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WEATHER

Weekend severe weather chances dropping, increased threat Monday

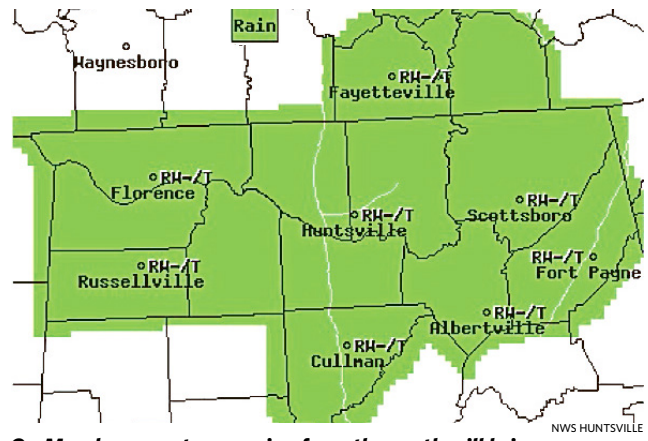
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HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – The National Weather Service Huntsville forecaster issued an updated forecast Friday afternoon, showing that the tropical system coming up from the Gulf Coast will pass south of Cullman County with little effect.

The region will instead be impacted by heavy rains from a separate system on Monday.

"The tropical system will take a sharper northeast turn through the day Saturday, with the center tracking just south of Birmingham by Sunday morning," wrote the forecaster."

This will keep a majority of the precipitation along and southeast of its track, so at this point, the threat of excessive rainfall for our southeast counties (in the NWS Huntsville service region) is still rather low."



NWS HUNTSVILLE

On Monday, a system coming from the north will bring heavy rains to the entire north Alabama region.

– FATHER'S DAY –

WHERE MY DAD TAUGHT ME

A photography series













BEN SOUTH/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Ben South
Tribune Columnist

This spring at a yard sale, St. Bernard Abbey was selling some outdated student desks. My dad had been a professor at the college, and in a rare moment of sentimentality and reckless spendthrift-ery, I bought one for $35 and began photographing places around Cullman County where my dad taught me various life lessons.

With a tip of the cat's hat to Dr. Seuss, who had no children but entertained millions of us kids, here's a Father's Day note to my relentlessly, joyfully, tirelessly teaching dad.

Dad taught me
here and there.

He taught me everywhere.

Dad taught me in our house.

He taught me not to grouse.

Dad taught me at
our church.

He taught me to question and research.

Dad taught me at
the lake and zoo.

He taught me to savor
Johnny's Barbecue.

Dad taught me at the
community college.

He taught me to value
faith and knowledge.

Dad taught me on a
boat and train.

He taught me whether sun or rain.

Dad taught me even
at his grave.

His death has not ended
the lessons he gave.

Thank you, dad for teaching
me here and even up there.

Thank you for teaching me everywhere.

Happy Father's Day, Big
Ben! Love, Little Ben

Crowds gather for first 2nd Friday since 2019



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A crowd gathers to enjoy skaters outside Riderz Skateboard Shop in the Warehouse District. For more photos from 2nd Friday visit CullmanTribune.com or Facebook.com/CullmanTribune.

– CULTURE –

For the mystery lovers

Who put a star medallion outside the Cullman Library?



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

This brass medallion mysteriously appeared on a sidewalk outside the Cullman Public Library in 2011, and staffers have been puzzled by it ever since. » PAGE 2

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BUSINESS

Small businesses – Why shop local?

Haley Burns
Contributor

People may often see the terms "shop local" or "buy small" used in advertisements, on bumper stickers and in-store signs. These terms are also widely observed on Small Business Saturday, a shopping day generally held the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Beyond the feel-good nature of supporting neighborhood businesses, shopping local creates real and sustainable economic growth for communities. This is due to money circulation and velocity. Essentially, when you shop local, your money stays local. Shopping locally affects everything from employee wages and new job creation, to the overall growth of the local economy.

Recycled local dollars
The Urban Conservatory's study, Thinking Outside the Box: A Report on Independent Merchants and the Local Economy, found that if people shifted 10% of their spending from chains to local businesses, it would create hundreds of millions of dollars a year in local economic activity. This is due in part to local and independent businesses that tend to source and hire vendors that are also independent. Many national and international chains outsource most of their jobs to other communities.

Another study by the American Booksellers Association, Civic Economics and Local First Utah, supports this idea as well. It found that local shops returned 52% of their revenue back into the local economy, whereas chain businesses only invest 14% of revenue into local communities. As a result, local purchases do not only support that shop, but their suppliers as well.

Local job creation
Local businesses not only support other local companies, but they are more effective at creating local jobs when compared to national chains. When national chains move into a neighborhood, local jobs are often lost.

Furthermore, small businesses owned by minorities or people of color are more likely to hire from within their communities, creating more jobs for groups most affected by unemployment.

Shopping at small local businesses will directly support equitable job creation in local cities and towns.

Better customer service
Have you ever shopped at a local store or ordered something online from a small business? Chances are you received warm service, hand-wrapped products, and a unique touch you may not find in national chains. On the social media platform TikTok for example, small-business owners have gone viral for their "Wrap Orders With Me" videos. These videos showcase the care and attention that goes into each purchase they process. In addition, these vendors add handwritten notes and thank you letters with each packaged order.

How to find local businesses
- Check out your local chamber of commerce directory.
- Use social media sites to find businesses in your area.
- Search your city or state at online commerce sites to find small-business owners that create products near you.
- Take a stroll through your downtown, main street or other commercial corridors and spot storefronts that are new and unique.

Can't find what you need locally?
Online commerce makes it possible to buy clothing, home items, gifts, pet toys—almost anything you can think of—from a small business rather than going to an international chain. The next time you are book shopping, for instance, consider using small book vendors rather than large online chains. In this way, your dollars still support families, communities and individual book owners rather than publicly traded corporations.

Medallion (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – For over 10 years, staffers at the Cullman County Public Library main branch in Cullman have wondered about a small brass medallion affixed to a sidewalk on the east side of the building. No one knows who placed it or its exact purpose. Library Director Sharon Townson has begun looking for answers since finding that similar medallions have been popping up all over the country.

Towson told The Tribune that former director Max Hand discovered the medallion in January 2011, saying, "We just came out one morning and it was here . . . He contemplated removing it, but he was like, 'Well, I don't guess it's hurting anything,' so we just left it."

It bears a stamp of a nine-pointed star with the presumed year reference 2010 and web address ninepointedstar.com. The obvious starting place for more information was a visit to that site.

San Francisco artist fond of nine-pointed stars, denies placing medallions
Kelly Booth, a San Francisco-based mixed media artist, purchased the ninepointedstar.com domain name in 2002, following a tour she made through Latin America. During that trip, she placed nine-pointed stars made from natural native materials in various places.

On her website, Booth explained the idea behind the symbol:

"Over the years, I've developed an iconography of symbols to connote my own artistic quest. Chief among these figures is a star with nine points. The idea of the star alludes to the celestial bodies that have marked the passing of time and guided sailors and traders across vast distances. The symbol itself is reminiscent of the compass rose drawn on paper maps. And yet, the addition of a ninth point suggests a different kind of journey—one in search of an internal destination that cannot be triangulated through cardinal directions alone."

Booth's website was inactive from the domain purchase until she activated it in 2012, roughly two years after the first medallion marked with the name was discovered.

Despite the seemingly obvious connection between an artist and an "artsy" project bearing her web address and favorite symbol, Booth emphatically denied any involvement with the medallions.

On the website, she wrote, "You see, whatever's going on here, it's not my project. I swear. Nor have I heard from anyone claiming it's theirs. In fact, I never even imagined such things existed until you guys started emailing.

"Truth be told though, I like them, whatever they're for. After all, I'm an artist who's inspired both by notions of place and by the fantastical things that can happen in real life. To unwittingly find myself playing a central role in a map-sized mystery is—let's face it—pretty fantastical."

Where are the medallions?
So far, 131 medallions have been reported, according to Booth. Every state other than Alaska and Hawaii has one. Cullman has the only one in Alabama.

They have been found outside courthouses and small businesses, along public sidewalks and on the walkway in front of a park bench. Several have been reported in the vicinity of masonic lodges. The most common reported locations, though, have been around libraries.

What is their purpose?
Many assume that the medallions are a publicity stunt meant to draw attention to Booth and her art. The artist denies the claim, just as she denies any other connection to the objects. On the website, she offered suggestions that she said came from medallion fans:

- Aliens placed them to mark places they would preserve during their coming invasion of the planet.
- Booth came back from the future to place them and advise others to time travel back to 2010 to head off some great catastrophe.
- Someone placed them as part of an interactive role-playing or treasure hunt game.
- They are tributes to the band Slipknot, which used a nine-pointed star logo.
- They represent the Enneagram of Personality that points to nine interconnected personality types.
- They are a giant art project, maybe a connect-the-dots piece that will reveal a picture when all of them are located.
- They are benchmarks that mark specific geographic locations for an unknown purpose.
- They are part of an advertising campaign, though Booth insisted that neither she nor anyone she knew had anything to do with them.
- They are spiritual or philosophical symbols of the Bahai World Faith, Christianity's fruits of the Spirit, Native American religion or Freemasons.

Townson jokingly hopes that the medallions might indicate entry into a secret contest.

"Maybe we're going to win a new library building," Towson said with a smile.

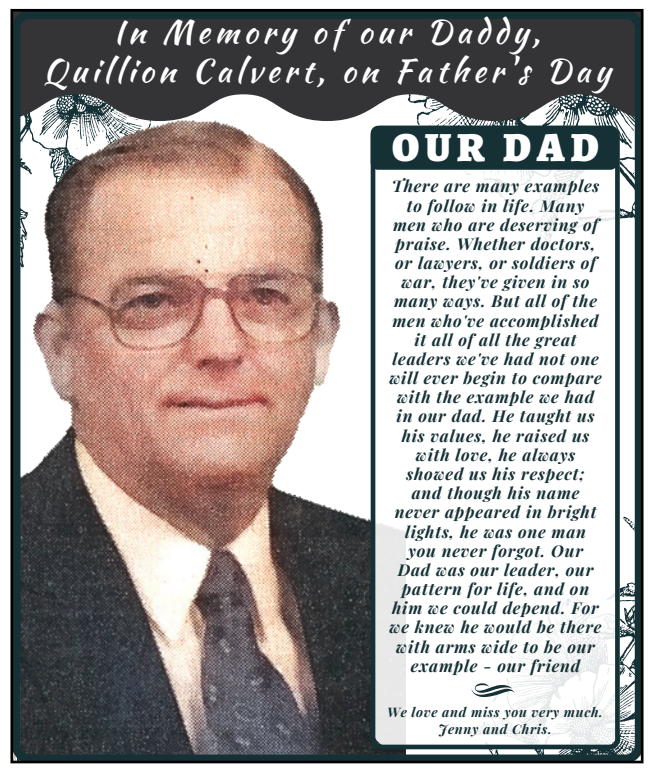
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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, June 18 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

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

Case details (Updated Mon, Wed, Fri)
- Total confirmed cases in Alabama: 421,782 (+ 255 since Wednesday)
- Probable cases in Alabama: 126,541 (+ 79 since Wednesday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 8,963 (+17 since Wednesday)
- Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,326
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,729 (+ 8 since Wednesday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,212 (+ 3 since Wednesday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 137
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 64
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 43,091
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co: 1,606
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 36
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,659,935
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 1,570
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 83,699
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 168
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 50,449
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): no update available

Vaccine details (updated Tues, Thurs)
- Doses Delivered to Alabama: no update available
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: no update available
- Doses administered: no update available
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: no update available
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: no update available
- Doses delivered to federal programs: no update available

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

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

Delta Variant B.1.617.2 accounts for about 6% of new U.S. cases
The Delta variant, which is also known as B.1.617.2 first emerged in India and now accounts for about 6% of new U.S. cases. The number of cases of Delta in the U.S are likely to be higher, as not all SARS-CoV-2 specimens are sequenced. The Delta variant has been detected in a small number of specimens in Alabama. The variant is highly contagious and has the potential to infect more persons, resulting in more hospitalizations and deaths. At the moment, data indicates that two doses of Pfizer vaccine are 88% protective against the virus. The two other COVID-19 vaccines, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson, are likely to be effective against this variant as well. The message about this variant, as well as other variants, is that the more persons who are vaccinated, the less likely the opportunity for variants to emerge. Now is a critical time for persons in Alabama to take advantage of the multiple opportunities to be vaccinated.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report: Decreases in COVID-19 cases, hospital admissions, and deaths among older adults
A MMWR released June 8 finds that COVID-19 cases, emergency department visits, hospital admissions and deaths declined more among older adults than among younger adults following the introduction of COVID-19 vaccine. The greater declines among older adults are likely due, in part, to higher COVID-19 vaccination coverage, which highlights the potential benefits of rapidly increasing vaccination coverage. The MMWR can be viewed here: www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7023e2.htm

National Month of Action--goal is 70% COVID-19 vaccination
The Alabama Department of Public Health joins in encouraging everyone in the state to work toward the goal of having 70% of U.S. adults getting at least one COVID-19 vaccination by July Fourth. President Biden announced the National Month of Action initiative which encourages national organizations, local government leaders, community-based and faith-based partners, businesses, employers, social media influencers, celebrities, athletes, colleges, young people and thousands of volunteers across the nation to work together to get their communities vaccinated. Decreasing numbers of Alabama residents are being vaccinated even though vaccines are available, so promotions and actions are needed now to defeat COVID-19.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 18

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 18, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 17

• third-degree forged check; Chambers Farm & Garden Supply; McNabb Rd. SW

• fourth-degree theft of property; The Foundry; 2nd Ave. SW; miscellaneous; $25

ARRESTS

June 17

Klosinski, Mary E.; 32
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence
• FTA- disorderly conduct

Lancaster, Jordan L.; 25
• FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- insurance violation
• FTA- speeding

Maillard, Donna M.; 35
• FTA- improper turn

Garrison, Treasa L.; 41
• FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana

Basinger, Henry A.; 53
• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
• FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Dingler, Erica L.; 34
• fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- expired tag (2 counts)

Marlow, Christopher L.; 36
• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence
• FTA- DUI (controlled substance)
• FTA- driving without license

Gee, Joshua F.; 32
• Grand Jury Indictment-second-degree rape
• Grand Jury Indictment-second-degree sodomy

Fuller, Autumn E.; 25
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- driving without license (2 counts)

Lowery Jr.; Douglas E.; 26
• third-degree theft of property

Needham, Kenneth C.; 50
• fourth-degree theft of property

Hines, Timothy W.; 50
• fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Classes- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult class, "The Phases of Armageddon" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m. – noon, Tuesdays 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. – noon Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle S.W. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry, and Spirit Life Church.
• Sundays-9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m. Praise and Worship and message at 11 a.m.
• June 25-26 "Daddy's Girl - Walking as a Daughter of the KING" Women's Conference – Friday - doors open at 6 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. breakfast, 9 a.m. worship, noon lunch, 5 p.m. ends. Guest speakers: Robin Fields, Debbie Kitterman and Roxanne Worsham. Invite your family and friends!

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

Miércoles de Despensas
• 6-7 p.m. ler. miercoles del mes, En Su Tierra Cullman FUMC
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Festhalle Farmers Market
• 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from April – October
• Stop by to shop the freshest produce from Cullman-based farms.
• For more information, call 256-590-5009 or send an email to mgraveman@cullmanrecreation.org

Guy Hunt Library Summer Children's Programs
• June 24 – Mr. Larry's Magic Show
• July 8 – Mrs. Nance's Painting Party
• July 15 – McWane Science Center
• July 22 – Soil and Water, Animal Tracks
• All programs start at 1 p.m. For more information, send an email to guyhuntlibrary@gmail.com or call 256-796-5226.

Agriplex Children's Summer Camp Programs
• July 19-23: 9 a.m. - noon, Sewing Camp 101: This camp is designed for children interested in learning to sew. Campers will learn the basics of hand sewing while making projects to take home. Ages 8 & up, adults must attend with children under 9. $40.00 per person. Registration required at https://agriplex.org/WPtest/.
• July 26-30: 9 a.m. - noon, Sewing Camp 102: Designed for Sewing Camp alumni who want to expand their sewing skills by reviewing hand stitching & moving on to machine sewing with fun take home projects. Each camper will need to bring their own machine. Ages 9-18, must complete Sewing Camp 101. $40 per person. Registration required at https://agriplex.org/WPtest/.
• Saturdays, beginning at 9 a.m. at Festhalle Farmers Market, Power of Produce: Kids up to age 12 can sample fresh produce while earning market money (pop bucks) to buy produce from local farmers.

Agriplex Adult Programs
• June 21: 6 - 8 p.m., Learn to Sew Tote Bags: We will discuss how to make various tote bags of all shapes and sizes and make one to take home. Registration required at https://agriplex.org/WPtest/.
• June 22: 6 – 8 p.m., Living Landscapes Succulents: Succulents are more popular then ever right now! Learn the basics of taking care of succulents, including propagation. Make a succulent planter to take home. Cost $15.00 Registration required at https://agriplex.org/WPtest/.
• Thursdays: noon - 1 p.m., Yoga under the Pavilion, Join us for a beginner yoga class in the serenity of nature. $5 per person, summer family special of $10 per family. Ages 10 & up, must be able to follow along with class. No registration required. Please bring your yoga mat & water.

111th Annual Addington Chapel Methodist Church Sacred Harp Singing
June 19 – The tradition continues! 111th Annual Sacred Harp Singing begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 19. Located at 185 county road 59, Bremen, AL 35033

Free Community Movie Night at Vinemont Community Center
June 19 – Bring a blanket or chair and come enjoy the show! The movie, Toy Story 4, will start at 8:15 p.m. and there will also be a concession stand. Vinemont Community Center – 88 Ridgeway Street, Cullman, AL 35058

Bates Reunion
June 19 - The Bates reunion will be held Saturday, June 19, at 10 a.m. at the Trimble Community Center.

Christ Lutheran Church Anniversary
• June 20 - 100th Anniversary Kickoff Event
• Free Community Ice Cream Social
• 2 - 4 p.m.

Swamp John's Meal (Johnson's Crossing Fire Dept.)
June 21 - Johnson's Crossing Volunteer Fire Department (at 1542 County Road 617, Hanceville, AL 35077) will be having a Swamp John's Monday, June 21 from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. The cost is $12 per plate. For more information, contact Candy at 256-339-0485

Swamp John's Meal (St. Andrew's)
June 24 - Thursday, at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 615 Main Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Serving will be from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Dine in or carry out.

The Perrys in concert
June 26 - A singing will be held Saturday, June 26, at 7 p.m. at Victory Baptist Church (100 Tapscott Road, Hartselle, Highway 36 east of I-65, approximately 2 miles). Guest singers will be The Perrys. For more information call 256-758-1501.

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

Let's go to Italy!
July 10 - Join us 2 p.m. Saturday, July 10 to learn about Red Door Travel's Spring Break's Italian Adventure March 25 - April 3, 2022. There is no cost or obligation to attend. We will enjoy some Italian snacks, stroll through Italy for a time, talk about what you can expect, and answer any questions you might have. This affordable, small group trip includes round-trip airfare from Birmingham, hotel, most meals and guided tours in Florence, Venice, Cinque Terra, Tuscany and an optional Rome extension. If you plan to attend, please contact us at Bill@TheRedDoorCullman.com or call 256-338-3074 so we will know how many to plan for. If you can't come, but want to know more, we'll be happy to send you a brochure. Meeting at Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold Street, Cullman, 256-734-0599.

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame
Aug. 14 - The Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame will hold its annual banquet and induction ceremony Aug. 14, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Stonebridge Farms. Tickets can be obtained at First Southern Financial and are $20 each. For more information call 256-737-5120 or 256-736-4445.

EAST SIDE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION VBS SCHEDULE

Sulpher Springs Baptist Church- Crane Hill
• Theme: Wonder World Fun Fest- Amazed by Our Extraordinary Savior
• When: June 27- June 30 at 8 p.m.
• Where: 1638 County Road 852, Crane Hill

Etha Baptist Church
• Theme: Rocky Railway- Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through
• When: Sunday June 27 at 5:30 p.m.
• Where: 8417 County Road 1545, Cullman

Cold Springs Church of Christ
• Theme: God's Creation!
• When: June 21 at 6:30 p.m. - June 24 8 p.m.
• Where: This is an online event

Corinth West Baptist Church
• Theme: Concrete & Cranes
• When: June 19 Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., VBS is 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. followed by family night
• Where: 5064 County Road 1101 Vinemont, Alabama

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COURTS

Attorney General Steve Marshall hails Supreme Court victory in religious freedom case supported by Alabama

Office of Attorney Gen. Steve Marshall

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Attorney General Steve Marshall hailed a unanimous decision by the U.S. Supreme Court Thursday, in a lawsuit supported by Alabama, upholding the right of Catholic Social Services to assist in Philadelphia's foster care system without having to surrender the group's religious beliefs.

"Alabama and 12 other states filed an amicus brief in Fulton v. Philadelphia in support of Catholic Social Services after the City of Philadelphia excluded the faith-based child placement organization from the city's foster care program because the group follows its religious beliefs," said Attorney General Marshall.

"Faith-based groups such as Catholic Social Services have long provided invaluable care for poor and abandoned children and, accordingly, are often partnered with government to fulfill this vital community service. However, government does not have legal grounds to require foster care groups to set aside their religious beliefs in order to participate in the foster care system.

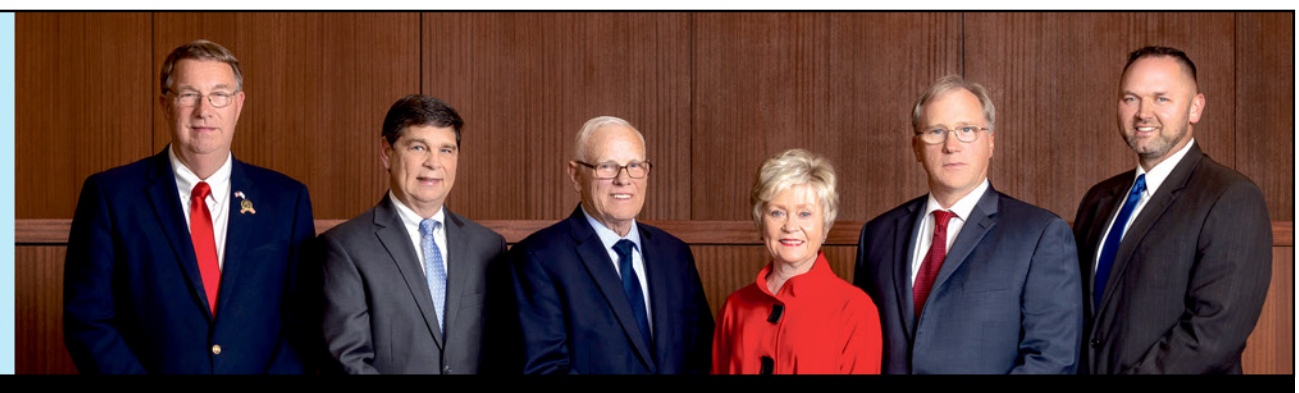
Today, the Supreme Court said such actions by the City of Philadelphia violate the group's First Amendment right to the free exercise of religion.

In conclusion, he added, "The Supreme Court decision is yet another victory by faith-based groups to protect their right to practice their religious beliefs. Freedom of religion is increasingly under assault in our country and every legal battle to protect our First Amendment rights is critical."

U.S. Supreme Court Opinion can be read at: https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/20pdf/19-123_g3bi.pdf.

13-State Amicus Brief in support of Catholic Social Services can be read at: https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/19/19-123/144785/20200603141821660_19-123%20Amicus%20Brief.pdf.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Raiders handle Winston County, Danville at home

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Good Hope's Ivey Maddox finished with 14 points in the Lady Raiders' 38-15 win over Danville.

GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The Good Hope Lady Raiders returned home Thursday night for a pair of varsity matchups with Winston County and Danville, and they collected a pair of convincing wins over both of them. Good Hope topped Winston County 50-28 in its first game before knocking off Danville 38-15 in the nightcap.

Good Hope 50 - Winston County 28 (Varsity Girls)

Heather and Bailey Tetro scored the first five points of the game for Good Hope as they grabbed a quick 5-0 lead. Winston County got a layup to go to make it 5-2, but the Lady Raiders went on a 9-0 run as four different players scored during the run and that put Good Hope on top, 14-4. The Lady Yellow Jackets later made it 16-9, but Good Hope went on another 9-0 run, which ended with Rudi Derrick nailing a three, and the Lady Raiders increased their lead to 25-9. Derrick made a layup and got fouled, which made the score 30-9, and Good Hope went into the half up, 30-11.

Winston County made it a 30-13 game to start out the second half, but a Heather Tetro trey quickly pushed the Lady Raider lead to 33-13. For the third time in the game, Good Hope went on a 9-0 run, with Bailey Tetro scoring four points, Desire Odachowski scoring on a three-pointer and Kyndall Seal scoring two points, to push their lead to 42-15 and the Lady Raiders ended up rolling past the Lady Yellow Jackets in game one, 50-28.

Derrick led the way for Good Hope with 10 points. Heather Tetro added nine points. Bailey Tetro ended up with eight points. Odachdowski added seven points. Ivey Maddox and Rechelle McLeod each ended up with six, and Lexi Collins and Seal each chipped in with two points.

Good Hope 38 - Danville 15 (Varsity Girls)

Good Hope took on Danville in their second game of the day and offense was hard to come by early and often for both teams. It took a little over four minutes before the first points was scored and that came on a Maddox trey, which was followed by a Heather Tetro three. Danville got on the scoreboard almost a minute later to make it 6-2, but Maddox drilled another trey to make it 9-2 with 14:31 remaining in the first half.

Derrick hit a layup, then Heather Tetro hit a three as Good Hope pushed their lead to 14-4. Heather Tetro added a shot down low and Seal added a free throw as the Lady Raiders held an 18-6 lead at the half.

Shots by Derrick and Bailey Tetro to start out the second half increased Good Hope's lead to 22-6 with 16:25 remaining in the game. The Lady Hawks scored five straight points as they cut the Lady Raider lead to 22-11 almost midway through the second half, but back-to-back treys by Maddox helped start a 12-0 run to end any hopes of a Danville comeback. Good Hope wound up taking the second game of the day over Danville, 38-15.

Maddox finished with 14 points for Good Hope. Derrick and Heather Tetro each added eight points. Bailey Tetro ended up with four points, while Johnson and Seal each chipped in with two points.













BOOK REVIEW

She Reads: 'The Silent Patient' by Alex Michaelides

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Let me begin this review by simply saying, y'all, I could not put this one down. This week, the book of choice has been "The Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides. This story is a subtle psychological thriller which will have readers convinced they have figured everything out, and then pulls the rug out from under them. "The Silent Patient" is doubly narrated by Alicia Berenson, a young woman who was completely in love with her husband until she murdered him and went silent, and Theo Faber, the criminal psychologist determined to get through to Alicia.

Faber finds work at The Grove, a secure psychological facility designed to protect people deemed criminally insane from the outside world.

Upon his first meeting with Alicia, she is so heavily sedated that he can barely maintain eye contact with her.

His curiosity is only peaked further after he convinces his superiors to lower Alicia's dosage, and she attacks him the instant she is able.

We are taken through flashbacks of Alicia's diary that she kept before she was found standing with her husband's body with the murder weapon, where it's revealed that she was an artist, and her former life was idealistic in many ways.

In the present day, Theo begins to investigate the people who were involved in Alicia's life before the incident, including her brother-in-law, Max, who relays a few secrets of Alice's former self, and her former best friend and gallery owner, Jean-Felix Martin, who tells a starkly different tale.

Mysteries unfold into further mysteries before Theo's eyes as he finds himself in a constant wake of new evidence in cracking the Silent Patient, Alicia Berenson. This story is incredibly immersive in the thoughts and feelings of the leads in the face of every twist and turn. With Alex Michaelides slyly laying the groundwork for each mind-boggling plot twist throughout the story, I have no doubt you will become as enamored with Alicia and Theo's tale as I have, and I truly hope you enjoy.

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Obituary Announcements: June 18

Freda Joyce "Jo" Burrow, 82, of Decatur, formerly of Cullman
Freda Joyce "Jo" Burrow, age 82, of Decatur, formerly of Cullman, died Thursday, June 17. Jo was an active member the Cullman community, serving on multiple boards and in many capacities for her entire life. She was a faithful servant of her Lord, Jesus Christ. She was preceded in death by her parents: Cordie and Bertie Young Tubbs and her brother-in-law: Othell Raney. Jo is survived by her husband: Jerry T. Burrow; daughters: Beth Burrow Tune (Julian) and Susan Burrow Baker (Jim); son: Jon Burrow; grandchildren: Luke and Jake Baker and Jackson and Ella Burrow; sister: Jeanell Raney; nephew: Mike Raney (Donna); niece: Melanie Raney Hagemann (Mike) and multiple extended family members. The family will receive friends Tuesday, June 22 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The celebration of life graveside service will be Wednesday, June 23 at 2 p.m. at Bethsadia Cemetery in Cullman, Alabama. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Emmie Opalene "Dean" Parrish, 81, of Double Springs
Emmie Opalene "Dean" Parrish, 81, of Double Springs, Alabama entered into rest Thursday, June 17 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Parrish was born Aug. 29, 1939, in Winston County, Alabama. Mrs. Dean was a member of Henryfield Church who loved God and loved to sing. She was the type of caring person that if she knew you, she probably prayed for you. Mrs. Dean was very dedicated to her family and loved spoiling her grandbabies. Visitation will be held Saturday, June 19, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs. Mrs. Parrish Will lie in state Sunday, June 20 from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at Henryfield FCM Church in Double Springs, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Brother Danny Page and Brother Delmer Duboise will officiate. Burial will follow in Frost Chapel Cemetery in Haleyville, Alabama. Dean is survived by her daughters: Ladana (Ronnie) Haley, Michelle (Dennis) Prescott, Regina (Darrell) Ponder and Leann (Brad) Trapp; grandchildren: Ashley Garrison, Kaitlin (Tyler) Harris, Casey (Alannah) Hill, April (Dustin) Hayes, Caleb (Lexie) Hill, Breanna (Jared) Tittle and Daylee Trapp; 11 great-grandchildren and brothers: Vernett Garrison, Gene Garrison, Junior (Gina) Garrison and Steve (Ilene) Garrison. She was preceded in death by her husband: Bobby Parrish; son: Darron Keith Parrish; grandson: Noah Lane Trapp; parents: Samuel and Cora Garrison; sisters: Mae Jean and Nena Fay; brother: Charles Edward and a host of other family and friends.

Joe Delano Ozbolt, 88, of Eva
Funeral Service for Joe Delano Ozbolt, age 88, of Eva, will be at 12 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, at Hamby's Chapel United Methodist Church with Bill Stone and Charley Brown officiating and burial at Hamby's Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - noon prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Ozbolt passed away Thursday, June 17 at his residence. He was born Dec. 10, 1932, in Gum Pond, Alabama to Blaz and Gathie Ozbolt. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Bettye Joan Ozbolt; brother: Edward Ozbolt and sisters: Imelda Mann and Drucilla Nichols. Survivors include his children: Denise Ozbolt, Mark (Kerry) Ozbolt, Nolan (Tamra) Ozbolt and Tanya Ozbolt; grandchildren: Kyle Brown, Leslie (Justin) Rogers, Forrest (Neeta) Ozbolt, Angela Ozbolt, Garret Ozbolt and Mark (Whitney) Thompson; great-grandchildren: Natalie Rogers, Trace Thompson, Keelan Thompson and Griffin Ozbolt; sisters: Winnell Crow, Ermaline Caudle and Annie Childers and many nieces and nephews.

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LEGALS

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2021-142

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES DOUGLAS CHANCE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES DOUGLAS CHANCE

TO: KEITH BYRD, THE HEIRS AND NEXT-OF-KIN OF JAMES DOUGLAS CHANCE AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Petition of James Baxter Carter to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of James Douglas Chance, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 29th day of June, 2021, at 10:00a.m.

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

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
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Judge of Probate

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
VIRGINIA M. SANDLIN,) CASE NO PC 2021-120
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF ANN W. POPE FOR THE PROBATE OF THE WILL OF VIRGINIA M. SANDLIN, DECEASED AND
AMENDED PETITION OF ANN W. POPE FOR THE PROBATE OF THE WILL OF VIRGINIA M. SANDLIN, DECEASED

TO: **PERRY WASHINGTON**
PATRICIA G. GARREN
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OR INTEREST PARTIES

The Petition and Amended Petition of Ann W. Pope to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Virginia M. Sandlin, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 22nd day of July, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Done this the 17th day of June, 2021.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF C.L.W.R.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 04/07/2019
CASE NO.: AD2020-090

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: NICOLE HOPE TUCK, NATURAL MOTHER OF MINOR CHILD

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Teresa Stancil Maines, 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 4th DAY OF June, 2021.

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

Melvin Hasting
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P.O. Box 517
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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Places where we've celebrated our anniversary

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Forty-six years ago, on Saturday, June 14, Jean Willis became Jean King and I became her husband. I have been blessed to have her by my side all these years. When we married, I wanted to take her on a wonderful honeymoon. A couple of weeks in some beautiful place like Hawaii, or one of the Caribbean Islands, was my dream place to take my new bride. My wallet decided that a couple of nights instead, on the beaches in Panama City, Florida, would have to do. Since we were moving to Birmingham, for me to go to college, and neither of us had a job there yet, we decided we might not need to spend everything we had...which wasn't much.

We were married in Rainsville, Alabama, and drove to Birmingham that night. We spent our first night together in our newly-rented duplex apartment. The next morning, we had breakfast at the Waffle House down the street and hit the road. It seems we've been on the road on our anniversaries ever since.

We have been to Hawaii and several of the Caribbean Islands, but not for our anniversary. We've celebrated those all across the country, usually at the Southern Baptist Convention. What a romantic I am! It happens that the convention either falls on our anniversary date, or close to it.

Since we have been in ministry to Southern Baptist churches, or an association of churches, I have usually attended the annual convention. After the meetings, we often stay in that area and transform into tourists... camera around the neck and all.

We've celebrated in New Orleans, Atlanta, St. Louis, Orlando, Louisville, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Salt Lake City, and Phoenix, to name a few. Returning to New Orleans is always fun because we lived there for three years while I attended the seminary there. Crawfish, po-boys, and beignets, are always a treat, plus the unusual sites of the Big Easy. In Houston I thought we were about to die. It was terribly hot that June.

As we were riding down the busy streets of the city, I thought I heard someone shooting at our big-brown Buick. I hollered "duck!"

As it turned out, it was only the canned Cokes I had put in the truck, exploding from the heat! You talk about a mess. In San Antonio, we rode the boats on the river walk and saw where Davy Crocket and Sam Houston fought in the Alamo. In Salt Lake City, we rented a car at the other Alamo and made the loop. We drove through the corner of Idaho, visited Yellowstone in Wyoming, drove across Montana to visit Little Big Horn, came back down Eastern Wyoming into Colorado. That was the only time we've seen it snow on our anniversary! We visited Arches Park in Utah, and then returned to Salt Lake City. We did a similar thing after the convention in Phoenix except that time we drove all the way around the Grand Canyon. In Orlando, I had the privilege of meeting Dr. Herschel Hobbs and later we spent a couple of days touring Disney and Epcot.

This year I'm taking Jean all the way to Nashville, which is one of our favorite cities. I love Nashville because there are more guitars there than anywhere in the world. We are staying in a farmhouse at an urban farm, on the outskirts of town. We plan to visit the Ryman, the Hermitage, the Parthenon, American Pickers, Jack's Barbecue, and Ernest Tubbs Record Shop. The Bluebird is stilled closed.

Happy anniversary to my dear wife, best friend, and traveling partner. Thank you for putting up with me all these years.

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-745-0588 (office).

HISTORY

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From the Files of 1919

The first bale of cotton sold in Cullman this season was brought in by J.W. Stisher of Berlin and sold to Ponder and Kelly.

E.C. Pearson, B.C. Young, C.G. Smith and G.E. Childers have leased a building here and are establishing a soap factory.

W.T. Vandiver, proprietor of the Bargain Store, has bought the McMinn Opera House building.

On September 13, Alva Hancock celebrated her birthday with a party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Hancock.

The first football game of the season will be at 3 p.m. on Friday at Arnold Field, when Cullman plays Blount County High, of Oneonta.

School enrollment is high. There are 650 children enrolled in the city school.

Sigfried Bieker is spending several days here, enroute to Oxford, Mississippi, where he will resume his studies at the University of Mississippi.

Misses Edna Harris and Annie Lola Price left on Wednesday to enter Athens College.

Mrs. Willie Mae Kierbow is recovering from typhoid fever.

Clarence Brunner has accepted a position with Cullman Drug Company.

M. Weber, manager of the Eureka Hotel, is spending several weeks at Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee.

Charles Ruehl is remodeling his residence into a pretty bungalow.

Winfield Leeth and Wallace Culpepper left on Tuesday for Columbia Military Academy, in Tennessee.

The Nix Memorial Singing will be held on the third Sunday in September at Logan.

N.B. Mobley, of Bremen, Georgia, is visiting his brother, A.J. Mobley.

From the Files of 1951

Jones Chapel News

Miss Eddie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Shelton and little daughter, Terra, of Madera, California, visited Reverend and Mrs. A.L. Fincher last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Matthews, of Florence, visited Mr. and Mrs. William Reese, on Saturday night.

Mrs. Junior Tyree visited Mr. and Mrs. Berry Glover, on Sunday.

Mrs. Samantha Turner spent Saturday with Mrs. Viaolar Bowden.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hopper and Mr. and Mrs. Sherald Hale, of Michigan are visiting relatives at the Chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Clay and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Clay, at Bethel.

North Vinemont News

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gay and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Birdie Gay.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob South spent Thursday afternoon with their daughter, Mrs. Marvin Blackmon.

Mrs. Buford Brannon and Mrs. Doan Reeder, of Hartselle, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Purvis Wilhite and boys.

Private Harold H. Drake, who is stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, spent Sunday with his parents, while on a short pass.

POET'S CORNER

My Dog Still Comes To Me In Dreams | By: Randy C. Hale

I dreamed of my dog
again last night.
Black Cocker spaniel
running free to me.

Healthy, unlike I last remember,
the arthritis, milky eyes,
gray whiskers, burying
her head into me - my tears.

In this dream, she is still
younger than me.
I was five when she came
with a red bow at Christmas.

Here in treasured dreams,
dog years don't matter.
Alive, and with puppy spring,
my dog is fifty-three.

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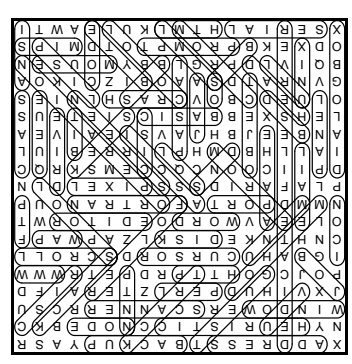
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365 AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS for 2021: The Accent on Fun Birthday Party

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When we arrive at "The Accent on Fun Birthday Party," we hear women speaking in the next room. Judging by all the accents, it could be a Danish baroness talking about her farm in Africa; a posh, Prada-wearing, devilish fashionista; and perhaps, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. As we come into the dining area, we thrill to discover all those diverse and delightful accents belong to the multi-faceted Meryl Streep.

There are other great accents to tease our ears: the California cool of Brian Wilson, the Texas twang of Ambrose Bierce, the worldly erudition of Anthony Bourdain and the playful, ear-clanging "New Yawk" of Judy Holliday.

The accents are a sound tapestry of America and the accent of this party, which includes dancer/choreographer, Bob Fosse and also Moe Howard of The Three Stooges, is decidedly on—FUN.

JOIN US...

You feel and hear the joy as you enter our party room and appreciate the perfect acoustics of Brian Wilson's home recording studio. 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:

June 19—MOE HOWARD (born Moses Harry Horowitz) with his older brother, Shemp Howard and younger brother, Curly Howard, formed the farce comedy team—"The Three Stooges." Starting in vaudeville, the slapstick trio performed from 1922 until 1970. They are best remembered for their 190 short subject comedies for Columbia Pictures. Although they never received acclaim from film or television critics, they hugely, joyfully accomplished what they set out to do—make people laugh.

June 20—BRIAN WILSON is considered a music genius by many and acknowledged as one of the most innovative and significant songwriters of the 20th century. The musician, singer, songwriter and record producer founded The Beach Boys. The multiple Grammy winner is in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame. By the mid-1960s, he had written or co-written more than two dozen U.S. "Top 40" hits including: "Surf City," "Help Me, Rhonda," "I Get Around" and "Good Vibrations."

June 21—JUDY HOLLIDAY (born Judith Tuvim) was an actress, comedian and singer. She began her career as part of a nightclub act before working in Broadway plays and musicals. She won an Academy Award for Best Actress, a Golden Globe Award for Best Actress and a Tony award for Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical. Two of her biggest hits were: "Born Yesterday" and "Bells Are Ringing."

June 22—MERYL STREEP (born Mary Louise Streep) is often described as "the best actress of her generation." She is particularly known for her vocal accents and versatility. Her accolades include a record 21 Academy Award nominations, winning three, and a record 32 Golden Globe nominations, winning nine. She is a recipient of the Kennedy Center Honors, the National Medal of Arts and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

June 23—BOB FOSSE was a dancer, musical theater choreographer, actor, theater director and filmmaker. His distinctive, joy-giving style of choreography included turned-in knees and "jazz hands!" He is the only person ever to have won Oscar, Emmy and Tony awards in the same year (1973). He won a record eight Tonys for choreography, as well as a Tony for direction of "Pippin."

June 24—AMBROSE BIERCE is one of my favorite American aphorists and I quote him in the musical I co-wrote, "The Original, One-Liner American Diner." His hilarious book, "The Devil's Dictionary" was named one of "The 100 Greatest Masterpieces of American Literature" by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. The prolific and versatile storyteller, journalist, short story writer, poet and fabulist was a pioneer of realist fiction. His horror writing rivals Poe and Stephen King, and his war stories influenced Stephen Crane and Ernest Hemingway. In 1913, Ambrose Bierce told reporters he was traveling to Mexico to gain firsthand experience of the Mexican Revolution. He disappeared and was never seen again.

June 25—ANTHONY BOURDAIN was a celebrity chef, graduate of The Culinary Institute of America, author and travel documentarian. He first became well-known as the author of "Kitchen Confidential: Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly." His first food and world-travel television show, "A Cook's Tour," ran for 35 episodes on the Food Network.

COMMENTS OVERHEARD AT "THE ACCENT ON FUN BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

"I grow on people, of course, so do warts."—Moe Howard

"Beware the lollipop of mediocrity; lick it once and you'll suck forever."—Brian Wilson

"Nevvah do nothin' ya wouldn't want printed on the front page of The New York Times."—Judy Holliday

"Always take your heart to work."—Meryl Streep

"Dance expresses joy better than anything else."—Bob Fosse

"The most affectionate creature in the world is a wet dog."—Ambrose Bierce

"Your body is not a temple; it's an amusement park. Enjoy the ride."—Anthony Bourdain

"Every time you think, you weaken the nation."—Moe Howard to a brother

"I believe that music is God's voice."—Brian Wilson

"I'm a born and bred New Yorker. Every time I leave it's like losing a leg."—Judy Holliday

"The formula for happiness and success is just being, actually yourself, in the most vivid possible way you can."—Meryl Streep

"The energy doesn't end at the 'jazz hands.' I want such intensity that it feels like light is streaming from every finger."—Bob Fosse

"Don't dance for the audience; dance for yourself."—Bob Fosse

"Love, a noun. A temporary insanity curable by marriage."—Ambrose Bierce

"Vegetarians, and their Hezbollah-like splinter faction, the vegans...are the enemy of everything good and decent in the human spirit."—Anthony Bourdain

"I'm positive about the negative, but a little negative about the positive."—Moe Howard

"I think in terms of emotions. And, feelings. So sometimes what I say may not always be clear. But creatively, there is a lot to be said for that way of thinking."—Brian Wilson

"Lovers have a right to betray you...friends don't."—Judy Holliday

"You have to embrace getting older. Life is precious, and when you've lost a lot of people, you realize each day is a gift."—Meryl Streep

"Guard your good mood."—Meryl Streep

"Life is just a bowl of cherries, don't take it serious, it's mysterious. Life is just a bowl of cherries, so live and laugh and laugh at love, love a laugh, laugh and love."—Bob Fosse

"Bore, noun. A person who talks when you wish him to listen."—Ambrose Bierce

"The journey is part of the experience—an expression of the seriousness of one's intent. You don't take the 'A' train to Mecca."—Anthony Bourdain

"I'm the best musician in the country but this is the city."—Moe Howard

"To wear a floral shirt is an experience."—Brian Wilson

"In repose, my face looks as though I had gone through a terrible deal in the last five minutes. I have to disguise the expression and get a glassy-eyed look. That's something I learned from my dog."—Judy Holliday

"We need art as much as we need good works. We need it like food. We need art for inspiration to keep going on the days that we are low."—Meryl Streep

"Choreography is writing with your feet."—Bob Fosse

"Egotist, noun. A person of low taste, more interested in himself than in me."—Ambrose Bierce

"You have to be a romantic to invest yourself, your money and your time in cheese."—Anthony Bourdain

"An ounce of sauce covers a multitude of sins."—Anthony Bourdain

"When you hear the song, 'The Gates of Hell Are Open,' that's when you walk in."—Moe Howard

"Humor—it helps to make the vibe better—it loosens up the vibrations."—Brian Wilson

"I consider myself to be a crusader of love. I try to spread love around the world as best I can because I know I have a handle on love."—Brian Wilson

PARTY MENU FOR "THE ACCENT ON FUN BIRTHDAY PARTY:"



BendigoArt.com/CullmanTribune.com

APPETIZER—Bob Fosse Savory Jazz Hands Pies (allrecipes.com)

SALAD—Meryl Streep Vermicelli Accent Salad (cooks.com)

ENTRÉE—Brian Wilson Surf and Turf Kabobs (Pillsbury.com)

SIDE DISH—Anthony Bourdain Mashed Potatoes (foodrepublic.com)

BREAD—Judy Holliday New Yawk Challah (kingarthurbaking.com)

BEVERAGE—Ambrose Bierce El Diablo Cocktail (supercall.com)

DESSERT—The Best Three Stooges Throwed Custard Pie (see below)

ONE TO GROW ON: Actually, here are three to grow on to explore this week's birthday celebrants. The award-winning feature film, "All That Jazz," is a cocktail of dance and decadence inspired by the fully-lived life of dazzling choreographer, Bob Fosse.

"Love & Mercy" is the 2014 biopic of Brian Wilson—a life that required two actors to play him: Paul Dano as the beach boy and John Cusack as the beach man.

Then, lighten things up with the frothy, "Mama Mia" starring a joy-loving and joy-giving Meryl Streep with her own Mediterranean-tinged accent and a Grecian formula for summertime romance.

At the end of "The Accent on Fun Birthday Party," Moe Howard shared this vaudeville joke in his classic "Stooges" accent: "I was sitting in a bar one day and two women came in, talking in an interesting accent. So, I said, "Cool accent, are you two ladies from Ireland?" One of them snarled at me, "It's Wales, dumbo." So, I corrected myself, "Oh right, so are you two whales from Ireland?"

Ladies and gents: Good night. Bonne nuit. Gute nacht.

THE BEST THREE STOOGES THROWED CUSTARD PIE
(source: cooks.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla (optional)
- 1 ½ cups milk
- Nutmeg
- Cinnamon
- Pastry pie shell

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Beat eggs slightly, add sugar, salt and milk

2. Line a deep pie pan with pastry. Dampen edge of the pastry and add 1 inch strip of pastry to build up the edge.

3. Brush the pie shell with melted butter and pour in the custard filling. Sprinkle with nutmeg and cinnamon and bake in a preheated oven at 350F for about 30 minutes.

TIP: Do not disturb the custard while it's cooking; leave in oven for 1 hour after cooking to set.



