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Trunk or treats and fall festivals fill Hale County's Halloween calendar

Trunk or treats, fall festivals and other Halloween events are set in Greensboro, Akron and Moundville from Friday, Oct. 23, through Sunday, Nov. 1.

Broomsticks & Boo-tiques, a day of local shopping in downtown Greensboro, is Friday, Oct. 23.

Engle Gallery, 1301 Main St., will host Ghostly Tales, an evening of sharing ghostly encounters, from 6 to 8 p.m. that day. Admission is free.

Hale County Hospital will hold its annual Trunk or Treat from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at the hospital, 508 Greene St. There will be candy, decorated trunks and bounce houses, and families are invited to come in costume. The event is free and open to the public.

First Methodist Youth will hold its own trunk or treat at

the same time, 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 25, in the First Methodist Church parking lot, 1404 Main St.

Puddle Jumpers, a Greensboro day care, is asking for help with decorations and other items for a Halloween carnival it will hold Friday, Oct. 30, for about 50 children. Because of limited space, the carnival is not open to the public.

Donations can be made through Venmo (@ashlynn_PJ2024) or PayPal or dropped off at Puddle Jumpers. For questions, call 334-624-4841 or 334-507-3635.

On Saturday, Oct. 31, the Town of Akron's fall festival starts at 2 p.m. at Akron Town Square, 207 First Ave., with a trunk or treat, a hay ride, a cake walk, games, food and music. The festival

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Scott and Tammy Brown with the Greensboro Garden Club's Yard of the Month sign at their Main Street home, the club's choice for October.

Garden Club names Scott and Tammy Brown's yard for October

The Greensboro Garden Club has named the yard of Scott and Tammy Brown of Main Street its October Yard of the Month.

Scott Brown grew up in the house, which his family bought in 1981 and sold in 1995. He and his wife, Tammy, bought it and moved in during 2025.

The previous owner left them a clean slate for landscaping, and they have made the yard their own, choosing the plants and creating its outdoor spaces.

Tammy Brown has been developing a wildflower garden and adding plants around her birdbath to draw birds. The Browns have been back in the house a little over a year, and the club pointed to the lawn, the shrubs and the flower beds they are putting in.

The club's Yard of the Month program runs April through December. Nominations of yards in Greensboro can be texted to 334-663-7433.

Pastor's anniversary will be Oct. 25 at Bay Spring A.M.E.

Bay Springs AME Zion Church on County Road 86 invites the public to a program honoring Rev. Joseph Finch for another year of service to the congregation.

The program will be held Sunday, Oct. 25, at 2 p.m.

The Rev. Eddie Coats, pastor of Millers Chapel Church in Demopolis, will be the guest preacher. Dinner will be served after the program.

Opera House names its new west wing for Nicholas Hamner Cobbs Jr.

The Greensboro Opera House's newly connected west wing, formerly the Phillips II building, has been named The Nicholas Hamner Cobbs, Jr. Wing in honor of the longtime board member, the Opera House Board of Directors announced Sept. 13 after the performance of "Thrice-Told Tales: The Phantom of the Greensboro Opera House...

The Phantom Returns."

Cobbs is stepping away from the board after many years of service. He was a founding member of the board, and the board said he devoted countless hours to the preservation and restoration of the historic building, from the earliest days of the restoration effort, through his hands-on work, leadership and deter-

mination.

The former Phillips II space was recently connected to the main Opera House, adding room for the use and growth of the building, the board said.

The audience was shown a commemorative plaque honoring Cobbs and his years of service. The plaque will be displayed permanently in the wing.



Local retailers will be open for all your Halloween shopping in downtown Greensboro for 'Broomsticks & Boo-tiques' on Friday, Oct. 23

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is free, costumes are encouraged and decorated trunks are welcome.

Churches, organizations, community groups and businesses are invited to take part, and the town is accepting sponsors and vendors; call 205-792-9718.

The LYD Dream Center's annual trunk or treat starts at 5 p.m. Oct. 31 at the center, 381 Millwood Road, Greensboro. A kids' after-party with music by DJ Rainman follows from 7 to 9 p.m., with prizes for the best costumes.

The center is asking businesses, organizations, clubs, parents and others to decorate a car, truck or table. Donations are welcome, and the center can be reached at 334-507-0826 or lydreamcenter1@gmail.com.

Men of Valor will hold its annual Haunted Barbershop and community trunk or treat from 5 to 9 p.m. Oct. 31 at Clipper King Barber Shop, 1205 Main St. in downtown Greensboro. Entry is free.

There will be free food and candy bags for children, Halloween music by DJ Juice Man and prizes for the best decorated trunk and the best costumes. The group is asking supporters to donate candy, juice or water.

The Greensboro City

Council has voted to close a section of Main Street from 5 to 9 p.m. that evening at the group's request.

New Jerusalem Baptist Church will hold a Halloween fall festival and trunk or treat from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31 at the church, 1248 County Road 21, Greensboro. Families are invited to decorate their cars and bring their children, and the festival will have carnival games, food, prizes, candy and a haunted hay ride.

Southern Academy's Halloween Carnival is at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 31.

The Moundville Trunk or Treat will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 31 in downtown Moundville. Anyone who wants to decorate a trunk is asked to sign up by Sunday, Oct. 25, through the form linked from the event's Facebook post.

Dominion Church, in partnership with Voice of Truth Ministries, will hold Light the Night, a fall event for families, from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at 31 Shadowwood St. in Moundville. There will be a trunk or treat, food trucks, vendors, live music, a dunk tank, a petting zoo, a bounce house and games.

For more information on Light the Night, call 205-535-9506 or email Pastor-Josh@WeAreDominion.Church.

125 Years Ago

in the Greensboro
Watchman
October 3, 1901

New students continue to matriculate at the Southern University.

Mr. Ernest V. Otts has passed a most creditable examination and been admitted to the bar. He has opened an office in Greensboro.

We are requested to say that the first meeting for the season of the "Kit Cat Club" will be held next Monday afternoon at the residence of Mr. E. A. Powers.

The Literary and Scientific Association of Greensboro will hold a session tonight at the residence of Professor J. T. Littleton.

On last Tuesday the lands belonging to the estate of the late W. W. Powers were sold at public outcry. The King place, containing 500 acres, was purchased by Mr. E. A. Powers for \$1,000. The Massey place, containing 145 acres, was also purchased by Mr. E. A. Powers for \$361. The Spencer tract, 260 acres, was bought by Mr. E. A. Powers for \$338. The Battle place, consisting of 3,000 acres, was purchased by Mr. T. J. Powers for \$2,025.

The Greensboro Graded School opened last Monday morning with an attendance of 118 pupils.

Miss Laura Christian has returned to Corsicana, Texas, where she is engaged in teaching school.

The marriage of Anne Eliza Young to Mr. Richard Muckle will be solemnized Thursday afternoon, October 17, at 5 o'clock at the Presbyterian Church in Greensboro.

Mr. George DuBois is clerking in the Greensboro postoffice.

Donate to help with upkeep at Burroughs Cemetery

If you have a family member resting in the Burroughs Cemetery, please send a contribution for the upkeep and maintenance to: Burroughs Cemetery Fund, c/o Samuel Ryan, 8890 County Road 32, Greensboro AL 36744.

First Methodist's annual Fall Bazaar set for Nov. 20

First Methodist Church of Greensboro will hold its annual Fall Bazaar on Friday, Nov. 20. Doors open at 7 a.m. with sausage biscuits, juice and coffee.

The bazaar will have a quilt raffle, a catfish lunch, baked goods, frozen casseroles, soups, chili and more.

Donate to Pleasant Valley cemetery fund

Remember your family members and loved ones by contributing to the maintenance and upkeep of Pleasant Valley cemetery. Send your donations to: Pleasant Valley Cemetery Fund, c/o Ren Kynard, 1605 Water Oak Rd., Greensboro.

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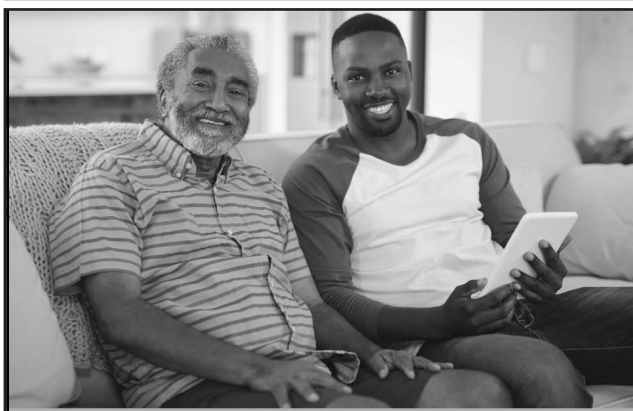
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25 Years Ago

*in the Greensboro
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October 18, 2001*

Celena Cole of Greensboro, a student in Auburn University's College of Agriculture, recently received the Southern Seedmen's Association/Alabama Seedman's Association Scholarship at a special ceremony held on the Auburn campus.

Pictured with her is Bob Burdett, executive vice-president of the seedmen's associations. Celena also recently received the Dr. Joseph T. and Nona S. Hood Scholarship at Auburn. She is the daughter of Henry and Thresa Cole.

Southern Academy will hold their annual Hallowe'en Carnival on Saturday night, October 27 from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. "Come join us for an evening of fun, games and prizes," said those planning the event.

Some of the old favorites will include a dunking booth, cake contest, The Maze, and games. There will be a pumpkin carving contest, a cake contest, and a costume contest.

Free admission will be for anyone wearing a 2001 Hallowe'en Carnival T-shirt, wearing a costume, or taking an item to be given away at the cake contest. New games include the Lollipop Tree, Hole in One, and the Spider Toss.

Willie Tucker has been promoted to pulp foreman for Gulf States Paper Corporation's Demopolis pulp and paperboard mill.

A native of Montgomery, Tucker served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1968 to 1974. He joined Gulf States in 1974 and has held various positions at the Demopolis pulp mill, most recently serving as pulp mill leader.

Tucker is married to the former Dena Marie Stokes of Newbern, and has three daughters, Jennifer, Jamie and Jaclyn. He attends the Hobson Bethel United Methodist Church in Newbern.

Greensboro West Elementary will hold its second annual "Fall Festival Family Fun Night" on Saturday, October 20, from 5:30 to 8:30 o'clock. The West Elementary PTO is sponsoring the event and has many fun activities planned.

Games will include a cake presentation, duck pond, musi-

cal chairs, drink toss, dunking booth, bowling, bean bag toss, go fish game, a costume contest, prizes and more!

The festival will again offer the Country Store, as it was such a big hit last year. Donated items, such as homemade canned goods, craft items, and baked goods, are being accepted. All items should be labeled.

The yearbook sponsor, Mrs. Tammy Parker, will be taking pictures from 5:30 to 6:30 o'clock on the stage for \$2 each. The yearbook is also sponsoring a dance after the festival from 8:30 to 10 o'clock in the auditorium.

Southern Pride catfish plates will be sold for \$5 and will include fish strips, hushpuppies, cole slaw, and baked beans. Hot dog plates will be sold for \$2.50 and will include chips and a drink. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 o'clock.

Plates may be boxed "to go" and can be picked up in the lunchroom.

"Don't worry about cooking Saturday night," said Mrs. Richey. "Just come by the school and enjoy Southern Pride catfish."

No admission will be charged to get in the festival Saturday night, but each person is asked to take a non-perishable food item for the DHR food closet. "Come join us for food, fun, and games. Bring the whole family and invite your friends!" say PTO sponsors.

A barbecue supper for the Hale County High School Homecoming celebration will be held in Moundville on Friday evening, October 19, from 4:30 until 6:30 o'clock in the HCHS lunchroom.

"Come and support our HCHS Band," said members of the Hale County Band Boosters.

Checks should be made payable to the Hale County Band Boosters.

Marine Corps Pfc. Rodrick L. Britford, son of Annie B. Watkins of Greensboro, recently completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

Britford successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. He and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition

to the physical conditioning program, Britford spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat, and assorted weapons training. They performed close-order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Britford and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values: honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Britford and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Britford is a 1994 graduate of Greensboro Public High School East of Greensboro.

Homecoming will be celebrated at Akron High School East on Friday, October 19. Refreshments will be served from 11 a.m. until 12 noon in the AHS Family and Consumer Sciences Building. The coronation of the Homecoming Court will take place at 1:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. A parade will be held in downtown Akron at 4 p.m. The Homecoming football game on Friday night will see Akron High School versus John Essex.

Here is the Homecoming Court: Queen, Joeva Bryant; King, Jerome Tinker; 7th Grade maid, Tiffany Sanders; 8th Grade maid, Keoshia Parker; 9th Grade maid, Latasha Walton; 10th Grade maid, Sherita Fields; 11th Grade maid, Latoya Sanders; 12th Grade maid, La-keisha Powers; Miss AHS, Carol Taylor; Mr. AHS, Reginald Eatmon; Miss Beta Club, Yomiko Thomas; Miss FFA, Jennifer Williams; Miss FCCLA, Latisha Walton; Miss Newspaper, Nakia Lee; Miss Scholarly Achiever's Club, Jessica Dedrick; and the 2001-2002 Football Sweetheart, Terria Bryant.

Escorts will include Henry Miles, Jr., Brandon D. Spears, Joseph Edwards and Edward Pickens.

The slogan for Homecoming is "It Takes a Ram's Heart to Rip Hornets Apart". The theme is "It Takes a Strong Heart to Meet the Challenges of Tomorrow".

The classes of 1961, 1962, 1971, 1972, 1981, 1982, 1991, 1992 and 2001 will be recognized during the day.

50 Years Ago

*in the Greensboro
Watchman
September 30, 1976*

Funeral services for Mrs. Howard Vise, 46, of Greensboro were held Tuesday afternoon at the Greensboro Baptist Church. Mrs. Vise, the former Sarah Alice McMillan, died early Monday morning at her home on Tuscaloosa Street after an illness of several months.

Funeral services for Deacon Samuel L. Johnson were held at the Salem Baptist Church Saturday afternoon. Johnson, who was a respected citizen of the City of Greensboro, died Thursday at the Vaughan Memorial Hospital in Selma. He was for many years a very successful plasterer and painter by trade.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the First Presbyterian Church in Newbern for Loyd W. Herran, 86. He was well known in Newbern where he had resided after his retirement with his sister, Mrs. G. L. Spencer.

The Tom Kynard children will sing at Rhodes Chapel Saturday night for the county-wide singing.

The following men were selected last Sunday at the Greensboro Baptist Church to serve a three-year term as deacons of the church: Marlin Faught, Cecil Jackson, Max Simmons and J. M. Stanton.

Lana Beckham, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Beckham, Jr., has been selected as Homecoming Queen for Hale County High School and will reign over Homecoming festivities in Moundville Friday.

Mrs. Thad May and Mrs. Ben Hedberg of Kansas City, Kans., are the guests of Mrs. E. B. May, having come especially to attend the Black Belt Pilgrimage. Mr. May will join them here today.

Visiting Mrs. Jack Powers here during the week-end and coming especially for the observance of her 90th birthday anniversary were Mr. and Mrs.

Devon Dooley of Jackson, Tenn., Mrs. James Quimby and Mrs. Robert Carr of Anniston, and Mrs. John Banks of Eutaw.

75 Years Ago

*in the Greensboro
Watchman
Oct. 4, 1951*

When it comes to showing cows, Henrietta Davis, 16-year-old Hale County 4-H Clubber, takes a back seat to almost no one. Her skill in showing her animal has just won her a trip to the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. She was crowned the 4-H Club's champion showman in yesterday's rugged competition.

Among recent contributors to the Southern University Restoration Fund is a gift of \$100 from W. J. Terry of Greensboro and Montgomery, now state superintendent of education. Mr. Terry said, "The building should be saved. It was built at a cost of \$300,000 and it could not be built for a million today. Besides being one of Alabama's most beautiful and historic buildings, it will serve a useful purpose when converted into a memorial shrine and an Old South museum."

A three-man Board of Registrars for Hale County, with Webb Cocke of Greensboro, as chairman, was announced by the office of Governor Gordon Persons on Tuesday.

Serving with Mr. Cocke will be Shelley Hoggle of Greensboro and James White of Stewart.

E. P. Martin, manager of Hale County Motors, Ford dealer for this territory, announces this week the opening of a new body department by his company. This new department is located in the Torbert building, which is the building occupied by the company before its new building was erected on Tuscaloosa Street.

William W. (Billy) Wright of the City Hardware Company took office on Monday as president of the Greensboro Merchants Bureau for 1951-52. He succeeds Hamner Cobbs, editor of The Greensboro Watchman who was chosen first president of the bureau upon its organization in September last year.

The Wesleyan Service Guild met at the home of Mrs. Colon Rose Thursday night. Mrs. Sam Taylor was co-hostess.

Cooking in the Black Belt

by Casey Roberts

Slop, slop, everywhere, but not a bit to eat. That's how many editorialists are describing our current state of affairs. If I had to place a bet on the Oxford Dictionary's Word of the Year, it would be "slop." Last year's was "rage bait" which at least had some human input. For example, the viral recipe where a set of hands puts a hamburger patty in the middle of a pan, cuts out a smiley face, surrounding the face with chopped onions. That's not even the best part: cracking three eggs into the eyes and mouth of the hamburger smiley face. Steam it awhile and you have an abomination.

Another one that, unfortunately, started infiltrating holiday spreads last year was the Little Debbie Christmas Tree Dip. Basically, you just blend a package of the vanilla Christmas tree cakes together with cream cheese and milk (or something like that). Voila! Now you can tell all your friends and family to stuff your stocking with insulin. I was downright horrified when our friend Loretta was absolutely raving about it to me over the phone after she'd been to a holiday party. People actually make this stuff?!

Slop, until recently, served a purpose. Namely, feeding pigs. I remember my grandfather gleefully gathering up leftovers and kitchen scraps for the chickens and the pigs. In this way, there really was a use for everything. With the rise of artificial intelligence, I loathe even going on Facebook now, lest I get inundated with one ChatGPT listicle after another. As a journalist, I could go on and on about how a bulleted list of pure pathos punctuated with emojis isn't a substitute for real human language, but this is a recipe column. No, I'm here today to talk about a cook from Greensboro, Alabama that recently came to my attention. Her name is Edna Jackson.

To give credit where credit is due, John is the one who brought this YouTube channel to my attention. Under the channel name, EdnaJackson-

Cooking, this computer-generated woman speaks with an equally computer-generated voice offering various "soul hacks" in the kitchen. Now, algorithms are quite responsive to the "life hack" or "hack" terminology, which is internet speak for just doing something correctly. Although, I wouldn't really go seeking out these life hacks in the hopes that they'll improve anything for you. For instance, one life hack that sticks with me is soaking a strawberry in bleach to get a "white strawberry." Not only can you not eat the strawberry, but we already have pineberries, which are basically white strawberries. I know, I know, they're more than just white strawberries, but you get my point.

Anyway, this Edna character prattles on in one 15-minute video after another, promising you she'll reveal her ultimate secrets at the end of the video after she's listed off 20 other things you already knew. You see, the thing that drives me nuts about everyone using AI to express their thoughts is that it doesn't do a great job at getting to the deadgum point. I don't know how many times I have to hear Edna Jackson tell me my cabbage is grey and smells like a wet sock before she tells me how to get it to not look grey, to not smell like a wet sock. If any real person talked like that, they'd wear themselves out beating around the bush so much.

Of course, Edna is also selling a cookbook, complete with oversaturated images of disproportionately steamy buttermilk biscuits that look like something out of the Teletubbies universe. This \$30 wonder blessedly has a free pdf preview with a handful of recipes that shockingly are all on a website of the same name. It's called Soul on the Table and boasts about Jackson's childhood in Greensboro, and even has a section titled "Fish and Coastal Suppers." Unless Miss Jackson is speaking of her summering in Mobile, I'd be very curious what coast we're close to in Greensboro, Ala-

bama. It's unfair of me to pile all of this on Edna, though, because (as it turns out) there's a whole network of these Southern AI-generated grandmothers showing you how to cook things their way. To the surprise of no one, their recipes are pretty much all the same, right down to the examples they offer: sweet potato pie, buttermilk cornbread, a pot of greens, etc. Sure, these are in every Southern cookbook, but they have the added benefit of being vetted by real people, not just regurgitated through a computer. What's fascinating about this phenomena is just as quickly as these AI grandmas started cooking on Instagram and X, their profiles just as quickly vanished. Now, they all are shilling their AI-generated cookbooks, with each of these home cooks claiming to be from some part of the rural South.

Seeing all this talk of AI-generated sweet potato pies had me thinking about finally rolling out the real deal sweet potato pie. Seeing how boring the AI version of the recipe is, I thought it best to give you a recipe that really works. I've made this pie a couple times and I really have to be sparing with it because I could easily eat the whole thing. Some of you may recognize the contributor of this recipe, but we shall see.

Jean Childs Young's Sweet Potato Custard Pie

1 (9-10 inch) pie crust
3 medium (1 1/4 pounds) unpeeled sweet potatoes
4 Tablespoons (1/2 stick or 57 grams) unsalted butter, at room temperature
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups heavy cream or evaporated milk
3 large eggs
1/2 cup (96 grams) lightly packed dark brown sugar
1/2 cup dark corn syrup or sorghum
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon salt

Whipped cream for serving
Place pie crust in a 9 to 10 inch deep dish pie pan, crimp the edges, and set aside in the fridge.

Rinse and pat dry the sweet potatoes. Place them in a large saucepan, cover with water, and boil in their "jackets" (unpeeled) until very tender when pierced with a fork, 25 to 30 minutes, depending on the size of the potato. You should be able to stick a fork nearly through with ease. Drain, and when cool enough to handle, peel and mash. You'll need 1 3/4 cups mashed sweet potatoes.

Heat the oven to 375 degrees with a rack in the lower middle.

Place the warm sweet potatoes, butter, and vanilla in a large bowl and stir until the butter melts. Stir in the cream or evaporated milk.

Separate the eggs, place the whites in a large clean bowl and the yolks in the bowl with the sweet potatoes. Stir vigorously to incorporate the yolks. Stir the brown sugar, corn syrup or sorghum, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, and salt into the sweet potato mixture until smooth.

Beat the egg whites with an electric mixer on high speed until nearly stiff peaks form, about 3 minutes. Fold the beaten whites into the sweet potato mixture until smooth. Pour into the piecrust and place the pan in the oven.

Bake until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean and the pie is browned around the edges, 53 to 58 minutes. Let cool in the pan for 1 hour before slicing and serving with whipped cream, if desired.

I've mentioned this hack before, but I use a buttermilk biscuit dough for my pie crust. Set that sucker in a cast iron skillet and this pie will hold. In fact, this has been one of the few pies I've successfully removed from the pan to serve on a pretty platter. Although, everyone loves to see a cast iron skillet doing double duty. For those of you unfamiliar with her work, Mrs. Young was a Marion native who went on to marry Andrew Young, a decorated politician as far as Georgia goes. If there's any way to bag a future ambassador to the United Nations, this pie could very well do the trick. Honestly, I'm surprised it took a tirade against artificial intelligence to get this recipe out of me. I

also highly recommend the sorghum if you can get your hands on some. Last time I saw any for sale was at Ford Farms in Selma, but things change all the time.

There's an interesting little debate amongst Southern home cooks that I've recently become aware of: whether or not you grew up with white corn syrup or dark corn syrup. Personally, we always had both on hand, because you just never know. However, much like the many opinions I've encountered over the years about Southern foodways, somebody has something they're loyal to. For me, I don't go tit-for-tat about the little things like that. As long as I know your recipe came from your human mother, or your human grandmother and not some whirring set of wires in Data Center Alley, we should be on the same page.

Y'all, there's not a lot I ask for these days. Going out and hearing all about what y'all are cooking is all I need to keep this column up and running. As we hand over more and more of our lives to the machines we made to simplify them, let us not forget the beauty in slowing down. It's ironic to me that there's a proliferation of this AI-slop of six-fingered grandmothers telling you how to cook like in the old days, while acting as a proxy for the technology that is threatening that very way of life. No, I'm not gonna be the Luddite revolutionary that tells you to go smash the machines, but I will tell you (much like a grandmother would) to put that phone down. An AI cook claiming Black Belt ancestry is about as valuable in the kitchen as having a toilet for a sink. One thing AI can never replace is your real grandmother taking you by the hand and showing you how a biscuit dough is supposed to feel or to stop opening the oven door so much as to not "worry the pie to death." One perk about all this AI-slop is if you make something that really doesn't work out, I could see blaming AI for generating a terrible, unworkable recipe for you. Maybe you have an out now for any of your forthcoming holiday culinary emergencies. You're welcome in advance.

Services will be Oct. 21 at Mt. Hermon for William Goodson McMillan, 94



William (Bill) Goodson McMillan, 94, was born near Greensboro on November 20, 1931, and passed away on October 7 in Galveston, Texas.

Bill was married five times, and at seventy-seven years of age he met his perfect match, Carmen Finn of Dundee, Scotland. They never formally married, as he didn't want to jinx it.

With his first wife, Em-malu, he fathered Roger, and, with his second wife, Vivian, his sons Kevin and Phillip. He lived most of his life in Fort Worth, Waco, Houston and Galveston, Texas. Although a Texan at heart, Alabama was always home, a place he visited annually. He came from a large family of ten siblings, a wonderful family that always supported each other. In Bill's final years, when he found traveling difficult, their visits and those of his long-time

friends made his life easier.

Bill was known for his humor, wild outfits and driving Rolls Royces. He chose Rolls Royces, not for snob appeal, but because he found a way, while in the Air Force in England, to buy them cheap and bring them to the U.S. He showed that anyone could have one.

Although he had many good years over his lifetime, Carmen was the love of his life. Everyone was ecstatic to have her, a career ballerina, as part of the family.

Bill had his last drink at forty-five years of age. He continued to be involved in Alcoholics Anonymous until the end, even attending a meeting a few months before his passing. He always believed in giving back to the fellowship that changed his life.

Bill graduated from Greensboro High School, where he was known as Ungie, in 1949, after which he enlisted in the Air Force, where he served over twenty-one years in the U.S., England and Germany. Subsequently, he worked as an adjudicator with the Veterans' Administration in Waco and Houston until 1988. He spent his retirement years in Galveston, where he loved being near the gulf.

He is survived by his partner, Carmen Finn; his sons, Roger Vise, Kevin McMillan and Phillip McMillan; his siblings, Marcille Cockrell (Bobby), Norman McMillan (Joan) and Julia Walker; six grandchildren, Shane Vise, Shaun McMillan, Joseph McMillan, Joshua McMillan, Alice Vise and Avery Vise; eight great-grandchildren; and

seven great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Avery Becton McMillan and Lucille Goodson McMillan, and his siblings, Evelyn McMillan, Albert McMillan Jr., Sarah Vise (Howard), Elizabeth Yon (Bernie), Donald McMillan (Flo) and Kenneth McMillan (Brenda).

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, October 21, at 2 p.m. at Mount Hermon Methodist Church, 4836 County Road 51, Greensboro, followed by military honors at the graveside. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bill's memory may be made to the Mount Hermon Cemetery Association, 286 Night Hawk Drive, Greensboro, AL 36744.

Christmas parade committee sets Dec. 11 tree lighting, Dec. 12 parade

The Greensboro Christmas Parade committee has set this year's celebration for two days: the tree lighting and fireworks on Friday, Dec. 11, with the Community Christmas Choir and free hot dogs and beverages for children, and the parade on Saturday, Dec. 12.

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Legal Notice

STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2026 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2026-341 (SB271), Act No. 2026-378 (HB380), Act No. 2026-379 (HB511), and Act No. 2026-424 (SB5), proposing amendments to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022;

WHEREAS, in conformity with Section 284 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, as amended, the Legislature has ordered an election by the qualified electors of the state

upon such proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendments, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, which shall be published once a week for at least four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election; NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendments to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2026-341

PART I.

Section 127 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

"Section 127

(a) ~~In case of the governor's removal from office, death or resignation~~ If a vacancy occurs in the office of the governor, the lieutenant governor shall become governor.

(b) ~~If both a vacancy occurs in the office of the governor and the office of the lieutenant governor be removed from office, die or resign more than sixty (60) days prior to the next general election; at which any state officers are to be elected, a governor and lieutenant governor shall be elected at such election for the unexpired term; and in the event of a vacancy in the office, caused by the removal from office, death or resignation of the governor and lieutenant governor, pending~~ During such vacancy and until their successors shall be elected and qualified, the office of governor shall be held and administered by either the president pro tempore of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, attorney-general, state auditor, secretary of state, or state treasurer in the order herein named.

(c) In case of the impeachment of the governor, his ~~or her~~ absence from the state for more than twenty days, ~~unsoundness of mind, or other disability or incapacity to serve, the power and authority of the office shall, until the governor is acquitted, returns to the state, or is restored to his mind, or relieved from other disability~~ no longer incapacitated, shall devolve in the order herein named described in subsection (b) upon the lieutenant governor, president pro tempore of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, attorney-general, state auditor, secretary of state, and

state treasurer. If any of these officers be ~~are~~ under any of the disabilities herein specified, the office of the governor shall be administered in the order named by such of these officers as ~~may be~~ are free from such disability.

(d) If the governor ~~shall be~~ is absent from the state over twenty days, the secretary of state shall notify the lieutenant governor, who shall enter upon the duties of governor; if both the governor and lieutenant governor ~~shall be~~ are absent from the state over twenty days, the secretary of state shall notify the president pro tempore of the senate, who shall enter upon the duties of governor, and so on, in case of such absence, he ~~or she~~ shall notify each of the other officers named in ~~their~~ the order of succession herein provided, who shall discharge the duties of the office until the governor or other officer entitled to administer the office in succession to the governor returns.

(e) If the governor-elect fail or refuse from any cause to qualify, the lieutenant governor-elect shall qualify and exercise the duties of governor until the governor-elect qualifies; ~~and in the event both If both the governor-elect and the lieutenant governor-elect from any cause for any reason fail to qualify, the president pro tempore of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the attorney-general, state auditor, secretary of state, and state treasurer, shall, in like manner, in the order named, administer the office until the governor-elect or lieutenant governor-elect qualifies.~~

(f) ~~If a vacancy occurs in the office of the lieutenant governor more than 60 days before the next general election at which any state officers are to be elected, a lieutenant governor shall be elected at such general election for the unexpired term."~~

PART II.

The following provision is added to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022 to read as follows: Notwithstanding any other provision of the constitution:

(1) The Lieutenant Governor and officers of both houses of the Legislature shall be paid an amount set by joint resolution; and

(2) Any expenditure of funds appropriated for use by members of the Legislature for travel shall be approved by an officer of the Legislature elected from the full membership of the respective chamber.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 26-378

(a) Whenever two or more contiguous county boards of education deem it advisable to consolidate the administration of their respective county school systems under one remaining controlling multi-county board of education, each county board of education shall adopt and record within the minutes of each board an agreement providing for the consolidation. A formal resolution adopted by all members of the agreeing boards shall detail and provide for the payment of their respective indebtedness, specify how the consolidation will take place, identify how the remaining controlling multi-county board of education will operate, provide for the roles and duties of the resulting

multi-county board members, and designate the time frame during which the consolidation will be implemented. Subject to subsection (c), the consolidation shall be finalized as designated in the formal resolution.

(b) Before a consolidation may occur, the State Board of Education shall conduct an impact study on the potential effects of the proposed consolidation, including, but not limited to, the impact on students, families, educational quality, educational programs, staff, facilities, transportation and operations, finances and taxes, community identity, and governance. At least 30 calendar days before adopting the formal resolution finalizing the consolidation, the State Board of Education shall post a copy of the impact study on the public website of the State Department of Education.

(c)(1) If, within 30 days after the adoption of the formal resolution, 25 percent of the qualified electors residing within the boundaries of any of the school systems proposing consolidation submit a protest, in writing, to any of the affected county boards of education, the consolidation may not occur unless the consolidation is approved by a majority of the qualified electors residing in each county or counties wherein all affected county school systems are located who vote in a referendum election as provided in this subsection.

(2) The consolidation shall become operative only if approved by a majority of the qualified electors who reside within the combined territory of the affected county school systems who vote in a referendum election to be held on the date of the next regularly scheduled general election. The order setting the election shall be entered by the judge of probate of each affected county within one month after the expiration of the 30-day time period provided in subdivision

(1). Notice of the election shall be given by the judge of probate of each county, and the election shall be held, conducted, and the results canvassed in the manner as other county elections. The ballots shall have printed at the top a statement of the purpose of the referendum election and directly underneath, in plain type and on different lines, the words, "For Consolidation," and "Against Consolidation." If a majority of the qualified electors voting in the combined territory of the affected county school systems vote to approve the consolidation, the consolidation shall be finalized as designated in the formal resolution.

(d) The consolidation shall not operate to relieve any board of education, or other governing body, of liability for obligations previously incurred, or to impair rights existing before the consolidation. The agreement and formal resolution shall be binding on the combining county boards of education. If a consolidation occurs, the remaining controlling multi-county board of education shall have the right to compel the execution of contractual obligations made to any of the boards before the consolidation. (e) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules as necessary to provide for the implementation of this section.

(f) The Legislature, by general or local law, may enact legislation to implement approved board consolidations pursuant to this section.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2026-379

(a) Each local board of education shall adopt a policy requiring each public K-12 school under its jurisdiction, at the beginning of each school day, to conduct The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and give all students the opportunity to voluntarily recite The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

(b) Each local board of education shall adopt a policy requiring each public K-12 school under its jurisdiction to allow a prayer to be conducted, provided that:

(1) The prayer must be initiated by and led by a student; and
(2) No student may be required to participate in a prayer.

(c) Any policy adopted by a local board of education pursuant to this section shall ensure that students have the right to opt out of participation in the Pledge of Allegiance or the prayer based on their own beliefs. (d) Violations of this section may be reported to the local superintendent of education. The local superintendent of education shall review the violation.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2026-424

(a) Each local board of education shall adopt a policy requiring each public K-12 school under its jurisdiction to broadcast The Star-Spangled Banner during school hours, at least once per week.

(b)(1) A local board of education shall select for broadcast, pursuant to subsection (a), any recording of the first stanza of The Star-Spangled Banner that is archived within the Library of Congress and available on the Library of Congress website.

(2) A local board of education, alternatively, may adopt a policy allowing, during school hours, for the performance of the first stanza of The Star-Spangled Banner from original sheet music, archived within the Library of Congress and available on its website, by a school-sanctioned band program, choral program, vocal group, or vocalist.

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in every county as required by law.

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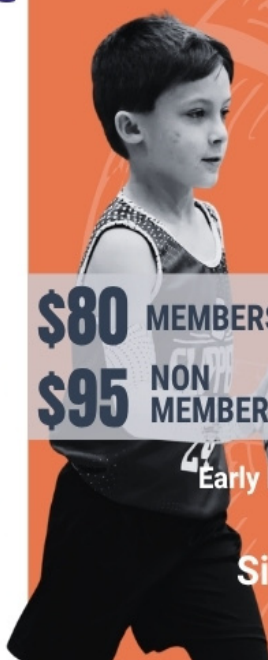
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Legals

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General Contractors bidding on this project shall be required to visit the site to examine all existing conditions prior to submitting their proposal, which shall be arranged by the contractor with the principal at the school. All Bidders shall have general liability and workman's compensation insurance. The project shall be bid excluding taxes. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing for receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owners judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

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PDFs of the project can be reviewed by going to the Lathan McKee website at www.lathanmckee.com and under "Project Bid List" selecting "Montgomery". The documents may be viewed on-line and printed by General Contractors, SubContractors and Suppliers. Documents published through this procedure are the only documents endorsed by the Architect. The Architect is unable to monitor, confirm and maintain other websites that provide documents. Notices of Addenda being posted will be provided to entities that have CONFIRMED bidding for this particular project. The Architect retains ownership and copyrights of the documents. If bidders require printed sets, please submit request to the Architect at mckeeplans@gmail.com. Include your first & last name, company name, address, phone number and the project name and number. Print sets are to be returned in reusable condition within ten days after bid opening.

All RFIs and RFAs regarding the bid documents shall be sent and addressed through emails found on the RFI and RFA forms in the project manual. NOTE: ONLY THE RFI AND RFA FORMS IN THE PROJECT MANUAL WILL BE AC-

CEPTED. The Architect will not accept inquiries via telephone or fax. Completion Time: See Scope of Work in Project Manual.

Supervision: Contractor to ensure proper supervision of all work. Owner: Mr. Michael C. Ryans, Superintendent; Hale County Board of Education; 1115 Powers Street, Greensboro, AL 36744 | Phone: 334-624-8836

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF HALE

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jada Wright to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Federal Bank, A FSB, its successors and assigns dated August 12, 2025; said mortgage being recorded on August 28, 2025 in Deed Book 2025, Page 413 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Hale County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to NewRez LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2026, Page 1378 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Hale County, Alabama.

The undersigned, NewRez LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Hale County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on November 25, 2026 the following property, situated in Hale County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 27 of The Villages Phase Two, a map or plat of which is recorded in Map Book 2, at Pages 85-85C in the Probate Office of Hale County, Alabama, reference to said map or plat being hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Said property is commonly known as 169 Peyton Ln, Moundville, AL 35474.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any represen-

tation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Bidders must perform their own due diligence. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction, if applicable.* The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

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The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.

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POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jeremy David Landrum and Sarah Ellen

Landrum, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for CTX MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, its successors and assigns, on December 22, 2003, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Hale County, Alabama, on December 29, 2003 at Book 335, at Page 540; WHEREAS, the aforesaid deed of trust was subsequently modified on October 6, 2025, and said modification being recorded on November 17, 2025 at Book MORTGAGE 2025, at Page 710 as Document Number 253751. Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the current holder, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Hale County Courthouse, in Greensboro, Alabama, on June 23, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Hale County, Alabama, to-wit:

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This Property will be sold on as "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expense of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds by noon the next business day to Law Office of Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.. Certified funds must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.. Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. If sale is voided, Mortgagee/Transferee shall return the bid amount to the successful purchaser and the Mortgagee/Transferee shall not be liable to the purchaser for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the deposit and bid amount, if paid. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit is purchase price against the expenses of sale and indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

THIS FORECLOSURE SALE HAS BEEN CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 24, 2026 AT THE TIME

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Rev. S. P. Powell
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(334) 624-9121

New First Baptist

Sawyerille, AL 36766
Rev. Hezekiah Young
S.S. 9:30, W.S. 11:00
Prayer Thurs. 6:00 p.m.

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251 Christian Dr.
Greensboro, AL 36744

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583 New Hope Rd.
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1248 County Road 21 (off 14)
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Rev. J. L. Anderson
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S.S. 10:00, W.S. 11:15

New Life Missionary Baptist

100 County Rd. 28
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Bishop Steven C. Moore
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Bible Study Wed. 5:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Missionary Baptist

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day
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657 County Road 50
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S.S. 10:00, W.S. 11:00, 5:00
p.m.

Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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13731 County Road 32
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S.S. 10:00, W.S. 11:00

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S.S. 9:45

W.S. 11:00

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205-690-6750

S.S. 10:00

W.S. 11:00

Bible Study Tue. 6 p.m.

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S.S. 10:00, W.S. 9:00, 11:00

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(334) 624-4298
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(334) 624-8311
S.S. 9:45, W.S. 11:00 & 6:00

p.m.

Jackson Chapel

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(334) 624-4231

Ramey's Chapel Methodist

County Road 31
Greensboro, AL 36744

Stewart Methodist

1920 County Road 45
Stewart, AL 35484
Rev. W. Michael Cobb
(205) 371-2539
W.S. 9:00 S.S. 10:15
Prayer Meeting 6:15 p.m.

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New Pentecostal Church

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Greensboro, AL 36744
Lovetta Long
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Bible Class Wed. 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church

905 Demopolis Street
Greensboro, AL 36744
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3rd Sunday 9:00, 10:00

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Miracles of Prayer
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R. B. Williams
S.S. 10:00, W.S. 11:00
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Fri. 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary Church

351 Horseshoe Bend Road
Greensboro, AL 36744
Joe L. Hamilton, Jr., Pastor
(334) 624-8149
S.S. 9:30, W.S. 11:00
Bible Study Wed. 6:00 p.m.

St. Peter Church

Sawyerille, AL 36766
Robert Williams
S.S. 10:00, W.S. 11:30

Williams Chapel

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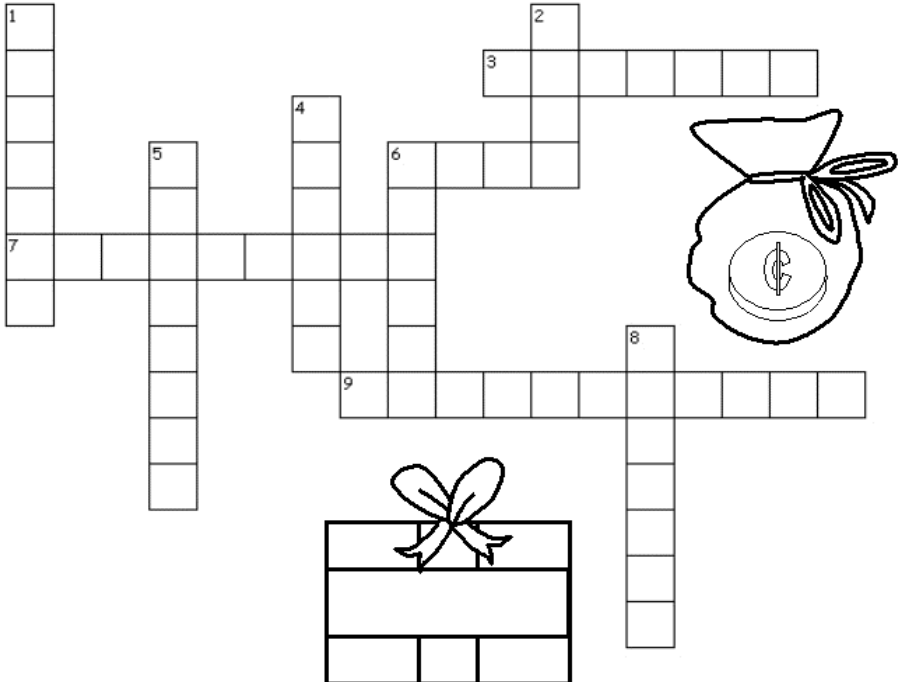
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7. The master gave to each servant according to their ____.
9. If you are ____ with a few things God will give you more responsibility.

Down

1. We are each given a ____ ability that no one else has.
2. If we don't use our special gift God will ____ it away.
4. The servant who received one talent did this with it.
5. Our abilities are very ____ to God, he wants us to use them wisely.
6. This person in the story is used to describe God.
8. The first two servants did this with their talents.

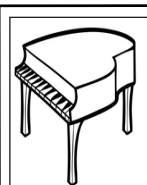
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GES seeks vehicles for Pre-K Transportation Parade Oct. 16

Greensboro Elementary School's pre-kindergarten classes will hold a Transportation Parade at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16, in front of the school, and the school is asking owners of different kinds of vehicles to take part.

The parade is meant to teach students about different types of transportation.

GPD reports firearm discharged into occupied dwelling, two leaving-the-scene reports

The following arrest and incident reports were provided by the Greensboro Police Department.

Arrests

October 11, 2026

Jediah Jamar Evans, 33, of Greensboro, was arrested for driving under the influence. Jaylanique Ruffin, 25, of Greensboro, was arrested for

disorderly conduct.

October 12, 2026

Ka'Taja Lashawn Dates, 28, of Greensboro, was arrested for failure to appear on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Incidents

October 9, 2026

Leaving the scene of an accident was reported on Highway 69. Leaving the scene of

an accident was reported at Eastridge Apartments.

October 11, 2026

Driving under the influence was reported on State Street. Disorderly conduct was reported on Evans Street.

October 13, 2026

Discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling was reported on Demopolis Street.

'Porches and Parlors' holiday tour of homes returns Dec. 13

The Greensboro Alabama Preservation and Tourism Alliance will hold its Porches and Parlors Holiday Tour of Homes from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold at Magnolia Grove and The Partridge Berry, according to the alliance's calendar at visit-greensboroal.com.

The alliance's holiday calendar also lists A Celebration of Christmas at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Greensboro Opera House, the Christmas parade on Dec. 12, the Sumac Cottage artists' market on Dec. 13 and a live nativity at First Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec. 20. Before that, Pink Friday Shop Small in downtown Greensboro and the WSCS Fall Bazaar at First Methodist Church, from 7 a.m., are both set for Friday, Nov. 20.

Sumac Cottage's third holiday open house set Dec. 13

Sumac Cottage will hold its third annual holiday open house on Sunday, Dec. 13, the same day as the Porches and Parlors tour of homes, with a pop-up shop of artwork and handmade gifts by regional artists and makers, an artist ornament sale, live music, refreshments and make-and-take art activities, the art space announced.

Participating artists and hours are to be announced. Sumac Cottage is at 1107 South St. in Greensboro.

Beef and Forage Field Day set Oct. 16 at Black Belt research center

Livestock and forage producers are invited to the annual Beef and Forage Field Day on Friday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Black Belt Research and Extension Center, 60 County Road 944, Marion Junction.

The field day gives producers a chance to get out in the field, see demonstrations firsthand and learn about current research, forage management and practical farming techniques. The program is free and is provided by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

Register at aub.ie/BBFieldDay26. For questions, contact Court Green-Johnson at 205-659-6796 or cgd0040@aces.edu.

Throw & Go contest offers Magic City Classic tickets

The Black Belt Community Foundation's Throw & Go contest is open, with the winner receiving two tickets to the Magic City Classic football game between Alabama A&M and Alabama State in Birmingham, plus a two-night stay at a Birmingham hotel.

Entries are \$5 each, with bonus entries for donations of \$20 or more. Proceeds support the foundation's community grants in its 12 Black Belt service counties. The last day to buy entries is Thursday, Oct. 15, at noon, and the drawing is Friday, Oct. 16. Enter at blackbelt-found.org/throwandgo.

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Clear Landing sets free heirs' property workshop in Greensboro for Nov. 7

Clear Landing, Inc. will hold a free Hale County Land & Legacy Workshop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Greensboro Recreational Center, 515 Green St.

The workshop is for landowners, heirs to family land and anyone who wants to protect property for future generations.

It will have presentations, one-on-one consultations with attorneys on heirs' property and estate planning, technical assistance and a free lunch.

Qualifying landowners may also be eligible for free estate

planning services, including wills, durable powers of attorney, life estate deeds where appropriate and advance medical directives.

Clear Landing asks people to register through the QR code on its flyer or the form linked in its Facebook post.

Clear Landing is holding the workshop with the Sustainable Forestry & Land Retention Network, the U.S. Endowment for Forestry & Communities, Gregory Varner & Associates, P.C., Rural Studio and the Virginia Caples Lifelong Learning Institute.

Pleasant Grove MBC sets Family and Friends Day for Oct. 18

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 4209 Highway 14, Greensboro, will hold Family and Friends Day at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18.

The day is also Pink Sunday for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the church's flyer

asks those who come to wear pink.

The Rev. Dr. C. Jermaine Turner of Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Harvest will be the guest pastor. The Rev. Calvin Johnson is pastor of Pleasant Grove.

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BY RITA LEWIS

David and Libby Williams just returned from a 10 day trip to New England visiting 4 states, Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island and New Hampshire, enjoying the beautiful fall foliage.

Moundville is beginning to prepare for Halloween! Autumn and Halloween decorations are going up. Halloween being on Saturday, Market Street will be a busy place!

Hale County High Marching Cats attended the Hillcrest High School Calvalcade, last Wednesday evening in Taylorville! The bands and spectators got to enjoy The University of Alabama, MIL-LION DOLLAR BAND!

SYMPATHY

Please remember in prayer, the family and friends of Mary Camille Farris, Ronald "Ron" Rosser McCrory, Sylvester Faddis "Rick" who passed away recently.

MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory on their birthday:

Oct. 15th...Jean Beckham

Wiggins, Koleton Hunt

16th...Eugene Lewis

17th...Roy Burke

19th...Everly Duncan

20th...Russell Martens

21st...William Boswell, Jr.,

Robert Tate Marsh

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary!

Oct. 15th...Chris & Deniece Cook Tidmore

17th...Ricky & Michelle Burroughs Gibbs

18th...Jack & Deborah Epperson Avery

21st...Barry & Autumn Hartley Kelley, David & Libby Williams

22nd...Maartje & Rebecca Buitendijk

BIRTHDAYS

Belated: Oct. 11...Kevin McDaniel

Celebrating this week:

Oct. 15th...Macon Beckham, Liz Henderson Wilson, Ralph Brown, Tommy Sams, Miranda Barnette

17th...Bradley Walker, Diane Harris Massey, David Tidmore, Lamar Hall, Zelenky Kizziah, Cindy Townsend Crawford, Roy White

18th...Sanne Buitendijk, Ken Ellis, Betty Duncan Brown, Sarah Oliver Pate, Byron Kelley, David Avery, Ronald Young, Violet Clayton, Daryl Gray

19th...Bob Epperson

20th...Geraldine Bishop, Johnny Jackson, Anna Kate Haynes, Frank Stegall, Anna Kidwell, Tammy Nevin Latham, Tony Redding, Sandra Boothe Tidmore, Jamie Owens, Francis Hunt, Jonathan Rice

21st...Jaxon Brooks Lollar, Keri Sealy Adams, Cruz Young, Brantley Boswell

22nd...Nesa Redding Terry, Ashley Elliott, Deniese Cook Tidmore, Beth Kelley, Bruce Sams

That's all for this week,
Rita

Greensboro Middle names its 2026-27 SGA officers



Greensboro Middle School announced its 2026-27 Student Government Association cabinet recently.

The officers are Nadia Johnson, president; Andreanna Jones, vice president; Hailey Quinney, secretary; Ryann Johnson, assistant secretary; Kevin Hurns, treasurer; Tyleeia Hogan, reporter; and Lelana Long, sergeant-at-arms. The members at large are Kassidy Anderson, Zy'Ayza Armstrong, Marcelle Briggs, Kameron Boykins, Masoln Cottrell, Makaihla Dudley, Trinity Green, Tristan Miller, Chase Smith, Avery Spencer and Eriah Witherspoon.