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Children share why they love Easter


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– LIFESTYLE –

Hanceville Nursing & Rehab residents share what makes Easter special







CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Top row, left to right: Lola Paschal, Ruth Voyles, Clara Jenkins; Bottom row, left to right: Ethel Wade, Margie Laney, Margene Manning

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The residents of Hanceville Nursing & Rehab recently participated in an Easter egg hunt. Residents, staff and even Dr. Henry Beeler joined in on the fun. Several of the residents reflected on Easter throughout their lives and this is what they shared with The Tribune.

RUTH VOYLES

What is your favorite memory of Easter as a child? Wearing my new Easter dress. I couldn't wear it until Easter Sunday. I tried to wear it before, and one time I sneaked in and got it and put it on. I put my little Easter bonnet on and my shoes and socks. We always got shoes and socks for Easter. Momma caught me and made me pull them off. Daddy » PAGE 2

Bloomin' Festival returns April 17-18


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The 35th Bloomin' Festival in 2019 drew large crowds to the St. Bernard campus.

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wasn't going to let me go to church because I had done put my clothes on and got them dirty or he was afraid I had. We went to church and come back home and family, we were always together to eat dinner. We would go hide in a room inside the house and they would go outside and hide our Easter eggs. Then we would go out and hunt them. Sometimes, the week before Easter, me and my brother would wrap up rocks and go hide them for each other.

What does Easter mean to you?
Well, Jesus rose from the tomb.

RUTH BRIGHAM
What is your favorite childhood memory of Easter?
The foil dresses. We always got a new dress for Easter and new shoes. Because of my red hair, mine were always blue or green because mother thought that was all the colors that a redhead should wear. I had pleaded for something pink. She said, "I'm going to make you a green foil dress but I'm going to get you a pink velvet ribbon for your waist." I was thrilled just to have that color. When I got grown and went to work, one of the first things I bought was a red housecoat because I wanted something of color besides blue and green.

What other special things did your family do at Easter?
I was raised during the Depression and we couldn't afford to go to the movies and we probably wouldn't have gone anyway. We did family things. I had a sister and four brothers, and we played. It wasn't a gloomy time, but there wasn't entertainment at that time available, so it was related around family and home mostly.

What does Easter mean to you?
It means to reflect on the death, burial and resurrection of our savior. We always had the special songs, and the Church of Christ, we would take communion every Sunday. The songs refer to the death, burial and resurrection of our savior. Easter is a special, sacred time always in my life.

MARGIE LANEY
In 1951, Laney lost both her parents in a house fire when she was a young child. She and her sister suffered severe burns. Her mother saved both girls before returning to the burning home attempting to save their father.

What is your favorite memory of Easter as a child?
When I was little, momma and daddy was alive. Me and my sister and momma and daddy, and my aunts, uncles and everyone would get together and hide eggs and have a big dinner. I miss that. We had dresses. Momma would dress me and my sister just alike. She would make them (sic). I never had my hair cut until I was burned. The fire burned it all, but before that, momma would always take a candle and trim the edges.

What does Easter mean to you now?
After the fire, it didn't mean much. I missed being with my family, hiding eggs and hunting them and everything. Eating and having a party, I miss that. Easter meant spending time with family and going to church. Momma always took us to church.

CAROLYN WEEKS
What is your favorite memory of Easter?
Hunting Easter eggs!

What does Easter mean to you?
It means of God.

ANNIE GRAHAM
What is your favorite memory of Easter as a child?
All of us would go to my mother's house for Easter and the children would hunt eggs after lunch. It was so wonderful because dad was a minister and we would always have the best time.

Did your mom make you a dress every year?
No. She helped me make one once. I must have been 12.

What does Easter mean to you now?
Jesus

What did you enjoy most about Easter once your children were born?
Usually, my family and husband's family would come to the house and there would always be a lot of children to play with. We were always a close-knit family. After I married, one of my boys wanted me to go to Fairview at the sunlight service with him. I think he was 8 or 9. That was a special service.

EDDIE WHITFIELD
What was your favorite memory of Easter?
Easter meant time with my family. We enjoyed hunting and hiding Easter eggs. I loved doing that with my family as a child.

CLARA JENKINS
What did you enjoy most about Easter as a child?
Well, we didn't have much. I was on a poor man's farm. My dad was a farmer. We would have a dinner on Easter. One thing I remember the most, we moved into a house that dad built for us that week. I was 9 years old. My first cousin had his birthday that weekend and we had an Easter egg hunt behind his house. I guess it was a pasture. They hid the eggs and let all us kids tear out there and hunt them. Everyone hunted and hunted but couldn't find an Easter egg. Some of them hid them, one of the girls- she was still a teenager- she walked down the hill just a few feet and stepped on some grass. The grass turned over a little bit. Being an ol' country girl, I thought that was unusual. I walked down there and pulled up that grass and there was an Easter egg under it. I was so thrilled! First time I could remember being at an Easter egg hunt away from home. I still have that rabbit. He's losing his paint and every time we do anything with changing or redoing things in the house, I always save my rabbit. It had jelly beans in it. It was about 8 inches high and then, there was an Easter basket in front of him that he had his jelly beans in. I remember that so well. My first exciting Easter egg hunt.

Once you had kids, did you do something special each year for Easter?
We had an Easter egg hunt every year. Easter was special. We'd color the eggs and fix them for them. Sometimes in bad weather, we would hide them in the house. If it wasn't, we would hide them outside and sometimes we would go to a family member's house. A whole bunch of kids was there, and they would just hunt and hunt.

What does Easter mean to you now?
I know that we celebrate, and the Bible tells us about Easter and what it's for- Christ rising. I think of that and try to make it worthwhile. I try to remember all about what I can that the Bible tells us about it. About His death and His resurrection and everything.

MARGENE MANNING
What is your favorite childhood memory of Easter?
We would hide eggs and try to get that prize egg. Yesterday, I got a prize out of a bucket with a bunny rabbit in it. At church, we would have an Easter egg hunt and hide them. It was always so good to have that at church. We enjoyed that.

What does Easter mean to you?
Jesus. He is the master of Easter. It has a Christian effect on you, Easter does.

What did you do with your children for Easter?
Dying the Easter eggs and putting the little stamps and designs on the eggs. That was always a treat to dye your eggs when you got home.

LOLA PASCHAL
What is your favorite childhood memory of Easter?
Finding out what Easter is all about. Going to church and hunting Easter eggs.

What does Easter mean to you?
What Jesus did and what it was for. He rose from the dead.

ETHEL WADE
What is your favorite childhood memory of Easter?
Easter eggs, and we enjoyed eating the eggs. I like to dye the eggs, too.

What does Easter mean to you?
We had a lot of people come to see us and we always ate a lot of food and got to see family.



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Annie Graham



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Eddie Whitfield

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, April 2, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

Case details
- Total confirmed cases in AL: 402,070 (+267 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 114,196 (+133 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,365 (+37 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,242
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,394 (+3 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,000 (+2 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 124 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 39,292
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 1,985
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 133
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,414,611
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 6,104
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 121,583
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 334
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 47,735
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 320,581

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)
- Doses delivered to Alabama: 2,742,825
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 2,204,715
- Doses administered: 1,765,351
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,130,994
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 662,683
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 538,110

Beginning April 5, all Alabamians 16 and older are eligible to receive a vaccine
Governor Kay Ivey, during a visit to the Alabama National Guard mobile vaccination clinic in Wilcox County Friday, announced that beginning, April 5, the ADPH will extend eligibility for COVID-19 vaccinations to include individuals age 16 and older.

"I have committed to the people of Alabama that we are on a path forward, and while there is more work to be done, I remain hopeful and optimistic in where we are going. Recent findings from the CDC show preliminary data suggesting that vaccinated individuals do not appear to be spreading the virus, so that is hopeful--underscores the effectiveness of the vaccine and is yet another reason to get the shot," Ivey said. "Truly, this vaccine is our ticket back to normal life. We are so close to getting COVID-19 in the rearview, and until then, we should all keep wearing our masks, get vaccinated and use the common sense the good Lord gave us."

The Pfizer vaccine is available to individuals age 16 and older, and the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are both available to individuals 18 years of age and older.

With this expansion, there will be close to 4 million eligible individuals in the state of Alabama. Currently, the state receives approximately 115,000 first doses each week.

"In the initial phases of our vaccine allocation plan, we have given just over 1.7 million shots. These shots have gone to more than 1.1 million Alabamians, most at risk of illness and death due to COVID-19," State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris said. "As progress has been made, equitable vaccine distribution has been and remains a driving force in immunizing state residents. The increased supply of safe and effective vaccines means all adults who wish to be vaccinated are now eligible to receive the protection vaccines offer."

DAILY UPDATE FROM ADPH

Federal Pharmacy Program expansion
The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program continues to expand offering additional COVID-19 vaccination locations throughout the state. CVS will add 6 additional locations available on April 2, and Winn-Dixie began offering vaccinations at 32 locations on March 31. The program also continues to grow at additional independent pharmacies in Alabama. Federal Retail Pharmacy Program locations are available on the "Federal Pharmacies" tab on the COVID-19 Dashboard Hub located at arcg.is/0brSGj

National Guard COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic update
The Alabama National Guard (ALNG) continues rotating through 24 rural counties to provide primary COVID-19 vaccinations. A total of 6,394 vaccinations have been given in under-served and rural counties throughout the state during the vaccine clinics held March 23-31. Clinic information ordered by date of first dose can be found at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/ng-clinics.html. The website also includes flyers to promote each clinic and vaccination forms that can be reviewed and completed prior to receiving a vaccination. Persons are asked to check the link frequently as locations are subject to change due to inclement weather or unforeseen logistical issues.

Washington County location change for National Guard COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic
The location of the National Guard COVID-19 vaccination clinic scheduled on April 6 in Washington County has changed. The new site will be 1379 Ciba Road, McIntosh, AL 36553. The vaccination site will be open from 9a.m.-5 p.m. (CT).

Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines
ADPH is aware that Johnson & Johnson had a manufacturing issue with a loss of 15 million doses of its single-dose COVID-19 vaccine product. ADPH has not been advised of any changes in the receipt of this product and does not expect impact on COVID-19 vaccine efforts in our state. Currently, most COVID-19 vaccine in Alabama is either Pfizer or Moderna. ADPH continues to work closely with federal partners and remain committed to delivering safe and effective vaccines for Alabamians.

At least 1 in 4 residents of 37 Alabama counties vaccinated
Twenty-five percent or more of the residents age 16 and older of 37 Alabama counties have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine to date. Successful public health efforts to achieve vaccine equity have resulted in higher vaccine uptake among African American residents of Black Belt counties. Counties where 25 percent or more of their residents have been vaccinated are as follows: Wilcox, Perry, Hale, Marengo, Tallapoosa, Lowndes, Conecuh, Jefferson, Clarke, Lee, Dallas, Colbert, Henry, Greene, Macon, Shelby, Bullock, Houston, Clay, Chambers, Monroe, Mobile, Lauderdale, Baldwin, Madison, Sumter, Cullman, Choctaw, Franklin, Morgan, Crenshaw, Washington, Coosa, Montgomery, Lamar, Fayette and Geneva. Vaccines are one key to protecting the most vulnerable and helping stop the pandemic in Alabama. Supply remains an issue, as there is not yet enough vaccine available for everyone who would like to be vaccinated.

Easter and other spring gatherings and COVID-19
Easter is a time for many families to get together with extended family and friends. We hope you can gather as safely as possible, but it is still not a good idea to mix with people from other households. This is especially true when you wish to spend time with people who are vulnerable to COVID-19 due to age or health problems unless people are fully vaccinated. The same guidance that has been made for other holiday celebrations applies: outdoor events are better than indoor ones, shorter times are better than longer ones and people are better spaced apart than crowded together. Please be responsible and do the right thing to protect your friends and loved ones.

ADPH encourages the use of facial coverings after mandate ends on April 9
Masks or other facial coverings will no longer be a mandate after April 9, but ADPH reminds everyone that masks remain one of the most successful tools to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Many businesses and healthcare facilities will continue to require facial coverings in their facilities. Hospitals and nursing homes are under federal guidance that supports the use of facial coverings, and we anticipate the requirement for facial coverings to remain in place at those facilities.

Drivers (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) announced late this week that it had to relocate Wi-Fi-equipped buses from Smith Lake Park due to concerns over water levels, and that buses would not travel certain roads to pick up students due to flood damage.

A CCBOE social media post read, "Due to the historically high water levels at Smith Lake, we had to move two school buses that are normally parked at Smith Lake Park, just in case the water contin-ues to rise.

"School may be out for spring break this week, but we also wanted to let you know about some roads our buses are not going to be able to travel on due to flooding."

CCBOE Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette told The Tribune Friday, "We've had some roads out since the first flooding a couple of weeks ago now. But what we've done, we've just notified either those parents if we can't drive a bus down a certain road and the parents have been bringing them, or we've rerouted our buses to go around certain areas. That's what we'll continue to do. Unfortu-nately, we're getting more and more roads that are impassable."

Currently closed county roads, as of Friday afternoon, are 940, 1121, 1525, 1727, 1763 and 1775.

Buses cannot travel on closed roads, even if "local traffic only" signs are posted.

Barnette said, "I would really like to brag on our county commissioners and our road department. I mean, they've gone way above and beyond, getting roads repaired and preventing others from be-ing washed out. I think they've done a wonderful job and done a great job in keeping us informed. I applaud them."



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

Church Services-Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings-Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Classes- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult class, "The Phases of Armageddon" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Mondays-Fridays-Our 5 Points Ministry provide free hot meals for children and elderly 3:30-5 p.m. at the Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW Please call Aimee at 256-841-2060 to register or for more information. Eat in or take out. Kids' activities are available. Kids do not have to come to the center to get a free meal. Adults can list the names of the children and do takeout meals. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Sundays-9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m. Praise and Worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Saturday, April 3 2-5-p.m. - Easter Community Celebration. Free food, Easter Egg hunt, bouncy houses and games for children. Everyone invited!
• Saturday-April 17th 9 a.m.-1 p.m.-Lifesouth Blood Drive. Please donate blood and save a life!

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

Miércoles de Despensas
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• Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

Agriplex April programs
Children's Programs
• April 9th, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Little Farmers Beatrix Potter Tea: Teatime everyone~ Wear your best clothes and Easter bonnets. We will have tea and crumpets with Peter Rabbit & friends. Ages 3-5 with parent, $5.00 per child. Registration required at Agriplex.org
• April 29th, 9:00 - 11:00 am, Heritage Homeschool Recycled Crafts: Reduce, reuse, recycle! In celebration of Earth month, we will use 'trash' and turn it into treasures. Join us for some up-cycling fun! Ages 3-5 with parent, $8.00 per child/$16.00 program max per family. Registration required at Agriplex.org.

Adult Programs
• April 21st, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Lunch & Learn presents Alabama Rivers: A Celebration & Challenge by Dr. Bill Deutsch. Join us in welcoming Dr. Bill Deutsch, a retired Auburn Research Fellow, as he covers his book and the importance of our rivers. He will also be signing books. FREE program.
• April 15, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Living Landscapes- Growing Backyard Fruits Retired Extension Agent Tony Glover will cover fruit growing for the home gardener with an emphasis on small fruit that can be grown with minimal or no pest control. $5.00 per adult. Registration required at Agriplex.org.
• April 19th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Learn to Sew- Pillows & Pillowcases: We will learn how to make pillows, pillow covers & pillowcases using a French Seam. $5.00 per person. Registration required at Agriplex.org.
• April 20th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Heritage Skills presents Spring Herbs for Health. Paula Smith will share how to use herbs to 'spring clean' our bodies to make them feel their very best. Participants will make a salve to take home. $15.00 per person. Registration required at Agriplex.org.

Easter Healing Service
• April 2, 3, 4, 2021
• Healing Waters Ministries at 305 3rd Ave SW in Cullman, AL will host a Healing Revival on Friday, April 2nd at 7 p.m; Saturday, April 3rd at 7pm and Sunday, April 4th at 5:30 p.m.
• We are inviting everyone in the community, friends, family and those in need of a healing. Overflow parking in City Parking Deck. For more information contact Mary Sue Sanford at (334) 306-3921.

Annual Easter Bake Sale
• April 3, 2021
• The Holly Pond Homemakers Club will sponsor the annual Easter Bake Sale for the upkeep of the Holly Pond Cemetery on Saturday, April 3, 2021, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at sell out.
• Location will be at Holly Pond Town Hall. Come early for better selection. Questions? Call Brenda at 256-531-3342 or Gladys at 256-338-1478.

Holly Pond Community Easter Egg Hunt
• Saturday, April 3 at 2 p.m. at Governor's Park
• Children are encouraged to bring their own baskets, but some baskets will be available for kids who do not have one of their own.

Cullman County Republican Women's Meeting
• April 13 - The Cullman County Republican Women's Meeting will be held on April 13th at 6pm at the VFW building located at 112 Veterans Dr SW Cullman AL 35055. The guest speaker will be Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs. A light meal will be provided.
• The public is encouraged to attend.

The American Hero Music Festival
• Saturday, April 24 at Camp Liberty, 15719 Alabama Highway 157 in the Battleground community west of West Point- Gates open at 9 a.m., with the show going from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
• The event will feature headliner Black Oak Arkansas along with Blackbird Anthem, Billy Don Burrs, Rowdy Johnson, Michelle Leigh, Mercy Shine, Dawn Rix, Dee Rock and Kris Rowdy, as well as speakers Billy Howell, Jr. (veteran of the Special Forces unit that was the subject of the 2018 film "12 Strong"), Navy Rear Admiral Kent David and Dan Robinson.
• Activities consist of an Airsoft shoot house, zip lines, food, vendors and giveaways, with the grand price being a Smith & Wesson M&P AR15 style rifle.
• Lodging available through Camp Liberty (cabins, camping/RV, and bunk rooms)
• Get tickets at http://bit.ly/2NLka3a.

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Autism Awareness Month: 'Light up with Kindness'

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Together, we can create a kinder, more inclusive world. Join the Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) as it recognizes the month of April as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month and World Autism Day on April 2. Throughout the month, ADMH will spread awareness, promote acceptance and ignite change to foster inclusivity for those affected by autism. This year's theme, "Light up with Kindness," encourages individuals to help create a world where all people with autism, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, reach their full potential.

Many have heard of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), but far too few know what it's like to have autism – and experience both the strengths and challenges.

According to Autism Speaks, a leading national organization on advocacy, ASD refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication.

The Centers for Disease Control state autism affects an estimated one in 54 children in the United States.

The ADMH Office of Autism Services values the uniqueness of all individuals and strives to provide comprehensive supports to individuals with autism and their families.

"A cornerstone of autism services is face-to-face interaction which was halted due to the impacts of COVID-19 this past year, but we are moving back into traditional service settings when possible," explained Anna McConnell, state autism coordinator.

McConnell continued, "Using a new and energized approach, along with strategic planning, Autism Services has also built relationships with community partners to strengthen supports for individuals and families in settings where our services are not provided, such as schools."

This past year has brought several challenges and to help the community. ADMH Autism Services provided information and referrals to approximately 500 callers, participated in numerous education, planning, and outreach projects across the state and enrolled nearly 100 clients.

The office has built many valuable relationships with outside providers to serve individuals and families, collaboratively and effectively.

"We continue to enroll more rehabilitation service providers and refer clients for more of our services, such as therapeutic mentoring, in-home therapy and behavior support," said McConnell.

Throughout other parts of the state, Autism Services has participated in drive-through outreach events in partnership with area Regional Autism Networks (RANs), collaborated with other state stakeholders like Alabama Early Intervention System (AEIS) for program development, and consulted with in-state colleges and universities on expanding training programs and provider capacity across Alabama.

The Regional Autism Networks (RAN) are housed at Auburn University, University of Alabama, University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Alabama in Huntsville and University of South Alabama. Each Regional Autism Network strives to connect people with ASD, their families, educators and service providers to the information and/or services that best meet their needs.

In addition, ADMH also leads the Alabama Interagency Autism Coordinating Council (AIACC) which was created to meet the urgent and substantial need to develop and implement a statewide comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency system of care for individuals with autism spectrum disorder and their families.

Signs of autism usually appear by age 2 or 3. Some associated development delays can appear even earlier, and often, it can be diagnosed as early as 18 months.

Research shows that early intervention leads to positive outcomes later in life for people with autism. Over the years, the number of individuals diagnosed with ASD has increased.

To participate in Autism Awareness Month and learn about ways to support individuals and families with autism, visit www.autismspeaks.org/wam where you can:

- Commit to take action toward a kinder world.
- Connect with kindness by sharing resources and stories on social media to increase global understanding and acceptance.
- Lead with kindness by advocating to help advance policies that positively impact the autism community or starting a kindness campaign at work.

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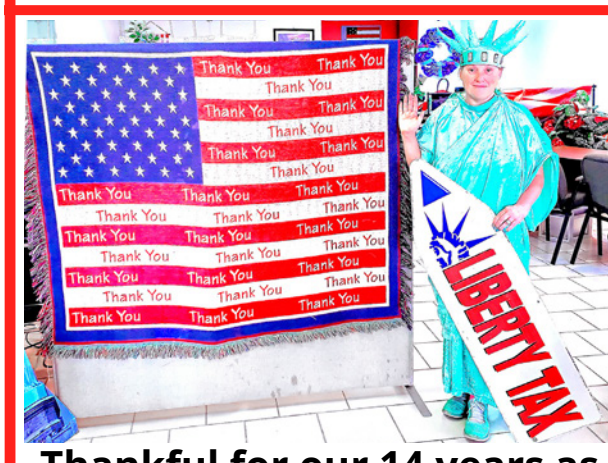


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365 American Joy-Givers in 2021: Betty, Bette and the Boys Birthday Party

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You might have anticipated the setting for the "Betty, Bette and the Boys Birthday Party" would be one of Hugh Hefner's swanky mansions or the even more cinematic Sonoma Valley winery owned by Francis Ford Coppola. Instead, we opted for "a place where even squares can have a ball" and where they "still wave Old Glory down at the courthouse," Muscogee, Oklahoma, USA.

JOIN US...

You sense the joy the minute you walk onto the courthouse lawn. HOORAY FOR THE JOY-GIVERS! (Note: The comments attributed to these famous joy-givers come from words they have written or said.)

PLEASE GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THESE AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK:

April 3—EDDIE MURPHY personifies "LIVE FROM NEW YORK, IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT!" whether he's actually performing on "Saturday Night Live" or wherever this Brooklyn-born, ball-of-boisterous-comedic fire is doing his thing. He is a comedian, actor, writer, producer, recording singer and practicing Catholic. (Yeah, that last thing surprised me, too.) His films, which include "48 Hrs.," "The Beverly Hills Cop" series, "Trading Places," "Dr. Doolittle," "The Nutty Professor," "Shrek," "Mulan," "Norbit" and "Bowfinger" have grossed more than $6.7 billion worldwide. He was the 2015 winner of the highly coveted Mark Twain Prize for American Humor.

April 4—MUDDY WATERS (who was born McKinley Morganfield in Issaquena, Mississippi) was the single most important blues performer in post-war America. He was a peerless singer, an able gui-tarist, a gifted songwriter and led the mightiest blues band in the world. His Clarksdale, Mississippi blues and harmonica sound has been described as "raining down Delta beatitude." Waters' hits in-clude "Hoochie Coochie Man," "I Just Want to Make Love to You" and "I'm Ready." One of the greatest British "rock blues" bands saluted him by naming their band after Waters' 1950 song "Rollin' Stone." Waters' music is featured in longtime fan Martin Scorsese's films "The Color of Money," "Casino" and "Goodfellas."

April 5—BETTE DAVIS was one of America's greatest actresses and was known for playing unsympa-thetic, sardonic (read: "bitchy") characters. She could act the devil out of any script, from crime melodramas to historical films and suspense horror, but my personal favorite is the joy-giving ugly duckling-to-swan romantic dramedy, "Now, Voyager." Davis received two Oscars and was the first thespian to claim 10 nominations. The Academy Awards are known as the "Oscars" because Davis said the buttocks of the golden statuettes looked like her husband Oscar. Some of her most popular films are "Jezebel," "Dark Victory," "The Letter," "The Little Foxes," "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane," and "All About Eve." She was the joy-giving co-founder of The Hollywood Canteen, a club venue for food, dancing and entertainment for military enlistees during World War II. Davis was the first woman to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Film Institute.

April 6—MERLE HAGGARD, aka "The Hag," lived the songs he wrote and sang. He looked the part and was the part. One of his many hits, "Mama Tried," recalls his troubled childhood after the death of his dad, Haggard's repeated incarcerations and prison time. After he was released from San Quentin Prison (CA) in 1960, he turned his life around and launched a successful country music career. Haggard's hits include "Hungry Eyes," "Okie from Muskogee," "Workin' Man Blues," "The Fightin' Side of Me," "That's the Way Love Goes" and one of my favorite Christmas songs, "If We Can Make It Through December." He received numerous music awards including a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award and a Kennedy Center Honor (2010). When he was governor of California, Ronald Reagan, a passionate fan of Haggard, granted "The Hag" a full pardon of the country music legend's past crimes.

April 7—FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA is widely considered one of the greatest filmmakers of all time. The reputation of the director, screenwriter and producer was cemented with "The Godfather" in 1972. He later created "The Godfather, Part II" and "The Godfather, Part III." If he were to release "The Godfather, Part IV," we would still line up around the block to see them. His other film hits include "Patton," "Apocalypse Now," "The Cotton Club" and "The Conversation." The Italian-American is a vintner who owns a major winery in California as sort of a—side gig.

April 8—BETTY FORD, born Elizabeth Anne Bloomer, was a feminist and a political activist for causes such as gun control, women's rights and addiction awareness. She was the founder and first chair of the Betty Ford Center for substance abuse and addiction. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by George H.W. Bush recognizing the joy she has given to thousands who have, thanks to her activism and visionary leadership, been rehabilitated. She was the first lady of the United States from 1974-1977, married to President Gerald Ford, a Republican.

April 9—HUGH HEFNER, a descendent of Plymouth Colony governor William Bradford, was a Mid-westerner. His father was an accountant and his mother a schoolteacher. They were a conservative Methodist family and Hefner's mother hoped he would get a missionary position. Instead, he founded one of America's most popular monthly magazines. The very first issue, with a spread of Marilyn Monroe, sold 50,000 copies. He was a major money contributor to the political campaigns of fellow Chicago celebrity Barack Obama. Hef's philanthropic causes were animal rescue (including bunnies) and historic preservation (including mansions). He helped re-erect the Hollywood Sign.

COMMENTS OVERHEARD at "THE BETTY, BETTE and THE BOYS BIRTHDAY PARTY" FOR AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS:

"I keep telling people I'll make movies until I'm 50 and then I'll go do something else. I'm going to be a professional gentleman of leisure."—Eddie Murphy

"You get a heck of a sound from the church. Can't you hear it in my voice?"—Muddy Waters

"Despite all my Sunday learnin', to the bad I kept on turnin'."—Merle Haggard

"Some young Hollywood starlets remind me of my grandmother's old farmhouse—all painted up nice on the front side, a big swing on the backside and nothing whatsoever in the attic."—Bette Davis

"Being a lady does not require silence."—Betty Ford

"If I hear another line dance song, I think I'm gonna puke."—Merle Haggard

"The secret of life is to say "yes" all the time. When you're old you don't want to say, 'I wish I had.'"—Francis Ford Coppola

"Life is too short to be living someone else's dream."—Hugh Hefner

"All men are sculptors, constantly chipping away the unwanted parts of their lives, trying to create their idea of their masterpiece."—Eddie Murphy

"The blues had a baby and they called it rock and roll."—Muddy Waters

"You should never say bad things about the dead, you should only say good. Joan Crawford is dead. Good."—Bette Davis

"We need to have music that contributes to the well-being of the spirit. Music that cradles peo-ple's lives and makes things a little easier. That's what I try to do, and what I want to do. You don't want to close the door on hope."—Merle Haggard

"That's what we're here on this Earth for, to help others."—Betty Ford

"I like to work in the morning. I like to sometimes go to a place where I'm all alone where I'm not going to get a phone call early that hurts my feelings, because once my feelings are hurt, I'm dead in the water."—Francis Ford Coppola

"My life is an open book. With illustrations."—Hugh Hefner

"I went down to my baby's house and I sat down on her steps. She said, 'Now come on in now, you know, my husband's just left.'"—Muddy Waters

"Apparently every man was told to bring three women with them. Sounds like a hodown."—Eddie Murphy

"Several girlfriends are easier to handle than one wife."—Hugh Hefner

"Getting old is not for sissies."—Bette Davis

"Willie Nelson told me the reason it costs so much to get divorced is because it's worth it."—Merle Haggard

"I'd love to kiss ya, but I just washed my hair."—Bette Davis

"That's part of the requirement to be an artist, you're trying to share your personal existence with others and trying to illuminate modern life, trying to understand life."—Francis Ford Coppola

"I think once I made up my mind that I was allergic to alcohol, and that's what I learned, it made sense to me. And it was kind of pointed out that if you were allergic to strawberries, you wouldn't eat strawberries. And that made sense to me."—Betty Ford

"Anything you have acquire a taste for was not meant to be eaten."—Eddie Murphy

"If everyone loves you, you're not doing it right."—Bette Davis

"By the time you get close to the answers, it's nearly over."—Merle Haggard

"In my wildest dreams, I could never have imagined a sweeter life."—Hugh Hefner

PARTY MENU FOR "BETTY, BETTE AND THE BOYS BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

APPETIZERS—Eddie Murphy's "Do Little, Talk to the Vegetables Figs-in-a-Blanket" (epicurious.com)

SALAD—Bette Davis' "Dark Greens Victory Salad" (eatathomecooks.com)

ENTRÉE—Francis Ford Coppola's "Mrs. Scorcese's Lemon Chicken" (touringandtasting.com)

SIDE DISH—Merle Haggard's Okie Okree (cdkitchen.com)

BREAD—Hugh Hefner's Bunny Bread (allrecipes.com)

BEVERAGE—Betty Ford's Mimosa Mocktails (myfoodandfamily.com)

DESSERT—Muddy Waters' Mississippi Mud (see below)

ONE TO GROW ON—Each of this week's birthday celebrants have YouTube videos worth your easy search. Make certain you check out "She Did It the Hard Way," Jerry Skinner's 40-minute documentary on film legend Davis. Also, both Johnny Carson and Dick Cavett have great televised inter-views with Davis.

As you might expect, Davis has the last word: "One begins to realize that one is getting old when the birthday candles weigh more than the cake."

MUDDY WATERS' MISSISSIPPI MUD PIE
(source: tasteofhome.com)

Since this dessert freezes well, you can pull it out of the freezer when needed, thaw and cut into serving pieces.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup finely chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2 packages (3.9 oz. each) instant chocolate pudding mix
- 3 cups cold milk
- 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup confectioner's sugar
- 1 carton (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed, divided
- 1 oz. semisweet chocolate

Directions:

1. Combine flour, nuts and butter and pat onto the bottom of a 13" x 9" baking pan.

2. Bake at 350F for 15-20 minutes. Cool.

3. In a bowl, combine pudding mixes and milk; let stand for 5 minutes.

4. Meanwhile, beat cream cheese and confectioner's sugar in a bowl.

5. Add 1 cup whipped topping and mix well; spread over crust.

6. Spread pudding over cream cheese mixture.

7. Spread remaining whipped topping over pudding layer.

8. Grate chocolate over top.

9. Refrigerate overnight.





Children (from Front)

Christy Perry
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COLIN HYDE- AGE 11
What do you like about Easter?
I like the competition about Easter eggs and I really like to find all of them. I love my family because they are super nice to me and I don't get to see them that much. I like to spend time with my family because they are so good and hunting Easter eggs gives me something to do.

MAGGIE PHILLIPS
AGE 8
What's something you like about Easter?
It's so exciting to look at my basket in the morning and seeing what's inside of it. I also like finding Easter eggs and hiding them for my little brother.

What does Easter mean to you?
Easter is such a special day because we are celebrating the day Jesus rose from the dead.

ZOELEEN FREEMAN
AGE 5
What do you love about Easter?
Trying to get more eggs than my brothers!

When Zoeleen isn't hunting eggs with her brothers, Connor (3), Davey (2) and Eugene (1), her mother Neotia Freeman said, "They love to do crafts and they live for the messes.

"They love the thrill of finding surprises outside. We love a good reason to be outside enjoying time with one another.

"Days we can make magic for our kids is what makes the holidays."

KAYSON BRITTON
AGE 5
Why is Easter special to you?
I think to me Easter is special to share and have fun. If you don't like the candy in your egg, maybe your sister will trade. I like hunting eggs and Jesus came here to die so we can have this day.

AUDREY BRITTON
AGE 9
What does Easter mean to you?
First, we all get our basket and we have an Easter egg hunt. Next, we see who found the golden egg- which is so, so cool. Then, we get to eat some food and we play with family and friends. Finally, I sometimes see a bunny with a basket of eggs.

OAKLEY BRITTON
AGE 4
What does Easter mean to you?
What Easter means to me is when my family gathers at someone's house and eats a meal. Then we go outside to hunt for Easter eggs. After that, we go inside and have dessert or us kids sneak some before. To me, it's all about having fun with your family and I think that's really special.

MADELINE HILL
AGE 12
What is your favorite Easter activity?
My favorite Easter activity is making Resurrection rolls. You take crescent rolls, sugar, cinnamon, butter and a marshmallow. You take the marshmallow and you roll in the butter and the cinnamon and sugar. You place it in the crescent roll then bake it. You open it up and the marshmallow is gone. What that represents is the empty tomb. The sugar and the cinnamon represent the spices and the oils that were used to anoint Jesus's body before he was laid in the tomb.

STEELE HILL
AGE 12
What is your favorite Easter memory?
When I was officially adopted. Easter took on a whole new meaning for me because Easter is new beginnings and new life.

Festival (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – After a year of COVID shutdowns, St. Bernard Prep's annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair is returning April 17-18, 2021.

The school describes its festival as "a two-day juried arts festival attracting more than 25,000 visitors to the beautiful campus of St. Bernard Abbey and Preparatory School. Located adjacent to the school is the world-famous Ave Maria Grotto. The picturesque landscape of stone cut buildings on the grounds of Alabama's only abbey provides a backdrop for the outdoor show. More than 150 booths are filled with artists demonstrating and exhibiting their handcrafted work. The festival is the largest fundraiser annually for the operation and maintenance of the school."

Festival Director Joyce Nix said there has been a tremendous response from people across the Southeast.

"Vendors are thrilled that the festival is being held after the COVID-19 pandemic forced its cancellation in 2020. This will most likely be our largest festival ever," she said.

Artisans will showcase a wide variety of handcrafted items at the two-day juried event. Acclaimed Nashville band, Incognito Cartel, has been invited back to perform live on the festival stage all day Saturday after it received rave reviews during the 2020 Bernard Blues and Barbecue Festival.

The festival will culminate with the drawing for the 2021 sweepstakes, including the grand prize of a 2021 Jeep Renegade. You can purchase your sweepstakes entries and shop official festival merchandise at www.bloominfestival.com or one.bidpal.net/bloominfestival2021.

With the coronavirus pandemic still ongoing, the school said festival attendees can be assured that the Bloomin' Festival team is taking every precaution possible to ensure another safe and successful event.

Said Nix, "We implemented strict safety and social distancing measures during Bernard Blues and Barbecue 2020 that worked well and provided attendees a safe and healthy outdoor environment. We aim to follow all recommended federal, state and local guidelines again for Bloomin' Festival 2021 including hand sanitizing, visible signage, encouraging social distancing in booths and more. It will again be a safe event!"

At a glance

- St. Bernard Prep School annual Bloomin' Festival
- Saturday and Sunday, April 17-18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- St. Bernard Abbey, 1600 St. Bernard Dr. SE, off U.S. Highway 278, just east of downtown Cullman
- Admission is a $5 donation to St. Bernard Prep School; children 5 years and younger get in free
- Handicap parking available
- No pets please
- The Ave Maria Grotto will also offer a reduced admission charge during the event.

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LEGALS

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JOHN PATTERSON and MELISSA PATTERSON FOR THE ADOPTION OF

CASE NO AD 2020-085

R.R.R.S. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 06-13-2019

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: BRAIDEN REEFER ROBERT STANLEY, BIOLOGICAL FATHER
HAILEE ANDREE FRANCIS LACKEY, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER

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

DONE THIS 24th DAY OF March, 2021.

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

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2021-080

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES FELTUS TANKERSLEY, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Charles Michael Tankersley on the 24th day of March, 2021, by the Hon. 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.

Charles Michael Tankersley
Personal Representative

To the 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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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF M.G.L.H.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 09/21/2015

CASE NO.: AD2021-012

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD BORN TO GEORGINA ESPERANZA LEJARAZO-HERNANDEZ

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Jonah Gregory Hogland, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 1st DAY OF April, 2021.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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ELLIS CHRISTI,)
BROWN ROLAND EARL ET AL,)
Defendants.)

AMENDED ORDER OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: ANY AND ALL PERSONS, HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF JAMES BAKER or JO ANNA BROWN, claiming any right, title and interest to the following described real property, to-wit: **Parcel #22-07-25-0-000-014.000**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 11TH day of March 2021, a Complaint in Rem to Quiet Title was filed by Plaintiffs Roy Dyer and Teresa Dyer, by and through their counsel of record, Seth B. Thompson, wherein all parties at interest were given notice and wherein it was alleged that said Complaint was filed against the property described above, and it was alleged that Plaintiffs were the owner in fee simple of said real property.

The parties at interest are further notified that Plaintiff avers in said Complaint that it claims title to the real property by reason of the following chain of title, to wit:

(a)On the 7th day of March, 2016, a decree was rendered by the Revenue Commissioner of Cullman County for the sale of land herein described and conveyed for the State and County taxes of James Baker or Jo Anna Brown, the owners of said land for the cost of expenses thereto and thereunder.

(b) On the 3rd day of May, 2016, said lands were duly and regularly sold by the Revenue Commissioner of said county for taxes, costs and expenses and at said sale Plaintiffs purchased said lands at and for the sum of said taxes, costs and expenses and forthwith paid said sum to the Revenue Commissioner, and received from said Revenue Commissioner a certificate of said sale.

(c) The time of redemption of said lands has elapsed and said certificate of purchase had been returned to the Revenue Commissioner of said county.

(d) On or about the 21st day of May, 2019, Plaintiffs came forward and notified the Revenue Commissioner that they had taken lawful possession of the land and were due a deed pursuant to the Code of Alabama, specifically, but not limited to Title 40-10-29 and act number 84-493. Plaintiffs have met all requirements under these two statutes and other provisions of Alabama Law.

(e) Title to the real property described hereinabove stands upon the records in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, in the name of the Plaintiffs.

YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to answer this Complaint on or before thirty (30) days from the 17th day of April, 2021, or on failure to do so, suffer a default judgment to be rendered against you.

DONE this 18th day of March, 2021.

/s/ MARTHA E. WILLIAMS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

Obituary Announcements: April 2

Wilson Lee Privett, 74, of Arley
Wilson Lee Privett, 74, of Arley, entered into rest on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at his home sur-rounded by his loving family. Wilson was born on September 13, 1946 in Addison, Alabama. He was the rock and hero of his fam-ily. He loved helping people and was willing to give the shirt off his back to someone in need. Wil-son was a hardcore Alabama football fan, but also loved the Miami Dolphins. He always had a cigar in his mouth and if he didn't have one, you knew something was wrong. Visitation will be held on Monday, April 5, 2021 from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where services will be held at 3 p.m. Burial will follow in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery in the Nesmith Community. Wilson is survived by his wife, Millie Privett; daughter, Cynthia Privett Ruth; grandchildren, Heather Talty, Jimmy Ruth, Jennifer Terrell, Donnie Ruth, Danielle Eaton, Theresa Becerra and Jor-dan Gibson; and 7 great grandchildren; brothers, Carlton Privett and Barney Privett; and sister, Faye Wilson. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Tammy Gibson; parents, Sherman and Vider Privett; and brother, Kenneth Privett.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The nicest thing anyone ever did

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Tribune
Contributor



As I think back on my life, there have been so many people who have done many thoughtful acts of kindness for me. I could probably write a series, but I won't. I do; however, want to mention a few of them before I tell you about the greatest of all acts of kindness. I started out with nothing, and as they say, I still have most of it! My family did not take vacations, so I could pretty much be like the ole boy who loudly and proudly proclaimed, "I ain't never been nowhere!" Because of the generosity of a friend's mother, at age fifteen, I saw a beach and an ocean for the first time. She invited me come along with her and her son on my first real vacation. We visited Colonial Williamsburg, VA, Virginia Beach, and stopped for a couple of nights in Gatlinburg on our way home. All at no cost to me. In many other ways, and many other times, she treated me like one of her own.My father died in my early youth, and my mother did not have the means to send me to college. I did; however, attend and graduate from college and seminary. Financially, that was possible only because of scholarships and financial aid available to students like me. Those helps were funded by individuals (perhaps like you), institutions, and my church's denomination.

At age 34, I bought my first house. I could assume payments, but I had to pay $4000 up front. It might as well have been ten times that amount, because I didn't have it. A man who was no kin to me, but had become like a father, gave me the money. I said, "I can't accept this, because I don't know when I can pay it back." He said, "Did I say anything about paying it back?"

In 2007, about the time the housing market crashed, we put our house on the market and moved to Opelika. We couldn't give our house away in that market, but thankfully Providence Baptist Church invited us to live in their Mission Home while we sold ours.

My precious wife, Jean, has been by my side during most of those happenings. I can't begin to name all she has done for me, and the numerous sacrifices she has made. Her becoming my wife, my love, my best friend, and giving me 45 years by my side, was the second-nicest thing anyone has ever done for me.

Long before any of these things, someone gave me the greatest gift of all time. American soldiers gave their lives for me, so I could freely live in this great country. For that I am thankful, but there is someone who gave his life for me, so I could live forever in heaven. After being beaten half to death, mocked and bullied, Jesus died a slow and brutal death by crucifixion. He paid a debt he did not owe, to give us a gift we do not deserve. On Good Friday, we remember his death and give thanks for his sacrifice for us all. On the third day after his death, he rose from the dead.

While many others have done some wonderful things for me, nobody ever gave as much as Jesus. He not only gave his life for me, but the really great news is that he did that for us all. This weekend, we celebrate what he did. May this be a great time of thankful celebration for you. Happy Easter!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1937

From the Files of 1937

Mr. Bill Clapp and Geraldine Mugrove surprised their friends by getting married last Thursday. They are residing with Mr. and Mrs. William Clapp, Senior.

Mrs. G.W. Thorn, of Hanceville, suffered painful burns on her leg last Wednesday.

The Bremen Community was shocked by the death of Guss Lynn, late Saturday afternoon.

Reverend B.F. McCaine baptized 22 new members on Saturday, following last week's revival meeting at Cold Springs Church.

The Sacred Harp Singing Convention will meet at Hopewell Baptist Church on Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29.

Peach seed wanted. $1.00 per bushel. Empire Nursery. Ad.

Val Wood's Pan Am Station will have a larger electric sign to shine on Cullman's Beeline Highway.

Mrs. B.M. Nash, who is now employed in the office of C. Arnold and Son Lumber Company stated today that her husband is greatly improved.

Mr. Nash has been confined, at his home, with illness for the past few months. Although hindered physically, he keeps in high spirits.

Doctor C. Stewart, local veterinarian, has returned home from Omaha, Nebraska, where he attended the annual meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association, August 17 to 20, at which 3,000 veterinarians were registered.

Doctor Stewart was accompanied by his son, Ernest Stewart, who visited the Maytag Washing Machine factory at Newton, Iowa. They had a delightful trip through the Central States, going and returning by different routes, along which they stopped at many points of interest.

Mr. Gus Teichmiller died of an acute heart attack on last Saturday morning, August 21. He was found dead about five feet from the barn door, by his son, Fritz. Since Mr. Teichmiller was in such good health, his death came as a terrible shock to his family and friends.

The day before his death, the deceased celebrated the 43rd anniversary of his birth. Twenty-two years ago last June he was married to Miss Gertrude King.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. on August 23, at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church and interment was in the City Cemetery, with Drinkard officiating.

He is survived by his widow, his father, Casper Teichmiller, six children, Arthur, Edna, Fritz, Frances, Robert and Esther, four brothers, Will, Louis, Herman and Casper, Junior and four sisters, Mrs. S.E. King, Mrs. E.J. Denson, Mrs. C.M. Gross and Mrs. H.E. Buchmann.

Last Monday, in the Blair School House community, our local deputies assisted by federal men came upon one of the county's oasis. They took charge of a thousand gallon percolator. One of the shiners was so desperate that he ran over a federal man and took to the woods. Sheriff J.E. Pierce says he will locate the distiller in the next few days.

Volleyball (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism (CPRST) announced that its youth volleyball league, slated to play in May and June, has rescheduled the season to August through October, and extended registration into June in hopes of encouraging more players to return to CPRST team sports after last year's COVID-related league cancellations.

CPRST Athletic Director Ashley Dye said, "We are excited to announce that volleyball is back! I am hopeful that extending registration through June 18 and moving the season back will give everyone more of an opportunity to play.

"We are transitioning back to a late (summer)/fall season. I can't wait to see all of our girls and get this season going. The CPRST Athletics department has been working diligently to improve and streamline programs; we are growing, and it is an exciting thing to see!"

League information

- Youth volleyball league is open to girls ages 7-12; teams will be assigned at evaluations which will be held on June 28-29 at Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center and or the Active Adult Center. (Time and place will be emailed after the closing of registration.)
- Fee: $80
- Practices will be held from Aug. 2-27 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 5:30 p.m. Teams will practice twice per week. Your child will not practice every one of these days of the week. We will rotate the schedule.
- Games will be from Aug. 31-Oct. 21, and will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and on Fridays and Saturdays if needed.
- Register online at www.cullmanrecreation.org.

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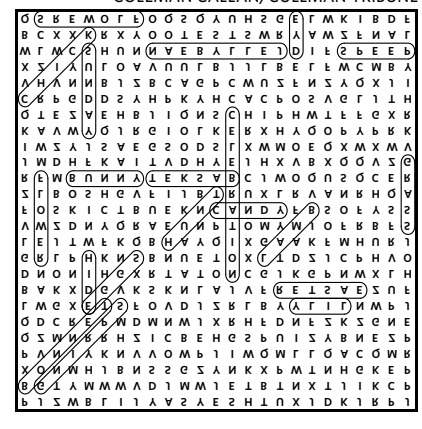
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ANSWER:



POET'S CORNER

He is Alive

By: Randy C. Hale

They drove the nails,
His sacrifice

He cried it's finished
and then He died

Wrapped in linen
His body still

Laid in the tomb,
the stone was sealed

Then early morn,
on that third day

The stone was moved
and rolled away

He lives! He lives!
Let us proclaim!

That Jesus did not
die in vain

Though in the grave
three days he laid

Triumphant now,
His body raised

Declare the anthem
of Christ the King

Alive! Alive!
Let praises ring!



PREP BASEBALL

'Cats open Warrior Classic with wins over Munford, Collierville

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MURFREESBORO, TN. – The Bearcats on the road this week competing in this year's Southern Warrior Classic Tournament and got things started with a pair of wins Thursday night. Cullman knocked off Munford 8-2 in its first game of the night and shut out Collierville 3-0 in the nightcap.

Cullman 8 – Munford 2 (Baseball)

The 'Cats took control early in this one, plating five runs in the top of the first to take a big lead. Brennen Norton ripped a triple into right field to put a runner in scoring position and a few pitches later, Hayden Stancil drove him home with an RBI single up the middle. An RBI groundout from Hunter Brooks allowed Stancil to score and make it 2-0 and Jake Dueland laced an RBI single into right field to score two more runs and make it a 4-0 game. Paxton Ponder kept it going with an RBI double and Cullman took a 5-0 lead into the bottom half of the first.

A pair of errors and base hits allowed Munford to get on the board and cut the lead to 5-2 going into the second but the Bearcats were able to respond with another run in the top half of the inning. An RBI single by Brooks drove in Stancil once again and Cullman pulled ahead 6-2. After a scoreless third inning, the 'Cats added to their lead in the fourth.

Norton crossed the plate on a fielder's choice to make it a 7-2 game and Stancil was able to reach home on an error to give the Bearcats an 8-2 advantage going into the bottom of the fourth. Both teams combined for just two hits in the rest of the game and neither side could get any more runs on the board, allowing Cullman to pull away with an 8-2 victory.

Jeb Bartle earned the win on the mound after tossing six innings, allowing no earned runs on just four hits and striking out seven batters. Jake Dueland (one hit) and Brooks (one hit) each drove in a pair of runs for the 'Cats. Stancil (one RBI) and Max Dueland each finished with a pair of hits as well.

Cullman 3 – Collierville 0 (Baseball)

After defeating Munford 8-2, Cullman picked up its second win of the night with a 3-0 shutout over Collierville. Hayden Stancil earned the win on the mound after going all seven innings, striking out nine batters and allowing just one hit.

The Bearcats got things going at the plate early. A double from Brennen Norton and a single off the bat of Stancil put a pair of runners on the bases for Cullman and Kaleb Heatherly drove an RBI double into center field to score them both and make it a 2-0 game going into the second inning.

After a scoreless second inning, the Bearcats added to their lead in the third when Hunter Brooks put an RBI single down the first base line to drive in Carter Gay and stretch the lead to 3-0. Collierville led off the top of the fourth with a double but got nothing else the rest of the way with Stancil on the mound, securing a 3-0 win for Cullman.

Max Dueland posted a pair of hits in the win and Heatherly (one hit) finished with a pair of RBIs. Brooks added a hit and an RBI for the 'Cats and Matt Brock, Norton and Stancil each posted a hit as well.

OTHER THURSDAY SCORES

Decatur 9 – Fairview 4 (Baseball)

The Aggies were back at it in Gulf Shores Thursday morning, this time to face the Decatur Red Raiders. Fairview led the way 4-2 going into the sixth inning but Decatur plated seven runs in the final two frames to pull away and win it 9-4.

After falling behind 2-0 in the top of the first, the Aggies responded in the bottom of the second. Tanner Bennett and Caden Jennings both managed to score from third on a passed ball and a steal to tie things up at 2 going into the third. An RBI groundout from Dalton Payne then allowed Brody Hogeland to score and give Fairview a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the third.

After a scoreless fourth inning, An RBI single from Bryceson Turner stretched the lead to 4-2 in the bottom of the fifth but the Aggies couldn't hold the lead for much longer. Decatur was able to string some hits together and tie the game at 4 in the top of the sixth and in the seventh, the Red Raiders were able to tack on five more runs to pull away with a 9-4 win over Fairview.

Turner (one hit) and Payne each drove in a run for the Aggies in the loss. Hogeland, Jennings and Bennet each posted hits as well.

Curry 12 – Hanceville 8 (Baseball)

The Bulldogs traveled to Curry for a matchup with the Yellow Jackets Thursday night and plated six runs in the third inning to take an early lead but couldn't hold onto it for seven innings and Curry pulled ahead to win 12-8.

After a scoreless opening frame, Dylan Twilley crossed the plate on an error to give Hanceville a 1-0 lead and Jake Cornelius later scored to make it 2-0 going into the bottom of the second. The Yellow Jackets were able to get those runs back in their half of the second and make it a tie game going into the third. The Bulldogs put together a big inning after that, starting with an RBI triple from Adam Cooper that drove in Drew Campbell to make it a 3-2 game. One pitch later, Barrett Hardin drilled an RBI single into left field to make it 4-2. Later in the inning, two more runs scored on an error to stretch the lead to 6-2 and an RBI single from Damon Hackney added another run to the Hanceville lead. The Bulldogs got one more run on the board when Cornelius scored on an error to give them an 8-2 lead after the top of third.

However, Curry responded with three runs in the bottom half of the inning to cut the lead to 8-5 and tacked on four more in the bottom of the fourth to take a 1-run lead going into the fifth. After a scoreless fifth inning, the Yellow Jackets plated three runs in the bottom of the sixth to grow their lead and Hanceville was unable to bounce back, falling on the road 12-8.

Hardin (one RBI) and Zach Campbell each posted three hits for the Bulldogs in the loss and Twilley (one hit) led the team with a pair of RBIs. Cooper (one RBI) added a pair of hits and Hackney finished with a hit and an RBI as well.

Greenhill leads way in 2-1 win at No. 1 Arkansas

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – Auburn picked up its first conference win of the season, taking down No. 1 Arkansas 2-1 on the road Thursday night at Baum-Walker Stadium.

"They've just been competing this whole time for a couple of weeks here," head coach Butch Thompson said. "To get to that finish line and hold that lead, never surrender it."

"We've talked about a vision of some things we were going to see," Thompson added. "It's just neat when we had a plan and a vision, and it came through. I think it all started with Cody Greenhill."

The Tigers (12-11, 1-6 SEC) got seven strong innings from starting pitcher Cody Greenhill (3-0, 1.62), who matched a career high in innings and struck out five.

"It is big time," Greenhill said. "The offense stepped up. The defense played out of their mind. Brody Moore made great plays, all around. It was definitely a team win.

"I'm more comfortable with myself now," Greenhill added. "I believe the foot is a blessing in disguise for me, having to learn how to throw those pitches and depend on those pitches."

Brody Moore provided a spark at the plate and in the field, going 2-for-5 with a home run and turning a pair of big double plays in the late stages of the game.

"I think just that confidence factor is huge for us," Moore said.

"Like you said, the games have been so close. We're just barely missing that big hit, that one pitch, but I feel like with tonight's win against the No. 1 team in the country our confidence can go up a little bit and put more trust in our teammates."

Clinging to a one-run lead, lefty Carson Skipper made his first appearance in four weeks and pitched a scoreless eighth before Mason Barnett shut the door in the ninth to earn his first career save.

Back-to-back singles from Rankin Woley and Judd Ward and a sacrifice bunt from Kason Howell put a pair of runners in scoring position to start the second inning, but a foul out and strikeout sandwiched a walk to leave the bases loaded.

An inning later, Moore put the Tigers on the scoreboard with a solo home run with one out in the top of the third, marking his second home run of the season and his career.

After Greenhill set down the first nine Arkansas batters he faced and Auburn extended its lead on a sacrifice fly from Nate LaRue in the top of the fourth, the Razorbacks got on the scoreboard on a solo home run to start the home half.

However, Greenhill retired eight straight from the end of the fourth through the sixth innings and faced just two batters over the minimum in his outing.

After Arkansas put the leadoff batter aboard in the seventh, Moore fielded a one-out ground ball and went to the bag himself, making an accurate jump throw to first to end the frame.

Howell made a highlight reel diving catch in center field to keep the Razorbacks' leadoff hitter off base to start the eighth, and Moore turned another double play himself to erase a leadoff walk in the ninth. Barnett then induced a flyout to center field to end the game.

The Tigers allowed just five baserunners and faced just three batters over the minimum in the contest.

Game two of the three-game series is set for Friday at 6:30 p.m. CT at Baum-Walker Stadium.



ARKANSAS ATHLETICS

Auburn's Cody Greenhill tossed seven innings and allowed just one run on three hits in the Tigers' 2-1 win at Arkansas Thursday night.

Auburn's Sharife Cooper to declare for NBA Draft

Cody Voga
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Auburn freshman guard Sharife Cooper announced Friday he plans to submit his name for the 2021 NBA Draft and forgo his remaining eligibility.

"This past year has been nothing short of special - one of the best years of my life coming here to Auburn and being embraced by something that's bigger than me. It's hard to imagine what it was like when I was in high school when I wasn't here yet, but I always couldn't wait to get here. Being here and being embraced by Auburn and the community is something that I'll live with forever. Through thick and thin, Auburn and my family have had my back, and I couldn't be more thankful for that. In times like this, I like to reminisce and just thank the people that have been there since the beginning.

"First and foremost, I would like to thank God. Without him, none of this is possible. I'm just so thankful for people like my mother. She's been there every step of the way and at every game. I can't remember a game that she's missed, whether it was watching it or being there. My dad - it's hard to pinpoint one thing that I could thank him for. Just being there, being him, the person he is, I couldn't be more thankful for having someone like that in my life. My brother and my sisters - Te'a, Mia, Omar - I couldn't be more thankful for them.

"They're my rock. To the Auburn staff - Coach Pearl, Coach Bowman, Coach Flanigan, Coach Steven Pearl, Coach Davis and the rest of the staff - they've helped me tremendously just getting better, getting stronger and becoming a better player and a better version of myself on the court and off the court. To know in the back of your head that Auburn has your back is a feeling that I can't explain.

"It was a tough decision, a hard decision, but with that being said, I would like to declare for the 2021 NBA Draft and hire an agent. I'm forever grateful to be a part of the Auburn Family. If I had to make the decision a million more times, I'd pick Auburn every time. War Eagle."

Despite Cooper playing in just 12 games in an Auburn uniform, he made an impact on the court averaging 20.2 points, 8.1 assists and 4.3 rebounds per game during the 2020-21 campaign. He is one of just seven players in the country to average 20 points and eight assists per game in the last 25 years, joining recent players such as Ja Morant (Murray State) and Trae Young (Oklahoma).

"We're very excited for Sharife," Auburn head coach Bruce Pearl said. "While he may have signed his National Letter of Intent in November of 2019 and only played in 12 games, he was an Auburn Tiger way before that. Players that came before him like Isaac Okoro, Devan Cambridge and Babatunde Akingbola knew full well that Sharife wanted to follow in the footsteps of some of our great point guards.

"His character and his hard work clearly shined through his lone season with us. After missing 72 days of practice, he started his first game against Alabama and put up 26 points and nine assists to help us take the would-be SEC champions down to the wire.

"He is a once in a generation point guard who has an uncanny ability to score and help others score. I'm proud of him, and he'll always be an Auburn Tiger."

Cooper became one of two Tigers to have three point-assist double-doubles in a season since the assist became an official NCAA statistic prior to the 1983-84 season. Moochie Norris had three such games during the 1994-95 season.

The Powder Springs, Ga. native scored or assisted on 471 of Auburn's 996 points with him in the lineup (47.3 percent). His 8.1 assists per game set a single-season program record, breaking current assistant coach Wes Flanigan's mark of 6.7 dimes per contest.

Cooper, who was picked to the Southeastern Conference All-Freshman team, was a consensus 5-star and top-20 prospect out of McEachern High School. The previously highest rated signee in program history became the third McDonald's All-American to sign with Auburn, joining Frank Ford (1983) and Korvotney Barber (2005).

He was also tabbed as a Sports Illustrated First Team All-American following his senior season and was named the 2018-19 USA Today National Player of the Year after leading McEachern to a 32-0 record and a state title his junior year.



SHANNA LOCKWOOD/AU ATHLETICS

Auburn Point Guard Sharife Cooper declared for this year's NFL Draft Friday morning.

