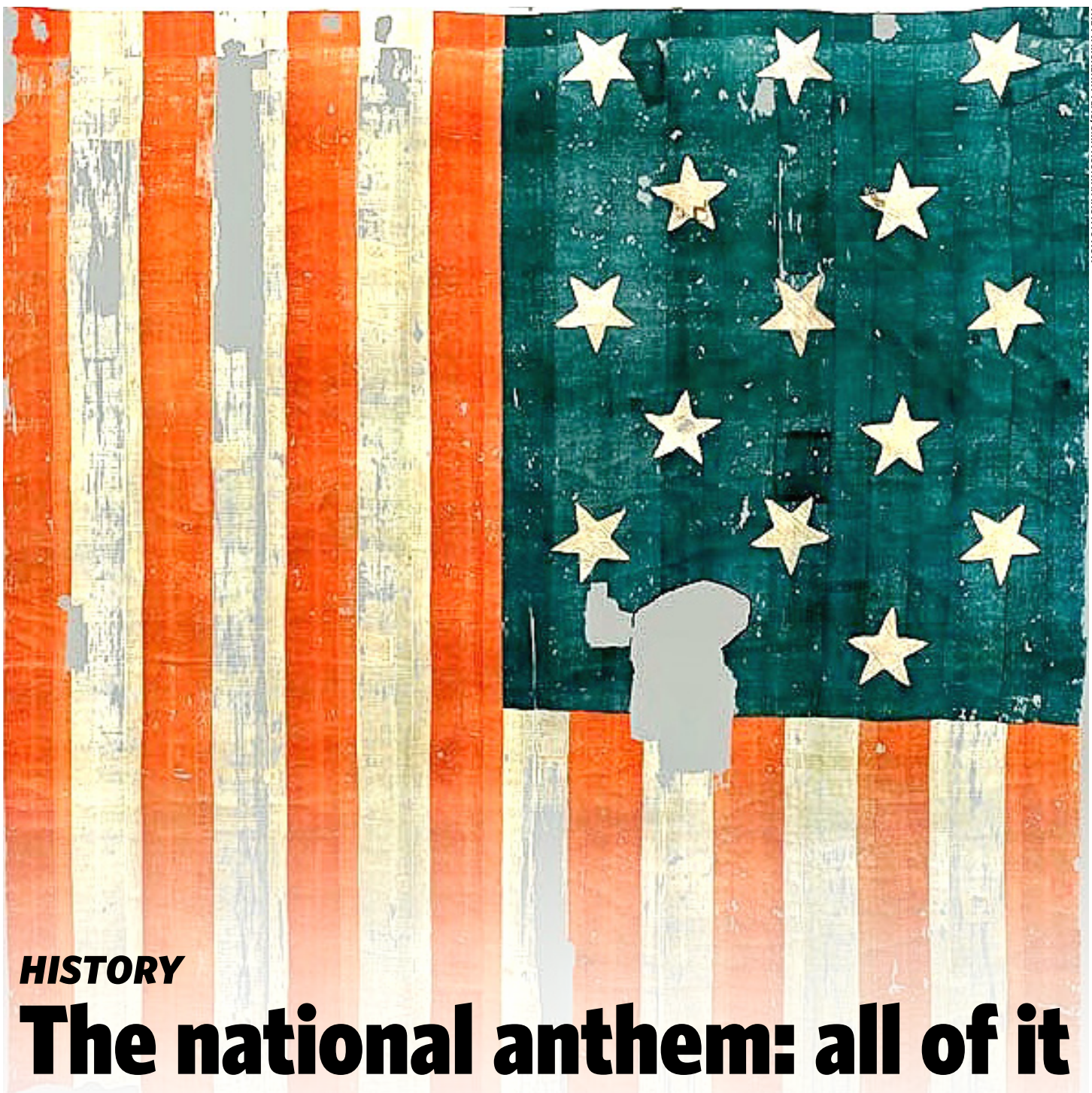
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HISTORY

The national anthem: all of it

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CULLMAN – We hear it at almost every high school, college and professional sporting event, at least most of us think we do. When the national anthem is performed, what you're usually hearing is only one-fourth of the actual song Francis Scott Key began penning on the morning of Sept. 14, 1814, after he discovered that U.S. Fort McHenry in the harbor of Baltimore, Maryland had withstood a 25-hour British siege.

Penned as "The Defence of Fort McHenry," the piece was eventually given the less technical and more artistic title "The Star-Spangled Banner." In 1931, the song beat out longtime favorites like "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," "America the Beautiful" and "Hail Columbia" to become the national anthem of the United States, in its complete four-stanza form.

The first stanza poses the question that may have been the first to cross Key's mind on the morning of Sept. 14, 1814: "Is the flag still there?" The second answers with a resounding "Yes!"

The third speculates on the fate of America's British opponents, while the fourth assigns credit for America's victory.

"The Star-Spangled Banner"

O say can you see, by the
dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at
the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright
stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched,
were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-
spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and
the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen
through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host
in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze,
o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half
conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of
the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now
shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled
banner, O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and
the home of the brave.

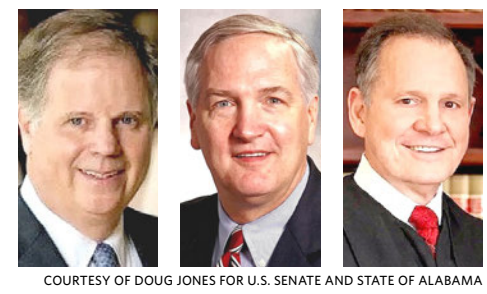
And where is that band
who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and
the battle's confusion,
A home and a country,
should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out
their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the
hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or
the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner
in triumph doth wave,
O'er the land of the free and
the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever, when
freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes
and the war's desolation.
Blest with vict'ry and peace,
may the Heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath
made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must,
when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto:
'In God is our trust.'
And the star-spangled banner
in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and
the home of the brave!

POLITICS

Special Election 2017

Meet the candidates



COURTESY OF DOUG JONES FOR U.S. SENATE AND STATE OF ALABAMA

Democrat Doug Jones, left, and Republican Roy Moore, right, are the leading challengers for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Luther Strange, center.

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CULLMAN – When U.S. Attorney Gen. Jeff Sessions was confirmed by the Senate in February, former Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley was tasked with temporarily filling the Senate seat vacated by Sessions until a special election could be held. Bentley chose Luther Strange, the Alabama attorney general who had recently called off an investigation into the governor's allegedly illegal activities. Strange could prove to be a capable and effective lawmaker, but the suspicious looking circumstances surrounding his appointment led many to call for the state to give citizens an option to decide for themselves sooner rather than later.

In response, in one of her first actions, new Gov. Kay Ivey, who took control of the state after an embattled Bentley resigned on April 10, moved up the special election, which Bentley had set to coincide with the regular 2018 election, to this year. Party primaries will take place Aug. 15; runoffs, if needed, are scheduled for Sept. 26. The election will take place on Dec. 12.

Even with short notice and an abbreviated campaign season, 18 candidates got their paperwork filed ahead of the qualification deadline. Below is a brief rundown of each.

Republican party candidates
James Beretta: A Shelby » PAGE 6

50 years of service: Cullman Regional Auxiliary hangs up pink smocks, donates $48K to Cullman EMS

Lindsey Dossey
Cullman Regional

CULLMAN – Cullman Regional's Auxiliary Volunteers recently donated $48,000 in life-saving equipment to the Cullman Regional's Ambulance Service, Cullman Emergency Medical Services (EMS) as their final gift to the organization. The Auxiliary, lovingly referred to as the "Pink Ladies," made the donation as they decided to retire the program after 50 years.

"We've decided to retire our pink smocks, and become adult volunteers around the hospital serving in various capacities as needed," said longtime Auxiliary President Sarah Hicks.

"Since we originally began as an additional fundraising arm of the hospital, we wanted to make our final donation toward life-saving equipment, and the LUCAS system is just that."

The LUCAS Chest Compression System helps lifesaving teams around the world deliver high-quality, guidelines-consistent CPR chest compressions in the field and on the move.

LUCAS is designed to help improve outcomes of sudden cardiac arrest victims and improve operations for medical responders. Performing 102 compressions per minute with a depth of 2.1 inches, LUCAS can be deployed quickly with minimal interruption to patient care.

"The LUCAS machines donated by the Auxiliary will most definitely help save lives in Cullman County," said Cullman EMS Director James Curtis, Jr. FP-C.

"The system allows the paramedics to focus on getting the patient moving toward more advanced hospital » PAGE 3



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The last members of the Cullman Regional Auxiliary pose for a final picture in their famous pink smocks. Pictured from left to right are: Maxine Tucker, Faye Morris, Odie Ponder, Sharon Hicks, Sarah Hicks and Linda Morris.



ALABAMA 200

Alabama Bicentennial workshop July 10

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – You might want to keep that red, white and blue bunting up this year, after all, this year through the final months of 2019, the entire state is celebrating Alabama's Bicentennial. The festivities will be ongoing through the entire two and a half years.

In fact, there is a workshop for anyone in Cullman or Cullman County, as well as anyone from anywhere in north Alabama, who would like to volunteer, or groups, including churches, and schools, garden clubs, book clubs, and service organizations, etc. that might want to do programs, events and promotions that can be connected to Alabama's bicentennial.

The first year, this year, is considered the year of "Our Places." In 2018, the theme will turn to "Our People," while the final year will focus on "Our Stories."

With that in mind, anyone, or any group, who would like to participate, can attend a free workshop on July 10, 2017, at the Benedictine Retreat Center. You must preregister for the event, in order to reserve your seat and your meal.

"They (the workshops) really are a good way to network and make connections and not just for the Bicentennial," said Chairman of the Cullman Bicentennial Committee, Drew Green. "It is free and all you have to do is go to the Alabama 200 website, click on the 'communities' tab and then 'community workshops' to get to the form. It is at the new Sacred Heart Sisters Retreat Center, which is beautiful, and of course the sisters will prepare a fantastic lunch.

"The workshops are for anybody in the north Alabama area. We have people coming from Decatur, Birmingham, Florence, Gadsden, and all around the area," said Green. "It's also a good way to get a lot of people into Cullman so that they can find out about our unique community."

For more information, visit www.Alabama200.com. To register to assure your seat and your meal, go to http://qrne.ws/retreat.

The Benedictine Retreat Center is located at 916 Convent Road NE in Cullman.

"We're excited to have people coming to Cullman for this workshop," said Green. "We're excited to have so many people from other communities, as well as leaders from our area in Cullman for this informative workshop. We are all looking forward to learning what others are doing in their communities and to sharing what we're doing here in Cullman."

Undercover operation leads to distribution charge



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Johnny Michael Coggins

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CULLMAN – An undercover operation led to the arrest of a Berlin man on Friday. Johnny Michael Coggins, 62, was charged with unlawful distribution of a controlled substance and jailed on a $5,000 property bond.

Cullman City Police Department Investigators Justin Craft and Adam Clark arrested Coggins following the operation'

Police say Coggins was arrested earlier this year, on Jan. 13, on two separate counts, also for distribution of a controlled substance.

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AL Sec. of State Merrill holds voter registration and ID drive at Whitlock's General Store

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TRIMBLE – Alabama Sec. of State John Merrill paid a personal visit to Cullman County on Saturday. Welcomed to the Trimble community near Smith Lake by Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope and Cullman County Commissioner Garry Marchman, Merrill set up shop at Whitlock's General Store to encourage voter registration and participation, and to offer on-the-spot photo IDs.

"This is an opportunity to raise awareness of what we're doing," said Merrill, "to make sure people know that we are here, to make sure they're aware that there's an election coming up. On Aug. 15, just six weeks from today, we'll be electing a United States Senator to represent us in Washington D.C., so we want to make sure people know they need to get registered, because the last day to register is going to be Aug. 1."

In addition to registration, photo identification, whether a driver's license or simple state ID, has been required for voters in Alabama since June 2014.

Merrill shared, "We are excited about improving voter integrity, improving voter credibility and ensuring the safety and security of the election process. That's what the ID component is all about.

"We're trying to ensure that each and every eligible U.S. citizen that's a resident of Alabama is registered to vote and has a photo ID. People who want to update their voter registration record can do that here, too."

For those who missed the event, but need to register or update their information, there are still simple ways to do so. Merrill explained, "They don't even have to come here to do it. All they have to do is download the mobile app 'Vote for Alabama' for your iPhone or Android; you can do it from your home, or do it from the lake, wherever you want to do it from. We want to make it easy for people, not hard!"

"Vote for Alabama," as described in Google Play, "is built to enable all Alabamians to register to vote and locate their registration information, including polling location and the date of the next election in their area, all at their fingertips. In addition this app will allow users to become ambassadors for the Secretary of State's Office and reach members of the community that may be neglected by traditional forms of registration."

The three elected officials present when Merrill spoke to The Tribune Saturday were all Republicans, but the secretary wanted to assure people that this is not a partisan effort.

"This is about good government," he stated. "This is not about being a good Republican or a good Democrat; it's about being a good Alabamian. We want to make sure that everybody's registered and participating at the level they want to participate at."



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Workers photographed voters and issued state photo IDs on the spot.

Merrill was pleased to report that Alabama already has a good record for registering voters.

He shared a few numbers: Alabama has approximately 4.8 million citizens; 1.1 million are too young to vote; 3.7 million citizens are of legal age to vote; and 3.2 million citizens are registered to vote.

The roughly 500,000 unregistered adult citizens includes those who have been convicted of crimes that would strip them of their voting privileges, as well as persons of diminished mental capacity.

"Most people don't realize just where we are," said Merrill. "Eighty-seven percent of all eligible African-American voters are already registered in Alabama, and 83 percent of all eligible white Alabamians are already registered." Compared to other states, according to the secretary, "Our numbers are extraordinarily high, and we're excited about that.

"We think that we sometimes have to work harder than other states do, because people portray us in a negative light and they say that we've been a state that restricted people from participating.

"We can't talk about what people did before we got where we are; we can only do what we can do from this point forward. And that's what we want to do. We want to make sure that we're reaching out to everybody in all four corners of the state, and that we're allowing them to go where they need to go and do what they need to do."

For more information about voting in Alabama, or to get registered, visit http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes. Look for the "Vote for Alabama" app in Google Play and iTunes.

Service (from Front)



CULLMAN REGIONAL

A group photo of the Auxiliary during its heyday in front of the old Cullman Hospital, which is now Cullman Long Term Care, The Folsom Center.

care, while continuing to provide consistent CPR to any patients that have experienced cardiac arrest."

The Auxiliary began in 1967 when the volunteers decided that they wanted to organize a formal service organization for the hospital.

According to Hicks, the original group had been serving as volunteers at the hospital when they decided to make it an official organization.

Some of the first Auxiliary members were:

- Mrs. Marguarite Lockridge, First Auxiliary President
- Mrs. John T. Miller
- Mrs. Roy Daily
- Mrs. Elbert Ponder
- Mrs. Leroy Bledsoe
- Mrs. David Wecht
- Mrs. Hardy Austin
- Mrs. Floyd Stubbs
- Mrs. Robert Worley
- Mrs. Charles Molar
- Mrs. Mel Gerkensmier

The Auxiliary Volunteers have been bringing smiles to patients around Cullman Regional by delivering papers, flowers, cards, balloons and more every day.

They ran the gift shop for several years at the new hospital when it first opened and held various fundraising events including the $5 jewelry sales and book sales.

"Over the years, our fundraising events allowed us to create revenue which we could donate for various needs around the hospital such as the LUCAS machines donated to the ambulance service," Hicks said.

In its heyday, the Auxiliary boasted 35 members, but after years of waning membership, the group decided it was time to retire.

The final Auxiliary members are: Sarah Hicks, president for the past 32 years, with 36 years of service; Sharon Hicks, 6 years; Faye Morris, 32 years; Linda Morris, 15 years; Odie Ponder, 10 years; and Maxine Tucker, 10 years.

The ladies were honored with a farewell retirement reception recently to thank them for their wonderful service to the organization.

"The Auxiliary has been a staple of service we provide to our patients over the years," Cullman Regional CEO James Clements said. "We're excited (that) the majority of these ladies have agreed to stay on as volunteers in other capacities around the hospital."

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AERIAL ENVISION

An aerial photo of Brick Haven late Saturday afternoon following the morning fire

State fire marshal investigating Brick Haven fire

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CULLMAN – The Alabama state fire marshal is investigating a fire that destroyed portion of wedding and event venue Brick Haven early Saturday morning. The building was declared a total loss, according to Jeff Byars, with the Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department. The Cullman Tribune broke the sad news first around 2:30 a.m. Saturday morning that multiple firefighting units were on the scene of the fully involved blaze at 1889 U.S. Highway 278 West.

"We got the call right around 1 a.m.," said Byars. "You could see the fire at the front of the building, but it was further into the building than what it first appeared."

Brick Haven consists of the main front building, where a wedding was held just last night; that building is connected by a breezeway to a new building in the back, which is still under construction. The front building burned to the ground, but firefighters were able to save the new building.

Called in to help Bethsadia were the Logan, Good Hope, Trimble, Vinemont and West Point Volunteer Fire Departments, along with Cullman Fire Rescue.

Logan Fire Chief Toby Bates says he arrived on the scene around 1:30 a.m. "The front building totally collapsed, the front entranceway, everything, all the bricks. They had so much wood in there. That stuff creates a lot of heat. There was no saving it," he said.

U.S. 278 near the scene was closed for several hours, as firefighters worked. The Cullman County Sheriff's Office reported the roadway re-opened at 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

"It was a necessity to have it closed, I'm just glad it didn't happen at 1 o'clock in the afternoon," said Byars.

"There's so much gone right now, we couldn't find a possible point of origin," said Bates.



BRIDGET TURNER MILLWOOD

Brick Haven, as seen the morning of Saturday, July 1, 2017

"When the fire marshals get there, they'll have to determine that. I've been told they had hay bales at the front of the building. I've been told that, but I'm not 100 percent sure, but that could have been a big factor in spreading the fire. They've (Brick Haven) been doing work on the new building. Everything in the back building is fairly new. It has fairly new wiring."

Bates said the fire "didn't like much getting into the new building." He continued, "It burnt the opening, the breezeway. There's about 15 feet in between the buildings, and we were able to set up a line and keep the second building cool, except for where the breezeway connects the two. That part had a substantial amount of fire. If we hadn't been able to stop the fire when we did, at the time we did, if we hadn't had the resources there we did, it would have burnt that second building to the ground, with the amount of new wood in there."

Said Bates, "We were battling water issues, too. We had six or seven engines on scene, but we didn't have the water flow we needed. We were having to shuttle water back and forth."

Bates says the building is still smoking, but that his department and others are keeping a check on it and will more than likely be back out to the scene today.

According to Bridget Turner Millwood, daughter of Brick Haven owner Michael Keller, her parents are on a cruise in Mexico right now. "I got the call around 5 a.m. this morning and I was able to call him (Michael Keller) through my brother's messenger on Facebook," she said. "He is very devastated and is trying to buy a plane ticket in Mexico to get home. They said everyone from the wedding cleared out 20 minutes before the fire. We are waiting for the fire chief to investigate."

Millwood posted the following message on social media on behalf of her dad: "From the owner of Brick Haven to all the parties concerned, we deeply regret finding out early this morning that Brick Haven had a structural fire, from the pictures and my understanding the first building is a complete loss. Everyone has our deepest apolog(ies) for any inconvenience. We know everyone has a lot of questions. Most importantly, no one was injured, including the brave firefighters and volunteers of the community, who fought their hardest to save Brick Haven. We regret to say that we are on vacation in Mexico. I do not have any service on my phone at this time. I am trying to get a flight out of Mexico, to return home, if worse comes to worse I will return to New Orleans on Monday morning. All parties will be given (a) full refund. To our (recollection), we have more than 30 weddings still on the books. When we return, we will be answering Brick Haven's phone, we have little to no service here. I am sorry that I do not have all contacts with me at this time or I would be calling. Thank you with my greatest apology! Sincerely, Michael Keller and Amanda Daniel Keller and Brick Haven Staff"



BRIDGET TURNER MILLWOOD

Yummy, cooling summer salads and dressings

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent



LORETTA GILLESPIE

Loretta's Poppy Seed Dressing

In the hottest months of summer, especially in the South, we learned long ago to serve as much cold food as we could for meals that were often eaten outside at church suppers or at family reunions or just picnics in the park.

Here are some salads and accompanying dressings that will taste fresh and cool after running, walking or just rocking on the porch.

Chill all fruit until just before serving.

If you have a clear glass compote or bowl, run it under cold water, then place in the freezer ahead of time. Serve chilled fruit in frosted containers.

You can also pop the cut-up fruit onto skewers to have instant color as shish kabobs. Use some of the same dressings as you'll find in our recipe section below.

Romaine and Mandarin Orange Salad with Poppy Seed Dressing
(Recipe by Joni B. on www.Allrecipes.com)
Ingredients

- 6 slices bacon
- 1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1/2 red onion, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon poppy seeds
- 10 cups torn romaine lettuce leaves
- 1 (10 ounce) can mandarin orange segments, drained
- 1/4 cup toasted slivered almonds

Directions
1. Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, crumble and set aside.
2. Place vinegar, sugar, red onion, mustard powder and salt into the bowl of a blender. Cover, and puree on high until smooth. Reduce blender speed to medium-low; slowly pour in the vegetable oil and blend until incorporated and the dressing is creamy. Stir in the poppy seeds and set aside.
3. To serve, toss the romaine in a large bowl with the crumbled bacon, Mandarin oranges, and enough dressing to moisten. Place onto salad plates and sprinkle with toasted almonds.

Loretta's Poppy Seed Dressing
Ingredients

- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup vinegar
- 1 ½ tablespoons onion juice
- 1 cup salad oil
- 1 ½ tablespoons poppy seeds

Directions
1. In a blender or a food processor mix sugar, salt, mustard and vinegar.
2. Add onion juice and mix thoroughly.
3. Add oil slowly, beating or pulsing constantly and continue to beat until thick.
4. Add poppy seeds and beat/blend until very well mixed.

Stored in refrigerator in an airtight container this will last for two months.

If dressing separates, pour off clear part, then start over by slowly adding clear mixture back into poppy seed mixture.

*If your local grocery does not stock onion juice, make your own. Chop two Vidalia onions or other sweet onions in season, into the bowl of a food processor. Let run on high until it turns to a slurry. From there, just measure and use as you would any liquid. Freeze remaining portion for another use.

Poppy Seed Dressing is especially good on fruit. Other than the ones pictured, it is amazing on pineapple, bananas, oranges and apples.

This recipe originated with Ms. Lynn Fowler. I make four times the original recipe and it lasts all summer. Be sure to store in 'fridge in an airtight container.

Frozen Pineapple Salad
Ingredients

- 1 pound miniature marshmallows
- 1 pint whipping cream
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 2 cups crushed pineapple
- 1 cup maraschino cherries

Directions
1. Mince nuts and cherries.
2. Add drained pineapple and marshmallows.
3. Fold in salad dressing.
4. Stand in refrigerator 10-12 hours.
5. Remove and fold in whipped cream.
6. Pour into molds and freeze.

Salad Dressing

- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 cup pineapple juice

1. Cook together until consistency of white sauce.
2. Let cool before adding to your salad mixture.
3. May add food coloring to mixture if desired.
Serves 12-14.

Pink Arctic Frozen Fruit Salad
(From the Decatur Jr. League Cotton Country Cookbook)
Ingredients

- 1 8oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons of sugar
- 1 8-ounce whole cranberry sauce
- 1 cup crushed pineapple, drained
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup prepared Dream Whip

Directions
1. Soften the cream cheese.
2. Blend with the mayonnaise, sugar, cranberry sauce, crushed pineapple and nuts.
3. Fold in Dream Whip.
4. Place paper muffin tins and fill with salad mixture. Freeze.

When frozen the treats can be placed in a plastic bag and kept in freezer till ready to use. Serves 8-10.

Pineapple Dressing
(From the Decatur Jr. League Cotton Country Cookbook)
Ingredients

- 1 cup pineapple juice
- 1 lemon
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel

Directions
1. Beat eggs; add sugar and flour.
2. Heat pineapple juice and pour over the mixture.
3. Cook in double broiler until very thick.
4. Chill.
5. Fold in whipped cream when ready to serve.

Delicious on salads made with tropical fruits.

Honey Dressing
(From the Decatur Jr. League Cotton Country Cookbook)
Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped
- 2 teaspoons lemon peel grated

Directions
1. Beat eggs.
2. Stir in honey, lemon juice, orange juice and salt.
3. Cook over low heat until thickened.
4. Cool.
5. Fold in whipped cream and lemon peel.
6. Serve over fresh fruit.

Cullman student wins scholarship



CONTRIBUTED

Matthew Thompson

CULLMAN – Cullman's Matthew Thompson, son of Eddie Thompson, has won a scholarship from the Henry J. Hawk, Sr. Scholarship Program, sponsored by American Trim, LLC.

Thompson is an engineering major at the University of Alabama.

In high school, Thompson was a member of the National Honor Society, the marching band, German band and pep band and was also a math tutor. All phases of the scholarship competition were independently managed by Scholarship Managers, a national scholarship service organization with experience in the design and management of scholarship programs.

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Movie Review: In 'Baby Driver,' music steals the show

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CULLMAN – "Baby Driver," written and directed by Edgar Wright, is an action crime thriller starring Ansel Elgort, Jon Hamm, Kevin Spacey, Lily James, Eiza Gonzalez and Jamie Foxx. The two biggest things this film has going for it are incredible car chase sequences and the soundtrack.

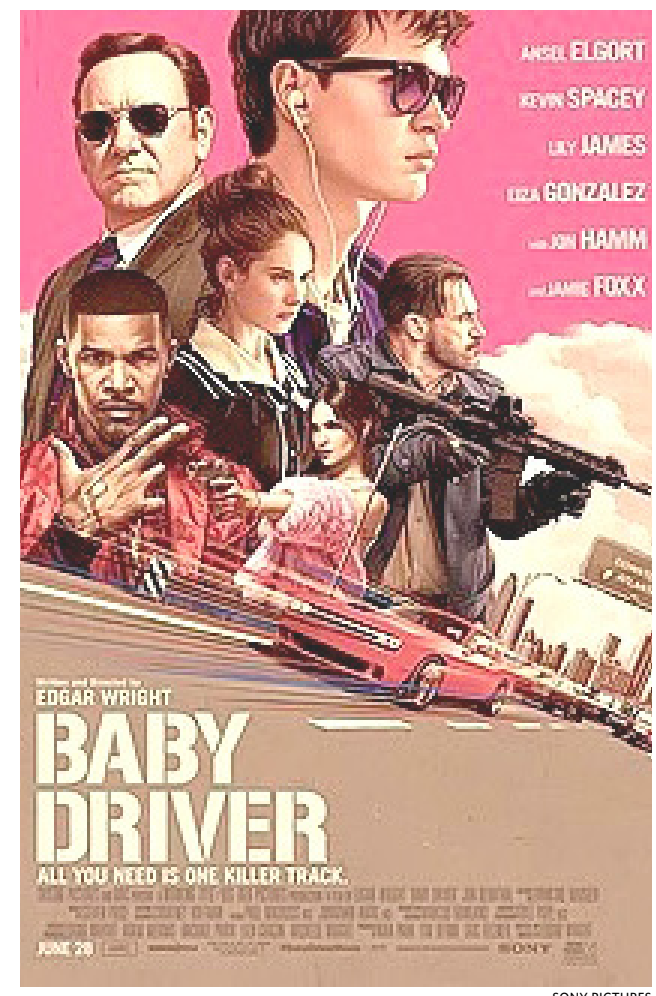
Wright manages to mix the film's soundtrack seamlessly with the action to make the car chases feel new and creative. The film also shows a lot of violence, but it isn't gratuitous and sometimes works in tandem with the soundtrack as well; it's stylized by the director to keep the film fun for the most part.

Elgort turns out arguably the best performance of his young career as Baby, an extremely skilled get-away driver working for Kevin Spacey's character, Doc, in modern-day Atlanta. Wright takes advantage of multiple chase scenes to inject his sense of style into the film by making music a critical part of the chases themselves.

Baby suffers from an ear injury that causes him to hear a constant ringing sound, so he constantly listens to music to drown it out. The film benefits greatly by having a reason to keep a soundtrack of famous songs playing throughout the run time, and it also adds to Wright's stylized approach.

"Baby Driver" is one of the most thrilling, fun and original films you'll see this year thanks to great performances from all of the cast, beautifully shot action sequences, a memorable soundtrack and the aesthetic sensibilities of Wright.

Go see it. 5/5 stars.



SONY PICTURES

Election (from Front)

County pain management physician and grandson of immigrants. Supports immigration reform with strict rules for immigration, including a three-year time limit to learn English.

Joseph Breault: An Air Force Chaplain at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery. Nominated for the Utah House of Representatives last year. Known to avoid the press and skip interviews; platform still unclear.

Randy Brinson: A Montgomery physician who founded the Christian youth voter registration movement "Redeem the Vote," and who has served as head of the Alabama Christian Coalition. Promotes development of trade ties in Africa and Latin America.

Mo Brooks: A current U.S. Representative from Madison County, and the current no. 3 candidate in polls. Platform includes lowering national debt, securing borders and promoting free enterprise. Endorsed by conservative radio hosts Laura Ingraham and Mark Levin, U.S. Reps. Mike Rogers and Mark Meadows, and the Tea Party group, Alabama Patriots.

Dominic "Dom" Gentile: A Jefferson County businessman who promotes a flat tax and promises reduction of the power of the IRS. Refuses corporate contributions, and supports term limits; says he will run only once more if elected.

Mary Maxwell: A Massachusetts native who spent much of her adult life in Australia. A YouTube conspiracy theorist who once ran for Congress in New Hampshire on a platform of "discovering the truth about 9/11." Moved from Australia to Montgomery just to take part in this campaign.

Roy Moore: Former Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice removed from office for advising probate judges to ignore the U.S. Supreme Court's order supporting same-sex marriage. Endorsed by former state Sen. Bill Armistead. Leads or second place and gaining fast in polls.

Bryan Peeples: A Jefferson County business manager and consultant with no political background. Three years younger than the youngest current senator. Says he is a fiscal conservative who supports small government and term limits.

Trip Pittman: A Baldwin County businessman and current state senator. Though an elected official, advertises himself as a successful businessman and political outsider who will help "drain the swamp" in Washington.

Luther Strange: The incumbent candidate, and former state attorney general. Endorsed by U.S. Sen. Richard Shelby, the Alabama Farmers' Federation and the National Rifle Association. Platform includes support of religious freedom, support of the Trump administration agenda and replacement of the Affordable Care Act. Currently second or first but fading in polls.

Democratic party candidates

Will Boyd: A Lauderdale County resident and former Greenville, Illinois city councilman. Pastor of St. Marks Missionary Baptist Church in Florence, claims to differ from other Democrats by being pro-life and supporting second amendment gun rights.

Vann Caldwell: A Talladega County constable. Platform includes support for the Affordable Care Act, growing the economy, and support for the military and homeland security.

Jason Fisher: A Baldwin County businessman with no political background. After the loss of his wife, became an advocate for healthcare reform which is his main platform item. Promotes reform of the Affordable Care Act without replacement.

Michael Hansen: An openly gay Jefferson County activist and environmental nonprofit executive, whose political views have been compared to those of Bernie Sanders. Calls for an increase to the minimum wage, Medicare for all Americans, and an end to all discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

Doug Jones: A former U.S. attorney for the northern district of Alabama, based in Jefferson County. An advocate for education, healthcare and LGBTQ rights, he is best known for his successful 2001 prosecution of two perpetrators of the 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham. The leading Democratic party candidate.

Robert Kennedy, Jr.: No relation to the famous presidential Kennedy family. A Mobile marketing executive, a political unknown, even to party members in his home county. Supports the Affordable Care Act, but calls for reform. Opposes Trump's border security plan, but supports second amendment gun rights.

Brian McGee: A Lee County Vietnam veteran and retired Department of Defense overseas base school teacher. Supports the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion, wants to reform the Veterans' Administration. Advocates mandatory government service for all citizens after high school.

Nana Tchienkou/Charles Nana: Born in Cameroon, a Jefferson County business consultant who won 44 percent of the vote in the Democratic party's 2016 U.S. Senate primary. Supports a minimum wage hike, free college education and immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants. Calls for increased care for the poor and veterans.

All polls show Republicans in firm control at present. Some informal polls indicate Strange with a narrow but fading lead, while most show Roy Moore in front.

Brooks is consistently in third place behind the other two Republicans, while Doug Jones trails behind Brooks as the leading Democrat.

In a recent Google online poll that may have some politicians concerned, more than 48 percent of Alabamians surveyed said they are opting out of the process, answering that they do not intend to vote in the special election.

Obituary Announcements: July 4-6

Memorial services for Howard Lynn Sharp, 55 of Crane Hill, are incomplete and will be announced at a later date by family. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. He was born in Moulton, Alabama on September 9, 1961 to parents Howard and Bertha Sharp. He passed away June 29, 2017 at his residence, with his family by his side, after a long battle with heart disease. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister; two aunts; and two uncles. Survivors include his first wife, Teresa Medley, their three children, Jason (Rebecca) Sharp, Christie (Travis Bennett) Sharp, and Marshall Sharp; his second wife of 18 years, Deborah Summerville Sharp, their son, Brandon Sharp; her two children, John (Katie) Casebeer and Joseph (Elizabeth) Casebeer; three grandchildren, Isabella Lynn and Camden Dale, by Christie, and Lucille Helen, by John and Katie; and a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, other family, and friends. A special thanks to Lorrie and Andy Phillips, and their four children, Miranda (Will Zink), Alexis, Kelton, Emily for taking care of Lynn in his time of need. Howard, whom we all called "Lynn", loved his children, grandchildren, and family dearly. He was not only a father, husband, and grandfather, but a friend to us all. He was very much a family man, a very hard worker, a great provider, and dedicated to that until his health failed. He loved watching NASCAR (#24) and wrestling with his children. He loved fishing, and being on the boat every chance he got. He enjoyed going to fairs and flea markets with his family. He was a very kind and caring man. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be made toward the arrangements.

Mary Vonda Meigs, 69 of Nauvoo, Alabama, entered into rest on July 1, 2017 at her residence. Complete arrangements will be announced at a later date. Nichols Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Corey Adam Roberts, 28 of Addison, entered into rest on Sunday, July 2, 2017 in Haleyville. Complete obituary and arrangement information will be announced at a later time. Nichols Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Funeral service for Diane H. Mann, 38, of Hanceville, will be Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel, Brother J.J. Creel officiating; with interment in Hopewell Cemetery. The Mann family will be receiving friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Diane was born on November 27, 1978 in Pascagoula, MS to Joseph E. & Betty Diane Martin Hogue. Survivors include her parents; her husband, Marty Mann; son, John (Kelly) Mann; daughter, Stephanie (Jeremy) Hudgins; grandchildren: Zoey, Caleb, Jeremy, Cody, Joseph and Conner; mother-in-law, Wanda Mann; sister, Jo Lee; sisters-in-law, Cindy and Sally Mann; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other family & friends.

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Still on top: Cold Springs FFA String Band wins 2nd state title



BRAD MURRAY

The band with their prize banner after the competition

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BREMEN – Earlier this summer, students from around the state gathered in Montgomery for the 89th Alabama Future Farmers of America (FFA) state convention. One of the highlights of the convention was the string band competition, to which Cold Springs High School returned to defend its 2016 title.

According to faculty sponsor Brad Murray, "The state competition was much more intense this year. The new round of preliminary performances the day before the finals added to the pressure, also there were teams there this year that did not have a group last year and were extremely talented."

The band placed fourth in the preliminary round on June 6, qualifying to return the following day for finals.

There it carried the day with a first-place finish, qualifying Cold Springs for the national competition (if they had needed it; the band's fourth place national finish last year gave them an automatic berth this year), and garnering them an invitation to provide live entertainment for the convention.

Cold Springs String Band members

- Andrew Blair: vocals, guitar, and mandolin
- Matthew Blair: bass guitar
- Katie Dollar: vocals and spoons
- Travis Hill, Jr: lead vocals and banjo
- Hunter McClendon: vocals and guitar

Abi Burrow performed with the band at the district competition, though not at state.

Two band members, Travis Hill and Andrew Blair, graduated in May. With their upcoming college schedules and the high cost of attending the national event, it had not been determined at the time of writing if the band will return to nationals this year.

"We were fortunate to have another very successful year," said Murray, "not only in the string band competition, but also in other competitions.

"The Cold Springs FFA chapter is blessed with numerous young people, especially the chapter officers, who are very driven and determined to succeed in every aspect of their lives. I am extremely proud of all of the FFA members at Cold Springs.

"As long as they keep the work ethic that they have shown me over the last two years, they will do very well in anything they choose to pursue."

A 2016 video interview by RFD TV can be seen at http://qrne.ws/ffavideo, and other videos are available on YouTube.

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- Only students applying for enrollment on or after July 1, 2017 are eligible for the discount. New students who have already enrolled may receive the $1500 discount by referring another "new student" just as our returning students.
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United Way funding applications available July 7

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Contributor

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