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'I'm alive because of Justin's gift'

Heart of slain Anniston police officer gives grateful Florida man a new chance at life

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BIRMINGHAM — We have a heart for you, the voice on the phone said, can you be here in two hours?

Joe Sorvillo felt unprepared. The Florida man had been on UAB Hospital's heart transplant list for only a few weeks when the phone rang. He had planned to wait six months before getting a new heart. A year, maybe. But instead, on Aug. 25, 2011, he found himself hopping on a friend's twin-engine plane to make it to Birmingham in time for surgery.

At the hospital, medical staffers quickly began prepping him for the transplant. They tested his blood, shaved his body, put him on the operating table. They waited for the heart. They reminded him that, until it showed up, no one was certain it would be a match.

But when Justin Sollohub's heart arrived, Sorvillo said, they knew. Same blood, same enzymes, same size.

"It was perfect," Sorvillo said. "I'm alive because of Justin's gift."

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Submitted photo

Heart recipient Joe Sorvillo, second from left, meets Justin Sollohub's family for the first time in February. Pictured also are, from left, Jeniffer Morris, Byron Morris and Blake Morris.

GIANT MAN

Neil Armstrong, 1st man to set foot on moon, dies at 82

BY LISA CORNWELL AND SETH BORENSTEIN

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Neil Armstrong was a soft-spoken engineer who became a global hero when as a steely-nerved pilot he made "one giant leap for mankind" with a small step onto the moon. The modest man, who had people on Earth entranced and awed from almost a quarter-million miles away, but credited others for the feat, died Saturday. He was 82.

Armstrong died following complications resulting from cardiovascular procedures, his family said in a statement. Armstrong had had a bypass operation this month, according to NASA. His family didn't say where he died; he had lived in suburban Cincinnati.

Armstrong commanded the Apollo 11 spacecraft that landed on the moon July 20, 1969, capping the most daring of the 20th century's scientific expeditions. His first words after becoming the first person to set foot on the surface are etched in history books and the memories of those who heard them in a live broadcast.

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," Armstrong said.

In those first few moments on the moon, during the climax of a heated space race with the Soviet Union, Armstrong stopped in what he called "a tender moment" and left a patch to commemorate NASA astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts who had died in action.

"It was special and memorable but it was only instantaneous because there was work to do," Armstrong told an Australian

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Armstrong showed us nothing is impossible.

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Rear view

History trails Clay Central to Champions Challenge, but strong team greets present

MONTGOMERY — Saturday's Champions Challenge marked the football rollout for Central High School of Clay County, the merged school formed from bitter rivals Lineville and Clay County, and one had to search for visual reminders of history.

But reminders there were, parked under the visiting grandstand, near the ramp Central's players followed to and from their Cramton Bowl locker room.

A pickup faced south and an SUV faced north. Each vehicle pulled an equipment trailer — one bearing Lineville red with black letters and one white with "Clay County" in navy blue letters.

Both trailers were serving out their final game, at least as they appeared Saturday.

"I'll just store it," said Ashland's Runt Crawford, a 55-year-old former Clay County center. "They'll start using charter buses."

John Garrett, a 55-year-old former Lineville tackle and defensive end who played against Crawford, plans to pull his trailer into Lett's Body Shop this week for a new paint job, reflecting Central red and blue.

Like many from Clay County, he's still coming to terms with life after the two schools that formed one of Alabama's greatest prep football rivalries became one.

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Neil Armstrong, the astronaut who became the first man to set foot on the moon, died Saturday at 82. This photo from July 16, 1969, shows Armstrong leading fellow Apollo 11 crew members Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins to the van that would take them to the rocket for the launch to the moon.

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