

...renewal membership, said "Many questions were "However, some members become Lions," Bugni said. LIONESS — page 5

Shriners host children's party at Bluff Valley Park

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BESSEMER — Bluff Valley Park came alive again on Saturday afternoon, as children could be seen running in every direction enjoying a vast variety of children's activities during the "Kids Party in the Park." A little over 200 children participated in the event, which was sponsored by Jeff Nielsen and the Ahmed Shriners, included activities such as pony rides, a petting farm, a

treasure hunt and even a clown. "I think it's wonderful," said Erica Zweber, of Bessemer. "The kids lost out on the entire summer. This is great. I'm glad they are doing this."
 For the treasure hunt, the shriners hid large tubs spray painted gold and filled with "treasure" throughout the lower part of the bluffs and the park area. The "treasure" was a vast array of various toys, including clown noses, which the shriners had to

refill many times as the kids kept emptying them out.
 "It's good exercise. I'm sure the kids will sleep good tonight," Nielsen said as he watched all the kids running to and from all the various activities and enjoying the playground equipment.
 The pony rides and petting zoo were provided by Hidden Acres Farm. Children could pet a pony named Timberbell, a three legged dog, Anne, and Ariel, a

goat and some chickens. They were also able to get pony rides if their parents signed a waiver, which most did. They had a tall pony named Bubbles and a shorter one named Misty. The farm owners decided which pony the kids rode. Surprisingly most of the litter kids rode on the tall pony. Vanessa Anderson told the Daily Globe that she puts the little kids on Bubbles because her longer legs provide a smoother ride.
 Along with the activities, food

was also provided at no cost to the children, by a local hotdog vendor and adults were able to purchase hot dogs, brats and pop as well.
 Nielsen said he felt he had to do something for the kids because they haven't really had any events since COVID began and he isn't sure if they will get a Halloween.

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Shriners!!
 "KIDS PARTY IN THE PARK"
 Saturday, September 26th, 2020
 Noon – 4:00 p.m.
 +All Kids Welcome ages 12 and under+
 Bluff Valley Park – Bessemer
 Pony Rides *Petting Zoo*
 - Treasure Hunt in the Bluffs -
 Other Games with Prizes
 "Weinies on Wheels"
 food vendor
FAMILY FUN DAY

