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Cullman County Republican Women host Pfizer 'whistleblower' Debbie Bernal

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Republican Women, along with Eagle Forum of Cullman, last week hosted professed "Pfizer whistleblower" Debbie Bernal.

President of the Eagle Forum of Cullman, Kim Dimmock, said she was very excited Bernal was speaking at the meeting.

Dimmock claims there has been a growing concern among the community regarding the safety of the "rushed" COVID-19 vaccines. She said Bernal was a sales process expert and functional lead at Pfizer and worked with Project Veritas, a Conservative activism group, to release Pfizer information to the public.

Bernal played a video that was released online in January of this year by Project Veritas. In it, Dr. Jordon Trishton Walker, a person who is named as » PAGE 6



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Left to right are Rebekah Belocher, Mary Snapp, Jo Ellen Swindel, Debbie Bernal, Eagle Forum President Kim Dimmock and Cathi Bradford

Medical cannabis: AMCC issues stay on licenses



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Wagon Trail Med-Serv President and CEO Joey Robertson explains how the machines in his facility work.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission (AMCC) on Friday, June 16, held an emergency meeting and put a hold on the licenses that it issued the previous Monday, June 12. The AMCC said it found "inconsistencies" in how applicants for licenses were scored.

After Alabama Governor Kay Ivey signed medical marijuana legislation which legalized medical cannabis in Alabama and created the AMCC, the AMCC selected the University of South Alabama to establish teams of academic evaluators and other qualified individuals to review, evaluate and score the applications. In the Friday emergency meeting, the AMCC stated that a staff member noted the "inconsistencies" regarding the evaluations done when determining which companies would receive licenses.

"The Commission will work expeditiously to investigate and identify inconsistencies in the score data" explained AMCC Director John McMillan. "Out of an abundance of caution, we are suspending all current procedural timelines until those matters are resolved."

Cullman County's Wagon Trail Med-Serv was among the list of entities that applied for the AMCC's Integrated Facility Licenses and was denied. Wagon Trail Med-Serv President and CEO Joey Robertson said he was disappointed to hear that his company did not receive the license. However, he said, he is grateful that the AMCC is making the effort to bring in a third party and reevaluate.

"Even though the results currently are not favorable, I want to applaud the AMCC for looking into this further and not accepting the scores as they were received. If there is a possibility of a miscalculation of scores or things that were missed on the scores, I'm glad that the AMCC is looking at them now and not making us reapply » PAGE 2

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Father's Day at Sacred Heart



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Happy Father's Day to all men with children, grands and great-grands! Fr. Linus Klucsarits, OSB, of St. Bernard Monastery, celebrated Saturday night Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, bringing his own special view of the yearly parental celebration. Asking all the fathers in attendance to gather in the center aisle, he proceeded to ask for those who had five or less progeny to be seated. He continued through the numbers, eventually reaching 30 before everyone was seated, leaving Paul Howell, whose extended family included 33, two on the way! Pictured from left are Deacon Ernest Johnson, Fr. Linus, Paul and Monica Howell, the leading generation of their faith-filled family! Happy Father's Day to ALL men who mentor others throughout their lives!

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 19

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 19, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 13

- identity theft; person

June 16

- attempted burglary-3rd degree; criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; Denson Ave. SW; damaged property

June 17

- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS

June 16

Twilley, Natisha M.; 44

- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Williams, Larry A.; 35

- FTA- speeding
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while suspended

Wise, Barry R.; 53

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Crawford, Ceilidh G.; 21

- chemical endangerment of child

Gay Jr., Everick J.; 24

- chemical endangerment of child

Williams, Larry A.; 35

- FTA- speeding
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while suspended

Gold, Thomas A.; 55

- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Champion, Harold L.; 60

- theft of property-1st degree
- financial exploitation of elderly
- home repair fraud

Collins, Brenda D.; 41

- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (3 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA- insurance violation

Williams Jr., Theodore V.; 35

- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Craig, Colton B.; 18

- public intoxication
- minor in possession/consumption of alcoholic beverage

Pullium, James L.; 37

- FTA- driving without license

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Vinemont man killed in motorcycle crash

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — A Vinemont man was killed in a single-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 2:45 p.m. Friday, June 16. Alabama State Troopers identified the victim as Robert A. Chandler, 61. Troopers said Chandler was fatally injured when the 1998 Honda Valkyrie motorcycle he was operating left the roadway and overturned. They said he was not wearing a helmet at the time of crash and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The crash occurred on County Road 1101 near County Road 1078, approximately 9 miles north of West Point, in Cullman County.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

Oneonta man killed in Cullman County crash

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — A 19-year-old Oneonta man was killed in a single-vehicle crash at approximately 3:45 a.m. Sunday, June 18. Alabama State Troopers identified the victim as Cristian Alvarado-Hernandez.

Troopers said Alvarado-Hernandez was fatally injured when the 2004 Ford pickup he was a passenger in left the roadway, struck a ditch and overturned. Troopers said Alvarado-Hernandez was not using a seat belt at the time of the crash, was ejected and pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver of the Ford pickup was Jose L. Herandez-Rodriguz, 20, of Guntersville, according to Troopers. The crash occurred on U.S. Highway 231 near the 284 mile marker, approximately 2 miles south of Arab, in Cullman County.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

Players (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — For lovers of classic television variety ensembles and family-friendly comedy, Senior Outreach Players has compiled a showcase of humor and characters that combines classic settings, side-splitting tropes and creative storytelling fit for all ages. The characters and settings of "Hee Haw," "The Andy Griffith Show" and "Mama's Family" will all come together under one roof on Sept. 14, 2023, at 7 p.m. at the Betty Leeth Hanes Theatre on the campus of Wallace State Community College.

While the Senior Outreach Players have staged various shows over the last five years, the newest show incorporates the settings and characters of all three television shows they love to pay homage to.

Director Jamie Looney shared that it's more than a performance for her colorful group of players; it's an opportunity for true fellowship and a creative outlet many don't find in their golden years.

"They love each other! They find life-long friendships, they laugh, they love and it really improves their memory," she said.

"Not to mention it gives them a sense of confidence that they still 'got it!'"

When discussing the performance slated for September, Looney said it'll be the biggest and best so far, in part due to the creative combination of previous shows, but also due to the new location.

"The September show is going to be great," she said.

"Our one problem has always been our stage wasn't big enough to do the whole show. I am so excited to have curtains to open and close, too!"

Tickets are $10, with all funds raised going back to the Senior Outreach Organization. If you wish to donate, contact Jamie Looney at 256-339-9863.

To learn more about the Senior Outreach Organization, visit www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070256327821.



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Front row, left to right, are Jim Anderton, Diane Monk, Barbara Phillips, Jamie Looney, Susan Watts and Ken Shoemaker; back row, left to right, are Connie Walker, Dwight Johnson, Matthew Looney (goat mask), Barbara Whitehead, Ricky Ellison, Tanya Ellison, Gail Wilkons, Faye Ratliff and Margie Johnson.

Stay (from Front)

down the road," Robertson said.

Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer was shocked to hear that Wagon Trail Med-Serv did not receive a license. Greer, along with the Cullman County Commission, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs and Cullman City Council members toured the facilities at Wagon Trail Med-Serv when the company was seeking City and County approval.

"We were all impressed with the quality and the technology abilities there," Greer said. "I've looked at a lot of manufacturing operations over the years and this place is essentially a pharmaceutical production facility."

Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope, said he was upset when he heard that Wagon Trail Med-Serv did not receive a license but is glad that the AMCC is issuing a stay for now.

"I know that people are ready to get this going and I respect that, but this is something that they need to make sure they get it right and if it takes a little more time to do that, then so be it," he said. "I know this is something that is new and everyone is learning. I appreciate everyone that has been involved in the process and I know it's not an easy job."

Said Robertson, "We will continue to do what we have to do in order to support the AMCC with whatever they made need from us moving forward."

He said he will continue to attend the monthly AMCC meetings and do whatever is necessary in order to obtain the Integrated Facility License from the AMCC.

Wagon Trail Med-Serv is located at 70 County Road 290, Hanceville, Alabama, 35077.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, just come for a fun afternoon of learning music from pop to classical styles. We will rehearse and prepare to perform at a variety of events in and around the Cullman community. Bring your friends- we will have music and everything you need to get started! For more information, text or email Miss Cindy at 256-338-4404, cindypass22@gmail.com. CCYS is sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism.

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) Mondays and Thursdays 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
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.- noon, Tuesdays 1-2 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.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Tuesday, June 20 - Jesus and Women Bible Study by Pam Dodd, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, light snacks provided, and offerings taken each night. Everyone is invited and welcomed!
• Wednesday, June 21 - 7 p.m. Children, adult and youth classes. Free pizza for children at 6:30 p.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Friday, June 23 - 7 p.m. Recovery Ministry. Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! 6:30 p.m. bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal. Nursery provided!
• Sunday, June 25 - Prayer Groups - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby at 8 a.m. or join Teresa at 9 a.m. in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and those who need healing, salvation or deliverance.
• Sunday, June 25 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11. Leadership meeting following morning service.`
• Sunday, June 25 - Baptism, Youth trip to TopGolf in Huntsville at 1:30, and meeting right after church with Robyn Helms for everyone that helped with KLK last year to discuss and upcoming event in September.
• Nonperishable Food Bank drive-please donate canned goods, boxed goods, etc. to help our foodbank. Our foodbank supplier has not had these items for purchase for the last two months. Please leave your donations under the carport on the left side of the church by 6 p.m. this Thursday night. Thank you!

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Master's Hand Food Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

West Point Class of 1966 Reunion
Saturday, June 24, from 3-5 p.m. at the Brandin' Iron at West Point. This will be the 57-year reunion. Everyone pays for their own meal. Dress is casual. For more information, please call Judy Hyde Waldrep at 256-347-0361.

Speegle Family Reunion
The annual reunion of the David Speegle family will be held on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at Speegle Family Point (334 County Road 321, Crane Hill, Alabama 35053), beginning around 10:30 a.m. Please join us and bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Contact Judy Shannon at 256-734-3460 or Norman Calvert at 256-734-0389. Come eat and enjoy the day with us.

Vacation Bible School
A Royally Fun Time awaits at Vacation Bible School at Calvary Baptist Church, 227 Dripping Springs Road, Cullman, July 10-14, from 6-8:30 p.m. Ages 3-12. Call 256-620-3680 or register online at calvarybaptist2023@myanswers.com.

Heartland Quilt Guild
Thursday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman. All are welcome. We love to meet new friends.

Circle of Hope Cullman Shoot for a Cure 3D Archery Tournament
• Saturday and Sunday, July 15-16. Featuring 20 3D targets on a marked wooded trail throughout the beautiful Camp David in Jones Chapel.
• All proceeds benefit Bruno Cancer Center at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham. Awards will be given and we have lots of great door prizes! Get more information at www.facebook.com/circleofhopecullman/events.

Rock the South
Thursday-Saturday, July 21-23, at York Farms, 1872 County Road 469, Cullman. This year's headliner is Chris Stapleton. To buy tickets and to get more information, go to www.rockthesouth.com.

87th Annual Sandlin Reunion
• Saturday, Aug. 12, from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cold Springs Community Center, 8821 County Road 109, Bremen, AL 35033. Bring a covered dish and drinks. Plates, cups, napkins, forks and ice provided. Invite your Sandlin relatives.
• Chairman: Dr. Randall Sandlin; Secretary: Patsy Sandlin Medlock; 1283 Highland Lakes Trail, Birmingham, AL 35242. patsymedlock@bellsouth.net. 205-915-1870 (cell). Anita Sandlin Glover (205-903-1756). Let's conserve postage! Please email me your EMAIL address. If you don't have email address, invitations will be sent via U.S. mail. Thanks!
• Directions: Interstate 65, Exit 299 toward Dodge City/Jasper, take AL-69 South (approx 14 miles). Turn RIGHT on CR-54. At first STOP sign, turn RIGHT on CR-109. At the STOP Sign at Cold Springs High School, turn RIGHT. Less than 1/4 mile, Cold Springs Community Center is on the RIGHT! Sandlin Chapel & Cemetery are off AL-69S.

7th Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ
Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9-10, at St. Bernard. Featuring pottery, quilts, brooms, leather art, cypress furniture, paintings, jewelry, plants and more. Visit Ave Maria Grotto for a reduced price admission of only $5. Admission donation to the festival is $10 per person; children 5 and younger free. Proceeds benefit St. Bernard Prep School. Rain or shine 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Visit www.stbernardprep.com for more information.

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PREP CHEER

‘I want to leave an impact on them that they will always remember’: Fairview’s Brynlee Merriman looking forward to senior year

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — In this interview, I spoke to upcoming senior Fairview cheerleader Brynlee Merriman. Merriman has been cheering on the varsity squad since 10th grade and feels blessed to be cheering alongside some great teammates.

“It has been great, having a team that supports you, no matter what, is the best feeling at such a young age. As always, we have our rough times, but you learn so many lessons by pushing through those obstacles. Even at times when we didn’t get along, at the end of the day, though, we were a great team and we figured things out,” Merriman said.

“Since becoming a varsity cheerleader, I have learned that family can be made anywhere. Even though we may not be related, these are the girls I spend most of my school year with every time I make the team. Creating these bonds with them has taught me to become kind, patient, loyal, and every life skill that it takes to build a great relationship with someone. Us communicating with one another and solving problems together has made us closer and together. These are the skills that I haven’t just learned; the whole team has as well. As our head coach, Candi Martin, says, ‘There isn’t an I in team’.”

Merriman is cheering under a couple of great coaches and has soaked up so much from them so far. She was blessed to learn so much from some great seniors as well.

“Candi Martin and Lacey Sizemore are coaches that will make you better. There are days we think they are being too harsh on us or being too demanding, but as I have grown, I have realized that this is just to make us better. Having them there to push us to our limits and make us believe in ourselves is what has made our team better each year. They have taught me I have to work for what I want. In life, we can’t just stand around and hope that something will change, or we won’t achieve our goals. All of this comes with hard work and repetition,” Merriman said. “The seniors were Samantha Rogers, Canaan Carroll, and Katelynn Sims. They worked very hard to be good role models for us coming into this new season. They were caring and were there for us, no matter what the situation was. You could say they were very understanding and considerate.”

She added, “They have made us self-disciplined and made us learn to test our limits with our abilities. Whether it was stunts, cheers, or overall team bonding, they always had us pushing to be better, which still applies, even with them gone. They left such an impact on me and the whole team.

“They stood up for us and took charge to make sure we were the best that we could be. I appreciate them for taking time out of their day to be leaders for us. They showed me how to be the best captain I can be for the team this year, and how to be their role model, not just over varsity, but even to the younger ones that look up to us.”

Merriman got named captain for her upcoming senior year and talked about that, plus how much her performance has grown over the years and what she will work on to get ready for the upcoming season.

“It was a privilege being voted this year’s captain by my team. But it is also a challenge that I learned to accept. As a captain, you are given a great responsibility that not many people can handle. The blame will always fall on you, even when you have done your best, but it is your job to take that and use it to be a better one. Being given this title has made me realize my actions is what will lead this team and I am excited to see what I can do for these girls for the 2023/2024 season,” she said. “It has grown tremendously. I used to be a shy girl that was too scared to even stand in front of a crowd. Now, I can stand every Friday night in front of a full stadium, doing cheers and showing off my abilities that I have worked so hard for. Being a flyer has taught me so much. It has made me speak my mind and work with my peers.”

She added, “Having those girls hold me so high in the air has taught me trust. This is the trust that I have used to get past those mental blocks that come with this sport. You need the courage to do what we do. Throwing some tucks or backhand springs takes so much out of you. It drains you so much mentally, because you have to battle with the voices in your head saying you can or can’t do it. This is what I will work on this upcoming year to be better at. I will learn to trust not just others, but myself in my tumbling and in my stunts.”

Merriman has some goals set for herself and for the cheer squad next season and thinks this cheer team will be one to keep an eye on in 2023-24.

“My goals for this year is to teach the team responsibility and how to get through hardship. With me leaving after this year, I want to leave an impact on them that they will always remember. There are also the little things I make as my goals, like landing my tuck, or hitting certain stunts. I want this team to be the best, not just this year, but for the next few years as well.

“The overall team also sets goals at the first practice of every year. This year, we will be focusing on technique and the little things. We want to be known as the team with sharp motions and the stunts that go smooth. We don’t want to look like everything is a struggle. That is our goal.”



BRYNLEE MERRIMAN

Fairview’s Brynlee Merriman

She added, “What will make this team special to watch is how we perform. We all enjoy what we do and we are proud to accomplish so much. We have pride and you will be able to see that in every routine we create. With every stunt or movement, we will demonstrate skill and technique. We practice not just going through the motions but sticking with them and focusing on every task at that time until the very end.”

A lot of the younger cheerleaders have really looked up to Merriman and she talked about her role models growing up.

“I know there are many younger girls that have looked up to me. They have listened to my advice and seeing their eyes when they listen to me makes me appreciate what I do.

“Many of the older girls see me as someone who can take charge and has a lot of experience through every aspect of cheer. Not many will admit it, but I am glad I can help them with whatever they may need help with,” she said.

“When I was younger, I always looked up to the captains that year and they would always seem to be my role models. But as I have grown up, I seem to look up to myself in some way. It may sound confusing, but what I mean by this is that every year or day, I will learn something new from someone.”

She added, “I will take those lessons that they have taught me and become better. I rely on myself to be a role model. Everyone deserves their own experience with one another and by trying to be like someone else ruins the possibilities for yourself or others to grow.”

Merriman got some great advice from one of her coaches that has stuck with her.

“The best advice someone has given me was by Mrs. Martin, when she would always say, ‘Never say you can’t, because you can do whatever you set your mind to’. This has stuck with me, and I will always rethink it in my head when I ever seem to doubt myself.”

PREP SOCCER

‘God has a plan for my life’: Cullman’s Abby Morrow recaps Bearcat years

Sammy Confer
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CULLMAN, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to Cullman senior soccer standout Abby Morrow. Abby made a lot of great memories playing soccer and feels blessed to have played alongside some great girls and learned from some great coaches during her career. She learned so much from her coaches over the years and was blessed to play with three other great senior players.

“Some of my favorite memories were beating Decatur in penalty kicks and playing in a lot of beach tournaments. It was great. My teammates pushed me to work harder every day and they truly are my best friends,” Morrow said.

“My coaches, Luke and Megan Hackbarth, and Jonathan Knappenberger, were extremely supportive and challenged me to work harder every time I was on the field. They taught me how to be mentally tougher and push myself to get better each day. They also taught me the importance of controlling what I can control: my attitude and effort. Even when things aren’t going my way, I can focus on giving 100% and having a positive attitude. This is definitely something that will stick with me as I continue my soccer career in college. I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to play at the next level without them.”

She added, “It was so much fun. I have played with Mimi, Anna Beth, and Shayley since I was eight years old, so this season was very special and bittersweet. Those girls really are like sisters to me. I learned a lot about the importance of having good team chemistry. Over the years, we definitely had some highs and lows where we relied on each other to lift one another up.

“These girls taught me the importance of having good relationships on and off the field, hard work, and the importance of having someone to push you to grow and work harder every day.”

Morrow was a part of some great clubs at Cullman and learned some things about being in those clubs.

“I was a member of the Student Government Association, Key Club, National Honors Society, Spanish National Honors Society, and HOSA: Future Health Professionals. All of those clubs I was a part of at Cullman High School have given me a lot of opportunities to give back to my community and even reach those out of the United States during a service project for Spanish Honors Society,” Morrow said.

“In HOSA, I was able to compete in medical competitions at the state level and learn more about career paths in the healthcare field. My experience in HOSA was super impactful as it helped me to decide if I was truly interested in pursuing a career in the medical field. I learned so much about the medical field, specifically dentistry as Dental Science was my chosen competitive event for the state competition. I was also able to graduate as a Certified Medical Assistant, so I can start working while I’m in college.”

She added, “My overall experience in being involved in those clubs taught me so much about how to be a good leader and how I can have a positive impact on my fellow classmates and community.”

Morrow talked about her favorite high school memories. Cullman will hold a very special place in her heart and will remember some things about being there.

“My favorite high school memories were homecoming week my senior year and the winter formal,” she said.

“Cullman is so special because it provided me with so many great opportunities that will allow me to be successful as I continue my education at Brimingham-Southern College. Not only that, but I have made so many great friendships over the years that will last me a lifetime. I will always remember the fun events I was able to participate in during homecoming week and the amazing time I had as a member of the soccer program.”

Morrow will deeply miss being at Cullman next year and will take away so much from going there. She also talked about some of her favorite club memories and she also gave some advice to the upcoming freshmen.

“I will miss my friends the most as we will be attending different colleges,” she said. “During my time at Cullman, I have learned so much about the importance of hard work and I feel much more prepared for college courses. Some of my favorite club memories would have to be traveling to Montgomery for the HOSA state competition with all of my friends. My advice to them would be to enjoy every second of it. It really does fly by. Surround yourself with a good, supportive group of friends who will help you grow as a person.”



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Cullman’s Abby Morrow

Abby talked about some special role models that she had growing up, the best advice that she was ever given, and some scholarships that she received.

“I’ve always really looked up to my parents. They are such hard workers and are so supportive of everything I’m passionate about. They’ve given me great advice about the importance of working hard in order to achieve my goals and trusting that God has a plan for my life,” she said.

“I received a Presidental scholarship from Birmingham-Southern College, as well as the McWane Honors Scholarship. Getting these scholarships mean a lot to me as they are a reflection of the hard work I’ve put in during my high school career.”

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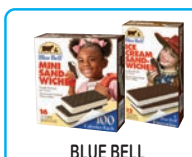
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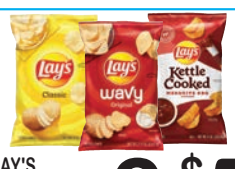
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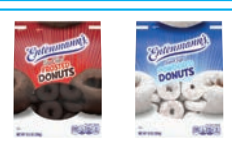
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UNA Board of Trustees approves on-campus stadium project design, planning for Bank Independent Stadium to begin soon

UNA
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FLORENCE, Ala. – In a unanimous vote Friday, the University of North Alabama Board of Trustees approved an on-campus, multipurpose stadium project, to be named Bank Independent Stadium, and authorized next steps for the venue's design and planning process. The approval comes amid an outpouring of philanthropic support for the project. University officials confirm that external fundraising will be the core driver for the development of the new facility.

"As a member of the Board who voted to accept the ASUN Conference invitation and move to Division I athletics, it is certainly a milestone for us to be announcing this project," said Will Trapp, President Pro Tempore of the Board.

"In many ways, our step up into this higher level of competition was a leap of faith. We held a collective belief that it would be beneficial to the University and the community, but we all knew at some point there would need to be greater investment in facilities if we were going to build on this move."

Trapp said the community and investment by local businesses, civic, municipal, and private individuals have helped the University bring this goal one step closer to fruition, reiterating the fact that private giving and fundraising have provided a strong foundation of financial support for this project.

"It has taken a long time, but, behind the scenes, a lot of people have been diligent in fundraising and a lot of families and companies are giving specifically to make this investment in our athletic programs," he said.

"Student feedback several years ago was very much in favor of this option, and it speaks volumes that support from our business community has helped us reach the point of being able to bring this project to life."

The multipurpose Bank Independent Stadium will have a transformative effect on the UNA campus, the Shoals community, and the region. It is the culmination of a vision that began almost 50 years ago and was reinvigorated in 2018 when UNA's President Dr. Ken Kitts convened a task force to consider the idea after receiving a resolution from the Student Government Association in favor of an on-campus stadium.

"Our campus, our community, and our philanthropic conversations have brought us to this day and this historic decision made by our Board of Trustees," Kitts said. "I am thrilled that our partnership with Bank Independent and other donors allows us to move forward with a multipurpose, on-campus stadium so that we may begin to realize next steps and see this long- time goal become a reality."

The proposed stadium will re-develop areas used by North Alabama baseball, football, and soccer, while providing an opportunity to host numerous sporting and non-sporting events. Non-athletic events could include concerts, live performances as well as other academic and community events.

"It is a game-changer for football, for athletics, and for the University," said Steve Pierce, a long- time Board of Trustees member and chair of the Campus Life, Athletics, and Diversity Committee. "As a student from the 1970s, I see the value in having an on-campus stadium, and it is why I am behind this one thousand percent. I believe in the positive benefit this project will have on UNA now, once the Bank Independent Stadium is in use, and well into the future."

With Friday's vote by the Board of Trustees, Bank Independent Stadium will enter the design phase, which is anticipated to take approximately 12-18 months.

UNA will enter into an agreement with a sports construction firm to formalize the project scope, design, and financial strategy. Details will be shared as they become available, according to North Alabama Athletics Director Dr. Josh Looney.

"We are so pleased with this step taken today by our Board of Trustees, and thrilled to have the opportunity to take this project into its next phase so that our vision for an on-campus stadium can move forward," he said. "Today's vote is the culmination of much work and planning and so many conversations with others who told us, unequivocally, that the time has come to make the idea of an on-campus stadium at UNA a reality. We are incredibly appreciative of the philanthropic momentum surrounding this project. Roar Lions!"

Additional details will be available at https://una.edu/BISTadium.











Bernal (from Front)

Pfizer director of research and development, said Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine, in his opinion, is "likely to cause infertility in women."

He also expressed concerns about the lack of long-term safety data for the vaccine and the potential risks associated with it.

Walker further claimed that Pfizer had "manipulated adverse event data to downplay the side effects."

It is important to note that the video and the identity of Dr. Walker cannot be verified online.

Bernal highlighted various concerns and controversies surrounding the company, and what she considers to be unethical practices.

One of the key points Bernal emphasized was Pfizer's role in the development and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

She raised concerns about the lack of transparency regarding the vaccine's long-term effects. Bernal argued that Pfizer had not provided sufficient data or allowed independent researchers to thoroughly study the vaccine's potential side effects, leaving many unanswered questions.

She claimed Pfizer had documents proving it knew about myocarditis and pericarditis side effects.

"For a while they've done studies, they've let their internal teams know about it and they're aware of it and they were even trying to come up with potential mechanisms to resolve this or to do something about it," Bernal explained.

She addressed Pfizer's lobbying efforts and its influence on government policies. She alleged that the company had a significant presence in Washington, D.C., and used its financial resources to shape legislation and regulations in its favor.

"Why didn't our doctors tell us about this? Why didn't our doctors ask these questions?

"Why did they force your children? Well, the reason is Pfizer has a lot of influence. Pfizer owns a lot of companies," Bernal stated.

She revealed that Pfizer had donated significant amounts of money to various heart organizations, cancer organizations, hospitals and universities in 2021.

As to why she decided to come forward, Bernal said it was when she realized "how much data Pfizer was hiding from the public."

"I did not know what to do. I sat there and thought about it for a moment, and I didn't know if I could do anything because it's just me against big pharma, me against this corporation, that owns literally every company out there."

She continued, "My other option was, I could try to do something about it and try to let other people know that they're being lied to. So that's what I chose to do."

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

DEBORAH BETTY SEAGROVES, DECEASED. CASE NO. PC 2023-172

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF DEBORAH BETTY SEAGROVES, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Shay Persall on the 9th day of June, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Shay Persall, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Personal Representative

TO: Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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On Monday July 3, 2023, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance
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For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LETHA S. HEATHERLY * CASE NO PC 2023-167
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF JESSICAN H. MCHAN FOR THE PROBATE OF THE WILL OF LETHA S. HEATHERLY, DECEASED

TO: SETH EDWARD HEATHERLY, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The *Petition of Jessica H. McHan for the Probate of the Will of Letha S. Heatherly, deceased*, filed by Jessica H. McHan, Petitioner, by and through her Attorney, Annette Irons-Parker, has been scheduled for the 15th **day of** August, **2023, at** 10:30 **a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons having interest, residing or being without state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

DONE this the 2nd day of June, 2023.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
THERESA FRANCES KANE, * CASE NO PC 2023-135
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO:

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WILLIAM KANE
AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

The Petition of Margaret McCloskey to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Theresa Frances Kane, deceased, has been set for hearing the **17th day of August, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 2nd day of June, 2023

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

BETTY DEBORAH SEAGROVES, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2023-172

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF BETTY DEBORAH SEAGROVES, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Shay Persall on the 9th day of June, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Shay Persall, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Ride (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Registration is now open for the ninth annual Jay's Legacy Bike & Car Ride starting at J&S Karaoke on Saturday, July 29, 2023. The public is invited to participate either by riding a motorcycle or, for the first time, by car to help spread the message and fundraise for distracted driving awareness.

The registration fee before July 22 is $15 per bike and $5 per additional passenger and $20 per car. Registration is also available 8-10 a.m. the morning of the event, at $20 per bike and $5 per additional passenger and $25 per car. Kickstands up and the ride begins at 10:30 a.m. This event honors former Vinemont Postmaster Jay Kendall, who was hit and killed on his motorcycle while waiting at a red light en route to work at the Hanceville Post Office. Kendell was hit and killed by a teen distracted driver on May 21, 2014.

Co-owners of the family friendly and non-alcoholic J&S Karaoke, Jay and his wife Suzette frequently sponsored benefits for local residents in need, along with Toys for Tots, Thanksgiving and Christmas give-a-ways and clothing drives.

After Jay's tragic accident, Jay's widow Suzette began the nonprofit Jay's Legacy, based at J&S, to create awareness of distracted driving, mainly texting and talking on cell phones. Each year, approximately 3,000 people in the U.S. lose their lives due to distracted driving. And each year, Alabama is the second-worst state for this dangerous behavior, after New Mexico, with roughly 155,000 car accidents here, and most due to texting and talking.

The bike/car ride, lasting approximately one hour, will begin in Hanceville and proceed to Garden City, Blountsville and Holly Pond before returning to J&S. Participants are invited to enjoy two designated stops. All participants will receive information about the dangers of distracted driving. Fellow advocate Michelle Dunn has also dedicated her life to this cause for years. Together, she and Suzette Kendall have worked tirelessly toward the recent passing of the distracted driving bill by the Alabama Legislature. Kendall volunteers to speak to groups and organizations about the potential for deaths and injury when not giving driving your full attention, having presented to the Cullman Chamber of Commerce, Walker County's The Vigil for Victims and at various safety meetings. Her work advocating for distracted driving awareness has been featured in the Alabama AAA Magazine, local newspapers and a TV PSA featuring her and Jeff Hanson warning against the dangers of distracted driving, which has appeared since 2015. Kendall and Dunn work year-round promoting awareness and fundraising to award an annual scholarship in Jay's name to an outstanding student selected by Wallace State Community College. This past May, the 2023 recipient was Andrew Light.

To preregister for the bike/car ride, send your name, phone number and email address with your check to J&S Karaoke, 860 County Road 404, Cullman, AL 35057, Attention Bike/Car Ride. Rain date is Aug. 5. For more information, contact Suzette Kendall at 256-347-0267 or Michelle Dunn at 256-636-1993, and follow Jay's Legacy at J&S Karaoke active Facebook page.

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Obituary Announcements: June 17-19

Kathryn June Watson, 91
Funeral services for Kathryn June Watson of Hanceville were held Monday, June 19, 2023, at Hanceville First Baptist Church. Burial followed the service at Fairview West Cemetery. Mrs. Watson was born on June 2, 1932, in Hanceville, Alabama to Herman Fanning and Annie A. Whaley-Fanning. She passed away on June 15, 2023 at her residence in Hanceville at the age of 91. Survivors include her children, Angela (Donnie) Brock and Daniel L. Watson; grandchildren, Tonya Brock, Andrea Brock and Haley Watson; great grandchildren, Koal Duckett, Jake Duckett, Ella Duckett, Aurora Grace Watson, and Sebastian Rye Watson; and a sister, Norma Lee Greer. Mrs. Watson was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Billy Fanning; and sister Jean Mayfield.

James Wallace Brock, 87
James Wallace Brock, age 87, of Haleyville, passed away Friday, June 16, 2023, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 8, 1936, to Willis and Viola Webb Brock. Wallace proudly served in the United States Army from 1959 to 1961. He was a member of Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon. Visitation was held on Sunday, June 18, 2023, at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville. Funeral services were held on Monday, June 19, 2023, at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church (County Road 20-Delmar) with Bro. Keith Hood and Bro. Jeff Moses officiating. Interment will follow in Union Grove Cemetery. Wallace is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Fanchion Pendley Brock; Son, Jeff (Juanita) Brock; daughter, Amy (Steven) Painter; grandchildren, Kimberly (Jonathan) Cole, Todd (Kirsten) Brock, Joshua Painter, and Hunter Painter; great-grandchildren, Emma Cole, Lexie Cole, Eli Brock, Sahmara Brock; brother, J.H. Brock; sister, Ruby Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews, church family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Willis and Viola Webb Brock; two infant sons; siblings, Garfield (Thelma) Brock, Marie (George) Fowler, A.V. (Doyle) Shirley, Jerry (Brenda) Brock; brother in law, Ervin Smith; sister in law, Gay Brock.

Thomas Dwight Bell, 49
Thomas Dwight Bell, age 49, of Double Springs, passed away June 16, 2023, at UAB Hospital. He was born Sept. 25, 1973, in Haleyville, Alabama. He graduated from Winston County High School in 1991. He always lived in Double Springs. He worked at Hendrix Health Care as the dietary manager. He loved and cared for his employees and co-workers. His lifelong passion was the food industry. Most of all he loved his children and family. He was kind hearted and made everyone laugh. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, from noon until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. with Joey Aldridge officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Olive Baptist Church Cemetery. Thomas is survived by his daughter, Stormie Bell and fiancée Mason Garrison; son, Xander Bell; parents, Dwight and Doris Bell; siblings, Shannon Bell Gibson and husband James and Jodi Bell Daniel; nephews, Trey Daniel and wife Molly and Riley Rice; great nephew, Cooper Daniel; aunt, Susan Ward; and a host of friends and relatives. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Calvin Bell and Earline Bell Humphries and Carl and Lois Overton; aunt, Joyce Humphries; and uncle, Malcolm Ward.

Faye Tilley, 93
Funeral Service for Faye Tilley, age 93, of Cullman, will be at noon on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until noon on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Tilley passed away on Friday, June 16, 2023, at Westminster Assisted Living of Cullman. She was born Feb. 13, 1930, in, Alabama to William and Viola Lee. She was preceded in death by her parents and all of her siblings; husband, Dwight Tilley; son, Dennis Dwight Tilley; grandson, Mark Dennis Tilley; son-in-law, Kelly Smith; and numerous nephews and a niece. Survivors include her daughters, Cynthia (Charlie) Tilley Brown and Donna (Dale) Tilley Mayo; grandson, Matthew (Katie) Mayo; granddaughter, Suzanne (Time) Tilley Mulitalo; great-grandsons, Dwight Mulitalo and Matai Mulitalo; great-granddaughter, Moana Mulitalo; a host of nieces, nephews, and her Westminster family.

Robert Alan Chandler, 61
Memorial Service for Robert Alan Chandler, age 61, of Vinemont, will be at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at Corinth West Methodist Church. Mr. Chandler passed away on Friday, June 16, 2023. He was born Thursday, June 22, 1961, in Florida to John William Chandler and Carol Jean Cocherell. He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his wife, Susan Chandler; daughter, Rochelle Chandler; son, Robert "RJ" (Nina) John Chandler; grandson, Remus Killian Chandler; mother, Carol Jean Cocherell; brothers, Eugene Curtis Chandler and John (Tina) William Chandler Jr.; three step-children, Brent Eldred, Brandon (Brittany) Eldred, and Karin (Nick) Izguierdo; four step-grandchildren, Jacob Eldred, Nicholas Izguierdo, Nathan Izguierdo, and Charlotte Izguierdo; and a host of other family and friends. In Lieu of flowers, give to St. Jude's Hospital.

Roger C. Corry, 84
Roger C. Corry, age 84, of Holly Pond, passed away on Sunday, June 18, 2023, at Cullman Regional. He was born Friday, June 2, 1939, in Alabama, to James M. and Lula M. Corry. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Peggy A. Fikes Corry; and son, Michael E. Corry. Survivors include his son, Dennis (Lydia) Corry; grandsons, David (Pamela) Corry and Jonathan (Robyn) Corry; granddaughters, Elizabeth (Zachary) Creel and Magan (David) Butler; and seven great-grandchildren.

Johnny William Cadle, 65
Johnny William Cadle, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on Saturday evening, June 17, 2023, at the age of 65. Mr. Cadle was born in Michigan, on Oct. 19, 1957, to Isaac Young and Lois Louise Horton Cadle. "John Boy" or "Joker", depending on how you knew Johnny, was the life of any party. He was full of sayings and jokes that made you laugh. Children loved Johnny and gravitated to him, and he loved picking and playing with them. He especially loved picking on his grandchildren. Johnny was a talented artist and could draw anything. His favorite subject to draw was game chickens, and he also enjoyed creating self-portraits. Most of his artwork was done in shades of gray while just talking with family or friends. Johnny's talent was enjoyed by many generations of the Bronco family. Mr. Cadle was a graduating member of the Holly Pond Class of 1976, and his painting of our beloved Holly Pond Bronco could be found on the gymnasium wall for many years. Mr. Cadle was also a very talented musician. He never gave himself credit and believed he was only good enough to be accompaniment for others, but he was in fact a very talented guitarist. He could play anything he wanted, and his talent was exceptional. Johnny was an animal lover. In particular, he loved chickens and dogs. He was called a chicken and dog whisperer by some, and he loved training animals. He could gain the trust of any animal and teach them to do what he wanted them to. Johnny's talents were not limited to the arts and animals. He worked many years as a chicken catcher for several different poultry companies, but his passion was painting flagpoles. Mr. Cadle, alone with his Uncle Belt, traveled all over the country restoring flagpoles to their original beauty. Without a ladder, Johnny would climb to the top of the flagpole in a homemade rig and paint it with skill. He was passionate about making certain Old Glory was displayed on a pristine pole. Johnny was one of a kind and loved by many, but his pride and joy was always his daughters and grandchildren. He loved in his own way – but he very much loved his babies and was proud of them and their accomplishments. Johnny will be missed greatly and remembered for many years to come. To know Johnny was to love him. Johnny is preceded in death by his parents. Those surviving Mr. Cadle are his daughters, Wendy Maze (Nicholas) and Jessica Burks (Rudy); grandchildren, Kayra, Tristen, Breanna, Jazmine, Alaina, Carter; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, cousins (more than you count,) family, and friends. Johnny considered everyone family and would figure out how you were kin. With that said, you are all invited to join as a family in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel on Friday evening, June 23, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., for a time of visitation. A celebration of Johnny's life will take place on Saturday, June 24, 2023, in the chapel beginning at 3 p.m. Please come ready to sing, laugh, cry, and share your memories as we celebrate Johnny the way he would want to be remembered. Burial will follow services in Duck River Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family or the funeral home and will be applied to Mr. Cadle's funeral expenses. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Cadle family.

Constance "Connie" Joy Whatley, 64
Constance "Connie" Joy Whatley was born Jan. 19, 1959, to Al and Ellece Burns Varnes in Jacksonville, Florida. She died June 17, 2023, in Madison, Alabama. Connie was preceded in death by her father. She is survived by her mother and sons, Jason (Kimberly) Whatley and Justin (Jessica) Whatley, sisters Grace Varnes Schrimsher, Norma Varnes Hope, Gail Varnes (Richard) Cooper and grandchildren Keiton, Brielle, Benjamin, Christian, Ava, Vivian, Olivia and Everly. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Faith Restoration Church in Hanceville, Alabama. Memorial donations may be made to Affinity Hospice, 540 Hughes Road, Suite 12, Madison, AL 35758.

Thomas Johnston, 67
Thomas Johnston, age 67, of Holly Pond, passed away on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at his residence. He was born Aug. 16, 1955, in Virginia to Thomas Edward Johnston and Wanda Lee Johnston. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Skip Johnston. Survivors include his wife, Kathy Johnston; son, Thomas (Mikey) Johnston; daughters Nicole (Dave) Gregson, Kris (Andy) Leopard, and Jennifer (Christopher) Hayes; grandchildren, Payton, Makenna, Braden, Liam, and Chloe; brother, Jimmy Johnston; niece, Katrina (Chris) Smith; and a host of family and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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CRANE HILL, Ala. — A 5-year-old boy drowned in Smith Lake in Cullman County on Saturday, June 17.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick confirmed the body of a 5-year-old male was recovered from Smith Lake after the boy slipped under the surface hours earlier.

"Due to it being a minor, the name will not be released," Kilpatrick said.

The incident was reported shortly after 5 p.m. Kilpatrick said the incident occurred at Arrowhead RV Resort at Smith Lake, located on County Road 941 in Crane Hill.

More information will be released if made available.

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