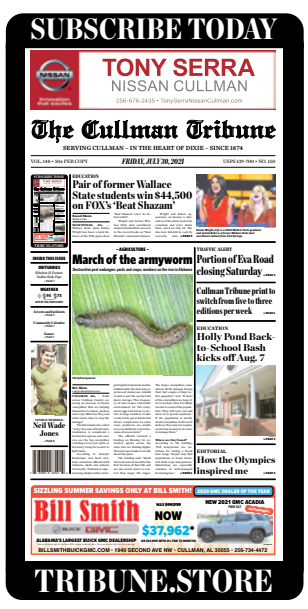
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Raccoon confirmed positive for rabies in Cullman; precautions advised



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CULLMAN, Ala. — Earlier this week, the Alabama Department of Public Health confirmed a raccoon to be positive for rabies after it attacked a person on a walking trail near a subdivision on Fox Hollow Road in Cullman. The raccoon attacked a bystander in an aggressive manner while exhibiting other neurological signs of illness. Fortunately, the raccoon was able to be subdued, restrained and collected for rabies testing.

Following an investigation by the Cullman County Health Department, three people were potentially exposed and have re- » PAGE 2

Building in flames at Tyson/ River Valley Ingredients plant near Hanceville



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A plant employee directs a Garden City Fire Department tanker toward the fire on the back of the River Valley Ingredients plant.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Tyson Foods/River Valley Ingredients (formerly American Proteins) rendering plant (1170 County Road 508, southwest of Hanceville), suffered damage Friday afternoon from a fire that started in a building on the back of the property close to the Mulberry Fork. Mayor Kenneth Nail, who was at the scene with the Hanceville Fire Department, said that the origin of the fire appeared to involve grease and animal by-products. The Cullman Emergency Management Agency surveyed the scene and reported that the fire did not appear to involve any hazardous materials.

In addition to Hanceville, the call went out for assistance to all 26 fire departments in Cullman County, with special requests for tankers to get water to the site. Crews at the scene requested additional help from multiple departments across Blount, Walker and Winston counties.

Departments known to have responded Friday afternoon include Hanceville, Garden City, Cullman, Vinemont/Providence, Berlin, Crane Hill, Good Hope, Joppa, Bethsadia, Cold Springs and Walter. The Hanceville Police Department sent its tank trailer. The Mount High and West Blount departments from Blount County also responded.

Late Friday afternoon, Air Evac Lifeteam was called to the scene to provide air transport for an unspecified emergency.

A source in the fire service said that crews were having trouble combating the fire and might attempt to contain the blaze and let it burn itself out.

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Lockers: A yes or no for the 2021-2022 school year?

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Lockers (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Due to the renewal of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's official guidelines for this school year, the option to sell lockers to students for the 2021-2022 year has been left up to each individual school. Fairview Middle School recently released a statement on its decision not to sell lockers on campus this year.

Cullman County Schools Representative Ty Watwood, he shared, "It is entirely up to the school. Lockers are optional, so this is on a school-by-school basis, depending on the situation and layout of the school. Lockers were not allowed due to COVID, but this year, it is up to each individual school."

Cullman City Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff also spoke on the recent update to CDC guidelines, saying, "The current plan for the 2021 school year is for Cullman Middle School to utilize lockers.

"Both Cullman Middle School and Cullman High School will also be using locker room lockers this year. We are in the process of finalizing our recommended protocols for the new school year in regard to COVID-19 safety, and those will be announced early next week.

"We are also waiting on any additional guidance from the Alabama Department of Public Health. The ADPH guidance, as well as local data, will determine any future potential modifications in our protocols. But making sure students, teachers and staff have a safe and successful school year is, of course, our top priority."

Rabies (from Front)

ceived rabies post-exposure treatment to prevent infection.

The health department routinely tests animals that have exposed other animals and humans for rabies, especially when the animal is a stray or has an unknown vaccination status.

According to Dr. Dee W. Jones, state public health veterinarian, "Wildlife species pose the greatest risk of rabies, and they should be avoided if at all possible, especially when the animal is acting strangely or aggressively."

He adds that wildlife can, and do, frequently infect pets and other domestic animals.

Animals that are bitten or scratched by a rabid animal are usually treated with a booster rabies vaccine and a short quarantine period.

Dr. Jones said keeping your pets vaccinated is the best way to ensure that the animals are protected from such encounters with a rabid animal.

A pet that is exposed to rabies and is currently vaccinated is very unlikely to develop rabies and is allowed to undergo a much less strict quarantine following a booster vaccine dose.

The rabies virus is transmitted by saliva. In general, rabies exposure requires direct contact with infected saliva, usually through a bite or a scratch, but other less common contact exposures with mucous membranes (eyes, nose and mouth) are also considered as potential exposures.

Area residents are advised to take the following precautions to avoid possible exposure to rabies:

- Do not allow pets to run loose; confine them within a fenced-in area or with a leash.
- Do not leave uneaten pet food or scraps near your residence.
- Do not illegally feed or keep wildlife as pets.
- Do not go near wildlife or domestic animals that are acting in a strange or unusual manner.
- Caution children not to go near any stray or wild animal, regardless of its behavior.
- Advise children to tell an adult if they are bitten or scratched by any animal.

A person who is bitten or scratched by an animal should wash wounds immediately with mild soap and water, apply first aid and seek medical attention or contact the county health department immediately.

Alabama state law requires that dogs, cats and ferrets 12 weeks of age and older be current with rabies vaccination.

Rabies vaccines are also available for horses and other livestock if recommended by a veterinarian. Vaccinating animals reduces the risk of rabies infection should an exposure occur; thus, vaccinations help protect animals, as well as their owners and caretakers.

For more information about rabies and prevention, please contact ADPH at 334-206-5100 or visit alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/rabies.html.



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF HELEN TURNER, Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC2021-261

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to GARY TURNER as Personal Representative of the Estate of HELEN TURNER, deceased, on the 29th day of July, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same be barred.

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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC2021-247

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY EDWARDS, DECEASED

TO THE HON. TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to RHONDA QUICK, as Administratrix of the Estate of DOROTHY EDWARDS, Deceased, on the 29th day of July, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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RHONDA QUICK
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Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, July 30, 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) No Update Available
- Total confirmed cases in Alabama: 442,373 (+ 3,810 since Wednesday)
- Probable cases in Alabama: 135,090 (+ 2,916 since Wednesday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 9,180 (+ 17 since Wednesday)
- Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,330
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 7,056 (+ 61 since Wednesday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,307 (+ 28 since Wednesday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 143
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 44,556
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co: 2,242
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 240
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,756,534
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 17,866
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 128,217
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,181

Vaccine details (updated Tues, Thurs)
- Doses Delivered to Alabama: 4,814,025
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,194,025
- Doses administered: 3,440,567
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,966,294
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,589,930
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,620,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 30

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 30, 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

July 28

• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 2nd Ave. NW; catalytic converter and muffler; $420

• counterfeit $20s; State of Alabama; Marktplatz Ctr. SW

• first-degree theft of property; JCR Recycling / AK Rentals; 3rd Ave. SE; forklifts

July 29

• fourth-degree theft of services; criminal mischief; Cullman Power Board; 4th Ave. SE; $320

• third-degree criminal trespass; Cullman Primary Care; 2nd Ave. SE

• harassment; person; 5th St. SW

ARRESTS

July 29

Story, Gregory B.; 32

• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Sellers, Van T.; 35

• FTA- improper lights

Mattox, Kristina D.; 38

• third-degree criminal trespass

Morrison, Tammy; 51

• public intoxication

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 SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry, and Spirit Life Church.

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• No Talent Talent Show: July 31 - Saturday 7 p.m. No admission fees! Donations accepted. Free meal at 6 p.m. Everyone welcome! Fun and entertaining! Come see impersonations of some of your favorite singers. We hope "Elvis" will be there!

• Wednesday- Aug. 4 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult men's class: "Be the Man" - Adult women's class: "Design Your Life"

• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthday. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pick up is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (Jasper 5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.

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

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

Festhalle Farmers Market

• 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from April – October

• Stop by to shop the freshest produce from Cullman-based farms.

• For more information, call 256-590-5009 or send an email to mgraveman@cullmanrecreation.org

Agriplex Children's Summer/ Fall Camp Programs

• Aug. 20 - 10 a.m., Little Farmers Farmer's Market: Run your pretend farm stand and then use tokens to shop with a local farmer.

• Aug. 26 - 9 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Solar Power: Celebrate the new solar panels producing electricity at the Agriplex with hands-on activities powered by the sun.

• Sept. 4 - 9 a.m., Farm Kids Club County Fair Crafts: Create handicrafts that can be entered in the Cullman County Fair and win prizes!

• Sept. 10 - 10 a.m., Little Farmers "The Very Hungry Caterpillar": Explore the miracle of the butterfly life cycle through the beloved Eric Carle classic.

• Sept. 30 - 9 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Harvest & Seed Saving: Harvest the falls bounty at the Agriplex and save seeds for your very own collection. We will pick, taste and learn how to preserve the harvest.

• Oct. 2 - 9 a.m., Farm Kids Club Pumpkin Patch: Pick a pumpkin out of our patch and join us for some fall-themed fun! We will play games, have snacks and carve a pumpkin.

• Saturdays, beginning at 9 a.m. at Festhalle Farmers Market, Power of Produce: Kids up to age 12 can sample fresh produce while earning market money (pop bucks) to buy produce from local farmers.

Agriplex Adult Programs

• Aug. 10 - 6 p.m., Heritage Skills Beginning Brewers Class: The Cullman Brewers Guild will explain the process of brewing and demonstrate how to make homemade beer. See equipment and learn the science of brewing your own beer.

• Aug. 16 - 6 p.m., Learn to Sew Christmas in August: Get an early start on Christmas decorating and join us for felt ornament making for the tree using sequins and decorative thread.

• Aug. 18 - noon, Lunch & Learn presents Planting & Growing Fall Veggies. This is a free program, light lunch provided. Please call us at 256-297-1044 to reserve your spot.

• Aug. 31 - 6 p.m., Living Landscapes Growing Berries & Grapes: Retired Auburn Experiment Station Director Arnold Caylor will be back at the Agriplex sharing his vast knowledge on growing berries and muscadines best suited for our region.

• Sept. 9 - 6 p.m., Cowboy Cooking - Cooking with a Dutch Oven: Local ranchers Greg and Emily Anderson from Sullivan Creek Ranch will be demonstrating how to cook over an open fire.

• Sept. 13 - 6 p.m., Learn to Sew Projects for the Kitchen: This will be a fun class making things to use in your kitchen.

• Sept. 14 - 6 p.m., Heritage Skills Raising Pigs: Learn the basics of raising pigs for your family.

• Thursdays: noon - 1 p.m., Yoga under the Pavilion, Join us for a beginner yoga class in the serenity of nature. $5 per person, summer family special of $10 per family. Ages 10 & up, must be able to follow along with class. No registration required. Please bring your yoga mat & water.

Country Legends Rediscovered Exhibition

• Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College.

• Through August 31. Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

UNITE Summer Encounter at Church at the Well

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

Orphan Run 4 Hope

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

White City Junior High Reunion

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

Wallace State Diesel by Distance Open House

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

United Way of Cullman Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser

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

Quilters Retreat Bunch Annual Yard Sale

Aug. 7 - Saturday from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church (1310 Saint Joseph Drive NW). Lots of fabric (all kinds), books, glassware, baskets, kitchen items, craft items, vintage table with four chairs, two bookcases, round table, odd chairs, pictures, sewing notions, tons of thread, grab bags, yarn, Christmas items and MUCH MUCH MORE. Don't miss it!

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame

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

WSCC Applied Technologies Open House

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

Free Community Movie Night at Vinemont Community Center

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

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Parade (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Public Library on Friday, held their 2nd Annual Harry Potter Birthday Parade. Though the first parade event was held in 2019, last year was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. The library has been incredibly excited about being able to host the parade again this year and all of their hard work was paid off Friday morning.

When the event's primary organizer, Librarian Josephine Harrington, announced the start, the children lined up in their costumes behind her and marched down the sidewalk surrounding the library.

There were also themed giftbags for every child in attendance. The gift bags were filled with goodies such as an Origami Sorting Hat, a themed House coloring sheet and a wand. These wands were each handmade by Harrington, who explained the process and shared, "It is a lot of fun. Working on this and the take-and-makes and different programs. I love working in the library because I really do love the stuff I get to work on."

After the children completed the parade, they were each given a Popsicle stick to exchange for a free shaved ice from Cha Cha's shaved ice, who frequently attends library and other public events.

While this was the concluding event for the Cullman County Public Library's summer programs, the winners of the summer writing contest Tales of Your Tails will be announced in mid-August. Storytime at the library will also start back during the fall season, with the official dates to be announced soon. Happy birthday, Harry Potter, and a huge thanks to the Cullman County Public Library for an amazing summer!



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Eager Hogwarts students line up to begin the parade



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Auburn's Cooper, Thor selected in 2021 NBA Draft

Cody Voga
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Auburn's Sharife Cooper and JT Thor both were chosen in the 2021 NBA Draft Thursday night. Thor was selected by the Charlotte Hornets with the 37th overall selection, while Cooper was drafted by the Atlanta Hawks with the No. 48 pick.

Following the selections, the Tigers have had four players drafted in the last three seasons under head coach Bruce Pearl, joining first-round selections Chuma Okeke (No. 16 in 2019) and Isaac Okoro (No. 5 in 2020). Auburn's four draftees since 2019 matches the program's total number of selections from the previous 25 years.

Cooper and Thor are the first set of teammates to be drafted out of Auburn since Mamadou N'Diaye and Chris Porter in 2000.

JT THOR
Forward: 37th pick to Charlette

Thor is the second Tiger to be drafted by the Hornets, joining Jeff Moore, who was taken with the 58th selection of the 1988 NBA Draft. Cooper is the second Auburn player to be taken by the Hawks, joining Eddie Johnson, who was chosen with the 49th pick in the 1977 NBA Draft.

Thor started all 27 games during the 2020-21 season for the Tigers and averaged 9.4 points, five rebounds and 1.4 blocks in 23 minutes per contest.

The Anchorage, Alaska native shot 44 percent from the floor, including 30 percent from downtown, and shot 74 percent from the free throw line.

Thor scored in double figures 15 times during his freshman season, including 11 of his last 16 games, and pulled down at least five rebounds 16 times, including seven straight to close out the year.

On Feb. 13 at Kentucky, Thor became the only freshman in the last decade to post a stat line of 24 points and nine rebounds inside Rupp Arena.

He is one of just four players overall to do that since at least 2010.

Thor, who was a five-star in the 2021 class before reclassifying to join Auburn prior to the 2020-21 season, was one of five freshmen in the country with at least 250 points, 100 rebounds and 30 blocks on the year.



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Auburn's Shariffe Cooper was selected by Atlanta with the 48th pick of this year's NBA Draft.

SHARIFFE COOPER
Guard: 48th pick to Atlanta

Despite playing in just 12 games in an Auburn uniform, Cooper 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 two players in the country to average 20 points and eight assists per game in the last 25 years, joining his future teammate Trae Young (Oklahoma).

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. He became the third McDonald's All-American to sign with Auburn, joining Frank Ford (1983) and Korvotney Barber (2005).

Obituary Announcements: July 30

Edna Ruth Ragsdale Hogue, 77
Funeral service for Edna Ruth Ragsdale Hogue, 77, will be at 2:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 1, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Mount Olive Baptist Cemetery with Bro. Hollis Gardner officiating. Visitation will be from 12:30-2:30 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family. Mrs. Hogue passed away Thursday, July 29, at St. Vincent Hospital. She was born July 2, 1944, to Doctor Oliver and Myrtle Wren James. She was a loving, kind mama and grandmother and was a friend to everyone. Her family was her life. She always had a smile on her face. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Bobby Ragsdale; grandsons: Nathaniel Creasey, Bruce Smith and Christopher Barboza and sisters: Othera Thornton, Obera Mosley, Freda Swan and Betty Robinson. Survivors include her daughters: Theresa Ragsdale (Dewayne) Burney and Carla Cunningham; brother: Rayburn James; sisters: Shirley (Thomas) Baker, Joyce Ragsdale and Ival Thomas; grandchildren: R.J. Barboza, Bobby Morgan, Jerrod Cunningham, Amber (Shane) Bagley, Megan Creasey and Dylan Walker; great-grandchildren: Dakota Morgan, Cameron Morgan, Kayla Hyre, Mya Goodwin, Phoenix Creasey, Atreyu Creasey, Dakota Creasey and Banks Bagley; great-great grandchildren: Chevy Walker, Noah Walker, Lily Hyre and Hunter Goodwin and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com

Dr. Lyle Wayde Cole, 63, of Demopolis
Dr. Lyle Wayde Cole, 63, of Demopolis, Alabama, passed away on July 20. Lyle was born April 28, 1958, to Paul and Joan Cole in Hanceville. After graduating from Hanceville High School in 1976, he went on to study Chiropractic Medicine at Life University. Lyle was a force of nature, determined to provide for his family and give them the life he felt they deserved. His family meant more to him than anything else in the world, something he often mentioned. He was unendingly proud of Becky, Catie and Philip and always tried his best to provide for them. Lyle's life passion was being a chiropractor and could often be found helping patients outside of work hours. Anyone who knew Lyle knew that he was the most loving father and husband a family could ask for. Lyle was predeceased by his brothers: Randall G. Cole and Leslie P. Cole. He is survived by his parents: Paul W. and Joan Ballard Cole, his brother: Mark Cole (Rhonda); his wife: Rebecca Denton Cole and his children: Catie Cole Kilgore and Philip Taylor Cole. The family would like to thank the staff of Davita Dialysis White Bluffs and Amedisys for their kind and loving care. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the National Kidney Foundation or to Trinity Episcopal Church's (401 N Main Ave. Demopolis, AL 36732) memorial fund. There will be a celebration of his life Monday, Aug. 2, at Trinity Episcopal of Demopolis.

Ethelene H. Farmer, 96, of Cullman (Updated)
Ethelene H. Farmer, age 96, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, July 27. Ethelene was born Feb. 4, 1925, in Cullman, Alabama to Leonard Doyle Hesterley Sr. and Tommie Pearson Hesterley. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Rev. J.T. Farmer; daughter: Charlotte Farmer Cummings; granddaughter: Pandy Farmer Allred; daughter-in-law: Deborah Farmer and great-grandchild: Cesar Garcia. Mrs. Farmer was a devoted and loving wife and mother. She was a member of Fairview First Baptist Church. She also wrote a book in 2006 titled "My Precious Memories." Survivors are daughter: Rebecca Farmer (Bobby) Murphy; sons: John (Pam) Farmer, James Farmer, son-in-law: Robin Cummings; grandchildren: Steve (Debbie) Cummings, Jason Cummings, Cassandra (Josh) Phillips, Sarah (Skylar) King, Rebekah Farmer, Leah Farmer, Lucas Farmer, John-Thomas Farmer and Nathan Farmer; great-grandchildren: Cody (Lisa) Cummings, Carson (Katherine) Cummings, C.J. Cummings, Norah Cummings, Serena Garcia, Christian Garcia, Brittany Farmer and Kimberly Allred and great-great-grandchildren: Kopis Cummings, Kal Cummings, Willow Rae Clark and Elizabeth Grace Thurman. A visitation for Ethelene will be held Sunday, Aug. 1, from noon - 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home (1901 Second Ave., NW, Cullman, AL 35055). A celebration of life funeral service will be Sunday, Aug. 1, at 2 p.m. An interment will occur Sunday, Aug. 1, at Simcoe Methodist Cemetery (4545 Alabama Highway 69 North, Cullman, AL 35058). The family request in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Gideon International Cullman Camp at P.O. Box 583 Cullman, Alabama 35056. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Farmer family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Ralph Dana Knighten, 66, of Cullman
A graveside service for Ralph Dana Knighten, of Cullman, Alabama will be 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at Garden City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Knighten was born April 18, 1955, to the late Ralph and Sally Knighten in Norfolk, Virginia and died at the age of 66 at Cullman Regional Medical Center in Cullman, Alabama July 28. He also served in the United States Army beginning in 1979. Survivors include his two sons: Benjimin Dana Knighten and Clinton Samuel Knighten (Marshell D.); grandchildren: Juliana and Olivia Knighten; nieces and nephews: Heather Koch, Wendy Moore and Chad Moore and mother of his children: Mary Alice Sandlin. In addition to his parents, Mr. Knighten was preceded in death by his sister: Linda Moore.

Lendon Gravitt, 82, of Haleyville (Nichols)
Lendon Gravitt, 82, of Haleyville, Alabama entered into rest on July 29, at Mitchell-Hollingsworth Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Florence, Alabama. Mr. Gravitt was born September 29, 1938. A graveside service will be held Sunday, Aug. 1, at 2 p.m. at Ephesus Cemetery in Haleyville. Lendon is survived by his niece: Chequita (Clarence) Wilson. He was preceded in death by his parents: Elmer and Addie Mavis Gravitt; a brother: James Neal Gravitt and his sister-in-law: Barbara Lee Gravitt.

William "Bill" Augualy Hinkle, 95, of Cullman
Funeral service for William "Bill" Augualy Hinkle, age 95, of Cullman will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Pastors Tim Lipsey and Larry Brown officiating and interment in Good Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2-3 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Hinkle passed away Thursday, July 29, at his residence. He was born Dec. 9, 1925, in Cullman to Herron and Agnes Hinkle. He was preceded in death by his wife of almost 74 years: Lucille Graham Hinkle; parents: Herron and Agnes Hinkle and brother: Maxie Hinkle. Survivors include his daughters: Linda Wesley and Regina (Turner) LaMaster; son: Sam (Terry) Hinkle; grandchildren: Karisa (O.D.) Dominguez, Katie Wesley, Kelly Wesley, Kimberly (Kirt) Jeffreys, Tiffany (Brent) Worley, Jarrod (Angela) Eubanks and Jonathan (Crystal) Eubanks; five step-grandchildren and a host of loving great-grandchildren.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Good neighbors and friends with tomatoes

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



One of my favorites seasons of the year has arrived. When I was a student, I loved summer because it meant a break from school. I had summer jobs, plus I had to help with Mama's 100-acre garden, but I always managed to squeeze in some time for fishing and swimming. The older I get, the less I enjoy summer, but I do love another season that summer brings. With summer comes tomato season. There are few things I find more delightful, or that tickle my taste buds more, more than a big, ripe, red, homegrown tomato. We can go to a grocery store and buy tomatoes most any time of the year, even in the dead of winter. Even those that claim to have been "vine ripened" are obviously missing something...flavor. When those are the only ones we can find, then we have to make do, but when we have the real thing, forget the trips to the store.

A few years ago, I told you about our raised tomato bed in the back yard. Between the backyard squirrels and the cutworms, that didn't turn out so well.

We've also raised a few vines in planters on the deck. This year we didn't raise anything...except grass. This has been about the wettest summer I remember.

I put my Weed-N-Feed down at the right time. My grass has looked great and kept me busy mowing every week. I have felt like I was living in Florida with all these daily rain showers. This would have been the summer to have a big garden. While I missed out on my own garden, I have had the next best thing.

One of my next-door neighbors, as well as one of my racquetball/pickleball buddies, have had bumper crops this year. They have been so generous with the fruit of their labors, or should that be vegetables of their labor?

Actually, botanists consider tomatoes to be a fruit, because they flower and have seeds. I still think of them as a vegetable, because they taste so scrumptious and most flowers do not.

Whatever we call them, I call them delicious. My neighbors and friend have kept me supplied with homegrown tomatoes. They have even gone the extra mile most of the time. They make deliveries!

What we do with them, depends on how many they bring. If they bring me only one or two, it's sandwich time. Of course, you can always put them on a juicy hamburger, but I love a plain-ole-simple tomato sandwich. That's two slices of squishy white bread, a generous lathering of mayonnaise (preferably Dukes), salt and pepper.

The only thing better than one of those bad boys is two of them! When I'm in the mood for something a little fancier, I may add a thick slice of extra-sharp cheddar. Sometimes I go all out and make a T-B-L-T. What? You've never heard of that! That's my twist on the old classic BLT. Mine has the bacon and lettuce between two slices of tomato, enveloped by two slices of bread.

When they deliver sacks full of tomatoes, then its homemade salsa time. Jean has making salsa down to a fine art, and I have become pretty skilled at emptying those mason jars!

The Apostle Paul, in Galatians, wrote about the fruit of the Spirit. That fruit is not tomatoes, but love, joy, peace, etc. They don't grow in our backyards, but in our lives. Even more so than homegrown tomatoes, when we grow the fruit of the Spirit, and share it with others, it brings a smile to everyone.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1936, 1950

From the Files of 1936

The Cullman County High School was closed on April 1, 1936, due to lack of funds. Mrs. Oldacre spoke to the student body on Monday morning in assembly. The Cullman County High School first opened in September of 1907 with an enrollment of forty-five students.

The upstairs of the Bill Kelly store was used for classrooms, since no other building was available. The new school building was ready for use the following year.

The first faculty consisted of two members: J.J. Riley, principal and Oscar Hyatt, assistant.

Mrs. J.M. Oldacre (Leta Weeks) was the only member of the graduating class who was present on the first day of school.

There were six graduates: Onie Lee, Mary Lee, Catherine Whitsell, Mrs. J.M. Oldacre, Cullman, Berts McConnell, who lives in Florida and Ira Bain, who is now in Washington.

The graduates were six the first year, seven the second year and thirteen the third year. The first class chose the present school colors, the school flower and motto. There were two literary societies: Jeffersonian and Websterian.

The sports of that day were tennis and baseball. Equipment was poor, but spirit and enthusiasm surmounted all such obstacles.

The cornerstone of the Hanceville Methodist Church was laid on March 25 at 3:00 p.m. in 1916.

Mrs. Nettie Wooten died on Wednesday of pneumonia. Mrs. Wooten was the mother of nine children. Her husband was Reno Wooten. Services were on Thursday and interment was at Shedd Cemetery.

From the Files of 1950

Frank Calvert's neighbors brought in twelve tractors and a dozen mules to plant his crop at Ryans Creek last Tuesday, while the ladies cooked a big meal.

Mr. Calvert has rheumatism and is unable to work.

An 800 gallon still was destroyed on Tuesday, north of Sardis.

The Deverne Holloway residence, north of Fairview, burned on Thursday night, while the family was a at church.

An unusual fire burned practically all of Mrs. Avonell Whitworth's furniture, which was loaded on a moving truck.

W.J. Pruitt of Fairview saw the truck smoking as it passed his home.

He stopped the driver and directed him to the Pete Christian Dairy Barn where running water was used to extinguish the blaze.

POET'S CORNER

Outside Your Door | *By: Randy Hale*

Outside your door, is grass, and trees,
the clouds, and moon, and stars to see.

Outside your door, raccoons roam,
birds are singing beautiful songs.

Hummingbirds, doves, and wrens
let the inspiration for you begin.

A handsome deer may wonder by,
beneath the shadows of the sky.

A tomato turns from green to red,
sunflowers lift their heads.

Cucumbers crawl across the ground,
a squash plant grows without a sound.

So open your door and go outside,
lay the electronics down for a time.

Outside your door, my friend could be
answers for questions for you to see.

So let the wonder of it all,
fill your heart with love and awe.

Outside your door, a message waits
each day's a gift, and no mistake.

Do You Think The Ocean Gets Lonely? | *By: Greg Cheshire*

Do You Think The Ocean Gets Lonely?

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Me With Caring Arms If I Dived
Into Her Floating Waves?

If She Would Carry Me Down To
Her Core And Offer Me Shelter
In Her Bottom Shore?

Would i Find Peace In The Wide,
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I Can No Longer Breathe...

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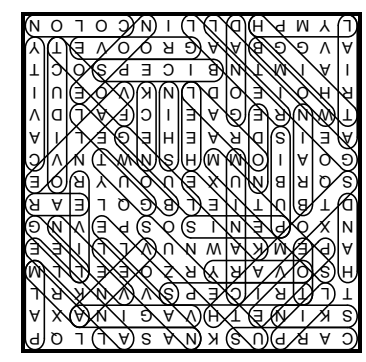
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365 AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS for 2021: The Giant Steps Birthday Party

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"Destination Moon" is our destination for "The Giant Steps Birthday Party." We are being given a preview of this exhibition which promises to be a major blockbuster coming to the National Air and Space Museum in 2022.

Building on the Washington, D.C. museum's unrivaled collection of Mercury, Gemini and Apollo artifacts, "Destination Moon," shows how an extraordinary combination of vision, American ingenuity, motivations, resources and technology made it possible for humans to walk on the moon.

JOIN US...

You feel the pride and joy the moment you enter the "Destination Moon" exhibit and see Neil Armstrong's white beta cloth lunar spacesuit from the Apollo 11 mission. 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 JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK:

July 31—ANDY MACDONALD is one of the most popular professional skateboarders in the world. He holds the record for the most "X Games" medals in vert skateboarding and won the World Cup Skateboarding competition eight times. Macdonald started skateboarding when he was 12 and he is now 47. He is the headlining star of the video game "MTV Sports: Skateboarding Featuring Andy Macdonald" for Dreamcast and PlayStation.

For those of us new to understanding the sport of skateboarding, these quotes get us rolling:

"Skateboarding has nothing to do with competition or sport. It has to do with trying to stay as immature as you can for the rest of your life."—skateboarder, Lance Mountain

"It's a strange phenomenon how this piece of wood, wheels and turning system has made so many people so happy."

"Skateboarding doesn't make you a skateboarder; not being able to stop skateboarding makes you a skateboarder."

"If you really want a career in professional skateboarding, you really got to stop pushing mongo."—skateboarder, Jamie Thomas (Full Disclosure: I had to Google search "skateboard mongo.")

"You don't quit skateboarding because you get old. You get old because you quite skateboarding."

"Think about how much skateboarding opens your eyes to see the world differently."

Aug. 1—JERRY GARCIA was a singer-songwriter and guitarist. He was best known as the principal songwriter, lead guitarist and vocalist with the band, Grateful Dead, which came to prominence during the counterculture of the 1960s. Many viewed him as the leader of the "Dead." When Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream created their popular flavor, "Cherry Garcia," they sent the first 8 pints to Jerry Garcia who loved the tribute and the taste.

Aug. 2—JAMES BALDWIN was a novelist, playwright, essayist, poet and activist. The native New Yorker's novels, short stories and plays fictionalize personal questions and dilemmas amid complex social and psychological pressures. His published titles include: "If Beale Street Could Talk," "Go Tell It on the Mountain" and "Tell Me How Long the Train's Been Gone." He was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Foreign Drama Critics Award and in France, a Commandeur de Legion d'honneur.

Aug. 3—TONY BENNETT (Anthony Dominick Benedetto) is a singer of traditional pop standards, big band, showtunes and jazz. He has won 19 Grammy Awards (including a Lifetime Achievement Award), two Primetime Emmy Awards and is a Kennedy Center Honoree. He has sold more than 50 million records worldwide.

Aug. 4—JEFF GORDON is a four-time NASCAR Cup Series auto-racing champion and a three-time Daytona 500 winner. Gordon has 93 NASCAR race wins. Since 2016, he has been a FOX Network sportscaster.

Aug. 5—NEIL ARMSTRONG (born in Wapakoneta, Ohio) was the first earthling to walk on the moon. He was an astronaut, test pilot and aeronautical engineer. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Congressional Space Medal of Honor and he and his Apollo 11 crewmates, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, received the Congressional Gold Medal.

Aug. 6—LUCILLE BALL (Lucille Desiree' Ball) began her performing career on Broadway using the name, Dianne Belmont. ("I Love Dianne," anyone?) She was an actress, comedian, model, studio executive and producer. In 1951, Lucille Ball and her husband, Cuban bandleader Desi Arnaz, created the classic and enduring sitcom, "I Love Lucy." She became the first woman to run a major television studio, Desilu Productions, which produced many popular series including "Mission: Impossible" and "Star Trek." Lucille Ball was a multiple Primetime Emmy winner and has two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame—one for her work in television and the other for film. She is inducted in the Television Hall of Fame and saluted with the Kennedy Center Honors.

COMMENTS OVERHEARD AT "THE GIANT STEPS BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

"What a long, strange trip it's been."—Jerry Garcia

"Not everything that is faced can be changed. But nothing can be changed until it is faced."—James Baldwin

"If you follow your passion, you'll never work a day in your life."—Tony Bennett

"Racing is not what I like to do; it's winning."—Jeff Gordon

"This is one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."—Neil Armstrong

"The secret to staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age."—Lucille Ball

"Once in a while, you get shown the light, in the strangest places if you look at it right."—Jerry Garcia

"Be careful what you set your heart upon for it will surely be yours."—James Baldwin

"I still feel that I can get better somehow. And, I search for it all the time."—Tony Bennett

"You've got to be the best person you can be in your life."—Jeff Gordon

"Shoot for the stars but if you happen to miss, shoot for the moon instead."—Neil Armstrong



UNSPLASH

"Once in his life, every man is entitled to fall madly in love with a gorgeous redhead."—Lucille Ball

"I'm not Beethoven."—Jerry Garcia

"Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them."—James Baldwin

"When the uncreative tell the creative what to do, it stops being art."—Tony Bennett

"I want to force the other drivers to find a way past me."—Jeff Gordon

"It's a great thing for a man to walk on the moon. But it's a greater thing for God to walk on the earth."—Neil Armstrong

"I'd rather regret the things I have done than the things I haven't."—Lucille Ball

"It's not enough to be the best at what you do; you must be perceived as the only one who does what you do."—Jerry Garcia

"Love takes off masks that we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within."—James Baldwin

"My name 'Benedetto' means 'blessed one' and I feel that I have truly been blessed."—Tony Bennett

"I don't feel I'm a step above anyone on the racing team. I'm just another link in the chain."—Jeff Gordon

"It suddenly struck me that that tiny pea, pretty and blue, was Earth. I put up my thumb and covered one eye and my thumb blotted out the planet Earth. I felt very, very small."—Neil Armstrong

"I have an everyday religion that works for me. Love yourself first, and everything else falls into line."—Lucille Ball

"If the thunder don't get ya, then the lightning will."—Jerry Garcia

"It is very nearly impossible to become an educated person in a country distrustful of the independent mind."—James Baldwin

"I'll call it a day when I die."—Tony Bennett

"Our fans would never waste good beer by pouring it on us."—Jeff Gordon

"There are places to go beyond belief."—Neil Armstrong

"I'm happy that I have brought laughter because I have been shown by many the value of it in so many lives in so many ways."—Lucille Ball

PARTY MENU FOR "THE GIANT STEPS BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

APPETIZER—James Baldwin Beale Street BBQ Wings (allrecipes.com)

SALAD—Cherry Garcia Congealed Salad (myrecipes.com)

ENTRÉE—Andy Macdonald Fried Skate Fish (thespruceeats.com)

SIDE DISH—Tony Bennett San Francisco Rice (recipeland.com)

BREAD—Jeff Gordon Rye Beer Bread (beerandbrewing.com)

BEVERAGE—Lucille Ball Vitameatavegamin Vodka Shots (see below)

DESSERT—Neil Armstrong Homemade Moonpies (foodandwine.com)

ONE TO GROW ON—It was difficult to choose between all the books by and about the celebrants of "The Giant Steps Birthday Party." But for pure joy, I suggest searching YouTube for lots of Tony Bennett music and consider finding a copy of his 1998 book, "The Good Life: The Autobiography of Tony Bennet. The renowned artist shares a half-century of personal memories from Depression-era Queens to the 1940s jazz scene to his latest generation of fans.

The light of the silvery moon was shining as "The Giant Steps Birthday Party" moved to homemade "moonpies" for dessert. Jeff Gordon reminded us that "moonshiners" running from the law was the inspiration for stock-car racing in America. Lucille Ball recalled some nostalgic television of "The Lucy Show," where her character was always ruffling the feathers of stuffy banker, Theodore J. Mooney.

Champion skateboarder Andy Macdonald mentioned the popularity of "moonlit skateboarding" and suggested watching some beautiful videos of this balletic work on YouTube.

Also, he saluted a company called "Sunset Skateboards" that specializes in nighttime skateboards with LED wheels.

James Baldwin shared these lines from one of his poems: "The universe, which is not merely the stars and the moon and the planets, flowers, grass and trees, but other people, has evolved no terms for your existence, has made no room for you, and if love will not swing wide the gates, no other power will or can."

Moon tunes came from both Tony Bennett and Jerry Garcia. The first was "Standing on the Moon" which was first performed by the Grateful Dead in 1989 and then during more than 50 concerts over the years. The chorus is: "Standing on the moon, I see the battle rage below. Standing on the moon, I see the soldiers come and go. There's a metal flag beside me someone planted long ago; Old Glory standing stiffly, crimson, white and indigo."

Tony Bennett introduced his joy-giving, moon tune by recalling a midnight clear in February 1965 when he recorded it at the CBS 30th Street Studio in his hometown, New York City. This was the song all of these giants stepped into the moonlight humming: "Fly me to the moon and let me play among the stars. Let me know what love is like on Jupiter and Mars. In other words, hold my hand. In other words, darling, kiss me...Fill my heart with song and let me sing forever more. You are all I longed for all I worship and adore. In other words, please be true. In other words—I love you."

LUCILLE BALL VITAMEATAVEGAMIN VODKA SHOTS
(source: justapinch.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 small, peeled cucumber, coarsely chopped
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 cup tomato juice
- 3 drops Tabasco sauce
- 4 drops Worchestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon prepared horseradish
- 2 teaspoon Rose's lime juice
- ¾ cup vodka

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Hold pepper over medium high flame to blacken skin, then peel under running water.

2. In a food processor, mix cucumber and red pepper by pulsing until a puree is obtained. Mix puree with remaining ingredients. Pour into a tall, chilled glass filled with ice. Makes four drinks or chill a pitcher of mixture ahead of time for several shots.



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