



Obituaries





BLANCHE ABELS BURRELL

Blanche Abels Burrell, age 96, died Thursday, May 7, 2020 at the Baptist Health Center in Kosciusko, MS.

She is survived by one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Harrell of Durant; three sons, Jerry W. Burrell and Jack Robert Burrell, both of Goodman, and Murray E. Burrell of Kosciusko; and one sister, Eva Dickerson of Goodman. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, and 17 great great grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, May 11, graveside at Seneasha Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. Reverend David Cain officiated. Her grandsons

served as the pall bearers.

She was a lifelong resident of Attala County and a member of Seneasha Methodist Church. She was a teacher in Durant, MS, and a member of the Farm Bureau. She was also President of the Mississippi division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy from 1999 to 2000. She was a founding member of the Attala Co. chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She loved to teach and was dedicated to learning and teaching. Her love and dedication led to the decision for her to attend Mississippi State where she graduated in May of 1976.

Her greatest loves were her family, which consisted of her children, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. She loved cooking for them all.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hal E. Burrell; her son, Hal R. Burrell; and her daughter, Wylodean Burrell Edwards.



ALEXANDRIA "SANDY" JEAN GABRIEL

Alexandria "Sandy" Jean Gabriel (formerly Sandra Jean Frost), age 72, died in Jackson, MS at the University of Mississippi Medical Center on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 after a brief unexpected illness.

Sandy was born on October 28, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan. Throughout her life she lived all over the country, including the states of California, New York, Wyoming, Utah, Texas, and Mississippi, with primary employment as a hairdresser or orthodontist technician. She resided many years in Cody, Wyoming where she reared both of her children.

Sandy struggled for over 30 years with Multiple Sclerosis, but her strong faith in Jesus gave her the strength to persevere and always give her big smile when she saw those she loved. She was a member of the Pentecostal church.

Sandy was preceded in death by her father, George "Doc" Smith Frost and her younger brother, Daryl Jay Frost. She is survived by her mother, Glennagene "Jean" Frost of St. George, Utah; sister, Dianne Malley of Minneapolis, Minnesota; brother, Dennis Frost of Chula Vista, California; daughter, Aimee Garner of Hendersonville, Tennessee; son, Jason Parish (Candice Edwards Parish) of Lexington, Mississippi; grandchildren: Kara and Sara Garner, and Gibson and Daynie Parish; and two great-granddaughters, Giavanna and Lillianna Catalino.

Her family is grateful for the love and care that the staff of Lexington Manor in Lexington, MS and Regent Care in Kingwood, TX showed her while she was in residence. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Cody, Wyoming. If desired, donations can be made in Sandy's memory to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 8111 North Stadium Drive, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77054.

ning this week's column was to pass on these thank you's to those responsible for the Food Pantry COVID-19 food drop last week. Specifically, Mayor McCrory, thanks, for the great site and logistical plan for delivery. Thanks, to all the team and Marven Cantave, MSU AIM Agent, for all his efforts, MSU Office of Nutrition for the delivery bags, the volunteers that made it happen, and the MS Food Network that supplied the food. As was alluded to in an earlier *Herald* edition, the idea of this Food Pantry had been long in the works. It also has taken hard work to see this past week's glimmer of that hard work coming to fruition. There is a team of folks committed to this effort, that continue working relentlessly on establishing a more permanent Food Pantry.

My thanks to those who are persevering to this end. And, certainly, many thanks to that unnamed Lexington native that planted the initial seed for a Lexington Food Pantry. Please stay safe. As one constantly used to remind me regarding unpleasant things, "this too shall pass," or else we will.

My main purpose of pen-



I was unable to scout before opening day, but I knew where the turkeys loved to roost. So, I proceeded to set up my decoys with a little bit of faith and a little bit of reason. As daylight approached I tried to wake up a nearby gobbler with a soft yelp. Nothing answered my call until a few minutes later. It was a hen who decided to join my motionless pair of a hen and Jake. Shortly thereafter, I heard a gobble from an unexpected direction. He was quite a distance away so I was unsure as to whether he would make it to me before he was intercepted by another hen. What I didn't realize at the time was that my lone hen was on her way to do just that. They met about two hundred yards away but within eyeshot of me and my decoys. For the next hour this tom would chase the hen and then stop and posture for my decoys, hoping his flexing would entice my fake hen over to his side. His strutting looked like a pose-down at the Arnold Classic. We got the view from the front, back, and sides. Of course, nothing worked to his dismay. About an hour later the live hen that had led him away was now leading him right toward my setup. After

a few minutes of following her, with intermediate flex sessions, he finally came to about thirty-five yards away. He ultimately landed in pieces on my grill – brushed with butter and lightly salted.

What I will remember most about this hunt was how my set-up allowed me to see the action from so far away without being spotted. I felt like I was watching it all transpire from some sort of lofted position. In my hunting world it's rare to be able to take in so much of the pre-shot activity. Normally the action and reaction time is short and to the point. This was just the opposite. In fact, it took so long, and I had so much time to plan my shot, that any nervousness was negligible. I was as ready and prepared as possible and therefore there was nothing else to do but to trust my shot. I find in most other venues this works as well. If I am well prepared the chances of missing my goal are minimal. And thorough preparation takes time. The problem for most of us is that we give our time to things that move at breakneck speed and to things that can be accomplished in a minimal amount of effort. If you think about it, however, the most important things in life call for the greatest preparation and thus for the greatest amount of our time. Let's spend our time wisely.

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IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS



In last week's paper there was a mistake in spelling. Mrs. Patton's first name is Ossie not Annie. I apologize to Mrs. Patton for the error. (The *Herald* staff wishes to apologize for this mistake. We read it wrong.)

Food for the senior citizens that are enrolled in the feeding program at the Multi Purpose Complex will be given in food boxes to go every other Tuesday. The next food box day will be May 19th.

Keep the Thomas and Randle families in prayer. Robert Randle was funeralized Wednesday, May 6th and Joe Nathan Thomas was funeralized Saturday May 9th. The Thomas and Randle families are first cousins. They are two sisters children. Henry Randle came home for his brother Robert's funeral. I don't remember seeing him at Beverly Randle, Jr.'s funeral not too long ago. Some of the Thomases could not

talk. But Mrs. Fannie Thomas Booker (deceased) helped them get enrolled in a special school in Jackson, Mississippi. They learned to use Sign Language.

Dessie Thomas, a sister to Joe Nathan, also passed. Both Joe and Dessie were nursing home patients at Lexington Manor.

At the Lexington Primary Care doctor's clinic in Lexington, Dr. Sarah Walker needs to leave a phone number on the clinic door and on her answering service. Some of her patients cannot get in contact with her. When you call the office, all you hear is the phone ringing. It would be nice if all the medical facilities could or would list their contact numbers in the newspaper. I need my medications changed and I can't get in contact with her. It's possible that some other people need to talk to her too.

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VIOLET L. GREER

Violet L. Greer of Lexington, MS passed away Monday, May 11, 2020.

EXTENSION TO YOU



**By Betsy Padgett
Holmes County Extension**

Everywhere you look, go – COVID -19 warnings, closures, openings behind locked doors, masked faces, gloved hands, etc. Every week Holmes County keeps marching forward with safeguards in place, yet, losing the battle.

Each individual must do his or her part – guidelines and safeguards without compliance are proving of no good as some of our citizens continue on "as usual." It should not be so.

Holmes County with one of the lower total populations and rural (so not living on top of one another) has achieved the status of being in the Top 10 in MS with numbers of test positives. This is not a Top 10 to be proud of. Come on – this is one thing we need to join forces and battle.

Follow guidelines and stay safe for another several weeks. If we don't spread it, it is defeated. That is the plain simple truth. It is not a hoax. It is not a politically contrived effort. It is real. It