as a result of the June 6, 2019, wastewater spill/contamination and the subsequent containment, handling and/or remediation of said spill/contamination.

"This class further includes all Alabama residents who have suffered or will in the future suffer any legally cognizable business and/or economic losses and/or damages as a result of the June 6, 2019, wastewater spill/contamination and the subsequent containment, handling and/or remediation of said spill/contamination."

Tyson has challenged the broadness of the class definition.

The consolidated case has been assigned to Judge Liles C. Burke.

All cases, local and federal, are still active.

Tyson has not issued statements specific to the various suits. Worth Sparkman, external communications director for Tyson, issued this statement in May 2020: "Tyson aims to be a strong partner and responsible member of the communities we serve and in which our team members live and work.

"We take our obligations to our neighbors seriously and, since acquiring the Hanceville facility in late 2018, we have made significant investments to help bring it up to Tyson's standards.

"We will respond to the legal claims in the appropriate forum."

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
KATHERINE LOUISE HIBBS * CASE NO PC 2021-053
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Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **Peggy Callan,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of Katherine Louise Hibbs, deceased, on the 14th day of July, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Peggy Callan
Personal Representative

Michael A. Stewart, Sr.
Attorney for Petitioner
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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION PETITION OF
ROGER H. PONDER and
BONITA NINET PONDER
FOR THE ADOPTION OF

CASE NO AD 2021-033

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: ANDREA PERDUE, NATURAL MOTHER
DUSTIN PONDER, NATURAL FATHER AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD BORN TO ANDREA PERDUE

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Roger H. Ponder and Bonita Ninet Ponder, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 8th DAY OF July, 2021.

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

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Cullman, Alabama 35055

AARP (from Front)

Jamie Harding
AARP

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabamians have recently reported to AARP on a new phone scam that has been circulating. Scammers claim to represent AARP, Publishers Clearing House, Wal Mart and other reputable brands in attempts to get members of the public to provide their bank account information, which they claim is needed in order to deposit "sweepstakes winnings" into their accounts.

Once that bank account information is given, the criminals then have access to those accounts.

"We were alarmed to hear that AARP -- along with other well-known brands -- is being used by criminals to perpetrate their schemes and steal from Alabamians," stated Candi Williams, AARP Alabama state director,

"We want to make it clear that AARP is not sponsoring any such sweepstakes, nor would anyone from AARP demand anyone's bank account information."

Sweepstakes scams are not new, and they circulate frequently.

Scam artists can be persuasive, using tactics which make committing these crimes successful.

Those tactics often include using well-known brands to make them sound legitimate.

AARP advises never providing bank account or other financial information to anyone by phone, text or email, unless you are certain you know who you are dealing with and why they need this information.

If you have questions or believe you or a loved one may have been targeted by scammers, call AARP's toll-free fraud helpline at 877-908-3360 for information and assistance.

AARP's Fraud Watch Network can help you spot and avoid scams. Sign up for free Watchdog Alerts at aarp.org/Fraud.

The AARP Fraud Watch Network is a free service to people of all ages, and you don't have to be an AARP member to use it.

Obituary Announcements: July 22

Jacob Ryan Roberts, 43, of Cullman
Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Jacob Ryan Roberts, 43, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Roberts family. Jacob passed away July 22, 2021 at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born July 9, 1978, to Jimmy Ray and Delaine Scott Roberts. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Lola Jane Salter, 87, of Haleyville
Lola Jane Salter, 87, of Haleyville, Alabama entered into rest July 21 at her residence surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Salter was born May 24, 1934. She lived in Haleyville her whole life. She loved being a wife to the love of her life, Linden. Together, they loved to celebrate Christmas. She worked odd jobs, but her favorite one was being a housewife. Her favorite hobbies were cooking, cleaning house and planting flowers. Visitation will be held Sunday, July 25, from noon – 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Her nephew, Royce Brimer, will officiate. Burial will follow in Winston Memorial Cemetery in Haleyville, Alabama. Lola is survived by her son: Noel (Vicki) Salter; daughter: Patricia (Paul) Dockery; sister: Freda Brimer; brother: Jerry Harris; grandchildren: Scotty Salter, Brandi Crumpton, Shannon Salter and Jaybrinia Martinez; great-grandchildren: Jessica, Jennifer, Jon Bradey, Baylie, Tyler, Tanner and Kiara and great-great-grandchildren: Tosha, Sophie, Gabriel and Landon. She was preceded in death by her husband: Linden Salter; parents: Jasper and Lowie Harris; sisters: Gertrude, Bea and Leoni and brothers: RC, Huel, Wallace and Henry. The family wants to say a special thank you to Amedisys Hospice Care and nurses Melissa and Stephanie.

James Anthony "Tony" England, 56, of Cherokee
James Anthony "Tony" England, age 56 of Cherokee, AL passed away Wednesday, July 21, at his residence. Mr. England was born March 4, 1965, in Columbia, Tennessee. Visitation will be Saturday, July 24, from noon – 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where the service will be held at 2 p.m. Jerome Morgan and Reverend James Yielding will officiate. Burial will be at East Franklin Cemetery in Phil Campbell, Alabama. Tony is survived by his wife: Jeanette Dell England; daughter: Cristen Renay Danna; son: James Eric (Kayla) England; stepson: Craig (Misty) Sivley; stepdaughters: Miranda Averette and Rebecca (Mark) Ryans; sister: Deborah (Tim) Hill; brother: Ray England; six granddaughters; five grandsons; six great-grandkids and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: James William and Emma Claire England and mother-in-law: Zula Mae Robertson.

Elizabeth Howard, 85, of Cullman
Funeral Service for Elizabeth Howard, age 85, of Cullman will be at 1 p.m. Monday, July 26, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with interment in Ebenezer Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Howard passed away on Thursday, July 22, at her residence. She was born March 29, 1936, to Charles and Ellen Lanningham. She was preceded in death by her husband: Ruben Howard and parents. Survivors include her daughter: Phyllis (Murray) Lowe; son: Rick (Susan) Howard; grandchildren: Cassie (William) Weaver, Nancy (Chase) Cornell and Scott Lowe; great-grandchildren: Alexander Weaver, Emma Cornell, Zachery Weaver, Abbi Cornell, Hunter Cornell and Isaac Cornell; brothers: William Lanningham, Johnny Lanningham and James Lanningham; sister: Christine Gay and family pet: Moose.

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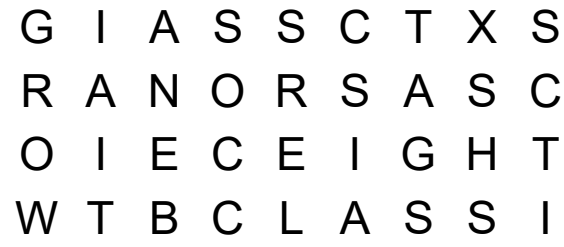
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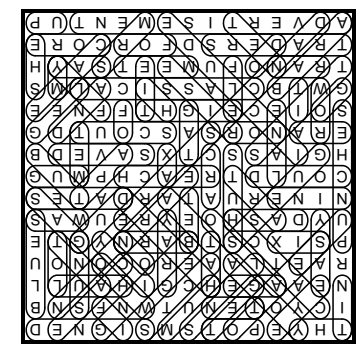
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Soil and Water Conservation children's presentation held at Guy Hunt Library and Museum

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Soil and Water Conservation District on Thursday made a presentation for the children of Guy Hunt Library and Museum in Holly Pond on local wildlife and the tracks they leave behind. With 11 children in attendance, Soil and Water Conservation Speaker Kathy Holmes read a book called, "Over in the Forest" written by Marianne Berkes and illustrated by Jill Dubin.

While reading to the children, there were interactive pages and stuffed animals to help illustrate the differences between adult animals and their young. These additions made an interactive environment for the children as they learned the animals' proper titles and about the differences and similarities found between them. A fun highlight of storytime happened as the speaker asked if any of the children had seen a deer before. While some hands were raised, one child spoke up and laughed, "I did! When I was little, I thought it was a giraffe!" as the room filled with giggles.



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Children created molds of various animal footprints.

Holmes began to ask and explain to the kids about the differences between the animals featured in the story footprints, such as gray foxes, beavers, box turtles, turkeys, opossums, deer, woodpeckers, raccoons, squirrels and striped skunks. With soft molding clay, the children made molds of different footprints and discussed the animals as they went.

After the event concluded, Librarian Melody Camp shared, "If it were not for places like the Soil and Water Conservation District and the Agriplex, we would not be able to have our summer programs and I am just so grateful for them. They have made donations and they do not ever charge us anything. I really want them to get the credit they deserve, and I want the kids to be happy."

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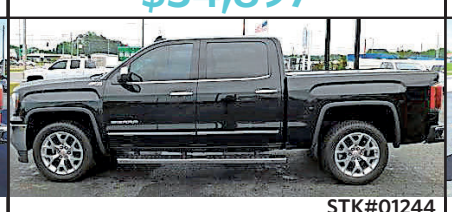
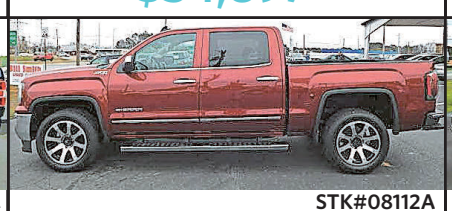
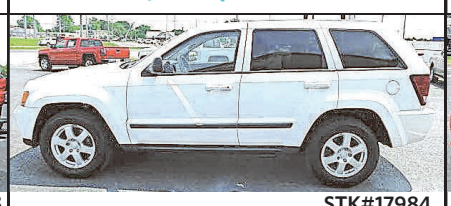
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