

Not so bad after all

My mother used to say if years ago and at the time something good can come out of a bad situation then it was not so bad after all. This last malady that has overtaken me has been horrendous, but I can see some positive happenings. I broke my ankle several

years ago and at the time our church cooked for us for several weeks and then I told them I believed we could make it so we would take it from there. The first night we were on our own I told my husband we would just go get some fried chicken



BENNY EARL SIMMONS

Benny Earl Simmons, age 74, passed away on Friday, at 7:13pm on June 11, 2021. He was born on December 9, 1946, in McCool, Mississippi, to Mr. Perry Thomas and Annie Laura (Steed) Simmons. He is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, James Simmons, Ray Simmons, Billy Simmons, and Phil Simmons; and sister, Linda.

He is survived by his daughter, SuZanne Simmons-Plumlee and husband Lee of Springdale; his sister and brother, June and Tommy; grandchildren, Jeremy, Natasha, Alexandra, and Raymond; many great grands; an abundance of nieces and nephews; and tons of friends who were like family.

Benny Earl Simmons, my beloved father, was made of music in his soul. A natural artist. He lived a long ad-

venturous life. He was an accomplished singer, song writer, and guitarist. He was a patient teacher. He loved his dogs Scooter, JoJo, and Buddy, and his family with all his soul. He was a great painter and artist of many mediums. He was an athlete. He logged with his brothers during his younger years. He was handsome, a sharp dresser, and always made everything around him more beautiful. He was a gentleman, a loving father, and a good man.

He will take his final ride home to Mississippi to be laid to rest alongside his family. This is not Goodbye mi amore' but until we meet again on that fine day.

Cremation and arrangements are under the care of Nelson-Berna Funeral Home in Fayetteville, Arkansas

To place an online tribute, visit www.bernafuneralhomes.com

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EMMA LATIKER

Emma Latiker, of Durant, passed away on June 16, 2021. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 26 at 2:00 p.m. at Affordable Funeral Home's Chapel in Durant. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 25 between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at 300 West Madison Street in Durant. Funeral services are entrusted to Affordable Funeral Home of Durant.

and potatoes and we could just open some English peas. He went by KFC and got the food and came home, opened a can of peas and dished up my plate. The peas were cold, unseasoned, and right out of the can. I didn't say anything as I knew just this much must have been "taxing" his culinary skills, so I just ate the peas as served. Several months after this I explained to him that the peas needed warming with at the least a little pat of butter. He said, "Oh well, I thought they were like pork and beans, just open and eat."

This time has really been different. He has learned so many new things I believe he could easily be a 'house husband'. He cooks breakfast every morning, the same thing but he cooks it and I eat



Peggy's Take

it. He makes a great sandwich at noon and he is excellent on the grill or pick up food. We are beginning to harvest vegetable from our garden, and he even FRIED SQUASH last night!! He puts me to bed every night and makes sure I have my meds, fan, water, book, phone, chap stick, and all my paraphernalia before kissing me goodnight. The only chore he just despises is washing dishes. We have

a perfectly good dishwasher, but he refuses to use it. I just don't know why. I kind of think that he does not know how to operate the controls.

He has learned to make up beds, clean up after our Yorkie, buy groceries, clean bathrooms, wash clothes, and even mop the floors. I was taught by a woman of

New Life Retreat Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation and Education

Across most of the US, states are struggling to quell a worsening opiate epidemic. While this is happening, one problem continues to rage on in states across the country.

NBC News reported on meth with some shocking results. Not only is meth, also known as ice, crank, speed, chalk and gak, the highly addictive and damaging drug is still a huge problem throughout the US According to the U.S. Sentencing Commission, in 2015 meth offenders made up the highest proportion of federal drug offenders in 27 states.

Meth has some of the most serious physical ramifications out of any drug. The damage can be lasting as well with the bodies of a meth addict still damaged even after methamphetamine rehabilitation. It can destroy a person's teeth, cause damage to the cardiovascular system and dramatically change a person's appearance.

Some signs of meth abuse include

- lack of sleep
- loss of weight
- tooth decay
- hyperactivity
- hallucinations

In the event you know of someone struggling with methamphetamine addiction, you should quickly get them into treatment.

Methamphetamines don't only take a toll on those who use them, but they have nasty effects on communities as well. When a house is used to create meth or even someone just uses meth in the house long-term damage can be created in that house presenting health risks for any later inhabitants. This is because when meth is cre-

ated or used, the drug releases dangerous chemicals which are embed themselves in carpet, wood and even the walls.

Decontaminating a house can cost tens of thousands of dollars, so many times the house stays vacant or people end up living in it and dealing the health problems.

For now, it is unclear what long-term exposure is created for those living in meth-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 4:00 P.M.

OPEN AIR CHURCH SERVICES

Open air church services for the month of July are being held throughout Holmes County. Calling all Christian Evangelists. Luke 14:21-23. Call 662-472-0563 for information, locations and set up.

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MISSISSIPPI SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER WORKSHOP

Mississippi Small Business Development Center and McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement will host an in person or online webinar on Thursday, June 24 from noon to 1:00 p.m. at 112 Spring Street in Lexington. You can register with one of these options: Virtual - <https://clients.mssbdc.org/reg.spx?event&event=28410011> or In-Person - <https://clients.mssbdc.org/reg.aspx?mode=event&event=28410012>.

IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON

BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS



Keep the Wright family uplifted in prayer. Mr. Lee Wright's daughter is real sick. She is on life support in a hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. Her home is in Chicago, Illinois. Some of the family members said she had died, but we found out her children did not pull the plug.

I talked to Mrs. Linda Day on Thursday. She said her parents, Mrs. Leola Mont-

gomery and Mr. Pinkston (Pinksal or Sal) Montgomery are doing fine. Both of them go to the doctor on a regular basis.

It's canning time, so please do not throw away your empty glass jars; donate them to someone who does canning. Plastic jars make good freezer containers.

Remember the Farmers' Market is open on Friday mornings. business and tell you how to set it up, organize, and make it profitable and has done this many times through the years, and now to take a house and make it work as we are accustomed is just amazing to me.

I love using a cake mix, adding to, taking away and make a most delicious dessert...

APPLE BREAKFAST CAKE
1 yellow cake mix, 3 eggs, ½ cup sour cream, 1 can apple pie filling, ½ cup applesauce, 1 t. cinnamon, 1t. nutmeg. Mix well and pour into a loaf pan and bake 350* for 60 minutes.

Peggy Sims is a life-long resident of Attala County and columnist.

have your houses tested for a relatively small fee.

Contact: Aaron Olson
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Denham Springs, LA 70706
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clients.mssbdc.org/reg.spx?event&event=28410011 or In-Person - <https://clients.mssbdc.org/reg.aspx?mode=event&event=28410012>.

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AGRICULTURE INFORMATIONAL FAIR

Holmes Livestock and Growers Project will host an Informational Fair on Monday June 28 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Saints Academy, (building with blue top), 16979 Highway 17, Lexington. After the fair there will be a tour of Kent Cobbins farm, 17911 Highway 51, Durant. For more information please call Kimberly Clayton at 662-639-1010.

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Please contact me at 662-528-3006 or 314-578-8249 for any questions or concerns.

Thank you