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## Miss Crowne to take part in state pageant



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Earlier this year, Ms. Wiggins earned the title of Ms. Crowne Health Care of Eufaula by competing in the facility's local pageant. Crowne Health Care of Eufaula is a 176-bed facility located in Eufaula owned by Crowne Health Care of Eufaula, LLC.

Ms. Wiggins has been a resident at Crowne Health Care of Eufaula for 19 years. She has one son, Mr. Eddie Gerstner.

"I have enjoyed my time here at Crowne. Time has passed by fast," she said.

She wants everyone to know, “There’s no age limit to have Christ in the center of your life.”

Ms. Wiggins appreciates everyone who encourages her and keeps her going. Although Ms. Wiggins has won the Ms. Crowne Health Care title more than once, this is her first time placing in the top 10 for the state pageant. Ms. Wiggins and the other finalists were selected from a field of 70 contestants during preliminary judging in Montgomery July 30. The contestants were judged on their outlook on life and their involvement in their individual nursing home.

“The ladies that will participate are to be commended because they are wonderful ambassadors for their individual nursing home and our profession in general,” Alabama Nursing Home Association Executive Director Louis Cottrell said. “The Ms. Alabama Nursing Home Pageant is a celebration of our nursing home residents. As always, we have ladies with different backgrounds, of different ages and different life experiences.”

Other selected as finalists for the Ms. Alabama Nursing Home Pageant are:

Ms. Canterbury Health Facility, Lisa Strickland, Phenix City  
Ms. Glenwood Rehab & Convalescent Center, Luddie Harcrow, Florence  
Ms. Hanceville Nursing & Rehab Center, Oma Ruth Reese, Hanceville  
Ms. Henry County Health & Rehab Facility, Frances White, Abbeville  
Ms. Roanoke HealthCare Center, Trina Ward, Roanoke  
Ms. SunBridge Care & Rehab for Gardendale, Miriam Sampson, Gardendale  
Ms. Talladega Healthcare Center Rehab Select, Estelle Gurley, Talladega  
Ms. Thomasville Nursing Home, Sue Mouring, Thomasville  
Ms. Woodland Village Health Care Center, Marie Bullock, Cullman