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Akron pushes to keep its post office open

Akron Mayor Chris Rollins has collected more than a hundred signatures on a petition asking the U.S. Postal Service to keep the Akron post office open, WBRC 6 News reported Oct. 2, and U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell has urged the Postal Service to do the same.

The Postal Service will move the Akron office's business to the Moundville post office after Saturday, Oct. 31, because the lease on the Akron building was not renewed, a Postal Service spokesperson for

the Alabama-Mississippi District told WBRC Sept. 29.

"The closure of the Akron Post Office would be a terrible loss for West Alabama. I stand with the Akron community and urge the U.S. Postal Service to keep this vital facility open for those who rely on it!" Sewell wrote Oct. 2 on her Facebook page. The Town of Akron shared her post within the hour. "It's a real detriment to the town to close the post office. We have 93-year-old people, a . . . see **Akron**, page 2



The Shelton State Community College Singers in concert.

Shelton Singers and Jazz Combo at the Opera House Friday, Oct. 9

The Shelton State Community College Singers and Jazz Combo will perform at the Greensboro Opera House at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, with a reception to follow. Admission is free.

The Shelton Singers, an auditioned mixed choir of

students from many academic areas, has been performing for more than 40 years, with concerts across the Tuscaloosa County area and as far away as Hawaii, and has sung several times at Carnegie Hall in New York with Manhattan Concert Productions.

Dr. J.F. Mark Brown and Dr. Elijah Pugh will direct. The choir has performed at the Opera House several times before and has been met with an enthusiastic response. The Opera House welcomes everyone to the concert.



Akron Mayor Chris Rollins talks with WBRC 6 News about the post office outside the Akron town office.

Sawyerville man indicted on murder charge in June 6 Class Day Out shooting

A Hale County grand jury has indicted a Sawyerville man on a murder charge in the June 6 shooting death of 24-year-old LaBrian O'Neal Jones Jr., according to Hale County Circuit Court records.

Kardarrell Darnell Winn,

23, of Sawyerville is charged with murder, a Class A felony. The indictment charges that Winn intentionally caused Jones's death by shooting him with a firearm.

The grand jury returned the indictment during its

. . . see **Murder**, page 2

A Greensboro woman has been indicted on a charge of permitting or facilitating the escape of an inmate who walked out of the Hale County Jail in May, according to Hale County Circuit Court records.

Patreice Genae Gooden, 39, of Greensboro is charged with permitting or facilitating escape in the first degree, a Class C felony. The indictment identifies Gooden as a public servant of the Hale County Jail and charges that she intentionally, knowingly or recklessly permitted or facilitated the escape of Ellory

Kate Johnson, who the indictment says had been arrested for, charged with or convicted of felonies in Tuscaloosa and Hale counties, including identity theft, first-degree theft of property and practicing medicine without a license.

A Hale County grand jury returned the indictment Sept. 28. Gooden was arrested Oct. 1 on a warrant, and bond was set at \$5,000, court records show. Court records dated Oct. 5 listed her as free on bond. Her arraignment is set for Nov. 19.

The same grand jury in-

dicted Debra Alexander Nichols, 70, of Gadsden, on the same charge Sept. 28. According to the Hale County Sheriff's Office, Nichols presented corrections officers with a forged court order May 11 stating that Johnson could be released. Nichols and Johnson were taken into custody in Gadsden June 11.

Bond in Nichols's circuit case is \$5,000, a professional surety bond, and court records dated Oct. 5 listed her as free on bond. She is also set for arraignment Nov. 19.

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lady who drives up here on a monthly basis to pay her bills," Rollins told WBRC.

The petition, 10 pages of signatures so far, asks the Postal Service to reconsider. The town is asking people to stop by Akron Town Hall and sign it, the town said in a Sept. 30 post.

The Akron office will stay open for normal operations through Oct. 31. After that, customers can do business at the Moundville post office, and Akron post office box holders can pick up their mail there with proper identification.

"To assist customers during this transition, information will be posted in the public area of the Akron Post Office. The Postal Service is continuing to seek a suitable resolution for this matter," the spokesperson told WBRC.

The building is owned by 197 Akron LLC, WBRC reported Sept. 29. Brian De Rousseau, a spokesman for the owners, told WBRC the lease expired in August. The Postal Service had been paying \$1,000 a month, and De Rousseau proposed a \$200 increase with the new lease, WBRC reported Oct. 2. He said the Postal Service told him its decision was a combination of issues but did not say what they were.

In a statement to WBRC, the company said property taxes,

insurance, maintenance and other operating costs have risen substantially, but that it is willing to consider a meaningful reduction in the proposed rent or other reasonable lease changes if doing so could make it financially feasible for the Postal Service to stay.

The Akron postmaster told WBRC she could not talk about the matter.

The Postal Service leases nearly 23,000 of its roughly 31,000 properties nationwide from private owners, at a cost of more than \$1 billion a year, according to a report dated Sept. 28 from the Postal Service's Office of Inspector General.

Newbern sets community cleanup day Oct. 10

The Town of Newbern will hold a Community Cleanup Day beginning at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.

Anyone who wants to take part is invited to meet at Newbern Town Hall at 7:30 a.m., according to an announcement from council member Patricia Jackson. Everyone is encouraged to come out and help keep the Newbern community clean and beautiful.

Murder

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September term, and the case was filed in circuit court Oct. 5. The indictment left Winn's bail unchanged, and the circuit court record shows no bond amount. As of Oct. 5, circuit court records listed Winn's status as jailed. His arraignment is set for Nov. 6.

Winn was arrested in Reform days after the shooting with help from the U.S. Marshals Task Force, Hale County Sheriff Michael Hamilton told WBRC at the time. Hamilton said in June that people were at a Class Day Out event in Sawyerville when the shooting happened, but that it did not take place inside the event venue.

Akron man indicted on eight sex offense charges involving a child

A Hale County grand jury has indicted an Akron man on eight sex offense charges involving a child, including first-degree rape and first-degree sodomy, according to Hale County Circuit Court records.

Austin Brooks Barnette, 30, of Akron is charged with two counts of rape in the first degree and two counts of sodomy in the first degree, each a Class A felony; one count of sexual abuse of a child less than 12, a Class B felony; one count of sexual abuse in the first degree, a Class C felony; and two counts of sexual misconduct, a Class A misdemeanor.

Several of the counts allege that the child was younger than 12, according to the indictment.

Barnette was arrested Oct. 1 on a warrant, court records show. The bail line on the indictment reads "no bail" under Aniah's Law, and Hale County Circuit Court records dated Oct. 5 listed Barnette as jailed with no bond set. His arraignment is set for Nov. 6.

Hale County gets \$350,000 state grant to widen, resurface County Road 29

Hale County will receive a \$350,000 state grant to widen and resurface 4.6 miles of County Road 29 from Alabama Highway 25 to Alabama Highway 69, according to the list of road grants Gov. Kay Ivey announced Wednesday, Sept. 30.

The county's local match is \$216,422.41, for a project total of \$566,422.41, the list shows.

The grant is part of the final round this year of the Alabama Department of Transportation's Annual Grant Program, created by the 2019 Rebuild Alabama Act. The round awarded more than \$3.8 million for 13 road projects statewide, and projects must move forward within one year, according to the governor's release.

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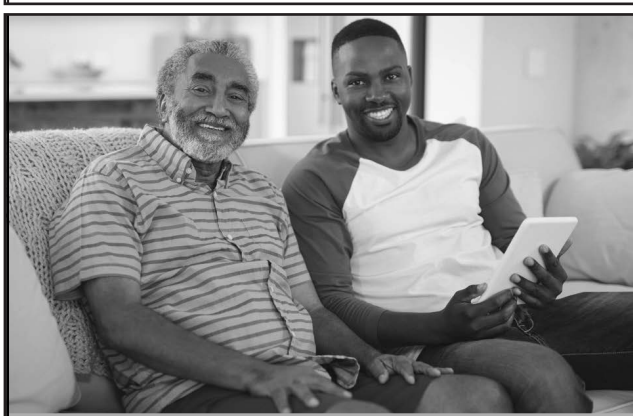
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25 Years Ago

*in the Greensboro
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October 11, 2001*

Southern Academy will host its first annual Pee Wee Football Bowl on Saturday, October 13, beginning at 9 a.m. Schools competing include Marengo Academy, Meadowview Christian, Clarke Prep and Southern Academy. There will be four Pee Wee games and two Tiny Mite games played.

A wide variety of concessions will be available. "Come out and support the Cougars and enjoy a day of football and family fun," said those planning the event.

Championship trophies will be presented at 5 p.m.

Sheriff Larry Johnson reported to The Watchman this week that his department received a call at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon in regard to a female having been shot on McGruder Road near Sawyerville. According to the report, she was apparently shot one time by her husband and was taken to the Hale County Hospital, the sheriff said. The Sheriff's Department is investigating the incident in which charges are pending.

Brittany Church of Greensboro competed in Montgomery at the Blue/Grey Invitational on Saturday, October 6. She took first place on floor, second place on beam, third place on vault, and fifth all around.

"Go Brittany!" said her parents and friends.

Brittany is the daughter of Jimmy and Jennifer Brown.

The annual reunion of the Henry and Susanna Evans Syring family will be held on Sunday, October 21, at the Antioch Baptist Church on County Road No. 3, north of Greensboro. Their descendants are invited to attend the service at the church from 11 o'clock until 12 noon, with lunch to be held in the Fellowship Hall afterwards.

A time of fellowship and memorabilia will follow the lunch.

Everyone is asked to take a covered dish for lunch and pictures, etc., of their ancestors which will add to the fel-

lowship in the afternoon. - Bertha Jean Hoggle.

A Hale County jury returned a \$43.8 million verdict last week against Plantation Pipeline Company in a contamination case.

Walter B. Chandler and son, Clay Chandler, sued Plantation Pipeline after they discovered that the land they were living on had been contaminated with petroleum products and benzene, among other things.

James H. Seale, III, one of the attorneys representing the Chandlers, advised The Watchman that Plantation Pipeline discovered it had contamination under its facility in Moundville in 1986. He said the company knew it had a serious problem because the contamination was going to spread; however, it failed to do anything about it for almost 10 years.

In the meantime, according to Seale, the underground water flow carried the contamination under residential properties, some of which belongs to the Chandlers.

Seale further advised that the contamination plume extends well beyond the Chandler property and that other landowners are also affected. He stated that Plantation Pipeline consciously disregarded the rights of all of the landowners by allowing the contamination plume to expand by doing nothing and that is why the jury delivered the large verdict.

The Watchman asked Seale for further comment, and he said, "Plantation is going to clean up Moundville or we are going to keep suing them."

The SA Lady Cougars played Morgan Academy at home on Monday, October 8. The ladies beat Morgan 15-8 and 15-4. This win gave the ladies a 15-1 record.

The varsity volleyball team has only a few more games to play before the area tournament is hosted by Southern Academy on October 18. "They would love for everyone to come support them," said their supporters.

SA vs. MA - Drury, 10 assists, 14 kills, one ace, and three blocks; McGuire, 39 assists; Broussard, six assists, two kills and two aces;

Tucker, six assists, one ace; McClendon, 13 assists, two kills; Warren, 14 assists, two kills, and 2 blocks; Duncan, one assist.

50 Years Ago

*in the Greensboro
Watchman
September 23, 1976*

Services for Clark M. Osborn, 83, who died on Tuesday at the Greensboro Nursing Home were held Thursday afternoon at the Greensboro Presbyterian Church.

A 20-man crew from the National Forests in Alabama, including five from Greensboro, was dispatched to Michigan last Monday to assist the Department of Interior in controlling a fire in the Seney National Wildlife Refuge. Those from Hale County in the crew are Richard Bonds, James Bonds, Curtis Brown, Richard Bell and Washington Dittaway.

The Moundville Rook Club met in the home of Mrs. D. E. Sims Thursday night, with all members present. Winner of the high score prize was Mrs. Raymond Sims.

Mrs. R. H. Lister took low score prize, and the Bingo prize went to Raymond Sims.

The Greensboro Garden Club held the first meeting of the year Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bryan May with co-hostess Mrs. Ellery May.

Jack P. Causey, a native of Greensboro, has been appointed manager of the newly-approved branch bank of First Alabama Bank of Tuscaloosa in the Brookwood area.

Mrs. George E. Jones has returned home after a visit with her son, Lt. Col. Erwin Jones, at Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey. She also enjoyed a cruise in the Mediterranean.

Mrs. A. G. Higdon of Double Springs was here on Monday evening to install the new officers of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

Miss Bessie May Stephens, formerly of Washington, D. C., is now occupying her home in Greensboro. She purchased the former

home of Mrs. Ernest D. Smith on Main Street.

75 Years Ago

*in the Greensboro
Watchman
Sept. 27, 1951*

Donald L. Hamby, 24, of Birmingham, former Hale County resident and one-time football star at Greensboro High School, died of a shotgun wound at a Pell City hospital last Friday night. Young Hamby was wounded during a dispute earlier in the day at his farm near Ragland. Jailed at Pell City in connection with his death was L. B. Smith, 42, of Ragland.

The Valley PTA is sponsoring a soup supper and a tacky party on Friday night.

William Edgar Ross, 69, a prominent Greensboro resident for more than a quarter of a century, died suddenly Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Ross had been in poor health for 12 or more years but his death came as a shock to his friends and relatives. Eleven years ago he acquired Ross Cottages in Greensboro and has owned and operated that business continuously since that time.

Clothes for the destitute of South Korea are now being collected in Greensboro and Hale County under the auspices of the local Rotary Club.

Cotton ginnings for the current crop in Hale County totaled 3,755 bales up to September 1.

The appointment of the three-man Board of Equalization for Hale County, composed of J. Whit Seale of Moundville, Alex Matthews of Prairieville, and Hamner Cobbs of Greensboro, was announced by Governor Gordon Persons' office on Monday.

The Rev. D. K. Christenberry of Elfland, N.C., was guest speaker at the local Methodist Church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Adams and son, Mickey, have taken an apartment in the home of Mrs. W. Wetherbee on Main Street.

125 Years Ago

*in the Greensboro
Watchman
September 26, 1901*

Mr. J. M. Simpson and family of Cedarville have moved to Greensboro and taken charge of the hotel formerly conducted by Mr. Charles A. Johnson.

There are 112 students enrolled at the Southern University - about the same number as at the same date last year.

Married, in Greensboro at the residence of Mr. John Erwin on September 23 by Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Mr. Charles Johnson of Cincinnati and Miss Eva Vaughan. Miss Vaughan was the art teacher in the Greensboro Graded School last session.

Miss Kate White of Sumter County, who has been residing with Mrs. S. H. deGraffenried in Greensboro for some time past, died on the morning of September 22 after a very brief illness.

The reception to the new students at the Southern University last Friday night by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association was a very pleasant occasion and quite largely attended.

Mr. J. W. DuBois left for Montgomery the first of the week to take charge of a school near that city.

Mr. W. H. Sadler and son, Mr. Howard Sadler of Sheffield, spent a few days recently with Greensboro friends.

Mrs. J. W. Whatley of Havana has been the guest of Mrs. E. T. Pasteur in Greensboro during the past week.

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, according to the church's flyer.

Cooking in the Black Belt

by Casey Roberts

Before I get too far along in this week's recipe, I want to give a sort of editor's note to last week's tirade. A thought that had been gestating in my mind for a while was put to the test once and for all: polenta in cornbread. I found myself referencing historian Shelby Foote's cornbread recipe, which calls for sizzling lard as a final ingredient in this stoneground cornbread. We happened to have a bag of Bob's Red Mill Polenta sitting in our pantry and I thought, "Why not?" It was a smashing success, I must say. The texture is perfect, the corn flavor intact, and guess what? It has sugar in it! Another point on my personal validation board. So, if you have some stoneground polenta lying around, try it in your next cornbread recipe. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised with the results. Now, back to this week's programming.

I had breakfast twice on Sunday. When John woke up that morning, I was in the mood for pancakes. Graciously, John obliged me in this craving. Pancakes on Sundays has long been a tradition in my family, if you will. We'd have little bowls of chocolate chips, blueberries, pecans, a shaker of cinnamon, a smattering of syrups. It felt like a true luxury to plug in a countertop griddle and have pancakes made to your specifications. Of course I was partial to the chocolate chip variety in my youth, but I've grown to appreciate the blueberry in all its virtues. Especially in pancakes.

So, I started flipping through Cotton Country Cooking, brought to you by the Junior League of Morgan County, Alabama. Then it got me wondering if Morgan County even qualified as cotton country. To save you some research, it is...who knew?! Anyway, in the "Breads" section, there was a recipe called Oven Pancake for Two. Its ingredients were quite plain, with direct instructions, and a cute recommendation to serve this as a late breakfast or a quick dessert for date nights. Appar-

ently it was supposed to puff up in the oven without any leavening, but who am I to be skeptical? Besides, we had everything to make it. I tossed it all together, sifting and mixing, and heating the pan like I was making cornbread. I poured my batter and 20 minutes later, I was gasping at what I surely thought was a disaster. The sides were peaking up from the sides of the pan, all the butter pooled on top of a custardy center. My immediate thought was that I had royally messed this oven pancake up. Drizzling some honey on it, I thought a little jam or marmalade might save it. The recipe called for confectioners sugar, but I didn't feel like having a funnel cake for breakfast. To my surprise, we both rather enjoyed it. John even remarked, "It looks like a Dutch baby." A what? Well, apparently it's a thing and it's exactly what I made.

These high sides make a delicate bowl that reminds me of puff pastry, with a center that reminds me of bread pudding. I snuck a little cinnamon in mine and a pinch of sugar, but you can sweeten this up with all kinds of fixings. Farm-fresh berries, macerated or not, would be perfect to pile high in the center. Not to mention it would make an impressive addition to your brunch spread without being overly sweet. Dot the inside with some sliced brie or camembert in the last five minutes or so, smear a little fig preserves here and there, and you've got a halfway savory variation of this. Maybe add some bacon, prosciutto, some chives or parsley.

Here, then, is a good way to start your day, no matter what you have at hand.

Oven Pancake for Two

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
1/2 cup sifted all purpose flour
1/2 cup milk
2 eggs
Dash of nutmeg
Optional: confectioners sugar, juice of half a lemon
Melt butter in heavy 8-inch iron skillet in 400 degree oven, being careful not to

burn it.

In mixing bowl, stir slightly the flour and milk. In measuring cup beat the eggs with a fork. Add to the flour mixture and add nutmeg. Stir until blended but not smooth; batter should still be a little lumpy.

Pour batter into skillet with melted butter. Bake in 400 to 425 degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes until puffy and lightly browned.

Optional: Sprinkle with confectioners sugar and lemon juice. Serve hot with marmalade, jelly, or syrup.

In fact, Mrs. Robert H. Hosey, who contributed this recipe, notes that this is a cross between an omelet, a pancake, and a chess pie. I happen to agree with that assessment. Now, I'll tell you how I did it, and I think it has a better flow. I went ahead and made my batter before I even put the butter in the pan. The pan was preheating with the oven before the butter went in, but I wanted to make sure I could keep an eye on everything. This way, all you have to do is wait for the butter to be popping and sizzling, then you're in the money.

Make sure your pan isn't too close to your heating element. Otherwise, you might risk burning the top edge of your Dutch baby, which does nothing for a baby's constitution. If calling it a Dutch baby seems too much of a stretch for some of you, feel free to call this dish by its equally confusing nickname: German pancake. I didn't spot any lederhosen or copies of the Complete Works of Goethe in my pancake from Sunday, but maybe I wasn't looking hard enough. For that matter, I didn't see any tulips or windmills in my pancake either. Now, I just feel robbed.

On a less silly note, it's not too often I come across a recipe that is quite simple in construction, but impressive in results. This truly looks like something in a magazine made for gourmands, but can be thrown together as quickly as any other quick bread we hold near and dear. It's also the first time I haven't felt tremendous guilt over Pancake Sundays, because the proportions are perfect for two hun-

gry people. Really, this is a main dish in and of itself. However, you could also stack it with scrambled eggs and bacon or some such meat for an all-in-one dish. That's typically how I eat my breakfast anyway, no matter how slovenly that may appear. My grandmother always ate her breakfast with a spoon, no matter what was on the menu. I can't really judge, because I had an affinity for eating all my meals with a cake fork. We all have our eccentricities. Still, this is one that I beg you to try and tell me it isn't the easiest breakfast bread you've thrown together. Once in a while, getting out of the recipe rut can yield some exciting discoveries in the kitchen. I didn't wake up on Sunday expecting to learn about Dutch babies and their fascinating variations, but I also didn't close myself off from that possibility either. As always, I'm always going to urge you to try it out. Believe me, I pay attention to everyone who comes up to me and tells me they've tried my recipes. I don't take that responsibility lightly. Coming into your kitchens, even in this small way, makes me feel like we're all eating at one big table. All of us, enjoying something as intimate and familiar as Pancake Sundays, even if we hardly know each other. So, I hope you start contemplating pancakes on Sundays, like I do, and I hope this pancake is worthy of your weekly rotation.

Throw & Go contest offers Magic City Classic tickets

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

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

GHS sets Title I parent meeting for Oct. 14

Greensboro High School will hold its Title I parent meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the school library. The school invites parents to learn more about its Title I program and how the school and families can work together to support student success.

'Ghostly Tales' evening set Oct. 23 at Engle Gallery

Engle Gallery, 1301 Main St. in Greensboro, will host "Ghostly Tales," an evening of sharing ghostly encounters, from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23. Admission is free.

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.

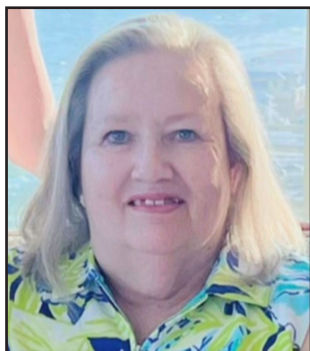
Mah Jong at the Hale County Library begins Oct. 12

A group will meet to play Mah Jong at the Hale County Library at 6 p.m. every second and fourth Monday, starting Monday, Oct. 12.

The cost is \$5 per person, and all proceeds benefit the library. For more information, text 205-223-9770.



Mary Camille Farris of Moundville dies at age 77



Mary Camille Farris, 77, of Moundville died the morning of September 23 after an extended illness. She was born April 16, 1949, in Birmingham and was raised in Alabaster, where she attended Thompson High School and was a member of the class of 1967.

She spent most of her life as a homemaker and as a caretaker to her mother, Mazie. She lived in Killen from 1993 until her health declined in 2023, and while there she earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of North Alabama. She also met her husband, P.D., there, and they married in 1995. She was a member of Crestline Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa.

She was preceded in death by her father, Herbert Presley Cox; her mother, Mazie Lorene Clay Cox; and her maternal grandparents, Luther and Mary Emaline Howell Clay.

She is survived by her husband, Phillip Don Farris of St. Joe, Tenn.; her daughters, Stephanie Mitchell (Casey) of Moundville and Christina Hudson, Lisa Bates and Micah

Holden (Heath), all of North Alabama; her brother, Robert Clay Cox; her grandchildren, Mary Mazie Mitchell, Maci James Mitchell and Kylee Holden; and her second cousin, Donny Clark (Linda) of Hamilton, and their children.

The family will hold a private service, with burial in Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Hamilton. Pallbearers will be Casey Mitchell, Jamie Mitchell, Tony Mitchell, Heath Vickery and Ben Myhan.

Magnolia Chapel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. The family thanks the staff of Moundville Health and Rehab for their care of her during her final months and the staff of Hospice of West Alabama for their care and comfort.

Services were Sept. 21 for Carl William Epperson of Moundville, 76

Carl William Epperson Sr., 76, of Moundville died September 18 at Moundville Health and Rehab. He was born May 31, 1950.

Graveside services were held Monday, September 21, at 2 p.m. at Liberty Methodist Cemetery, with Magnolia Chapel South of Tuscaloosa directing.

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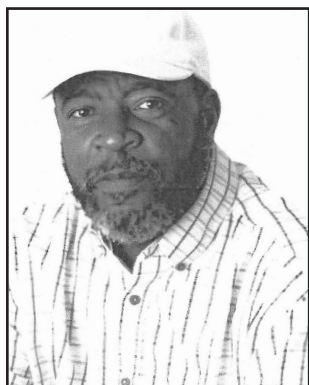
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Sylvester "Rick" Faddis

Sylvester "Rick" Faddis, 65, died September 17. He was born November 9, 1960, to the late James and Josephine Faddis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Willie James Faddis, Woodrow Faddis and Leo Faddis.

He is survived by his daughter, Kimberly Faddis-Hicks (Kendrick); two grandchildren, Shemaya Faddis and Nicholis Pelt Jr.; two brothers, Nelson Faddis (Isabelle) of Uniontown and Tyrone Faddis (Deborah) of Greensboro; three uncles, Charlie Green (Joyce), Arthur Green (Marva Lean) and Melvin Green (Deborah); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and coworkers.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 3, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 296 Beech Street, Newbern, with the Rev. Dr. Bryan O. McCullough officiating.

Washington & Paige Mortuary of Greensboro directed.



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STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2026 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2026-341 (SB271), Act No. 2026-378 (HB380), Act No. 2026-379 (HB511), and Act No. 2026-424 (SB5), proposing amendments to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022; **WHEREAS**, in conformity with Section 284 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, as amended, the Legislature has ordered an election by the qualified electors of the state upon such proposed amendments; and **WHEREAS** notice of this election, together with the proposed amendments, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, which shall be published once a week for at least four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election; **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendments to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2026-341

PART I.

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

"Section 127

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

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

(c) In case of the impeachment of the

governor, his or her absence from the state for more than twenty days, ~~unsoundness of mind, or other disability or incapacity to serve~~, the power and authority of the office shall, until the governor is acquitted, returns to the state, or is ~~restored to his mind, or relieved from other disability~~ no longer incapacitated, shall devolve in the order herein named, described in subsection (b) upon the lieutenant governor, president pro tempore of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, attorney-general, state auditor, secretary of state, and state treasurer. If any of these officers be are under any of the disabilities herein specified, the office of the governor shall be administered in the order named by such of these officers as may be are free from such disability.

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

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

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

PART II.

The following provision is added to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022 to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provision of the constitution:

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

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

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 26-378

(a) Whenever two or more contiguous county boards of education deem it advisable to consolidate the administration of their respective county school systems under one remaining controlling multi-county board of education, each county board of education shall adopt and record within the minutes of

each board an agreement providing for the consolidation. A formal resolution adopted by all members of the agreeing boards shall detail and provide for the payment of their respective indebtedness, specify how the consolidation will take place, identify how the remaining controlling multi-county board of education will operate, provide for the roles and duties of the resulting multi-county board members, and designate the time frame during which the consolidation will be implemented. Subject to subsection (c), the consolidation shall be finalized as designated in the formal resolution.

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

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

(2) The consolidation shall become operative only if approved by a majority of the qualified electors who reside within the combined territory of the affected county school systems who vote in a referendum election to be held on the date of the next regularly scheduled general election. The order setting the election shall be entered by the judge of probate of each affected county within one month after the expiration of the 30-day time period provided in subdivision (1). Notice of the election shall be given by the judge of probate of each county, and the election shall be held, conducted, and the results canvassed in the manner as other county elections. The ballots shall have printed at the top a statement of the purpose of the referendum election and directly underneath, in plain type and on different lines, the words, "For Consolidation," and "Against Consolidation." If a majority of the qualified electors voting in the combined territory of the affected county school systems vote to approve the consolidation, the consolidation shall be finalized as designated in the formal resolution.

(d) The consolidation shall not operate to relieve any board of education, or other governing body, of liability for obligations previously incurred, or to impair rights existing before the consolidation. The agreement and formal resolution shall be binding on the combining county boards of education. If a consolidation occurs, the remaining controlling multi-county board of education shall have the right to compel

the execution of contractual obligations made to any of the boards before the consolidation.

(e) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules as necessary to provide for the implementation of this section.

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

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2026-379

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

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

(1) The prayer must be initiated by and led by a student; and

(2) No student may be required to participate in a prayer.

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

(d) Violations of this section may be reported to the local superintendent of education. The local superintendent of education shall review the violation.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2026-424

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

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

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

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

10-8-4c

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Legals

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

General Contractors bidding on this project shall be required to visit the site to examine all existing conditions prior to submitting their proposal, which shall be arranged by the contractor with the principal at the school.

All Bidders shall have general liability and workman's compensation insurance. The project shall be bid excluding taxes. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing for receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owners judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

A certified check or Bid Bond payable to Hale County School District in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000.00 must accompany the bidder's sealed proposal. Performance and statutory labor and material payment bonds will be required at the signing of the Contract.

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

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

All RFIs and RFAs regarding the bid documents shall be sent and addressed through emails found on the RFI and RFA forms in the project manual. NOTE: ONLY THE RFI AND RFA FORMS IN THE PROJECT MANUAL WILL BE ACCEPTED. The Architect will not accept inquiries via telephone or fax.

Completion Time: See Scope of Work

in Project Manual.

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

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Antioch Baptist plans fall celebration Oct. 11

Antioch Baptist Church, 929 County Road 3 in Greensboro, will hold its fall celebration at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, with singing by Southern Gospel Sound and lunch after the service. The Rev. Arthur Thomas is pastor.

GPD reports domestic violence, marijuana and theft charges

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

Arrests

October 1, 2026

Devon Shelett James, 54, of Greensboro, was arrested on charges of domestic violence, third degree, and resisting arrest. Kelsey James, 20, of Greensboro, was arrested on charges of domestic violence, third degree, and resisting ar-

rest.

October 4, 2026

Kavoris Jamel Owens, 32, of Greensboro, was arrested for possession of marijuana, second degree.

October 5, 2026

Tanja Laverne Smith, 57, of Greensboro, was arrested on a warrant for theft of property, first degree.

Incidents

September 30, 2026

Use or possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of

a controlled substance were reported on Baptist Hill Road.

October 1, 2026

Domestic violence, third degree, and resisting arrest were reported on State Street.

October 2, 2026

Domestic violence, third degree, was reported on State Street.

October 4, 2026

Possession of marijuana, second degree, was reported on Powers Street.

HCSD reports five DUI arrests, theft of property near Gallion

The following arrest and incident reports were provided by the Hale County Sheriff's Department.

Arrests

September 28, 2026

Gawone Aquarius Sullivan, 22, of Greensboro, was arrested on two charges of discharging a firearm into an unoccupied building or vehicle and one charge of discharging a firearm into an occupied building.

September 30, 2026

Nanika Denise Burdine, 34, of Greensboro, was arrested for failure to appear.

October 1, 2026

Melissa Marie Rayford, 42,

of Greensboro, was arrested for adult violation of parental responsibility. Austin Brooks Barnette, 30, of Akron, was arrested on two charges of rape, first degree; two charges of sodomy, first degree; one charge of sexual abuse, first degree; one charge of sexual abuse of a child; and two charges of sexual misconduct. Jamichael Deshawn Burrell, 20, of Greensboro, was arrested on charges of assault, first degree, and discharging a firearm into an occupied building or vehicle.

October 3, 2026

Kendall Edward Grice, 33, of Greensboro, was arrested for driving under the influence.

Incidents

September 29, 2026

Theft of property, first degree, was reported on Footwash Road near Faunsdale.

October 2, 2026

Harassing communications was reported on Alabama Highway 69 near Moundville. A miscellaneous report was taken on Millwood Road near Greensboro.

October 3, 2026

A miscellaneous report was taken on Jasmine Road near Greensboro.

October 4, 2026

Domestic violence harassment was reported on Thomas Lane near Greensboro.

Hale County Church Directory

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Bay Spring AME Zion

County Road 86
Greensboro, AL 36744
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

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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
(334) 624-0550

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

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist

2387 Millwood Rd.
Greensboro, AL 36744
(334) 624-9121

New First Baptist

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

New Haven Baptist

251 Christian Dr.
Greensboro, AL 36744

New Hope Missionary Baptist

583 New Hope Rd.
Sawyerille, AL 36766
Pastor: Marvin W. Wiggins
(334) 624-9057
S.S. 9:45, W.S. 11:00

New Jerusalem Baptist

1248 County Road 21 (off 14)
Greensboro, AL 36744
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
Greensboro, AL 36744
Rev. A. L. Bowen

Pleasant Grove Baptist

Highway 14
Greensboro, AL 36744
(334) 624-8446

Pleasant Hill Baptist

657 County Road 50
Moundville, AL 35474
Chuck Weaver
(205) 371-2507
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
Greensboro, AL 36744
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

Faunsdale, AL
Rev. Mark Adams
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,
M.A.M.
Newbern, AL 36765
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
(334) 683-8308
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
Greensboro, AL 36744
Bro. Kervin Jones
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S.S. 9:45, W.S. 11:00
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Stewart, AL 35484
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New Pentecostal Church

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Lovetta Long
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Fri. 7:30 p.m.

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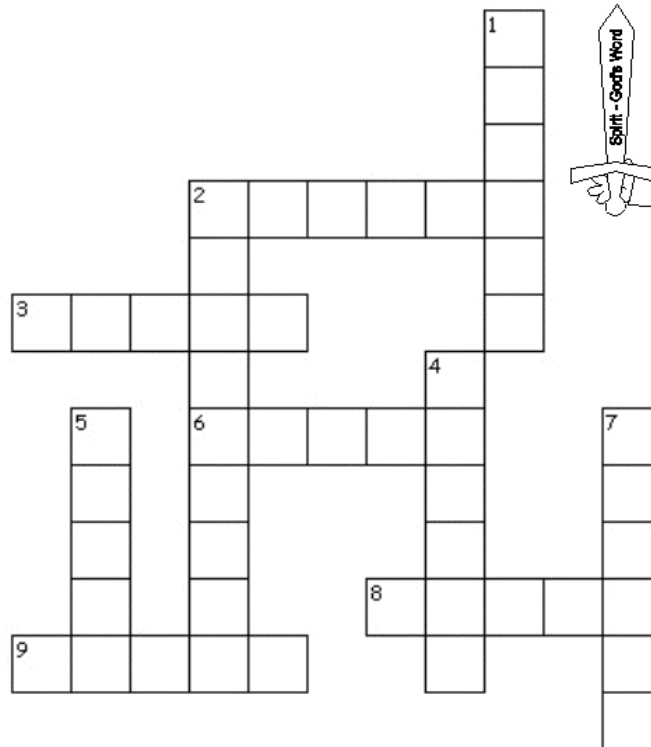
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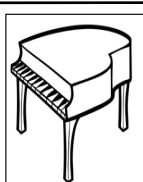


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Services were Oct. 4 in Moundville for Ray Fields, 73



Ray Fields, 73, went to be with his Lord and Savior on September 28. He slipped peacefully from this life with his loved ones by his side. He was born November 20, 1952.

He was a loving husband to wife, Lydia, for 31 years and devoted father to daughter, Lesley, who gave him his greatest joy, grandson Henry Chase.

Ray believed in God, family and his country, and besides being with family, he most enjoyed the outdoors, being in nature. As of late, he could be found at the ball-

park watching Henry play baseball. He also was a wonderful cook and his mama taught him.

Ray was known and loved by many in the Moundville community, as well as the lumber and sawmill industry, where he worked for more than 50 years. His strong work ethic was unparalleled.

At a young age, you could find him working alongside with his daddy in the wrecker business of Moundville. Although officially retired, he worked up until his death. In the days to come he will be remembered fondly and missed by many.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Ruth Fields, and in-laws, Joe and Carolyn Lee.

He is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Lydia Fields; daughter, Lesley Anne Fields; grandson, Henry Chase Powell; sisters, Joyce Matherson (Danny) and Tammy Poole (Howell); and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral service was held Sunday, October 4, at 2 p.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home, 2200 Skyland Blvd. East, Tuscaloosa, officiated

by Pastor Bryan Dunn, Bro. Bill Richards and Dr. James Dennis Lee. A committal service was held the same day at Oak Hill Cemetery, Moundville.

Pallbearers were Charlie Johnson, Tony Cochran, Randall Robinson, Johnny Kynard, Frank Lee, Joseph Lee, Alan Lee and Zach Lee.

Honorary pallbearers were grandson Henry Powell; Dr. John Summerford of Tuscaloosa Internal Medicine, DCH Hospital, UAB Hospital, The Westervelt Company and Westervelt Lumber, International Paper; the members of Englewood Baptist Church; and the Hale County High School graduating class of 1971.

Memory Chapel Funeral Home & Memory Hill Gardens directed.

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

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

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

Register at aub.ie/BBField-Day26. For questions, contact Court Green-Johnson at 205-659-6796 or cgd0040@aces.edu.

Donate to Pleasant Valley cemetery fund

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

Salvation Army Angel Tree applications Oct. 13 at First Baptist Newbern

Applications for Christmas assistance through the Salvation Army Angel Tree program will be taken from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the First Baptist Church Newbern Family Life Center, 296 Beech Street, Newbern.

To qualify, applicants need a birth certificate for each child 12 and under, proof of income such as a paycheck stub or Medicaid or food stamp assistance, identification for parents or guardians, and proof of residence such as a utility bill or rental agreement.

For more information, call Doris Williams at 205-345-3761, Henrietta Williams at 334-327-3989 or the church at 334-624-3700.

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

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

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



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Sumac Cottage to screen Gee's Bend quilt documentary Friday



Sumac Cottage will host a free screening of "The Quilt at the End of the World," a short documentary by filmmaker Amelia Ray, on Friday, Oct. 9.

The film chronicles how a community of Black Southern women in rural Gee's Bend transformed the domestic tradition of quilt-making into an instrument for liberation.

Gee's Bend, a community once defined by its plantations and isolation, bears the weight of American history unlike anywhere else. The generation of quilters profiled in the film shares stories spanning Jim Crow,

the Civil Rights Movement and the sudden global interest in their lives and craft. Their resilience tells a story about carving out joy within oppressive power structures, and how that joy creates paths to liberation.

The film was made possible through support from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the Verdant Fund.

Doors open at 6 p.m., with the screening set to begin around sunset at 6:30. The film runs about 20 minutes.

Sumac Cottage is located at 1107 South Street in downtown Greensboro.



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Mary Ann Avery, grand marshal of the Hale County High homecoming parade in Moundville.

Hale County High Homecoming 2026, is in the books! Huge crowd of Alumni for brunch on Friday morning! Honored Classes: 1946, 1956, 66, 76, 86, 96, 2006, 2016

Two from the Class of 1946, Ira Rogers and Tom Hall were unable to attend!

The Class of 1986, held a party Thursday evening and Friday evening at the Lake Home on 5th Ave.

Students worked on floats all week and their tradition of

rolling yards with toilet paper, continues! The program and pep rally were held in the High School Gymnasium followed by a parade thru Market St. into downtown Moundville! Traffic was bedlam, which we are all used to and just deal with it! Former Elementary teacher, Mrs. Mary Ann Avery was the Grand Marshall for the parade. She recently celebrated her "90th" Birthday!

The Hale County Wildcats capped off the day with a 58-



Front row: Telaysia Bester, Brooklyn Pierce. 2nd row: Corneyria Brown, Avery Corbett, Journee Smith, Rictoria Spence. Back Row: Lyla Cannon, Aubree Jackson, Adalynn Haney, Khloe Rollins, Ashlynn Lockwood, Kynleigh Nevin, & Maci Thompson.



Campers and helpers at the Hale County Mini Majorette Camp, held Oct. 3 in the Marching Cats band room.

25 WIN over Cordova!

Little Waylon Gann celebrated his 2nd birthday on Oct. 2nd and enjoyed lunch at Jack's before the HCHS homecoming parade. His birthday party was held on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, at his Mimi and Pops' (Darlene & Kirk Beckham's) home in Moundville, with a Buzz Lightyear "TWO Infinity & Beyond Party."

Hale County Mini Majorette Camp was held Saturday morning, Oct. 3rd, in the MARCHING CATS BAND ROOM, with 25 mini's attending! Helping Majorette Coach, Miranda Pierce, were the HCHS Majorettes, (Hannah King (Captain), Presley Miller, Brooklyn Pierce and Allyssa Ridley, along with The Legacy Majorettes, Charlene Wiggins, Kendal Pierce, Carley Babb and Kellie Burch.

Hale County High Varsity Cheer Team came home, this past Saturday, with a win at the AHSAA Central South Super Regionals in Millbrook, AL. Coming home as the 2026 3A South Regional Champions in both Traditional and Gameday routines.

London Myles was injured and not able to participate.

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10th...Roger Moss

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Oct. 10th...Taurus & Shantonya Eppes Blackmon

14th...Billy & Jackie Fields Redding

BIRTHDAYS

Belated: Oct. 1st...Josie Harrison

Celebrating this week:

Oct. 8th...Devin Munday, Martha Kinard "98"

13th...Kara Ferguson, Dawson Stokes, Tommy Martin, Shane Gray, Linda Kirk

14th...Kristi Wyatt, Casey Boswell Moore, Robert Wheat, Layla Grace White
That's all for this week,
Rita