

Obituaries

WINFORD GARLAND
Winford Garland, 78, of Pickens, passed on January 9, 2021. Graveside services will be held at Falls Cemetery in Pickens, MS on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

NANCY ALEXANDER BRIDGES
Nancy Alexander Bridges, age 72, passed away peacefully at home on January 8, 2021. She was born on September 10, 1948 in Lexington, Mississippi to Mary and JC Alexander of West, Mississippi. She was a member of Helena First Baptist Church. Nancy adored her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Although she was a teacher, she chose to stay at home and raise her girls and help with the grandchildren. She taught high school business courses when the couple lived in Alabama.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Roy; their daughters, Kristi Hadder and Lori Ginn; grandchildren, Alyssa, Erica, Hunter, Michael, Kayleigh and Lindsey; great-grandchildren, Ryder and Ella Rose. She is also survived by her sister, Lynn (Elton) Wright of West,

SANDRA DIANE MALONE ABLES
Sandra Diane Malone Ables was born on April 9, 1950, and went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, January 8, 2021, at University Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

A graveside service was held on Sunday, January 10 at 2:00 p.m. at Antioch Cemetery on Brozville Road with Rev. Lyn Nations and Rev. Joe McGraw officiating.

Sandra was born and raised in Lexington, Mississippi. She operated Sandra's Cut-N-Curl for many years with deep affection for all of her faithful customers. She also baked and decorated cakes as part of her living. Sandra was a lifelong member of Antioch Baptist Church and served there in a number of capacities. She loved her family dearly and will be remembered by her children and grandchildren as the best cook (especially jelly), quilt-maker, Gin Rummy master and fisherman.

Sandra was preceded in death by her parents, Wil-

Visitation will be Friday, January 15, 2021 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 300 West Madison St. in Durant. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Affordable Funeral Home of Durant.

Mississippi, niece Sandy and nephew Sam Wright. A memorial service for Nancy Bridges will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Friday, January 15, 2021 at Roller-Citizens Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for donations to be sent to Arkansas Kidney Foundation, 1818 North Taylor St. #186, Little Rock, AR 72207.

Service is being handled by Roller-Citizens Funeral Home, West Helena, (870) 572-2571. Relatives and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.rollerfuneralhomes.com/westhelena

Roller-Citizens Funeral Home is observing guidelines regarding COVID-19. We ask that all attendees please observe social distancing. When indoors or when social distancing cannot be observed, please wear a mask.

liam Earl and Mildred Malone. She leaves behind the love of her life of 48 years, Billy Mac Ables of Coxburg; her three sons, Billy Mac Ables, Jr. (Ginny) of Kosciusko, Kevin P. Ables (Hope) of Flora and Keith W. Ables (Lanie) of Benton; grandchildren, Brooks and Mary Kellum of Kosciusko, and Mason Grace, Patrick, Haleigh and Alley Grace of Flora, and Bryce, Jaelyn and Mason of Benton; two brothers, William Earl "Bubba" Malone, Jr. of Benton and Joe A. Malone (Paula) of Coxburg; and many nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Patrick Ables, Bryce Ables, Brooks Ables, Daniel Malone, William L. Spell, Jr., and Jeremy Floyd. Honorary pallbearers were Mason Ables, Raymond Arnett, Joe Malone, Bubba Malone, Jimmy Drennan and John Harris Ables.

Memorial contributions may be made to Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, in care of Judy Malone, 2649 Brozville Road, Lexington, MS 39095.

Pandemic-era Mardi Gras: No big crowds, but plenty of cake

Press Release

A subdued Carnival season began Wednesday after the coronavirus pandemic put an end to the crowd-heavy balls and street parades that draw thousands of people to the city every year.

The Mardi Gras season always starts on Jan. 6 and ends on Fat Tuesday, which this year falls on Feb. 16. The season is usually marked by extravagant balls and parades where costumed riders throw trinkets to the mobs of people packed along the parade routes.

The coronavirus has put an end to those large events. But that has not stopped notoriously creative New Orleanians from coming up with socially distant ways to celebrate.

The Krewe de Jeanne d'Arc is a club that annually pays homage to the fallen French hero with a parade through the French Quarter on the official start of the Carnival season. This year, the krewe hosted a "Tableaux de Jeanne d'Arc," where onlookers drove by various "tableaux" — a French term for "living pictures" — that included stations of costumed revelers sparring as knights, sharpening their swords and feasting at a grand fireplace with a pig roasting in the background.

"Life as usual is gone, so we had to look for different ways of doing things this year," said Antoinette de Alteriis, one of the club's captains.

The Phunny Phorty Phellows, a group that usually gathers Jan. 6 to mark the



Peggy Scott Laborde and members of the Krewe of Oak toast Carnival as the Phunny Phorty Phellows start their 40th anniversary streetcar ride ushering in Carnival at the Willow Street car barn in New Orleans, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021. This year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, riders socially distanced during their ride. Due to RTA regulations, bystanders were not allowed in the car barn. The Phellows are an historic Mardi Gras organization that first took to the streets in 1878 and ceased parading in 1898. The group was revived in 1981. They were known for their satirical parades and today's krewe members' costumes often reflect topical themes. One Carnival historian has referred to the PPP as the "Dessert of Carnival."

(David Grunfeld/The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate via AP)

beginning of the season with a costumed party on a street car, also altered its plans. Usually throngs of people gather at the facility where the street car starts its journey to see the group off, but this year people were asked to disperse along the street car route and watch from there instead.

But people can still eat cake — king cake that is. The sweet cakes, which are

decorated with the official Carnival colors of purple, green and gold, are only to be eaten starting on Jan. 6.

In Mobile, Alabama, dozens of parades, balls and other events also have been canceled. The city on the Gulf of Mexico calls itself the birthplace of Mardi Gras since celebrations began there a few years earlier than

Coastal Alabama typically

begins its observances later in January than New Orleans, meaning the current coronavirus surge could be easing by the time events were set to start. But multiple organizations began announcing cancellations last month to protect the health of members and revelers.

CALENDAR
DEADLINE:
FRIDAY,
4:00 P.M.
OF
EVENTS

MLK JR. PARADE

The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party and the Pickens Martin Luther King Jr. Parade Committee will host a county-wide MLK Convoy/Caravan on Monday, January 18 at 11 a.m. The parade line-up will be at 10:30 a.m. at Greater Fairview M.B. Church in Pickens. The route is slated to traverse through Pickens, Goodman, Durant, Lexington and Tchula. 1-7,14

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon reminds families that abuse of heroin and opioid drugs has become a national health crisis. Learn to recognize the signs of heroin

abuse and get your loved one help if they are at risk. Call today for free screenings or referrals at 1-800-431-1754. 1-7,14

FREE TRANSPORTATION

Sunflower-Humphreys Counties Progress Inc. is offering free transportation on Saturday, January 15 only. Space is limited. Transportation is to and from local businesses in Holmes County. If you need a ride you must call 662-887-1431/662-207-9385/662-207-2830 to schedule a pick up.

Social distancing and face masks will be enforced. 1-14



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