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## Akron post office to stay open under new five-year lease, Sewell's office says

The Postal Service has confirmed to U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell's office that a new five-year lease has been executed for the Akron post office and that the office will stay open, her office said in a release Friday, Oct. 23.

Her office learned Thursday, Oct. 22, that lease negotiations between the Postal Service and the property owner had resumed, the release said. "USPS subsequently confirmed to Rep. Sewell's office that a new five-year lease had been executed, ensuring that the Akron Post Office will remain open and continue serving the community for years to come," it said.

"According to USPS, postal officials are currently coordinating to reinstall the equipment and infrastructure that was previously removed from the facility," the release said. "The Akron Post Office will resume operations once the necessary postal equipment is returned. In the meantime, customers may continue to conduct retail transactions, including mailing letters and picking up packages, at the mobile retail unit onsite."

The release gives no date for the equipment's return. It does not name the Postal Service official who confirmed the lease or say whether the confirmation came in writing.

Akron Mayor Chris Rolins told residents in a public Facebook post the morning of Thursday, Oct. 22, the day before the release, that the post office "is going back into our same location" and "is reopening and being re-

stored!!" The post did not say who had told him or when operations would resume.

The Postal Service had posted nothing on the lease in its Alabama news releases or service alerts as of Friday afternoon, Oct. 23. Its latest Alabama news release was still the Oct. 19 release on Akron, which said operations at the Akron post office would be "permanently suspended" effective Oct. 31 "due to non-renewal of the lease."

Its Alabama service alert, in an entry dated Oct. 21, still read: "All operations are suspended temporarily. All operations at the Akron Post Office will be moved to the Moundville Post Office," followed by Moundville's retail hours.

Under the Oct. 19 release, Akron box holders could pick up their mail, with identification, at the mobile retail unit through Oct. 31, and could mail letters and pick up packages there. The unit's hours under that release were 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.

That release also said all postal operations, box mail included, would move to the Moundville post office, 259 Second Ave., on Nov. 1, with retail hours of 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Sewell's release does not say what becomes of the Oct. 31 date or the move to Moundville; it says only that customers may keep using the . . . see **Akron**, page 2



The court of the "Reach for the Stars" Senior Citizen Prom, held this month by Greensboro Senior Citizens, from left: J.B. Washington, Mr. Greensboro Seasonal Citizen; Johnnie Mae Smith, Mrs. Greensboro Seasonal Citizen; Fred Crayton and Helen Crayton, king and queen; and Chester Ryans and Mildred "Tina" Black, prince and princess. . . . see **Prom**, page 13

## Sheriff, commission and school board races on Hale ballot

*Four statewide amendments and the governor's race also before voters Tuesday, Nov. 3*

Hale County voters will choose a sheriff, two county commissioners and a school board member Tuesday, Nov. 3, along with a governor, a U.S. senator and the rest of the statewide ticket, and will vote on four proposed amendments to the state constitution.

Sheriff Michael Hamilton, a Democrat, faces Republican Kevin McDaniel.

In County Commission District 1, Commissioner Don Wallace, a Republican, faces Democrat Jonathan Rossell. The District 4 seat is open: Commissioner Patti Rhodes lost the Democratic primary in May to Charles Patrick, who faces Republican Beatrice Nichols.

Democrat Kaleda Williams-Zanders and Republican Brooke Seale McCrory are running for District 1 on the Hale County Board of Education, a seat held by Christopher Carter, who is not on the ballot.

Revenue Commissioner Andretta Skipper, a Democrat, is unopposed, as are Democrat Eric A. Wiggins for coroner, state Sen. Bobby Singleton in District 24, state Rep. Curtis L. Travis in District 72 and Yvette M. Richardson for District 4 on the State Board of Education.

In the 7th Congressional District, U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell, a Democrat, faces Republican Ammie Akin.

At the top of the ballot, Democrat Doug Jones, a former U.S. senator, and Republican Tommy Tuberville, the state's senior U.S. senator, are running for governor to succeed Gov. Kay Ivey, who is term-limited. Democrat Phillip Ensler, a state representative from Montgomery, and Republican John Wahl, the former state party chairman, are running for lieutenant governor, and Democrat Everett Wess, a Birmingham attorney, and U.S. Rep. Barry

Moore, a Republican, for the Senate seat Tuberville is giving up.

Democrat Jeff McLaughlin and Republican Katherine Robertson are running for attorney general and Democrat Wayne Rogers and Republican Caroleene Dobson for secretary of state, both open seats. Democrat Rosilyn Houston faces State Treasurer Young Boozer, a Republican, and Democrat Violet Edwards faces State Auditor Andrew Sorrell, a Republican. Democrat Ron Sparks, who was commissioner of agriculture and industries from 2003 to 2011, and Republican Corey Hill, the mayor of Douglas, are running for that office.

On the Public Service Commission, where the incumbents in both places on the ballot lost Republican primaries this year, Democrat James O. Gordon and Repub-

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## Akron

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mobile unit until operations resume.

Sewell and Rollins met with Akron residents about the office Tuesday, Oct. 20. The building's owner, Brian De Rousseau, reached by phone during the meeting, said the owners never gave the Postal Service notice to vacate and had offered to keep the rent at its current rate for five more years.

Sewell's Oct. 16 letter to Postmaster General David Steiner demanded "the immediate reopening of the facility," in her release's words, and asked for an answer in writing by Oct. 19. The release does not say whether the Postal Service answered the letter.

The six Hale County post office ZIP codes, Akron, Gallion, Greensboro, Moundville, Newbern and Sawyerville, are among those where the Postal Service has cut mail pickups from twice a day to once, according to a lookup the nonprofit newsroom ProPublica published Thursday, Oct. 22, with a report on late mail ballots. ProPublica compiled the list from filings in the Postal Regulatory Commission's docket and lists all six as covered since March 11, 2024.

The cut leaves outgoing mail at the post office overnight, to be postmarked a day later at the sorting plant, ProPublica reported. In this year's primaries, the share of mailed ballots rejected as late doubled or tripled in affected counties in Washington, California, Ohio, North Carolina and Oregon, the report found. Alabama was not among the states it analyzed.

The Postal Service's own plan for election mail, a Sept. 30 memorandum to all employees, orders "extraordinary measures" from Saturday, Oct. 24, through Election Day. From Monday, Oct. 26, post offices are to pull completed ballots bound for the local election office out of the day's collected mail, postmark them by hand the day they are accepted and hand them over. Offices on the reduced pickup schedule are told to cull returned ballots from carriers, retail counters and collection boxes, hand-cancel them the day they are collected and deliver them to the local election office each day. The memorandum does not mention mobile retail units.

Absentee ballot applications delivered in person are due Thursday, Oct. 29, under the Secretary of State's schedule for the Nov. 3 general election; the deadline for applications by mail was Tuesday, Oct. 27. Completed

ballots returned in person are due by close of business Monday, Nov. 2, and a ballot returned by mail must reach the absentee election manager by noon Tuesday, Nov. 3.

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

## Ballot

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lican Matt Gentry, the Cullman County sheriff, are running for Place 1 and Democrat Sheila D. McNeil and Republican Jim Zig Zeigler, the former state auditor, for Place 2.

Of the six appellate court seats on the ballot, only Supreme Court Place 8 is contested, between Democrat Ashleigh Meyer Dunham and Justice Greg Shaw, a Republican. Republicans Brad Mendheim for Supreme Court Place 7, Benjamin M. Bowden and Matt Fridy for Places 4 and 5 on the Court of Civil Appeals, and Mary Windom and Riggs Walker for Places 4 and 5 on the Court of Criminal Appeals are unopposed.

Four proposed amendments to the Alabama Constitution are on every ballot in the state. The Fair Ballot Commission's statements on them, posted at AlabamaVotes.gov, say none of the four carries a cost or a tax. A yes vote changes the constitution; a no vote leaves it as it is.

Amendment 1 concerns the office of lieutenant governor. Under current law, if the office becomes vacant during a term, it generally stays vacant until the next regular election for it. The amendment would require an election to fill the office for the rest of the term if the vacancy comes more than 60 days before the next general election at which state officers are elected.

It would also let the Legislature set the pay of the lieutenant governor and of the officers of the House and Senate by joint resolution, and it would require that any spending of legislative funds on members' travel be approved by an officer elected by the

full membership of that chamber. It was proposed by Act 2026-341, sponsored by Sen. Sam Givhan.

Amendment 2 would create a way for two or more neighboring county school boards to merge into one multi-county school system by formal resolution of each board.

Before a merger could take effect, the State Board of Education would have to study its effects on students, families, programs, transportation, finances, taxes and school operations, and publish the study. If 25 percent of the qualified voters in any of the affected county systems filed a written protest, the merger could go forward only if a majority of voters in each affected county, and a majority of all votes cast across the counties, approved it at the next general election. It was proposed by Act 2026-378, sponsored by Rep. Terri Collins.

Amendment 3 would require every local board of education to adopt a policy requiring each public K-12 school to conduct the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of each school day, with students given the chance to recite it voluntarily, and a policy allowing student-initiated, student-led prayer. No student could be required to take part in the prayer, and students could opt out of the pledge or

the prayer on their own beliefs. Reported violations would go to the local superintendent. It was proposed by Act 2026-379, sponsored by Rep. Reed Ingram.

Amendment 4 would require local boards of education to adopt a policy requiring each public K-12 school to broadcast the first stanza of "The Star-Spangled Banner" at least once a week during school hours. A board could instead allow a school-approved band, choir, vocal group or vocalist to perform it, using the version archived by the Library of Congress. It was proposed by Act 2026-424, sponsored by Sen. Gerald Allen.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Voters must show a valid photo ID. The ballot offers a straight-party line for the Alabama Democratic Party and the Alabama Republican Party, and the offices that run by district appear only in the precincts they cover.

An absentee ballot returned by hand is due at the absentee election manager's office by the close of business Monday, Nov. 2. One returned by mail must arrive by noon on election day. Results will be posted at each polling place after the count and at AlabamaVotes.gov.

The county's sample ballot, as certified by the Secretary of State, is printed in this edition.

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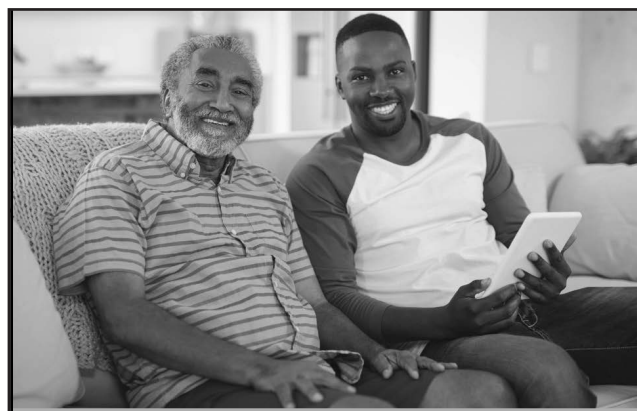
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## 25 Years Ago

*in the Greensboro  
Watchman  
November 1, 2001*

Greensboro West Elementary will host "Discover Your Schools Day 2001" on Thursday, November 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Ms. Angel Jowers of the West Alabama Mental Health Center will present a program to parents on how to foster "Emotional Intelligence" in children. The Greensboro West Elementary Choir will be performing under the direction of Ms. Michelle Marson. The third grade will be performing their Thanksgiving program. Honor Roll students will be recognized.

Teachers will be scheduling parent conferences from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

The faculty and staff encourage all parents to come "discover" Greensboro West Elementary tonight (Thursday).

Sunshine High School announces that its 2001 Homecoming festivities are set for Thursday, November 1.

The day will begin with the coronation at 10 a.m. The Homecoming parade will be held in Newbern at 3:30 p.m.

The Sunshine Tigers will host the Greene County Tigers at the Tiger Stadium with a 7 p.m. kick-off.

Sunshine High School invites all to come and join in the Homecoming festivities.

The Hale County Board of Education has posted a proposed redistricting plan for the school board districts. The plan is on display at the central office at 1115 Powers Street, Greensboro. Office hours are from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The plan is available for public viewing and comment. After a two-week period, the redistricting plan will be submitted to the United States Justice Department.

The 2001 session of the Alabama Silver-Haired Legislature was held in Montgomery October 21-24. Of the 48 resolutions introduced for consideration, 26 were passed by the 78 members present who included Mrs. Wilma K. Cephus of District 67, representing Hale and Bibb counties.

The Southern Academy Lady Cougar Volleyball Team

traveled to Montgomery on Saturday, October 27, to play in the State Championship Tournament.

Unfortunately, the Lady Cougars didn't come home with a victory. However, they were the 1A State Runner-up.

Leah Drury and Meaghan McGuire were named to the All-Tournament Team. Leah Drury also made the All-Star Team.

Claire Ryan Corley was crowned Queen of the 'Teenie Miss' division at the West Alabama State Fair Pageant in Tuscaloosa on October 8. Claire is the 14-month-old daughter of Kay and Allen Corley. Her grandparents are Delores and Billy Ryan and the late Elizabeth and Thamer Corley, all of Moundville.

The Rev. and Mrs. William Earl Calhoun of Fairhope visited his father, C. M. (Jack) Calhoun, during the week-end and accompanied him to the Sunday morning worship service of the First United Methodist Church.

Russell Palmer of West Plains, Mo., and Glenn Palmer of St. Louis, Mo., have returned to their homes after a week's visit here with Eva and Thomas Arrington and Serena and Frank Allen.

The Rev. Dee McGuire, pastor of the Greensboro Baptist Church, was named as "Pastor of the Day" on Thursday by the Moody Christian Radio Station at Dixons Mills.

Mrs. James Key and Mrs. Johnny Johnston spent the weekend in Troy where they attended the Choate-Elmore Athletes' Reunion on Saturday evening.

Julyan Davis, formerly of Bristol, England, recently came from Highlands, N. C., and he and Randall Curb attended a concert presented by a mutual friend in Birmingham on Friday night. Julyan accompanied Randall to Greensboro on Saturday to spend the week-end.

Robert Middleton returned home last Wednesday from the DCH Regional Medical Center where he underwent treatment.

## 50 Years Ago

*in the Greensboro  
Watchman  
October 28, 1976*

The Citizens Bank announced this week to The

Greensboro Watchman that they will have an open house for the public on Saturday, October 30. The bank will be open for business on Monday, November 1. The directors of the new bank are: Hoyt Glover, John C. Jay, Jr., Hanry Taylor, Jr., Dr. Richard Bailey, Waller Wedgworth, III, James H. Seale, Jr., Ronald Causey and John Dombhart.

Miss Sanet Kuykendall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas of Greensboro, is one of 59 Harding College seniors doing nine weeks of supervised teaching in Arkansas schools this semester.

Huntingdon College in Montgomery announces that Alex Crawford of Greensboro and Judge Hughen of Eutaw are members of its "Committee of 100". The members of the committee act as representatives of the college in their community.

The regular meeting of the Quest Club was held at the Moundville Municipal Building on Tuesday. It was an open meeting at which Mrs. R. K. Wilson of Aliceville, president of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs, gave a program on the Alabama Industries of the Blind, located at Talladega.

The Student Council is busy getting ready for Homecoming activities at Greensboro Public School West on November 5. The 1976 Homecoming Court was selected by popular vote. Diane Williams was elected queen. Maids are Abby Singleton, Gretta Thomas, Brenda Ferguson, Beverly Ash and Caprice Rogers.

The 11 members of the Green Tigers 4-H Club met on Thursday. Traci Colburn was elected president.

## 75 Years Ago

*in the Greensboro  
Watchman  
Oct. 25, 1951*

Cotton ginnings up to October 1 totaled 9,618 bales in Hale County, according to the semi-monthly report of the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce.

George E. (Buck) Sledge, Greensboro attorney, has been appointed to the State Board of Education.

Mrs. Robert H. Baugh of Birmingham, a native of

Greensboro and a member of an early Black Belt family, died Monday morning after an illness of three years. She was a sister of Mrs. Zemma W. Sledge of Greensboro.

Powers School has an enrollment of 175 pupils. The teachers are: Mrs. Jewel S. Hardenbergh, principal and first grade teacher; Mrs. Mary Williams, first grade; Mrs. Daisy Page, second grade; Mrs. Ida Montz, second grade; Mrs. Dorothy Lowrey, third grade; and Miss Lillie Dale, third grade.

The H. E. Tidmore family of Hale County is the subject of a feature article in the October issue of The Progressive Farmer, the widely circulated Southern agricultural publication. The article points out that dairying for the Tidmores is a family affair.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Landolt were Cullen Landolt of New Orleans and Warner Thigpen of the U.S. Navy.

Major Charles E. Ramsey, Jr., will arrive from Panama City this week for the Poellnitz-Vick wedding.

## 125 Years Ago

*in the Greensboro  
Watchman  
October 24, 1901*

Mr. J. M. Simpson has sold out his hotel interest in Greensboro to Mr. W. P. Rasco, and moved back to his old home at Cedarville.

Cotton has been selling during the past week in Greensboro from 7.25 to 7.50.

The prisoners of the county jail came near making their escape last Sunday by digging a hole in the brick wall with the handle of an old spoon. Sheriff Webster discovered the attempted breaking just in time to prevent it.

The James D. Webb Chapter No. 364 of the U. D. C. will be meeting at the residence of Mrs. Mary Pickens on Monday.

No new cases of scarlet fever have developed in Greensboro during the past week.

Miss Marylee Watkins of Opelika is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. W. Overstreet, in Greensboro.

Mr. J. A. Stevenson of Newbern was a pleasant caller at The Watchman office a few days

ago.

Mr. J. I. Canon and Dr. G. M. Spencer of Brush Creek were on a business trip to town the first of the week.

Capt. T. T. May of Sawyersville spent Monday in town with his many friends.

Mrs. A. B. McEachin of Tuscaloosa is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lee M. Otts, in Greensboro.

## Disability Rights & Resources provides free home modifications for seniors

Disability Rights & Resources provides free home modifications and repairs to help low-income older adults stay safely in their homes through its Older Adult Home Modification Program.

The organization works with occupational therapists on low-cost modifications that reduce the risk of falls and improve safety and accessibility.

Under a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Older Adult Home Modification Grant, the program is open to homeowners 62 or older with household income less than 80 percent of the area median income.

The organization's service area covers 20 counties, among them Bibb, Hale, Jefferson and Perry.

For details, contact [christie.stanley@drradvocates.org](mailto:christie.stanley@drradvocates.org) or 205-815-6142.

## 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.

## Cooking in the Black Belt

by Casey Roberts

If there's one thing I've learned over the course of writing this little column, it's that many of you perk up when I drop a new biscuit recipe. Not that I wouldn't mind being your go-to biscuit boy. It's just that there's quite a number of biscuit boys already out there in these vast Southern ponds. I'd be just a minnow among the catfish. Nevertheless, whenever I'm down, out comes the White Lily.

Between constantly sewing or bending over a pattern and the weekly rhythms of getting newspapers ready to mail, I stressed out my Achilles heel. Which, I thought, only Achilles had a problem with. When my grandfather tore his ACL, I thought that had something to do with his knee. Apparently, I need a refresher on human anatomy. At least, I'm not a doctor writing about all this.

As I was coming out of my umpteenth hot bath, I felt like having some cheesy biscuits. Time and again, my family would grab a box of Red Lobster Cheddar Bay Biscuit mix and proceed as directed. In fact, any other cheese biscuit recipe I've encountered just about is some form of drop biscuit. In the biscuit world, a drop biscuit is equivalent to a dump cake in the baking world: almost too easy.

Now I do make something that I call cheese "biscuits". Yes, you have to do the air quotes around biscuits when you serve these. Essentially, it's a pound of aged cheddar cheese, a half a pound of butter, some red pepper flakes, and enough flour to hold it all together. What results is a cheesy shortbread of sorts and something no one is going to have a problem with. Every time I've served these, they disappear. You can imagine why.

Still, these biscuits I made on a whim are one of those things that are hard to translate. I took some store-bought pimiento cheese in our fridge, some lard, some self-rising flour, a little extra baking powder, and cut it all

together. Make a well, add some buttermilk to moisten it and drop them on a greased baking pan with an ice cream scoop. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes or so and you have these impossibly pillowy creations. Sure, they're not as herbaceous as what you'd get at Red Lobster, but you can throw that in there. I'm almost positive it's just parsley and garlic powder.

If you must know, I had these biscuits with a bowl of chili, my guilty pleasure whenever autumn rears its breezy head. Y'all can hush, I know it hasn't been cool enough for all that, but I'm allowed to romanticize my little corner of the universe. So far, we're at two pots of chili, but the standard kind. We usually wait for the dead of winter to break out the big guns: a sweet potato and black bean chili. On Sunday, Dave was going through his roster of soup recipes...all three of them. It got me to thinking I don't have a stellar soup roster, myself. Chickpea and spinach soup, roasted tomato bisque, creamy potato, taco, Brunswick stew. It's at this point you can start to hear me trail off as I run out of recipes. Then again, this isn't really soup country until it's frigid; which is here and gone before you know it.

Sorry to get off on the soup tangent, which I've been meaning to save for a more appropriate issue. There, I'll ask such questions as "What do you put in your chili, both in preparation and serving?" I'm particularly concerned with the serving part. Nonetheless, I'm here to share with you the recipe I based these pimiento cheese biscuits off of: The Lady & Sons Restaurant's recipe. Yes, yes, we have a Savannah recipe this week. So, let me hush up and hop on over there for some cheese biscuits.

### Cheese Biscuits

2 cups self-rising flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1/3 cup shortening or lard  
3/4 cups grated sharp

cheddar cheese  
1 cup buttermilk  
1/4 stick melted butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a bowl, whisk the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar together with a fork. Cut in the lard or shortening with the fork until it resembles cornmeal. Add in the cheese. Pour buttermilk in all at once and stir just until blended. Do not over stir.

Drop by Tablespoonfuls on to a greased baking pan. Brush dough with the melted butter. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes. Yields 16 to 20 biscuits.

Obviously, I halved this. Not that I doubt my capabilities to eat a pan of 16 to 20 biscuits, it's just that my years of eating such volumes should be in the rearview mirror by now. If you're wanting to do pimiento cheese biscuits like I did, I'd use a touch less lard and the same amount of pimiento cheese as is measured in the recipe. This may sound snobbish of me, but please use a nice pimiento cheese if it's store-bought. Seems like everyone has caught on to Palmetto Cheese, which is one of the better exports from South Carolina in recent memory. Use that, or some other niche local brand or your own! As a matter of fact, I'll always advocate for you to use your own pimiento cheese.

Paula Deen is one Southern cook whom I hesitate to admit has come to my rescue on a number of occasions. Back when I was a sophomore in high school, I had about three holiday parties in school to bring food for. One such party was for the yearbook staff, where my future English teacher, Mrs. Gibbs, brought tomato grits. I'd never heard of such a thing and promptly ate as much as was polite to in such a setting. A couple of years later, right before I was set to go to Montevallo in the fall, I'd ask Mrs. Gibbs to make me a pan of tomato grits one last time. It was when we were having dinner together that she revealed it was a Paula Deen recipe, one I could've col-

lected and had to myself all along.

Then, of course, there's the viral (in my opinion) Not Your Mama's Banana Pudding that relies on French Vanilla flavored Jell-O and Chessmen cookies. She promises it's a hit everywhere it goes and I don't doubt that. Paula struck out once again whenever I was searching for a tomato gravy recipe last minute. Since then, I've come across more tomato gravy recipes than I can count in our existing recipe books, but that's all hindsight.

Back to the biscuits. Brush 'em with herbed butter if you want that cheddar bay-style. Maybe this is just my sweet tooth talking, but some honey butter on these wouldn't be so bad either. Not too sweet, but just a touch. Obviously if you have bacon grease on hand, that would be a divine fat to use in these savory creations.

You know, I feel like somewhere along the way we got too spoiled for choice when it comes to quick foods. Used to be, if you wanted something filling and fast, you popped in a pan of biscuits and ate yourself silly. Now, you can just get a container of whatever out of the pantry and satisfy your cravings. Along the way, you lose the real value of a satisfying meal, however humble it may be. This is one argument I've been trying to make in favor of a homemade chicken pot pie, yet John still won't budge on that front. One of these days, though, I'm gonna change his perspective! Chicken pot pie can be just as delicious as any other chicken dish! Til then, I know I can sweeten him up with some pimiento cheese biscuits.

## 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 Association c/o Marcus Cochran, 211 Harborview Drive, Madison, AL 35758.

## Moundville man charged with felony assault in knife cutting

A Moundville man was arrested Oct. 23 on a felony assault charge accusing him of cutting a man with a knife the evening before, according to Hale County District Court records.

Harold Leon Owens Jr., 69, of Moundville is charged with assault in the second degree, a Class C felony.

A sworn complaint filed by a Moundville police officer alleges that on or about Oct. 22, Owens, with intent to cause physical injury to another person, caused physical injury to a man by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument, cutting him with a knife or utility knife.

The complaint was sworn and filed Oct. 23 with an arrest warrant, court records show.

Bond was set at \$5,000, and Owens remained in the Hale County Jail as of court records dated Oct. 23. No hearing date had been set as of that record.

## Leaders of Tomorrow scholarship jazz and R&B night set for Nov. 20

The Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship Jazz/R&B "A Night of Soul" is Friday, Nov. 20, at the Horseshoe Farm Court Yard Venue, starting at 5:30 p.m.

BBS Band, Bspoon & R3cip3 and Ken Bausano will perform.

The fundraiser, with a silent auction, supports the Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship for students at Hale County High School, Greensboro High School and Southern Academy. All proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

Early bird tickets are \$15, and tickets at the door are \$20. Vendor spaces are \$50 and food truck spaces \$100. The event is BYOB.

Early bird tickets are on sale at The Stable Coffee Shop and Clipper King Barber Shop in Greensboro.

For information, call or text DeTyrick King at 659-336-0635.

## Services will be Oct. 30 in Newbern for Byron Watson, 77



Byron Watson, 77, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, died October 16 while engaged in one of his cherished pastimes, hunting. Born on May 21, 1949, in Atmore, Byron was the son of William B. Watson and Twynette W. Yeager. He grew up with a deep appreciation for the

outdoors, a passion that would follow him throughout his life.

Byron married the love of his life, Barbara Jean Woods, on July 19, 1969, in Newbern. Their union was a testament to enduring love and companionship, spanning 57 wonderful years. Together, Byron and Jean raised two exceptional sons, Wells and David, and were blessed with five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Byron's family was his pride and joy, and he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather whose love knew no bounds.

A man of many talents, Byron was the owner and operator of B and J Catfish Farm, Inc., a business he founded in 1986. For well over 50 years, Byron was a respected figure in the catfish industry, known for his integrity and dedication. His involvement extended beyond his own business, as he served as a stockholder and board member at the Greensboro Farmers' Cooperative, contributing significantly to the agri-

cultural community.

Byron was also a deacon and a longtime member of the Newbern Baptist Church, where his faith and leadership were a guiding light to many. His quick wit and warm smile were ever-present, and he had an extraordinary gift for making everyone feel welcome and valued. His kindness and generosity left an indelible mark on the lives of those fortunate enough to know him.

An avid outdoorsman, Byron found great joy in hunting, particularly turkeys, ducks, and deer, in that order. His love for nature was matched only by his love for his family, with whom he shared countless adventures and stories.

He is survived by his dear wife, Jean; his sons, Wells (Marla) and David (Alisha); his grandchildren, Aubrey (Joseph), Byron (Candice), Morgan, Madison (Delvin), and William; and a great-grandchild, John-Paul. Byron is also survived by his sister, Karen, and close friends Jimbo York

and "Shorty" Jones. He was predeceased by his grandparents, parents, and brother, Bill.

A graveside celebration of Byron's life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, October 30, at Newbern Cemetery, where family and friends will gather to honor a life well-lived and a man deeply loved.

O'Bryant Chapel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Southern Academy building fund, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or Shriners Hospital for Children, in memory of Byron, to continue his legacy of compassion and generosity. Byron's spirit and love will live on in the hearts of all who knew him, and he will be profoundly missed.

## 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.

Vendors, floats and bands are welcome in the parade, and entry forms and more information are coming, the committee said.

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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 Al-

abama, 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 Educa-

tion.

(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 con-

ducted, 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.

10-8-4c

## 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:

... see Legals, page 8

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### \* National Rural Health Day

November 19

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## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### PUMPKIN OATMEAL PANCAKES

#### Ingredients

##### Dry Ingredients

- 1½ cup rolled oats (not quick oats)
- 2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt

##### Wet Ingredients

- ½ cup pumpkin puree
- ¾ cup milk (more as needed)
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

#### Instructions

1. Blend oats into a flour-like texture. Add remaining ingredients and blend until smooth. Let batter rest for 5 minutes.
2. Heat a greased nonstick skillet over medium-low heat. Pour ¼ cup batter per pancake.
3. Cook until bubbles form and edges look dry. Flip and cook another 2–4 minutes until golden brown. Repeat with remaining batter to make 8–10 pancakes.

## Legals

... from page six

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 CLERK

Woodford W. Dinning, Jr.  
Attorney for the Plaintiff  
LLOYD & DINNING, L.L.C.  
Post Office Drawer 740  
Demopolis, Alabama 36732  
10-22-4c

## Legal Notice

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Greensboro is requesting qualifications from Alabama licensed engineers for engineering services for a period of up to three years for public works projects to be funded, in whole or in part, through federal or state grant programs. Project selection and fees for services will be negotiated with the selected firm and shall be based on funding program and City requirements. Qualifications must contain discussion of Technical Approach, Management and Staffing, and Prior grant experience. Qualifications will be rated on the following criteria:

1. Past experience with design and construction management 40
2. Past experience managing federal/state funded projects 20
3. Experience of proposed personnel 20
4. Current capacity to complete work 20
5. Proximity and availability to the project 10

Total possible points 110  
Complete requirements may be obtained by contacting Josiah Gleason, Project Administrator, at (205) 333-2990. Qualifications will be accepted by the City of Greensboro

until 12:00 Noon on November 12, 2026.  
10-29-2c

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT C. BAMBERG, III

Case No. 26-097  
Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 20th day of October, 2026, by the Probate Judge of Hale County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same, duly sworn to, in the Probate Court of said County within the time allowed by law, or else same will be forever barred.

N. Bryan Lewis  
Personal Representative  
10-29-3c

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The session covers ways to improve cattle flow and reduce labor and stress in working cattle, and how to decide which facility improvements are worth the investment.

Kent Stanford will lead the technical discussion and Ken Kelley and Max Runge the economic discussion.

It is free, but registration is required. Lunch is provided for those who attend in person.

Register at [aub.ie/TuscaloosaLunchandLearn](http://aub.ie/TuscaloosaLunchandLearn) to attend in person or at [aub.ie/TuscaloosaLunchandLearnZoom](http://aub.ie/TuscaloosaLunchandLearnZoom) to join online. For help registering, call the Hale County Extension Office at 334-624-8710.



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Rev. Jimmy L. Haywood  
(334) 624-7239  
S.S. 9:30, W.S. 11:00  
Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.

### Greater St. Luke AME Zion

805 Hobson St.  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Rev. James Jackson

### Hickory Stand AME Zion

Hickory Rd & Marion Rd.  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Rev. Charles Phillips  
S.S. 9:30, W.S. 11:00

### St. Matthew AME

1006 Morse St.  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Rev. Stephany Davis-Colenberg  
(334) 218-2050

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

Bible Study Tuesday. 6:00 p.m.

### St. Thomas AME

Hwy 25 N, County Rd. 51  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Rev. Zoe Michael  
(334) 624-1311  
W.S. 11:00

Bible Study Wed. 6:00 p.m.

### Shiloh AME

Co. Rd. 29  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Pastor Benjamin Cook  
S.S. 10:00, W.S. 11:00  
**Walls Chapel AME Zion**  
4383 County Rd. 51  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Rev. Muriel Brown

## Assembly of God

### Pineview Assembly of God

29470 Hwy 14 (east of G'boro,  
west of Marion)  
Marion, AL 36756  
Pastor Dan Finney  
Praise & Worship, 10:30 Sun-  
day  
Bible Study & Prayer, Wed. 6:30  
p.m.  
334-327-4990

## Baptist

### Antioch Baptist

929 County Road 3  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Rev. Arthur Thomas  
(334) 624-8308  
S.S. 10:00, W.S. 11:00

### First Baptist

Newbern, AL 36765  
James Williams  
(334) 624-3700  
S.S. 9:00, W.S. 10:00  
Youth Bible Class Wed. 6:00  
p.m.  
Adult Bible Class Wed. 6:00  
p.m.

### First Baptist

136 Griffin St.  
Moundville, AL 35474  
Rev. David L. Bennett, Sr.  
(205) 371-9097

### First Baptist

7160 1st. Ave. N.  
Akron, AL 35441  
Rev. Dr. Clarence L. Gary  
SS 9:30 a.m., W.S. 10:30

Bible Study Wed. 6:00-7 p.m.

### First Baptist

Mileous Chapel Rd.  
Stewart, AL  
334-507-5045  
Rev. Johnny L. Patton  
SS 10:00 (1st & 3rd & 5th Sun-  
day)

9:00 (2nd & 4th Sunday)

WS: 10:00

Fellowship Sunday - 5th Sun-  
days

### Friendship Baptist

Akron, AL  
Rev. Samuel Ezell  
S.S. 10:00, W.S. 11:00

### Greenleaf Missionary Baptist

Hwy 25 South Faunsdale Rd.  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Rev. C.H. Agnew  
(334) 624-3645  
S.S. 9:45, W.S. 11:00  
Bible Study, Wed. 6:00 p.m.

### Greensboro Baptist

908 Main Street  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Rev. Dee McGuire  
(334) 624-4343

S.S. 9:15, W.S. 10:30, 4:45 p.m.  
Discipleship Training, 6:00 p.m.  
W.S.

Bible Study & prayer, Wed. 6:30  
p.m.

### Mars Hill Missionary Baptist

9974 County Road 16  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Rev. Nathaniel Carter  
(334) 624-4710

### Mt. Hebron Baptist

Akron, AL 35441

### Mt. Horeb Baptist

Sunshine Rd.  
Newbern, AL 36765  
Rev. James Carter  
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S.S. 10:00, W.S. 11:30

### Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist

3090 Millwood Rd.  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Rev. R. C. Jones  
(334) 624-0100  
S.S. 10:00, W.S. 11:30

### Mt. Sinai Baptist

Highway 25 South  
Newbern, AL 36765  
Rev. S. P. Powell  
S.S. 10:00, W.S. 11:30

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2387 Millwood Rd.  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
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### New First Baptist

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Rev. Hezekiah Young  
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### New Jerusalem Baptist

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Rev. J. L. Anderson  
(334) 624-8000

S.S. 10:00, W.S. 11:15

### New Life Missionary Baptist

100 County Rd. 28  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Bishop Steven C. Moore  
S.S. 8:00, W.S. 9:00  
Bible Study Wed. 5:30 p.m.

### Oak Grove Missionary Baptist

142 Oak Grove Rd  
Gallion, Alabama 36742  
Rev. Willie Smith-Pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 am Sun-  
day  
Worship Service 10:30 Sunday  
No Fifth Sunday Service

### Pine Grove Baptist

267 County Road 47  
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### Pleasant Grove Baptist

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### Pleasant Hill Baptist

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

Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.

### Rhodes Chapel Baptist

13731 County Road 32  
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Jimmy Roberts  
(334) 624-4137

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

### Rising Star Baptist

360 County Road 19  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Rev. Matthew Reed  
(334) 624-7004

S.S. 9:45

W.S. 11:00

### Salem Baptist

1136 Baptist Hill Rd.  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Kyle Horn  
(334) 624-3118

### Springfield Missionary Baptist

1457 Al. Hwy. 14  
Sawyerille, AL 36776  
Rev. Gary Allen  
205-690-6750

S.S. 10:00

W.S. 11:00

Bible Study Tue. 6 p.m.

### St. Michael Baptist

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**St. Paul Baptist**

Highway 69 South  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Rev. S. Burroughs

### Union Grove Baptist

888 Union Grove Rd.  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Rev. Lester Walker  
(334) 624-4804

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

Bible Study Wed. 5:30 p.m.

Prayer Sat. 9:00 a.m.

### Whitsett Baptist

Minister Barbara Muse, RN, BA,  
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### Willow Spring Missionary Baptist

Rev. Calvin Johnson

## Church of Christ

### Church of Christ

Highway 14  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
S.S. 9:30, W.S. 10:30  
Wed. 7:00 p.m.

## Church of God

### Lake Payne Church of God

Highway 29  
Marion, AL 36756  
Rev. Travis Connell  
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S.S. 10:00, W.S. 11:00  
& 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. 7:00 p.m.

### Third Street Church of God

1102 Third Street  
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4th Sundays - 6:00 p.m.

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### Bible Methodist

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### First Methodist

1404 Main Street  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Rev. Doug Jolly  
(334) 624-8311  
S.S. 9:45, W.S. 11:00 & 6:00

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### Jackson Chapel

68 Jackson Rd. Sawyerille, AL  
Pastor: Dr. Kitsey Dixon  
205-346-2008  
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Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Mon. 6pm

### Mt. Hermon Methodist

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### Ramey's Chapel Methodist

County Road 31  
Greensboro, AL 36744

### Stewart Methodist

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

## Pentecostal

### New Pentecostal Church

Highway 69 South  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
Lovetta Long  
S.S. 10:00, W.S. 11:45  
Bible Class Wed. 7:00-8:00 p.m.

## Presbyterian

### First Presbyterian Church

905 Demopolis Street  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
(205) 792-4930  
S.S. 9:45, W.S. 11:00  
3rd Sunday 9:00, 10:00

## Non-Denominational

### Cassimore Community Church

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Greensboro, AL 36744  
Rev. Stanley A. Hickey, III  
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S.S. 9:30, W.S. 11:00  
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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

3520 County Road 19  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
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Rev. Frank Cox  
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Bible Study Wed. 6:15 p.m.  
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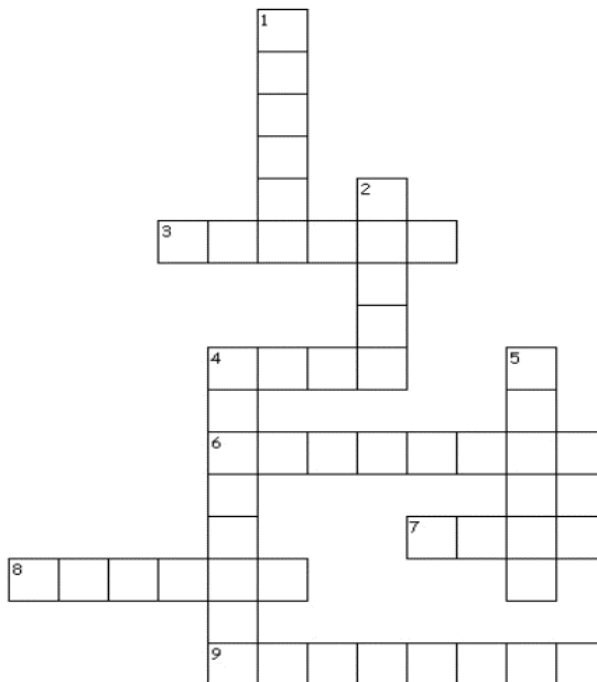
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4. God wants our \_\_\_\_\_ when we give to Him.  
6. Abel knew this was important to God.  
7. His offering was pleasing to God.  
8. Cain did this when he killed his brother.  
9. Abel watched the animals, he was this.

**Down**

1. Are you your brother's \_\_\_\_\_?  
2. God didn't like Cain's attitude in his \_\_\_\_\_.  
4. How were Cain and Abel related?  
5. Part of Cain's punishment was that he would \_\_\_\_\_ the earth.

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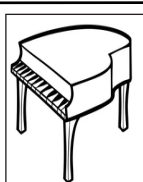
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**Rosie B. Brock**

Rosie B. Brock, 86, died October 9.

Rosie B was born in Greensboro on November 18, 1939, to Rosie B. Brock and Sam Washington. She accepted Christ in her life at an early age.

She was a proud mother to three children: Lee Beacham, John Brock, and Joann (Pastor Ricky) Rolley.

Rosie was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Mather Brock, Havery Brock, Jack Brock, Roosevelt Brock, and Quaker Brock; and her sisters-in-law, Barbara Brock and Mary Brock.

She leaves to cherish her memories her children; son-in-law, Pastor Ricky Rolley; eight grandchildren, Willie Joe Brock, Timeka Evans, Joshlyn Evans, Shalamar (Ken) Prince, Raven (John) Sims, John Ward Jr., Kayla Ward, Annina Ward, and Kim Ward; and a great granddaughter, Jessica Joseph. Rosie was one proud grandmother.

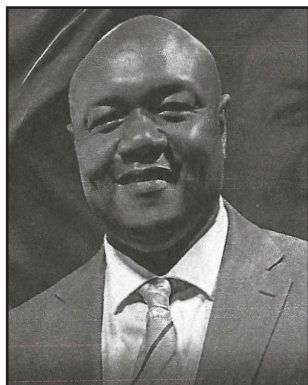
Rosie also leaves to cherish her memories a host of great grands, great-great grands, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends, all of whom will cherish the memories they had with her.

Though she is no longer with us in person, her legacy of love will continue through the lives of her children, grandchildren, family and loved ones.

Services were held Saturday, October 24, at noon at Mars Hill Baptist Church, County Road 16 Lock 5, Greensboro, with

Pastor Nathaniel Carter officiating.

Washington & Paige Mortuary of Greensboro directed.

**Samuel LaShun "Shun" Paster**

Samuel LaShun "Shun" Paster, 44, died October 10.

He was born on October 21, 1981, the eldest of three children born to Samuel Jr. and Beverly Paster. To those who loved him, he was affectionately known as Shun, but to his mother, he was always her cherished "Baby Boy."

On September 14, 1997, Shun dedicated his life to Jehovah through water immersion, faithfully attending meetings at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. He deeply enjoyed commenting during meetings, giving talks, supporting the congregation, and spending time with his spiritual family. Always willing to help, he was known for his reliability, kindness, and warm presence.

Shun remained steadfast in his service to Jehovah throughout his life and continued to serve faithfully until his death. His love for Jehovah, his family, his congregation, and his friends will be remembered with gratitude and affection by all who knew him. He was a devoted husband to Tanika Shauntae Paster, whom he fiercely loved, and a son to Samuel Jr. and Beverly Paster, who were the source of his kind heart and gentle spirit.

Shun had the kind of heart that made room for everyone. He was the type of person who showed up and gave everything he had to make sure everyone around him felt welcome and comfortable. He effortlessly poured all of that love into his daughter, Alayna.

Shun had many passions, but spending his Saturdays watching "The Tide" with his family

and friends was high on that list. More than anything, he simply loved his family. His kindness, loyalty, and unmistakable dimpled laugh will remain in the hearts of everyone who knew him.

Samuel LaShun Paster was preceded in death by his dear grandparents, Samuel Sr. and Hazel Paster, and Willie Henry and Pearl Mae Williams.

He is survived by his cherished wife, Tanika Paster; children, Alayna Paster, Tiya Carter, India Blackmon, and Tylan White; adored parents, Samuel Jr. and Beverly Paster; "twin sisters," as he liked to say, TaKeisha (Harvey) Strickland and LaKeisha Paster (Ken); nieces and nephew, Myah Shaye Paster, Harper Strickland, and Harley Strickland; and a large, loving family of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who will carry his memories with them always.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 24, at 1 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, 515 Green St., Greensboro.

Washington & Paige Mortuary of Greensboro directed.

## Halloween events set in Hale County from Oct. 29 to Nov. 1

A number of Halloween events are set in Newbern, Greensboro, Akron and Moundville from Thursday, Oct. 29, through Sunday, Nov. 1.

The Newbern Library will hold pumpkin and costume judging at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at the library. Entrants can show off a pumpkin and a costume for a chance to win.

For more information, call the library at 334-624-4880.

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 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.

Quincydesigns & Fashion Boutique by M will hold a Halloween festival starting at 4 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Stable, 1120 Main St. in downtown Greensboro.

Wristbands are \$5 and come with a free Halloween snack bag, and wristband holders can play every game more than once. Games include a duck pond, fishing, a drink toss, a cake walk, a candy toss and bowling, with prizes for every game.

There will also be music, concessions for sale and a rock, paper, scissors, glue contest. For more information, call Malinda Ward at 334-507-1360.

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 lydream-center1@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

... see **Events**, page 14

## 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.

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**The monument honoring Dr. Henry Tutwiler and Julia Strudwick Tutwiler on the front lawn of Havana Methodist Church.**

Several Moundvillians recently sailed on The Carnival Liberty ship out of New Orleans, on a 7 day cruise to Key West, Nassau and Cele-

bration Key. Steve, Tammy, Brooke, David and Pat Perkins, Will Chaisson, Lauren Mullinex, Jerry, Trina and Grayson Holcomb, Christy



### Southern Academy Lady Cougars Volleyball

and Taylor Madison, Hannah Bailey, Lindsay Waller, and David and Teddie Cavender were all in attendance and had a blast. They are already planning the next one.

Congratulations to our Hale County High Marching Band! Earning an "Overall Superior Rating" with superiors in Drum Major, Percussion, Colorguard, and Band, today at the Black Belt Marching Classic in Livingston!

The Monument honoring Dr. Henry Tutwiler and Julia Strudwick Tutwiler's has sat for years on Hwy. 69 South

in Havana. It was recently moved from there and placed on the front lawn of Havana Methodist Church, preparing for the 4 lane highway that is to come in the future.

Debra Jackson Nevins three daughters and lots of family members and friends, celebrated Debra's 70th birthday, Saturday evening, Oct. 24th at Tuscaloosa's River Market. Beginning with some beautiful music and the presentation of the birthday girl, approximately 100 friends and family members helped the BIRTHDAY GIRL celebrate!

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MEMORIALS

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## Services were Oct. 23 for Evan Andrew Kynard, 83

Evan Andrew Kynard, 83, died Tuesday, October 20.

With heavy hearts and deep gratitude for a life so beautifully lived, we remember Evan Andrew Kynard, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend whose life was a testament to faith, family, hard work, and the simple joys that make life extraordinary.

Evan was a true Southern gentleman, a man of quiet strength whose heart was deeply rooted in the land and people he loved. He found happiness not in life's extravagances but in its everyday blessings: a beautiful morning in the country, a garden full of ripe tomatoes, a good meal shared with family, and the peace of knowing that everything was just as it ought to be.

A hardworking and dedicated man, Evan devoted over 40 years of service to the City of Tuscaloosa Water Works and was also involved in the timber and logging business. He believed in the value of an honest day's work and took pride in providing for his family, serving his community, and leaving things better than he found them.

At the heart of Evan's life was his beloved wife, Margaret or "Puddin'" as he called her. Together, they built a beautiful life centered on faith, family, and traditions that would become treasured memories for generations to come. Their home was a place of warmth and hospitality, where Margaret's beautiful flowers and home-cooked meals were complemented by Evan's own culinary specialties; baking sweet potatoes in his wood-fired stove, barbecuing ribs on the grill he built himself, or sharing the tomatoes and peppers he had grown. Anyone fortunate enough to taste one of Evan's homegrown tomatoes knew that gardening was far more than a pastime. He tended his plants with remarkable patience and care, producing what his family would proudly argue were the best tomatoes anyone had ever tasted. Like everything else Evan did, he believed that anything worth doing was worth doing right. While Evan

appreciated a good home-cooked meal, he also had quite the sweet tooth, especially when it came to ice cream. His frequent trips to McDonald's for an ice cream cone was one of life's simple pleasures and a little routine that became so distinctly Evan. It is one of the many things that will bring a smile to the faces of those who knew and loved him.

Evan's own little piece of heaven was his beloved property in Greensboro, affectionately known as "The Snort." More than a piece of land, it was his sanctuary, his pride and joy, and the setting for some of his family's most cherished memories. He could often be found riding his Gator or four-wheeler around the property, making his rounds to ensure everything was exactly as it needed to be. From carefully tending his greenfields to feeding the deer, squirrels, and birds that made their way onto his property, Evan found genuine joy in caring for his patch of paradise. When he wasn't tending to his land, Evan could often be found "sitting up in the shop," enjoying good company or his simply enjoying his quite peaceful paradise. He appreciated the kind of fellowship that didn't require an invitation or a special occasion, just a familiar face and a little time to spare.

Above all else, Evan was a man of deep and abiding faith. A faithful member of Rhodes Chapel Baptist Church, he lived his beliefs through kindness, integrity, humility, and service to others. His relationship with the Lord extended far beyond Sunday mornings. Each night, he faithfully read his Bible, finding strength, wisdom, and comfort in God's Word. His faith guided the way he lived and was one of the greatest gifts he passed down to his family.

Of all the titles Evan held throughout his life, perhaps none brought him greater joy than "Daddy" and "Grandaddy." To his children and grandchildren, he was a steady presence, a source of wisdom, and someone who showed his love through the countless little things he did for them. Whether it was riding around The Snort, checking on the deer, or simply spending an afternoon together, time with Granddaddy was always time well spent.

He took tremendous pride in

his grandchildren and their accomplishments, especially enjoying the opportunity to cheer them on from the stands at their ball games. No matter how much work needed to be done, he made time for the moments that mattered most. To Granddaddy, those games were about far more than the final score. They were opportunities to watch someone he loved pursue something that mattered to them, and there was nowhere else he would rather have been.

Evan was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Margaret Prisoc Kynard; his parents, John Werdna Kynard Sr. and I.V. Smelley Kynard Fowler; his sister, Verta Barr Meherg; and his infant son, Evan Andrew Kynard Jr.

He is survived by his loving daughters, Angela Smelley (Tony) and Deborah Crews (Shane); his adoring grandchild-

dren, Jon Evan Smelley, MacKenzie Smelley (Logan), Ella Crews, and Andrew Crews; his brother, J.W. Kynard, Jr.; and a host of extended family members and dear friends, all of whom he loved with his whole heart.

His family will forever cherish the lessons he taught without ever needing to put them into words: to work hard, to take pride in what you do, to care for God's creation, to remain steadfast in faith, and, most importantly, to always make time for the people you love.

Though his absence will be deeply felt, Evan's legacy lives on in the traditions he established, the values he instilled, and the countless memories shared with those fortunate enough to know him. His love, steady presence, and gentle guidance will remain with his family for generations to come.

A celebration of Evan's life was held on Friday, October 23, at Rhodes Chapel Baptist Church, Greensboro, with visitation at 1 p.m., followed by the service at 2 p.m. with Reverend Albert Lyles officiating. Interment immediately followed at the church cemetery.

Pallbearers included Shane Crews, Andrew Crews, Tony Smelley, Jon Evan Smelley, Johnny Kynard, Michael Kynard and Shannon McCrory. Honorary pallbearers included members of Rhodes Chapel Baptist Church and special caregiver, Linda Hambright.

Memory Chapel Funeral Home & Memory Hill Gardens of Tuscaloosa was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Evan's name to Rhodes Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery Fund or Hospice of West Alabama.

## Craytons named king and queen of Greensboro senior citizen prom



**: Fred Crayton and Helen Crayton, king and queen of the "Reach for the Stars" Senior Citizen Prom.**

Fred Crayton and Helen Crayton were king and queen of the "Reach for the Stars" Senior Citizen Prom, held this month by Greensboro Senior Citizens.

Chester Ryans and Mildred "Tina" Black were prince and princess.

J.B. Washington was named Mr. Greensboro Seasonal Citizen, and Johnnie Mae Smith was named Mrs. Greensboro Seasonal Citizen.

Evelyn Hill, director of the Greensboro Senior Citizens

Center, thanked those who helped with the prom in a letter written on behalf of Greensboro Senior Citizens.

"To everyone who attended, sponsored, donated, volunteered, provided services, contributed gifts, or helped in any way, THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts!" she wrote.

Those who helped had a big part in making the prom possible, and the group is grateful to each of them, she wrote. "Seeing our seniors dressed up,

smiling, laughing, dancing, and enjoying themselves was a beautiful reminder that our seniors deserve to be celebrated, loved, and appreciated."

With everyone's help, the group made memories that will last for years, she wrote. "Every contribution, big or small, made a difference, and we could not have done it without you."

Hill ended the letter with a blessing on those who helped and thanks "for helping us reach for the stars."

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I certify that all information furnished on this form is true and complete. I understand that anyone who furnishes false or misleading information on this form or who omits material or information requested on the form may be subject to criminal sanctions (including fines and imprisonment) and/or civil sanctions (including civil penalties).

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# Hale County 2026 general election sample ballot

OFFICIAL BALLOT

GENERAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION  
HALE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
NOVEMBER 3, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

TO VOTE YOU MUST BLACKEN THE OVAL ☐ COMPLETELY! ☒  
IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT, DO NOT ERASE, BUT ASK FOR A NEW BALLOT.

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| STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING                                                             | FOR COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS<br>JUDGE, PLACE 5<br>(Vote for One)               | FOR MEMBER,<br>HALE COUNTY COMMISSION,<br>DISTRICT NO.<br>(Vote for One)                                                                   |
| <input type="radio"/> ALABAMA<br>DEMOCRATIC<br>PARTY                              | <input type="radio"/> MATT FRIDY<br>Republican                               | <input type="radio"/> JONATHAN ROSSELL<br>Democrat                                                                                         |
| <input type="radio"/> ALABAMA<br>REPUBLICAN<br>PARTY                              | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                               |                                                                                                                                            |
| FOR GOVERNOR<br>(Vote for One)                                                    | <input type="radio"/> MARY WINDOM<br>Republican                              | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                                                                             |
| <input type="radio"/> DOUG JONES<br>Democrat                                      | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                               | FOR MEMBER,<br>HALE COUNTY COMMISSION,<br>DISTRICT NO. 4<br>(Vote for One)                                                                 |
| <input type="radio"/> TOMMY TUBERVILLE<br>Republican                              | FOR COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS<br>JUDGE, PLACE 5<br>(Vote for One)            | <input type="radio"/> CHARLES PATRICK<br>Democrat                                                                                          |
| <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                    | <input type="radio"/> RIGGS WALKER<br>Republican                             | <input type="radio"/> BEATRICE NICHOLS<br>Republican                                                                                       |
| FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR<br>(Vote for One)                                         | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                               | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                                                                             |
| <input type="radio"/> PHILLIP ENSLER<br>Democrat                                  | FOR SECRETARY OF STATE<br>(Vote for One)                                     | FOR HALE COUNTY<br>REVENUE COMMISSIONER<br>(Vote for One)                                                                                  |
| <input type="radio"/> JOHN WAHL<br>Republican                                     | <input type="radio"/> WAYNE ROGERS<br>Democrat                               |                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                    | <input type="radio"/> CAROLEENE DOBSON<br>Republican                         | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                                                                             |
| FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR<br>(Vote for One)                                       | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                               | FOR HALE COUNTY<br>CORONER<br>(Vote for One)                                                                                               |
| <input type="radio"/> EVERETT WESS<br>Democrat                                    | FOR STATE TREASURER<br>(Vote for One)                                        | <input type="radio"/> ERIC A. WIGGINS<br>Democrat                                                                                          |
| <input type="radio"/> BARRY MOORE<br>Republican                                   | <input type="radio"/> ROSILYN HOUSTON<br>Democrat                            | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                                                                             |
| <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                    | <input type="radio"/> YOUNG BOOZER<br>Republican                             | FOR MEMBER,<br>HALE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION,<br>DISTRICT NO.<br>(Vote for One)                                                           |
| FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,<br>7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT<br>(Vote for One) | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                               |                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> TERRI SEWELL<br>Democrat                                    | FOR STATE AUDITOR<br>(Vote for One)                                          | <input type="radio"/> BROOKE SEALE McCORRY<br>Republican                                                                                   |
| <input type="radio"/> AMMIE AKIN<br>Republican                                    | <input type="radio"/> VIOLET EDWARDS<br>Democrat                             | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                                                                             |
| <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                    | <input type="radio"/> ANDREW SORRELL<br>Republican                           | This is a common<br>ballot, however,<br>some offices will<br>appear only in<br>certain precincts<br>which will apply to<br>your districts. |
| FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL<br>(Vote for One)                                            | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                               |                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> JEFF McLAUGHLIN<br>Democrat                                 | FOR COMMISSIONER OF<br>AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES<br>(Vote for One)          |                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> KATHERINE ROBERTSON<br>Republican                           | <input type="radio"/> RON SPARKS<br>Democrat                                 |                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                    | <input type="radio"/> COREY HILL<br>Republican                               |                                                                                                                                            |
| FOR STATE SENATOR,<br>DISTRICT NO. 24<br>(Vote for One)                           | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                               |                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> BOBBY SINGLETON<br>Democrat                                 | FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,<br>PLACE NO. 1<br>(Vote for One)              |                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                    | <input type="radio"/> JAMES O. GORDON<br>Democrat                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE,<br>DISTRICT NO. 72<br>(Vote for One)                    | <input type="radio"/> MATT GENTRY<br>Republican                              |                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> CURTIS L TRAVIS<br>Democrat                                 | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                               |                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                    | FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,<br>PLACE NO. 2<br>(Vote for One)              |                                                                                                                                            |
| FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE<br>SUPREME COURT, PLACE 7<br>(Vote for One)          | <input type="radio"/> SHEILA D. McNEIL<br>Democrat                           |                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> BRAD MENDHEIM<br>Republican                                 | <input type="radio"/> JIM ZIG ZEIGLER<br>Republican                          |                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                    | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                               |                                                                                                                                            |
| FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE<br>SUPREME COURT, PLACE 8<br>(Vote for One)          | FOR MEMBER,<br>STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION,<br>DISTRICT NO. 4<br>(Vote for One) |                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> ASHLEIGH MEYER DUNHAM<br>Democrat                           | <input type="radio"/> YVETTE M. RICHARDSON<br>Democrat                       |                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> GREG SHAW<br>Republican                                     | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                               |                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                    |                                                                              |                                                                                                                                            |
| FOR COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS<br>JUDGE, PLACE 4<br>(Vote for One)                    |                                                                              |                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> BENJAMIN M. BOWDEN<br>Republican                            |                                                                              |                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                    |                                                                              |                                                                                                                                            |
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CONTINUE VOTING  
ON BACK

THESE OFFICES  
RUN BY DISTRICT

FOR MEMBER,  
HALE COUNTY COMMISSION,  
DISTRICT NO. 1  
(Vote for One)

☐ JONATHAN ROSSELL  
Democrat

☐ DON WALLACE  
Republican

☐ Write-in

FOR MEMBER,  
HALE COUNTY COMMISSION,  
DISTRICT NO. 4  
(Vote for One)

☐ CHARLES PATRICK  
Democrat

☐ BEATRICE NICHOLS  
Republican

☐ Write-in

FOR MEMBER,  
HALE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
DISTRICT NO. 1  
(Vote for One)

☐ KALEDA WILLIAMS-ZANDERS  
Democrat

☐ BROOKE SEALE McCORRY  
Republican

☐ Write-in

This is a common  
ballot, however,  
some offices will  
appear only in  
certain precincts  
which will apply to  
your districts.

"Shall the following Amendments to the  
Constitution of Alabama be adopted?"

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
APPEAR ON THE BALLOT STATEWIDE

STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 1

Proposing an amendment to the  
Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide  
for the election of a Lieutenant Governor if  
the Office of Lieutenant Governor becomes  
vacant during the first two years of a term,  
to authorize the Legislature to set the salary  
of the Lieutenant Governor and officers of  
the Legislature, and to require any  
expenditure of legislative funds for travel to  
be approved by a legislative officer.  
(Proposed by Act 2026-341)

☐ YES

☐ NO

STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 2

Proposing an amendment to the  
Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide  
a process for the creation of a consolidated  
county school system by merging two or  
more contiguous county boards of  
education; to require the State Board of  
Education to conduct an impact study on  
the potential effects of the consolidation; to  
require publication of the impact study; to  
provide a procedure for protesting a  
proposed consolidation of two or more  
county school systems; and to require the  
State Board of Education to adopt rules.  
(Proposed by Act 2026- 378)

☐ YES

☐ NO

STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 3

Proposing an amendment to the  
Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to require  
local boards of education to adopt policies  
requiring each public K-12 school to recite  
The Pledge of Allegiance to the United  
States flag at the beginning of each school  
day; and to require local boards of  
education to adopt a policy authorizing  
student-initiated and student-led prayer.  
(Proposed by Act 2026-379)

☐ YES

☐ NO

STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 4

Proposing an amendment to the  
Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to require  
local boards of education to adopt policies  
requiring each public K-12 school to  
broadcast or sanction the performance of  
the first stanza of The Star-Spangled  
Banner at least once per week during  
school hours. (Proposed by Act 2026-424)

☐ YES

☐ NO

END OF BALLOT



Re-elect  
**S★TERRI  
SEWELL**  
Democrat *for* Congress

## SEWELL DELIVERS FOR THE BLACK BELT

### ✓ MORE JOBS

Sewell helped cut average unemployment in the district by two thirds since taking office. She hosted 15 annual job fairs and helped bring:

- 300 jobs for \$100 million investment at Golden Dragon in Clarke and Wilcox Counties
- \$2.4 million to support the Remote Air Traffic Control Academy at Craig Field in Selma
- \$388 million expansion at Hyundai Motor Manufacturing, creating 50 new jobs
- \$4.4 million grant in 2024 from the Department of Labor for job skill training in Alabama including the counties of Hale, Greene, Marengo, Sumter, and Pickens
- \$7.9 million for Stillman College to construct a new research facility, creating jobs and economic growth in West Alabama
- \$500,000 to the University of West Alabama to spur entrepreneurship in the Black Belt

### ✓ HEALTHCARE

Sewell has fought to expand access to quality affordable healthcare in the Black Belt:

- Capped insulin costs at \$35/month and out-of-pocket drug costs at \$2,000/year for seniors
- Secured \$186+ million for Alabama's rural hospitals and \$36.9 million for community health centers in Alabama's 7<sup>th</sup> District since taking office
- Secured a combined \$5.2 million in community project funding for the Hale County Hospital, Thomasville Regional Medical Center, Hill Hospital, Greene County Hospital, J. Paul Jones Hospital, and Rural Health Medical Program
- Secured \$1 million for improvements to the Uniontown Health Center
- Secured \$600,000 to expand mental health and substance use services in the Black Belt
- Secured \$803,000 to construct the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences in Demopolis in FY27 appropriations bill
- Passed legislation to make cancer screenings more affordable for seniors
- Sponsored and passed legislation to bring more health professionals to underserved communities
- Sponsored the Save Rural Hospitals Act and led efforts to boost Medicare reimbursement rates for hospitals in AL-07
- Introduced the Protecting Access to Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act to ensure communities have access to lifesaving medical transportation

### ✓ LOWER COSTS

Sewell has fought to tackle the affordability crisis and put more money in your pockets:

- Helped constituents recover \$30+ million in federal benefits since taking office
- Passed the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act to bring down housing costs
- Secured \$383 million in USDA assistance to Alabama farmers who have faced discrimination
- Sponsored legislation to end Trump's tariffs and voted twice to stop the Iran war

### ✓ INFRASTRUCTURE

- Brought billions to Alabama from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law:
  - \$1.4 billion to expand broadband
  - \$780+ million for water & sewer improvements
- Secured \$5.8 million from the Delta Regional Authority for disaster recovery in the Black Belt, benefiting the cities of Selma and York
- Secured \$1.6 million to revitalize Alabama Avenue in Selma
- Secured \$42.8 million to improve rail infrastructure in the Black Belt, benefiting Monroeville, Pine Hill, Linden, Demopolis, Boligee, and Pickensville
- Secured \$1.25 million for new community centers in Sumter County and Marion
- Secured \$1 million for a new joint police and volunteer fire station in Aliceville
- Secured \$511,000 for new storm shelters in Hale County
- Secured \$1 million for new community center in Choctaw County

### ✓ VOTING RIGHTS

- Leading the fight to restore the Voting Rights Act as the author and lead sponsor of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act which passed the House twice
- Secured \$30+ million in grants to preserve historic civil rights sites in Alabama
- Fighting back against Trump's voter suppression agenda as the top Democrat on the Elections Subcommittee
- Sponsored and passed the Congressional Gold Medal bill honoring the Four Little Girls killed in the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing
- Sponsored and passed the Congressional Gold Medal bill honoring the Foot Soldiers of the 1965 Marches from Selma to Montgomery
- Sponsored the Rosa Parks Day Act to make December 1st a new federal holiday

# VOTE: Tuesday, November 3rd

Paid for by Terri Sewell for Congress

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