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Sewell and mayor meet Akron residents; building owner denies giving notice to vacate

Akron box holders get their mail at a mobile unit until Oct. 31, then at M'ville post office

By Brian Clements

U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell and Akron Mayor Chris Rollins met with Akron residents about the town's post office Tuesday, Oct. 20, and the owner of the post office building, reached by phone during the meeting, said the owners never gave the Postal Service notice to vacate.

The Postal Service announced Monday, Oct. 19, that operations at the Akron office will be "permanently suspended" effective Oct. 31 "due to non-renewal of the lease." It had also cited a notice from the lessor to vacate the property by Oct. 30, Sewell wrote in an Oct. 16 letter asking the Postal Service to reopen the Akron office im-

mediately.

Until Oct. 31, Akron box holders can pick up their mail, with proper identification, at a Postal Service mobile retail unit at the Akron post office. Customers can also mail letters, pick up packages and do other retail business there.

The unit's hours, for retail business and box mail, are 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday. There is no Sunday service.

All postal operations, box mail included, move to the Moundville post office, 259 Second Ave., on Nov. 1. Its retail hours will be 8:30 to 11

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Council pays \$106,433 on 2025 drainage and street project

Also buys \$8,500 in office furniture, and the city asks owners to keep dogs off the streets

By: Brian Clements

The Greensboro City Council voted at its Tuesday, Oct. 13, meeting to pay Cornerstone Civil Contractors LLC \$106,433.34 for a 2025 drainage and street improvement project.

Councilmember Pearl Shepherd made the motion to make the payment. Councilmember Bobbie Curtis seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Citing a need for updated furniture for the

mayor's office and City Clerk Shereka Walker, Curtis made a motion to purchase furniture from One Source Office Products of Northport.

Shepherd seconded the motion, and it was approved by all members aside from Mayor Ralph Howard, who abstained.

The total cost of the furniture is \$8,500, and that amount will be paid out of a capital account.

During a workshop meeting before the twice-

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Above: Southern Academy's State Champion JV Volleyball team poses with their trophy.

Southern volleyball brings home two state titles

Varsity rallies past Lowndes in five sets for back-to-back Class AA championships; JV wins the AA junior varsity tournament



Southern Academy players and the Lady Cougars' fans cheer during the Alabama Independent School Association Class AA volleyball final against Lowndes Academy on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Cramton Bowl Multiplex in Montgomery. Southern won 3-2 for its second straight state title. (Photo from the Alabama Independent School Association)

Southern Academy rallied from two sets to one down to beat Lowndes Academy 3-2 for the Alabama Independent

School Association Class AA volleyball state championship Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Cramton Bowl Multiplex

in Montgomery.

Lowndes won the first set 25-17. Southern took the second 25-21 and Lowndes the third 25-16 before the Lady Cougars won the fourth 25-20 and the fifth 15-12.

Southern finished the season 33-1. The school listed its record at 32-1 going into the final.

The title is Southern's second straight in Class AA. The Lady Cougars beat Lowndes in the final Oct. 21, 2025, also at the Multiplex.

Southern swept Lakeside 3-0 in the Elite 8 and Chambers 3-0 in the Final Four on Monday, Oct. 19, at the Multiplex. The Lady Cougars beat Chambers 25-18, 25-14, 25-7.

Southern reached state as the Class AA Region 2 champion, beating Clarke Prep 3-0 and Jackson 3-0 in the region semifinal and final, both at home Wednesday, Oct. 14.

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a.m. and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

During the meeting, Rollins called the building's owner, Brian De Rousseau. De Rousseau said the Postal Service asked about six months ago to extend the lease at the current flat rate, and the owners countered with about \$200 a month more to cover their costs for the next five years, including any increases in insurance, maintenance and taxes.

The Postal Service declined, and the lease went into holdover status Aug. 31, he said. In September, he said, a Postal Service real estate specialist emailed that the Postal Service would be leaving the Akron office shortly.

He asked whether the reason was financial or operational, and she told him it was both. He offered to keep the rent at the current flat rate for the next five years, he said, but she later told him the decision had been made to leave for good.

Sewell asked De Rousseau whether he had issued the Postal Service an eviction notice. "We did not. We never issued a notice to vacate," he said.

The Postal Service had

said negotiations to renew the five-year lease, which expired in August, had failed, Sewell wrote. Her letter says her office has documentation showing that the lessor, after extended negotiations, agreed in writing to the Postal Service's demand to keep the rent at the August 2021 rate for five more years, through 2031.

Asked by a reporter for the reason behind the Postal Service's move, Rollins said, "They said it was because the lease was terminated, but we know that's not true."

The Postal Service chained the doors of the Akron office Wednesday, Oct. 14, began moving its mail to Moundville and dismantled its P.O. boxes, Sewell wrote. It had told residents and the news media the office would stay open until at least Oct. 30, she wrote.

The Postal Service had described the office's operations as temporarily suspended and told her office it acted early to allow enough time to vacate the building, according to the letter.

"I would say the rhetoric has changed in their letters. Because the first letter said this would be a temporary suspension. Now they're saying it's going to be a permanent closure. So that changed in just two weeks. We just want whoever's mak-

ing decisions to be accountable," Rollins said.

"And while we're excited that they've brought in a mobile unit, the fact of the matter is that they haven't widely disseminated when it's going to be open, when it's going to be closed, or how long it will be here," Sewell told reporters before the meeting.

Rollins said directing Akron residents to Moundville has strained that office, whose own customers complain they cannot get their mail.

One woman said she went to Moundville for her mail and was told to drive back because it was at the mobile unit in Akron. When she got there, she was told the unit was not open and she could not get her mail until the next day.

"I've been telling people to get their absentee ballots at the Greensboro Registrar's Office," Sewell said. "That's the only way you can be sure you will receive your absentee ballot, you will be able to fill out your absentee ballot, and you will be able to turn in your absentee ballot."

Sewell said Oct. 27 is the last day to request a mail-in ballot and have it mailed out. Under the Secretary of State's schedule for the Nov. 3 general election, Tuesday, Oct. 27, is the deadline for absentee ballot applications sent by mail, and Thursday, Oct. 29, for applications delivered in person.

Completed absentee ballots returned in person are due by close of business Monday, Nov. 2. Ballots returned by mail must arrive by noon on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

In Hale County, absentee ballot applications and completed ballots go to the absentee election manager, Circuit Clerk Catrinna Perry, 1001 Main St., Greensboro, 334-624-4334.

The Postal Service's actions may amount to a de facto discontinuance of the Akron office in violation of 39 CFR 241.3, Sewell wrote in her letter. That rule requires advance public notice and a chance for community input before postal service is permanently discontinued,

she wrote.

"I also know that according to the regulations, there's a process by which if you're going to make a permanent discontinuance of the mail, it requires a notice, I think it's 60 days, it requires a public hearing. So, if they're going to do that, they have to follow the law," Sewell said. "I just want people to do right by the people I represent. We have for so long been disinvested in the Black Belt. We deserve to be heard. We just want a fair opportunity to get our services back."

"The Postal Service com-

municates directly with elected officials and does not publicly share information on those interactions. We will provide a written response directly to the Congresswoman, per our established process," the Postal Service said in a statement to WBRC 6 News on Oct. 16.

Sewell said Tuesday she had not received an answer to her letter, which asked for a written response by Oct. 19. She told residents her office will demand a response, publish it and follow up on their questions.

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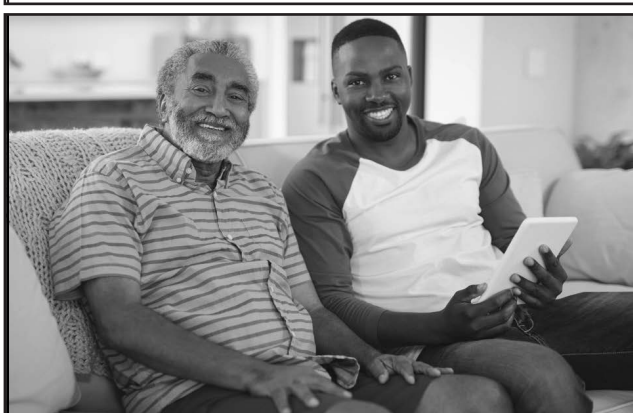
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25 Years Ago

*in the Greensboro
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October 25, 2001*

The Greensboro Bible Methodist Church invites you to an evening of family inspirational music featuring Phil and Kim Collingsworth and family of Burlington, Ky., on Thursday, November 1, at 7 o'clock p.m. The church is located at 2006 South Street in Greensboro.

The Collingsworths, along with their four children, will provide a concert of family praise and worship through vocal and instrumental music as well as audience participation. Kim is said to be one of the most gifted pianists in America, and you will be lifted as she, along with Milton Smith's Orchestra, bring to you the gift God has given her at the keyboard. Phil is an accomplished trumpeter, having completed professional studies at the University of Cincinnati, College Conservatory of Music.

The Greensboro Bible Methodist Church congregation and Pastor Steve Vernon extend a warm invitation for you to attend this special evening of musical inspiration.

There will be no admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken.

The recent fundraising gala sponsored by the Hale County Preservation Society on October 11 was described as a huge success.

In early September the idea to promote a fundraiser for repair and restoration to the society-owned Noel-Ramsey House was suggested. A group of interested people met at the house and enthusiastically agreed to adopt a project to raise funds. The activity accepted by the group was to conduct a silent auction of items donated by individuals and businesses during a gala evening of bidding and fun. The event was held at Col. Charles E. (Buddy) Ramsey's home.

Various committees were asked to accept responsibility for planning, seeking donations, food and drinks, arrangements and supervising the auction. "There is no way to adequately express the sincere appreciation we feel for the

tireless effort of all those who participated. The cooperation to make the project a success was absolutely outstanding," said those in charge of the event. "It is impossible to thank all individuals who contributed, but we do wish to acknowledge the individuals and businesses who contributed food for the evening and goods, services and other items for the auction."

The list of contributors follows:

Anne Jay, Ann Langford, Frame Factory, Birmingham; Barnette Furniture, Greensboro; J & J Jewelry, Greensboro; Greensboro Farmers Co-op; The Arbor, Demopolis; Greensboro Tractor Co.; Jo Chism, Tuscaloosa; Jane Allen Hewitt, Louisville, Ky.; Frank's Pharmacy, Greensboro; Serena Allen, Jo Vise, Tony Moore, City Furniture; Alabama Power Company, Alagasco, Peoples Bank of Greensboro, The Citizens Bank of Greensboro; Carolyn McCray, Dr. and Mrs. Dan Ramey, Gulf States Paper Co., Tuscaloosa; Decorator Warehouse, Tuscaloosa; Southern Pride Catfish, Harvest Select Catfish, Col. Charles Ramsey, Dombart Catfish Supply, Renee Ramsey Coleman, Auburn Rural Studio, Fuller's Grocery of Greensboro, Piggly Wiggly of Greensboro, Dairy Fresh Corporation, Crispy Chick, Greensboro Cafe, Magnolia Cafe, Foscoe House of Demopolis, and Bruno's of Tuscaloosa.

Those in charge of the fundraiser continued, "We are happy to report that this cooperative effort of individuals and businesses of Greensboro and surrounding area made it possible to raise approximately \$14,000 for the cost of repair and restoration of the Noel-Ramsey House. The Board of Directors of the Hale County Preservation Society can only say 'Thanks a million' to everyone who contributed. We hope to be able to show you some results of your efforts in the very near future."

The Oak Grove School Heritage Committee and the Oak Grove Baptist Church invite you to attend the dedication of the National Historical Marker for the Oak Grove Rosenwald School. The dedication speaker will be Tom Land, Cahaba

Trace Commissioner.

The program will be held on Sunday, October 28, at 1 p.m., on the Oak Grove School grounds at Gallion.

The Greensboro Music Study Club invites the public to a free concert presented by the Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra's Woodwind Quintet on Sunday, November 4, in the First Presbyterian Church's fellowship hall.

Members of the quintet are: Sandra Wolfe, flute; Erik Larson, oboe; Scott Bridges, clarinet; Mark Williams, bassoon; and Charles Snead, horn. In addition to music for the entire ensemble will be presentations by various combinations of the five instruments. The program will include a variety of musical styles, periods, and composers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin of the Stewart community have returned from a visit to Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, Tenn., and Cherokee and Maggie Valley, N. C.

While in the mountains, they surprised the Rev. and Mrs. William Dinwiddie at their new home in Waynesville, N. C. They visited for about an hour, and the Dinwiddies send their love to all their friends in Greensboro where they formerly resided.

Several members of the Greensboro Garden Club were in Coker yesterday (Wednesday) to attend the fall district meeting at the Coker Methodist Church Christian Life Center. The group included Mrs. James Key, club president; Mrs. Bradford Johnson, Mrs. Joe Day, Mrs. Felton Mitchell, Mrs. Ellis Faught, Mrs. J. F. Johnston, Mrs. Frederick Thomas and Mrs. M. J. Parrish. Bonnie Williams of Marion was a guest singer in the choir of the First United Methodist Church on Sunday morning.

Dennis Parker of Jacksonville spent the weekend here with Mrs. Parker (Rachel Jones) and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones.

A Fall Festival Party for children the ages of pre-school through the sixth grade will be held at the Greensboro Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 6 until 7 o'clock tonight (Thursday). Children are encouraged to wear costumes and to take their goodie bags.

50 Years Ago

*in the Greensboro
Watchman
October 21, 1976*

Johnny Arrington has volunteered his services to head up the Greensboro Salvation Army Service Unit drive for 1976.

Donald Berry, service unit chairman, E. C. Torbert, treasurer, and Mrs. Richard Avery, social secretary, administer the funds derived in meeting emergency needs as they arise within the community.

The Greensboro Rotary Club was entertained Tuesday with a program and film on the Swine Flu virus given by Albert Y. May, State Health Department official and native of Sawyerville.

Riley Lucas, Hale County engineer, advised The Watchman this week that Nicky L. Calhoun assumed the duties as Engineer-in-Training, with the Hale County Highway Department on October 1.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Cook invite all their friends, members and relatives to be present at the Golden Wedding Anniversary tea for their parents on Sunday afternoon, October 24, at their home on the Centerville Highway.

Ronald Lee Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith of Greensboro, has received his Ph.D. in mathematics from Auburn University and is the recipient of numerous honors.

The first meeting of Entre Nous was held September 22 at Cindy Tubbs' home. The club voted on sponsors, and they are Mrs. J. B. Stickney, III, and Mrs. Jan Case.

Chancey Kelly McCord was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on October 1 in a ceremony at Fort Sill, Okla.

Mrs. Harry Taylor and Miss Mary Taylor have returned home after a week's visit with Mrs. K. H. Carr in Twin Falls, Idaho, and Mrs. E. R. Arment in Hansen, Idaho.

75 Years Ago

*in the Greensboro
Watchman
Oct. 18, 1951*

Jack Fant of Tuscaloosa, recently appointed by Joe

Starnes, state chairman, to head the Crusade for Freedom for the Sixth Congressional District, announces the appointment of W. R. Withers as chairman for Hale County. Plans were afoot today to step up the free world's cold war against the Russian masters of the satellite countries.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie M. Otts were reported resting comfortably in a Meridian hospital at mid-week after both were seriously injured in an automobile wreck Sunday morning near Meridian.

Plans are moving ahead this week for the semi-annual meeting of the Hale County Historical Society at the City Recreation Center in Greensboro next Thursday.

The meeting will be devoted to the project for restoring the old Southern University building in Greensboro, and William H. Brantley, prominent Birmingham attorney, will be the principal speaker.

The Young Men's Civic Club held its regular meeting on Tuesday night. Three new members were added to the membership. They are Bryant Allen, Frank Allen and Ben Compton. Miss Margaret Hobson gave a brief talk on the restoration of the old Southern University building. Miss Margaret has, in the process of the last 18 months, accumulated \$10,000 through contributions for this purpose.

Eugene A. Dew, for 70 years a resident of Hale County, died in a Birmingham hospital Thursday night. Seventy-five years of age at the time of his death, Mr. Dew was the son of Sidney A. and Eugenia Glass Dew.

The Calliope Club will sponsor a square dance at the Greensboro High School Thursday night following the football game.

The Wesleyan Service Guild met in the home of Miss Dorothy Croll and Mrs. John Plyler on October 11. Guests were Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Agnew.

Miss Sue Rhodes, student nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rhodes.

Cooking in the Black Belt

by Casey Roberts

At some point, growing up around here, everyone's heard about how much mama's little baby loves shortenin' bread. When I was whisking around the kitchen Sunday morning, my mind started wondering where on earth a song like that came from. Folk music has a way of just popping up as far as recorded history goes, but the origins usually remain quite ambiguous. Some sources claim the song was just a folk song that refers to either shortbread or bread made from cornmeal and shortening. Other sources say it's a minstrel song that was adopted prior to the rise of vaudeville. Either way, it was a song that was first recorded at the turn of the century and has been interpreted and re-interpreted over the ensuing century (and some change).

Still, I found myself humming not the sunny, floaty version where you just hear about mama getting ready to make shortening bread for her little baby. I'm more apt to sing a more melancholy, droning version that I heard on a Jean Ritchie record. The narrative here is one that is more stark, maybe even Gothic. "Ever since my dog's been dead/Hogs been rootin' my tater bed./I do love (shortenin' bread)/I do love (shortenin' bread)." Of course, both versions include a verse about two little children laying in bed, with one being "most sick" and the other being "most dead." The solution to all these problems becomes shortenin' bread. Whether or not it can keep a hog from plowing up your crops is another story, but it certainly makes dealing with it a little less painful.

Shortening bread came to these shores by way of the Scots when they first started settling in North Carolina. "Short" for the Scottish meant something that was easily crumbled, much like any shortbread you encounter. Really that's all shortening bread is, just a colloquial name for shortbread. Or, if you're a heathen like me, you may know them as Keebler Sandies or Lorna

Doones. Shortbread is one of those cookies that is both simple in ingredients and execution. The main reason why shortbread is so delicious is simply because it's an excuse to hold two sticks of butter and some brown sugar together with a little flour and vanilla.

Loyal readers may remember the roasted banana pudding recipe that calls for shortbread cookies instead of the standard Nilla Wafers. I think a prepackaged Pecan Sandie is a wonderful vehicle for an ice cream sandwich as it doesn't get too hard in the freezer. My grandmother used to make ice cream sandwiches with Chips Ahoy and you'd just about break a molar getting through one of those. Now I don't know what your family's tea cakes were like, but ours were rather crispy; crumbly, even. Thus, shortbread never fails to remind me of my great great grandmother's tea cake recipe, even the thickness of the ensuing dough.

Speaking of, this dough couldn't be simpler. No wonder mama's little baby loves it so much: mama can make it in a jiffy. This is an added bonus if you're making something to contribute last minute to a potluck, like I was. These humble squares don't need any fancy dressing or fine feathers, just a nice plate to set on. After a busy Sunday lunch at St. Andrew's in Prairieville, I was beaming to come home with only one square left, which John promptly enjoyed when we got home.

To give credit where credit is due, this recipe comes from the cookbook *North Carolina & Old Salem Cookery*, published in 1992 by Beth Tartan. Tartan was the former food editor of the *Winston-Salem Journal*. Speaking as your local food columnist and associate editor, I'm quite smitten with the idea of changing my official title if this thing takes off anymore than it already has. Yet, I love the exchange here, from one newspaper to another. Let's roll up our sleeves and make a little

baby happy, shall we?

Shortnin' Bread

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 cup lightly packed brown sugar

16 Tablespoons (2 sticks) unsalted butter, soft but cool to the touch, cut into Tablespoons

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees with a rack in the middle.

Place the flour and brown sugar in a food processor. Pulse 10 to 12 times until well mixed. Sprinkle the butter pieces around the bowl. Add the salt and vanilla, then process until the mixture pulls together into a ball. This will take about 30 seconds.

Turn into an ungreased 8-inch square pan, spreading the dough as evenly as possible to reach the corners. Bake until lightly browned and firm, about 25 to 30 minutes.

Remove from the oven and cool for 30 minutes. Cut into squares or 2-inch bars. Store in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks.

As you can see, it's a pretty shelf-stable cookie. Although I doubt you'll keep it around for two weeks. Don't have a food processor? You can still do this by hand. Mainly, you'd want to cut the butter into the flour, then beat the dough together. Whether you cut it in with a pastry cutter, two butter knives, or just your fingers is none of my business. Same goes for if you use a wooden or a silver spoon. Again, it all comes together the same way, it'll just take a little more time and dexterity.

In all honesty, I settled on this for two reasons. One, I've only made this for a bake sale and never really got a chance to enjoy some for myself. Two, I didn't feel like running to the store to get pecans to make a chess cake. By the way, have we talked about chess cake? That'll be for another column, but it's quickly becoming one of my favorite potluck desserts.

One thing I will never be able to abide by at a potluck

is unlabeled casseroles. How many times do I have to reach into a mystery dish of cheese and cream and come out with pineapple casserole instead of hashbrown casserole? Not to get too off topic, but pineapple casserole is a rather new addition to my palate and I have to say it's one classic dish that is very contentious for me. Again, that's for another week, another column.

A little plug here, but for those of you not in the know, this very column was cited in this month's issue of *The Atlantic*. One of my favorite magazines that brings me down with the dire state of current events, but that's the news, right? Anyway, I'm on page 25 featured in the article "The Death of Durkee's." We did it, folks! We've made it to the big time! All for the love of my favorite recently-extinct condiment. If any of you folks are sitting on some contraband Durkee's, I'm not naming prices, but there's a handsome reward in it for you if you're willing to part with it. I got a little sad looking at hams, thinking about Thanksgiving, and wondering what I'll be basting our ham in this year. I guess we're gonna have to go back to the Aretha Franklin recipe (again, another column).

I'd be curious how this dough would fair in a tart crust. Over a year ago now I brought a pineapple tart from *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* to a pool party, where the crust was basically shortbread. Shortbread, custard, and apricot-glazed pineapple. If that was what we called pineapple casserole, I'd eat it by the shovel-full. In fact, something similar exists, sans the pineapple, from Louisiana called a *Tarte a la Bouille*. When I was looking through my recipe books I came across a chocolate wafer recipe that promises to make cookies good enough to make a chocolate pie crust. We'll just have to see about that, won't we?

I've taken to cutting this shortnin' bread out of the pan along the edges, turning it out onto a cutting board, then cutting my squares from there. A good rule of thumb

is to cut in half as evenly as possible. Cut those halves into halves, then rotate the cutting board and repeat on the other side. You end up with a pretty even slate of squares by the end of it. That said, you get about 16 squares out of the whole shebang, so if you want more, you're just gonna have to make more. Although I think you'll find the richness of this recipe shines well on its own without the need for ice cream or a dusting of powdered sugar.

Good news is, if it's just you and the hog, eight squares oughta keep him occupied long enough to dig up your taters before the hog does. In fact, these cookies would be great at a hog killing, and with the weather turning like it is, I'm imagining smokehouses are gonna be lighting up soon enough. If anybody wants to invite me to one, I'll bring the shortnin' bread. A double batch, if I have to!

ALDOT resurfacing Highway 14 into Greensboro, cutting four lanes to two

The Alabama Department of Transportation plans to resurface 4.7 miles of SR-14 in Hale County, from near Holbrook Place to the SR-61 intersection in Greensboro.

The work was set to begin Tuesday, Oct. 13, and is to continue until the end of the year, weather permitting.

The project includes a road diet on SR-14 from Main Street to Tuscaloosa Street. That stretch will be changed from four travel lanes to two, with a two-way center left turn lane.

ALDOT cited Federal Highway Administration figures that road diets can reduce crashes on traditional four-lane undivided highways by up to 47 percent.

Lane closures will not be allowed between 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. on weekdays when school is in session.

Council

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monthly public meeting, the council voted to approve pay raises for all city employees. The mayor's and councilmembers' pay will not be increased as a result of this action.

After many public complaints about loose and wandering dogs, the City of Greensboro has issued a public notice asking residents to keep their dogs secured and off the streets.

Dogs roaming freely through neighborhoods, streets and public areas can create safety concerns for children walking to school, pedestrians, motorists, other animals and residents enjoying their own property, the notice says.

Dog owners are asked to keep their dogs secured on their property or under appropriate supervision and control, and not to let them roam through neighborhoods or onto other people's property.

They are also asked to check fences, gates and other enclosures to keep dogs from escaping, and to make sure their dogs have adequate food, clean water, shelter and proper care.

The city asks owners to be considerate of their neighbors and to promptly address concerns involving their pets.

Concerns about roaming dogs may be referred to the appropriate city department or animal-control authority for review and action under applicable laws and ordinances.

Southern

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Southern's junior varsity Lady Cougars won the AISA AA JV state tournament Saturday, Oct. 17, the school said. The team went in as the No. 1 seed.

The JV beat Evangel 25-5, 25-12, and Chambers 25-17, 25-21 in the semifinal, then took the title over Morgan Academy 25-18, 16-25, 15-8.

Martha Kyser was named

Mail-in absentee applications due Oct. 27

Mail-in absentee ballot applications for the Nov. 3 general election must reach the county absentee election manager by Tuesday, Oct. 27, Secretary of State Wes Allen said in a release Oct. 8. The deadline to return an application in person is Thursday, Oct. 29.

Absentee ballots returned in person are due by close of business Monday, Nov. 2, the day before the election. Ballots returned by mail must arrive by noon on Election Day, Nov. 3.

Voters must have a qualifying reason under state law to vote absentee and must give that reason on the application, according to the release. A valid photo ID is required to request an absentee ballot, the same as at the polls.

Applications can be downloaded at AlabamaVotes.gov. The list of qualifying reasons is on the Secretary of State's website, sos.alabama.gov.

the tournament's most valuable player. Ava Clary and Bailey Grace Bishop made the all-tournament team.

Kyser had 14 kills against Chambers and six in the final. Clary had 19 assists against Chambers and 13 in the final, and Camille May served five aces in the final.

Allie Eicher had 12 digs against Chambers and seven in the final.

The JV finished the season 18-4.

Newbern hosts wastewater operator certification training starting Oct. 27

The Town of Newbern and the Alabama Rural Water Association will hold a 15-session wastewater operator certification training program beginning Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Newbern Town Hall, 7777 Alabama Highway 61.

The first session is 4 to 7 p.m.

The program prepares operators for Grade 1 and Grade 2 certification. Trainees must attend every session to qualify for certification.

The trainers are Tyler Grant, a water quality specialist; Jon Lowe, training director; Bill Messick, an operations consultant; and Steve Berry, a wastewater specialist.

The workshop also offers business networking and job placement opportunities.

Hale County residents are welcome. For information, email townofnewbern@l@gmail.com or visit alruralwater.com.



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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, No-

vember 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 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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Legal Notice

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Sealed proposals for this project shall be received by Mr. Michael C. Ryans, Superintendent at the Hale County Board of Education located at 1115 Powers Street, Greensboro, AL 36744; Phone: 334-624-8836, until 2:00 PM Central Time, Tuesday, October 27, 2026, then opened and read aloud.

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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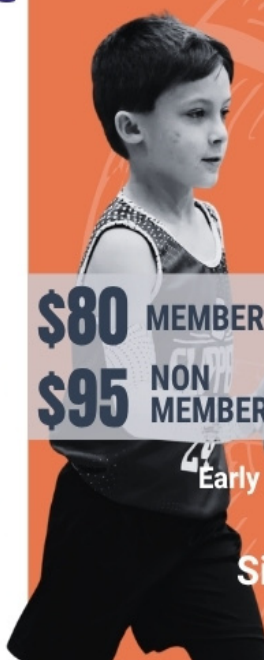
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Legals

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in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000.00 must accompany the bidder's sealed proposal. Performance and statutory labor and material payment bonds will be required at the signing of the Contract.

All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect. All bidders shall show such evidence by clearly displaying their current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered.

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 ACCEPTED. 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

Architect: Lathan McKee Architects, 3500 Eastern Blvd., Suite 300, Montgomery, Alabama 36116 | Phone: 334-834-9933
10-8-3c

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 representation, 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 non-

judicial 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.

* The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.

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.

NEWREZ LLC
as holder of said mortgage

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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:

Lot 9 The villages, a map or plat of which is recorded in Map Book 2, at Page 72 in the Probate Office of Hale County, Alabama. LESS AND EXCEPT MINERAL AND MINING RIGHTS.

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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 AND PLACE SET FORTH ABOVE.

Freedom Mortgage Corporation ("Transferee")

Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.

3000 Riverchase Galleria, Suite 705

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10-15-1c

Legal Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HALE COUNTY, ALABAMA
CHARLES E. MYATT, Plaintiff,

v. 36-CV-2026-900085.00

A tract or parcel of land lying in the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of

Section

25 Township 19 North, Range 5

East, Hale

County, Alabama, Parcel Number

36-18-07-25-3-000-010.000,

and

The heirs-at-law and next-of-kin of Adam Myatt and Nancy Hargrest and any claimants, known or unknown of any interest in the real property made the subject matter of this litigation, Defendants.

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION
Notice is hereby given to any Claimants or purported owners to any interest in the above-described real estate.

A civil action is pending in Hale County Circuit Court by the Plaintiff to Quiet Title in the Plaintiff of the property described as follows:

A lot or parcel of land lying and situated in the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 25, Township 19 North, Range 5 East, Hale County, Alabama, and described as beginning 580 feet South and 198 feet East of the intersection of Woods Road and the West boundary of the Southwest Quarter, and the Point of Beginning; thence South 423 feet to a point being the Southwest corner of the herein described parcel; thence East 812 feet to a point being the Southeast corner of the herein described parcel; thence North 462 feet along a branch to a point being the Northeast corner of the herein described parcel; thence West 812 feet to the Point of Beginning, and being a lot or parcel of land lying and situated in the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 25, Township 19 North, Range 5 East, Hale County, Alabama.

Hale County Parcel Number: 36-18-07-25-3-000-010.000.

Any claimants or purported owners must answer the Complaint seeking relief by the 12th day of December, 2026, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against them in Case No. CV-2026-900085.00 Hale County Circuit Court.

DONE this, the 15th day of October, 2026.

HALE COUNTY CIRCUIT

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Woodford W. Dinning, Jr.

Attorney for the Plaintiff

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583 New Hope Rd.
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S.S. 9:45, W.S. 11:00

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1248 County Road 21 (off 14)
Greensboro, AL 36744

Rev. J. L. Anderson

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Greensboro, AL 36744

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Bible Study Wed. 5:30 p.m.

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Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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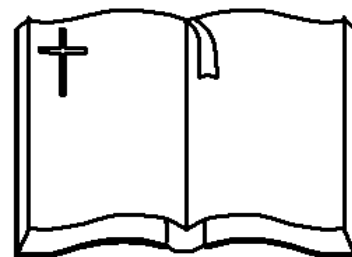
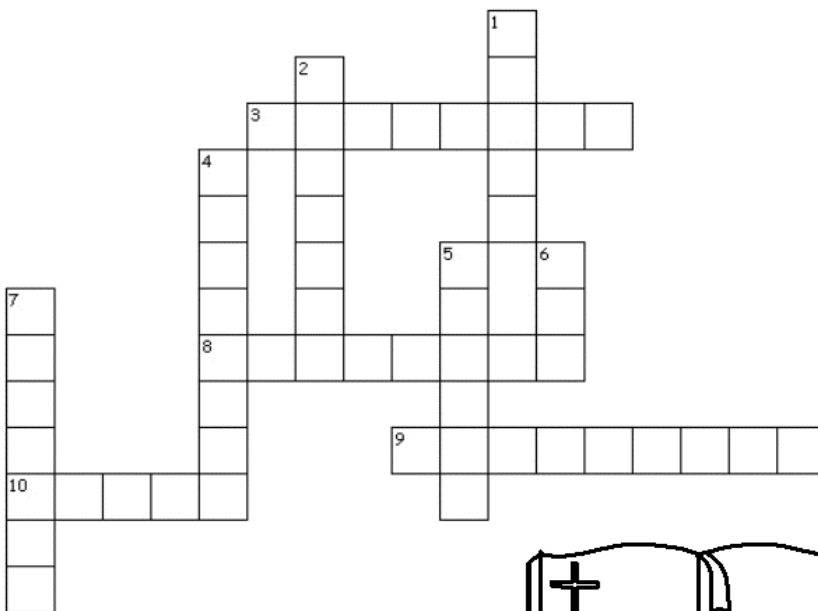
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9. The Bible is separated into the old and new ____.
10. There are 66 of these in the Bible.

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1. The Bible is our biggest ____ in helping us know how to live.
2. Some of the books of the Bible are ____ written to help and encourage others.
4. The Bible is full of these just for you.
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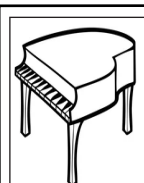


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Mr. Ed Martin died at his home in West Hale on October 11. His age was about 55 years.

Only three cases of scarlet fever have thus far occurred in Greensboro. They are of a very mild type and the patients are rapidly recovering.

The program tonight of the Literary and Scientific Association will be a continuation of the discussion of Alabama literature. The meeting will be with Mr. H. G. Benners.

Mr. A. C. Evans has taken charge of the Western Union Telegraph office in Greensboro and will move the office into the store of Evans Bros.

Miss Bessie Williams, aged 16 years, died at the residence of her brother, Rev. G. N. Williams, on Centerville Street last Friday night of typhoid fever contracted in Jefferson County. Her parents from Florida were here.

Rev. R. A. Massey, who formerly resided in Greensboro and who at one time was quite a prominent Baptist preacher, died in Northwest Hale a few days ago.

The jury in the case of Sip Webb against the Town of Greensboro to recover \$1,000 damages claimed by the said Webb because, as he says, his mule stumbled over an obstruction in the street of said town last November and threw him off and thereby broke his collar bone (wherefore he sued), returned a verdict in favor of the town in the Circuit Court of Hale County last Thursday.

Hon. Charles E. Waller entertained Judge John Moore and Solicitor Quarles and the bar of Greensboro at a "Possum" supper last night at his hospitable home in Greensboro.

Magnolia Homemakers take sweet potato orders through Oct. 30

The Magnolia Homemakers and Community Leaders are holding their annual sweet potato fundraiser, selling sweet potatoes at \$30 for a 40-pound box.

Orders are due Friday, Oct. 30. Orders can be placed with a member of the Magnolia Homemakers or in person at the Hale County Extension Office.

Checks and money orders should be made payable to Magnolia Homemakers and Community Leaders.

Pickup is Thursday, Nov. 5, and Friday, Nov. 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Extension office, 701 Hall St., Greensboro.

For information, call 334-624-8710.

Eastern Star chapter to hold drug take-back day Oct. 24 in Marion

The Order of the Eastern Star's Taylor's Pride Chapter No. 712 will hold Perry County Prescription Drug Take Back Day from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Perry County Courthouse, 300 Washington St., Marion.

The chapter is holding the day with the Perry County Sheriff's Office and the Marion Police Department. Old, unwanted and unneeded prescription drugs may be turned in safely and anonymously.

Bring prescription drugs, with all personal identifying information marked out. Do not bring sharps, needles or hazardous waste. Controlled substances must be disposed of through channels approved by the Drug Enforcement Administration and should not be flushed down a sink or toilet.

For more information, contact Worthy Matron Helen Melton, Worthy Patron Tyrone D. Smith or any member of the chapter.

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Dusty and Jackson

I wanted to share a sweet tribute to Jackson Kelley, who we lost in April 2020, written by his life long friend, Dusty Redding Fields, just after their Hale County High Class of 2006 Reunion!

Hello old friend,

I miss you today, as I do most days, but especially today. Because today you would have been 39 years old. (October 15, 1987). I like to think that we would've spent it together, although I don't know if our circumstances would've actually allowed it. I like to think that we would have shared mutual anticipation for the new Resident Evil movie and maybe even made plans to go see it together.

Or maybe at least we could have planned to meet up vir-

tually on Xbox Live so that you could remind me, once again, that you are INSANELY good at Mortal Kombat. That we would have switched to Tekken at my behest, so that I could mop the floor with you and remind you that we grew up playing these games together, but we simply chose to put our time into different games.

Much in that same way, we had chosen very different paths in life. We sparred many times in our later years together about our differing philosophies and what we thought was right. You always had a unique way of taking big, sweeping concepts and boiling them down into the simplest terms, born from your own experience. Even when you would oversimplify things and lose the plot entirely, I

could always tell that your core intention was to get to the truth of things and satisfy your own curiosity. I always admired that about you, and I honestly have never come across anyone else who pined for the absolute truth like we both always have.

We would speak now and again about what we would do if the other one died. I remember some, but sadly not all of that. I like to think I remembered the important parts:

Firstly, we both agreed that we would make sure the other was buried with our favorite movies and video games. I did my part in that and I know others did as well. I saw copies of The Big Lebowski, Boondocks Saints and Pulp Fiction other people had brought. I paid for expedited shipping on the nearly pristine copy of Mortal Kombat 2 I ordered from another fellow named Dusty in Ohio to make absolutely sure it would make it in time to get it to you. So, you're welcome.

Secondly, we both agreed that we would indeed show up to each other's funerals and cry. Why we thought that wasn't a given, I will never know, but rest assured; I was there, and I cried. A lot. I helped carry you to your grave site. I helped to physically shovel the dirt to cover you up. And I sobbed the entire time I did those things until my face hurt, just as I had in the days leading up to the funeral.

I didn't know I was going to have to physically bury you until your dad approached the pall bearers right after the funeral and handed us all shovels and explained "I won't have my son buried by no machine" While I was honored and would have never refused, I have tell you, it absolutely wrecked me. I had spent the days leading up to the funeral mentally preparing myself for all that was to come, but I never anticipated having to roll up my sleeves and physically bury my brother in the ground. In a way, I'm glad I didn't know until the moment. Nothing I could have done would have prepared me for it anyhow. Sorry to bring down the mood, but I digress...

Happy Birth Date my friend! That's what you call it when other people celebrate the birth of someone who has passed on. A birth date, not a birthday. To me it seems that it is maybe described in that way to remind the living that every one of us has limited time on this earth.



Stetson McCrory

Mortality is funny that way. It takes someone else's passing to remind us that one day, someone will be carrying each of us to a grave, crying all the way. It is here that I personally find meaning in death. It reminds those of us carrying on to enjoy what we have. To make the most of every moment.

The times I spent with you showed me how carefree and whimsical life can be if we just let go and let it. It wasn't until I grew up and realized how difficult the world would make that simple task, that I came to really appreciate your ability to do that so effortlessly. I will spend the rest of my life attempting to live that way, because to me, that way is the only way.

So happy birthday and birth date, my brother. I love you and miss you, Jackson. The world misses you. I will carry the fire, and I will reluctantly excuse you from having to cry at my funeral. Now if you'll excuse me, I've got some Mortal Kombat to play.

Four year old Stetson McCrory of Sawyerville, hit his 1st home run this past week for his team. The oldest of 3 boys! Stetson's team was short two players and 2 year old little brother, Ryder, filled in for the team, being as he already had the uniform (wanting to match big brother) and had already warmed up with the team. He will be 3 in Feb. So Ryder was asked did he want to play! YES SIR! Trevor and Amanda Roulaine McCrory, have a 3rd little boy, Tucker, who is already watching!

Mrs. Louise Thomas recently celebrated her "90th" birthday with 90 of her friends and family at Mr. Hebron Fellowship Hall.

MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory on their birthday:

Oct. 22nd...Matt Frye, John D. Lavender

23rd...Guel Davis

24th...Rufus "Bubba" Kelley

25th...Pearl Green, Robert Wright

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Oct. 24th...Jessica Humphreys, Annie Earle Jackson, Logan Bailey Carter, Trevino Vawters

25th...Josie Harrison, McKensie Hoggie, Mark Haney, Tara Wyatt Frye, Courtney Dockery

27th...Kolby Gardner

28th...Linda Jackson Lake, Blake Morrison, Brenda Bradshaw Abernathy, Victoria Corley Collins, Debbie Benedict-Jensen, Charles Massey, Hunter Merritt

That's all for this week,
Rita



Louise Thomas and her family.