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# No arrest in school bomb threat case

## Livingston Police question juveniles

By Herman B. Ward, Jr. Associate Editor

There is no response from Livingston Police on any progress made in the investigation of the perthreat at Sumter Central High School last week. Sumter Superintendent of Education Dr. An-

thony Gardner said, however, school officials and administrators will continue to cooperate with law enforcement during their investigation.

Livingston Police Chief Roger Tolliver was not son or persons responsible for making a bomb available for comment Monday and Tuesday this week, but said last week, "the investigation into the

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# G. Jury returns 16 indictments as crime lab delays 80 cases

County, Alabama, went into session on September 12, 2022, and ended the session on September 13, 2022.

responsibilities," according to multiple count indictments, re-

"We considered various criminal charges against various de-"We were instructed by the fendants and return herewith 23

The Grand Jury of Sumter Court regarding our duties and true bills, some of which were

sulting in 18 felonies and /5 misdemeanors. There were 80 cases continued, all being drug cases Continued on page 3-A

# **Grand Jury indictments** State Trooper indicted for DV and

additional charges of Sodomy By Tommy McGraw Publisher

Keith Wilson, suspended Alabama State Trooper, was arrested on Sept. 23 for two counts of Sodomy, First Degree.

Wilson, 40, white male, an employee of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency ALEA or Alabama State Troopers, was arrested in June for Domestic Violence and Assault following an altercation with his wife.

The Grand Jury met on Sept. 14 and returned indictments



sault charge, and on two additional counts of Sodomy, First Degree.

Sumter County Sheriff's Deputy Lewis arrested Wilson on Sept. 23 following the indictments, and Wilson was released on Sept. 25 after posing a \$200,000 bond, according to jail

According to Circuit Clerk Devon James, Wilson will be arraigned in Sumter County Circuit Court on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

The Sumter County Circuit



New Town of Epes councilman Gilbert Williams with Judge Pearl Rice and Mayor Walter Porter

# **Town of Epes names Gilbert** Williams as new councilman

By Janice Kemp Greenwood newest member of the Town Willie Pearl Rice in a ceremony

Mr. Gilbert Williams is the Williams was sworn in by Judge Council of Epes. He was se- witnessed by Mayor Porter and lected to fill the vacated seat pre- other members of the Town viously held by Mrs. Pat Minus Council;:Mrs. Betty Brown,

who resigned recently. Mr. Mrs. Charlet Cox, Mrs. Charlie Jackson, and Mr. Peter. Gilbert has resided in Epes all of his life. His parents, Elizabeth (Taylor) and Bonnie Williams, Sr., and his

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# "No topless dance clubs, that I know of in L'ston" - Tartt

By Tommy McGraw Publisher

"There are no topless dancers in Livingston, that I know of," said Livingston Mayor Tom Tartt at the close of the Monday, Sept. 26 council meeting.

to a headline in the Sumter County Record-Journal last week covering the topic of possible naked dance clubs operat-

dancers performing in Livingston?' was posed by the reporter after there was no response from the council and their attorney following the mayor reading aloud a proposed Mayor Tartt was responding new city ordinance banning nude dancing in Livingston.

"To answer the headline in last week's paper [Sumter County Record Journal]: No. There are

The headline: 'Are nude of, and Bird [City Administrator James Dial] and I have looked, but we haven't found one in Livingston," Tartt said with a laugh.

> "But we did have somebody that inquired and wanted to know what our ordinance said about a gentleman's club. We didn't have anything on the books ,so that is the reason we came up with an ordinance specifically for that type of busi-

#### **Industrial Development Board** against Wilson for the DV, As-Continued on page 3-A seeks bids to dredge Port Epes **Absentee voting starts**

By Tommy McGraw

Publisher

The Industrial Development Authority of Sumter County is seeking bids to have the Port of Epes dredged for commercial water traffic on the Tombigbee Waterway.

Port Epes will be the initial shipping point for Enviva Wood Pellets, LLC, to ship their pellet product to ports along the Mississippi and Alabama Gulf Ports and then to ports all over the

Enviva has started construction on a \$250 million project at the Port of Epes to manufacture wood pellets for

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Port Epes to be dredged for better access for barges.

# 35 days left for applying for absentee ballot by mail for General Election

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 - MONTGOMERY, AL— The absentee voting period for the November 8th Gen-Election began on September 14, 2022.

Ahead of the November 8th General Election, Secretary Merrill would like to remind Ala-



bama voters that there are 35 days left [as of Tuesday, Sept. 27] for the Absentee Election Managers to receive an application for absentee ballot by mail. Voters will have an additional two days to apply for an absentee ballot by hand.

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# **Book Club presents check to public library**

Pickens Tartt Public Liasset to residents of the town and surrounding materials and resources

Livingston's Ruby month beginning in September and ending in brary is a tremendous May and feature speakers from Livingston and the surrounding area. counties. To help with Members of the Livthe purchase of books, ingston Book Club are (seated left to right) Bonfor children's story time nie Campbell, Vivian the Livingston Book Hauser, Sandy King, Club recently presented a Becky Williams and check to the library. The Mary Alice Snider. book club has helped (Standing, left to right) support the library for Jeannie Harrison, Sharon many years by giving an- LaCoste, Leslie Emory, nual donations. The ob- Book Club President Cajective of the club, which role Simpkins, Chilwas organized in 1933, is dren's Librarian Dorothy to keep members abreast Smith, Vicki Spruiell, of the times in literature, Kim Giles, Valerie arts and science. Meet- Burnes, Angie Gilliver ings are held once a and Connie Hawkins.



### Sumter County's 7-Day Forecast Sept. 29-Oct. 5



Precip Chance: 0%

Friday Sunny Sunny 76/54



Precip Chance: 5%



**Mostly Sunny** 

80/57

Precip Chance: 10%



Sunday

Sunny

81/58

Precip Chance: 10%

This Week's Local Forecast



Monday

Partly Cloudy

80/57

Precip Chance: 5%



Tuesday

Mostly Sunny

81/59

Precip Chance: 10%





Wednesday

Partly Cloudy

82/58

Precip Chance: 0%



Weather Trivia

Answer: High-level clouds on

average of 16,000 feet or more. Be proud of Sumter! Don't Litter! www.WhatsOurWeather.com



#### SC Retired teachers help Jackson, Miss., residents

Pictured are a few of the Sumter County Retired Educators in front of several pallets of water at the Market Place in Livingston, including Tommie Campbell, Edna Williams, Bertha Beasley, Ennis Ward, Lula Larkin and Callie Lowery. "Kudos, SCREA!"

# **Sumter County Retired Edu**cators' Association at it again!

begins its new year with a bang! Our first meeting was awesome and well attended virtually! There were over 35 members to call in and listen to what the new goals, ideas and concerns for 2022-2023 will entail. President Edna Williams opened the meeting by greeting and welcoming everyone back. Mrs. Jeannette Presswood did a beautiful meditation and prayer. All committees reported, and birthdays were announced and happy birthday song was beautifully sung by Mrs. Dora Hughes. Our biggest and most important accomplishment

Sumter County Retired Educators' Association was the idea of donating a pallet of water to the citizens of Jackson, Mississippi, due to their water crisis. Kudos, community service, we are off to a great start! We partnered with Commissioner Marcus Campbell, Moderator Tyrone Thomas, the Mount Herman District Association and other concerned citizens to show our love for this worthy cause. More is yet to come! Helping others is one of our main goals!!

> Edna M. Williams, President Dora M. Campbell, Reporter

# More absentee voting... from front

can be downloaded online or requested by visiting or calling the local Absentee Election Manager's office. Voters may also contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at (334) 242-7210 to request an absentee ballot application.

Important absentee voting deadlines are listed below:

November 1, 2022: The last day that absentee ballot applications returned by mail can be reManager.

November 3, 2022: The last day that absentee ballot applications returned by hand can be received by the Absentee Election Manager.

day an absentee ballot returned by hand can be received by the Absentee Election Manager.

November 8, 2022: Absentee ballots returned by mail must be received by the Absentee Elec-

Absentee ballot applications ceived by the Absentee Election tion Manager no later than noon today.

> Voters who are eligible to vote pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) will have until November 8, 2022 to postmark an

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 334-

### Thomas chosen 'Teacher of the Year'

Joeva Bryant Thomas, a teacher at Sumter Central High School, has been selected as the High School Physical Education Teacher of the Year for ASAH-PEARD (Alabama State Association of Health Physical Education and Dance). Mrs. Thomas will be awarded this prestigious award during the awards ceremony in November.

Mrs. Thomas plays a vital part in the JAGNA-TION family! She is the current Career Prep, Health, and Physical Education teacher. She also assists with PEER Helpers, the school's CIP (Continuous Improvement Plan), and the Master Schedule for students. Mrs. Thomas



is a firm believer and motto user of "YOU MATTER"! You can and will find her in the hallways of Sumter Central High School telling not only students, but coworkers as well, that "YOU MATTER!" Her passion is uplifting, empowering, and meeting students where they are; she also takes great pride in her faith in God; her love for family; and her loyalty to education. CONGRATULATIONS Mrs. Thomas!..."YOU MATTER!"



#### THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PLACE. November 7, 2022: The last absentee ballot.



# More dredging bids ... from front

consumption in Asia and Europe for a Journal and Forbes indicate there is 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 18, for

heat and energy source. The initial project was for a \$180 million dollar facility across the canal from Manning Wood Floor Business.

Mannington has since gone out of business, and Enviva has acquired their former building and property and plans to expand their initial investment up to \$250 million.

The demand for Enviva pellets has risen dramatically, and the company is building the largest pellet plant in the United States in Sumter County at Port Epes, according to reports in major news outlets.

Recent stories in the Wall Street

now a local demand for their product,

forming contracts in Europe, and demand for thier wood pellet product has increased with the ongoing war in Ukraine and the uncertainty of gas supplies coming from Russia.

Russia is a major supplier of gas to surrounding countries, and gas shipments have decreased since the war with Ukraine began.

The bids for the dredging project are scheduled to be opened at the Kelly Land Hall classroom, 154 Student Union Drive, Livingston, Alabama, at

the project identified on the PORT OF Enviva has enjoyed success in DREDGING DISPOSAL PLAN, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

> This dredging project will be partially funded with Federal funds from the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, and therefore is subject to the Federal laws and regulations associated with that program.

A legal advertisement is currently running in the legal pages of the Record Journal.

205-652-5106



# City of York

The City of York is requesting bids for **Demolition of** Condemned Property. Please call City Hall for a **Listing of Property and** more details at 205-392-5231.

Please ask for York Mayor Willie Lake



upon request\*

# More grand jury report ... from front

continued because there were no Certificates of Analysis from the Department of Forensic Sciences. There were 22 no bills returned.

"We also would like to make following

"I. We have no recommendations at this time.

"Pursuant to Alabama Code §14-6-42, the Sumter County Sheriff's Office has provided the Grand Jury with documentation verifying that a Prisoner Feeding Fund has been set up and is

being maintained for the purpose of feeding the prisoners in the

"We ask the Court to accept this report and the Indictments returned and recess us subject to your call," the report concluded.

# vaccine and mask mandates custody of the Sumter County

Marshall announced a second victory in his effort to block the Biden administration's attempt to force preschool teachers to submit to COVID-19 vaccines and two-vear-old students to wear masks.

> "Today, a federal court permanently blocked the Biden administration's order to require Head Start program employees and volunteers to receive a COVID vaccine, and children as young as two-years-old to wear face masks while they are in school,"

said Attorney General Marshall. "On December 21, 2021, I

(MONTGOMERY)—Al- joined with other states in filing abama Attorney General Steve a lawsuit to stop Biden's illegal mandate on preschool teachers and students, and on January 1. 2022, we won a preliminary injunction to halt the mandate. Today's court victory permanently closes the door to Biden's unlawful order in Alabama and the 23 other states which were part of our litigation. It guarantees that Alabama's Head Start teachers, staff, volunteers and students remain free to make their own choices over COVID vaccination and free from re-

Attorney General Steve Marshall wins permanent

injunction against Biden Administration Head Start

toddlers. "As with our other successful

quirements to force masks on

lawsuits targeting a coordinated Biden administration effort to force Americans to submit to vaccinations and masking, we have again triumphed over the heavy hand of government acting without legal authority."

Alabama was joined by Louisiana, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming in filing the lawsuit.

A copy of the federal court ruling may be read here.

## More indictments ... from front page

Court met on September 14 in the main courtroom with Circuit Judge Eddie Hardaway Jr. presiding for Fall 2022 Arraign-Those arraigned following Grand Jury Indictments include the case number CC-0000000, name of the defendant [the one charged], the charge or offense, the defense attorney, the arresting officer, the status of the defendant, and the prosecutor in the case.

CC 2022 000033.00 - D'quarius Bias was charged with Theft of Property, Third Degree. Defense Attorney: None listed; Arresting officer Tolliver; Status of the defendant: Out on Bond; Prosecutor: District Attorney Gregory Scott Griggers.

CC 2022 000030.00 - Gerald Carter was charged with Child Abuse. Defense Attorney: None listed; Arresting officer: None listed; Defendant's status: Out on Bond; Prosecutor: DA Griggers.

CC 2022 000039.00 Jonathan Seth Conner was charged with Robbery, First Degree. Defense Attorney: Abisola Adeb Olaleye; Arresting officer Myron Carter; Defendant's status: In Jail; Prosecutor: DA Grig-

CC 2022 000034.00 - Roland Fitch was charged with Theft of Property, First Degree. Defense Attorney: Robert Brian Smith; Arresting officer Winnick; Defendant's status: In Jail; Prosecu-

brother Bonnie Williams Jr. are

buried in the Hennegan Ceme-

tery off US Hwy 11 near Epes as

are all the Williams family.

Gilbert's family moved to Epes

in 1920 when Albert Akres

Williams and his wife Mary Jane

(Lunceford) along with their six

children relocated to work in the

tor: DA Griggers.

CC 2022 000035.00 - Quandarrius Harris was charged with Robbery, First Degree. Defense Attorney: Victor Martel Revill; Arresting officer Lynch; Defendant's status: In Jail; Prosecutor:

CC 2022 000042.00 Michael Hill was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. Defense Attorney: John Thomas Stamps, I; Arresting officer Winnick; Defendant's status: In Jail; Prosecutor: DA

CC 2022 000043.00 Michael Hill was charged with Burglary, Third Degree. Defense Attorney: John Thomas Stamps, I. Arresting officer Winnick; Defendant's status: In Jail; Prosecutor: DA Griggers.

CC 2022 000036.00 - Pamela Hodge was charged with Receiving Stolen Property, First Degree. Defense Attorney: None listed; Arresting officer Seals; Defendant's status: Out on Bond; Prosecutor: DA Griggers.

CC 2022 000037 .00 - Oscar Cattuong Huynh was charged with Resisting Arrest. Defense Attorney: None listed; Arresting officer Barron Franklin; Defendant's status: Out on Bond; Prosecutor: DA Griggers.

CC 2022 000032.00 - Robert Lee Kelley was charged with Theft of Property, Second Degree. Defense Attorney: Erica

More Epes council ... from front

sity, Class of 1971, with a degree

in Business Administration and a

minor in accounting. He worked

for the Alabama Army National

Guard for 27 years in Livingston

and later in Eutaw. After retiring

from the Guard, he began a sec-

ond career with Mercedes in

Brookwood. Initially he began

Kathlee Kemmer; Arresting officer B. Franklin; Defendant's status: Out on Bond; Prosecutor: DA Griggers.

CC 2022 000047 .00 - Dominick McCorkle was charged with Theft of Property, First Degree. Defense Attorney: Katherine Ree Parten; Arresting officer Lewis; Defendant's status: Out on Bond; Prosecutor: DA Grig-

CC 2022 000029.00 - Mary Noble was charged with Financial Exploitation. Defense Attorney: Robert Brian Smith; Arresting officer: None listed; Defendant's status: Out on Bond; Prosecutor: DA Griggers.

CC 2022 000048.00 - Shanise Poke was charged with Breaking and Entering a Vehicle. Defense Attorney: John Thomas Stamps, I; Arresting officer Harris; Defendant's status: Out on Bond; Prosecutor: DA Griggers.

CC 2022 000050.00 - Brittany Reynolds was charged with Hindering Prosecution. Defense Attorney: None listed; Arresting officer Investigator Basinger; Defendant's status: Out on Bond; Prosecutor: DA Griggers.

CC 2022 000031.00 - Tanjaneka Russell was charged with Robbery, First Degree. Defense Attorney: Michael Fitz-Gerald; Arresting officer Lewis; Defendant's status: Bond Revoked; Prosecutor: DA Griggers.

when he again retired. Gilbert is married to the former Deborah Green of York, their daughter, Casey is married to Chris Henley, and they have a daughter, Gabrielle. Mr. Williams was recently crowned King of Epes Day 2022 in recognition of his continued support of the Town of barrel stave mill. Gilbert is a working on the assembly line but Epes. We are fortunate to have graduate of Livingston Univer- was working Quality Control him on the town council.

# More no nude dancing ... from front

has requested an application. They just wanted to know if we had anything on the books about it, and now we do."

Mayor Tartt read aloud a proposed ordinance banning dancers from exposing their genitalia for money or no money at the Sept. 12 meeting.

City Attorney Nathan "Nat" G. Watkins informed the mayor and council the Livingston Planning Commission must first make a recommendation to the council and then the council can accept or reject their recommendation and then act on the ordi-

Watkins said there also must be a public notice run in the Sumter County Record-Journal newspaper announcing a public hearing on the matter. Public hearings are held so local residents can come to the meeting and voice their opinion for or against the proposed ordinance prior to the council voting on it. The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 10.

The Sept. 22 story began, "Are there secret nude dance clubs in Livingston?

Has the nude dancing been

ingston?

These are some of the questions residents may want the answer to, but Livingston's mayor, city council members, and city attorney are not talking.'

Livingston City Council members, the mayor, and their attorney did not answer questions posed by the Sumter County Record-Journal reporter at their Monday, Sept. 12, meeting concerning nude dancing in

The reporter asked, "What prompted the proposed resolution prohibiting nude dancing in Livingston? Did someone apply

for a business license?' Mayor Tartt also apologized at the Sept. 26 meeting to the newspaper for not explaining the reason for the proposed ordinance.

"Tommy, I apologize. That really didn't get explained well enough at our last meeting. And as the old saying goes, 'Now they know.'

Prior to this segment of the meeting, Councilwoman Iola Williams wanted to thank the Black Girls Dream 2 club for coming to Livingston.

"On Sept 10 of this year, we

ness. To my knowledge, no one going on for a time in Liv- had the Black Girls Dream 2 held at Jaycee Park.

> "I wanted to thank [Police] Chief [Roger] Tolliver and his department for checking on the equipment that was set up overnight and providing security and Tina Jones at UWA for providing a backup location in the event of rain and James Moore for his help at the park.

> "Also, I want to thank Councilwoman Felecia Lucky for being a part of that endeavor."

> Williams then reminisced about being a young black girl in Livingston at the age of 16 following the loss of her mother at age 40.

> "I always wanted to go to law school, and I wish I had someone to help push me. I would have

> "My political science teacher always told me you could argue with a wall. You would be good. So, I said all that to say I am so proud of all those young ladies who had grace in performing out there in their grace of dance

> "My mind took me back to Paramount and Livingston High school where I played the clarinet, and I could play my clarinet. When I got to Livingston High, I used to dance at halftime for the basketball games, and I could really dance. So, I told the young ladies there that day I wanted to go out there and dance with them, but they told me, 'Iola, it has been a good day, don't ruin it by falling down and ruining it.' So, I just wanted to say it was a beautiful day."

> Mayor Tartt then jokingly posed a question to the mayor pro-tem, "Miss Iola, with your dancing background you might [want to] get an application to do the gentleman's club."

Williams responded, "I'll

That conversation segued into the conversation about the topless dancers at the end of the meeting during comments from the public section.

#### from front More no threat arrest ...

threat is ongoing.

Last week Chief Tolliver did say progress had been made and added, "We do have someone in mind, but no arrest have been made."

No further reports were given by police on any further progress made in the investigation by press time, but Dr. Anthony stated: "On the evening of Saturday, September 17th, we became aware of a bomb threat to Sumter Central High School posted on various social media platforms."

"We immediately contacted local law enforcement and the Alabama State Department of Education, and we have been working with the Alabama State Department of Education and state and local law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety of the students, faculty, and staff.

"On Sunday evening, September 18th, local law enforcement, and a k-9 unit conducted an extensive search of Sumter Central High School.

'No explosives were found in the school or on school grounds," Dr. Anthony said.

Chief Tolliver confirmed last week that explosive equipment was not found at Sumter Central but said "the investigation was still underway" and added the police were just as concerned about who made the bomb

not able to make a lot of statements, but I will say people need to know this will not be taken lightly," Tolliver said.

Supt. Gardner said safety for students and school is top priority at all schools, and every effort will be made to ensure their

"The safety of the students, faculty, and staff is paramount, and we will continue to cooperate with law enforcement to aggressively pursue those who are responsible" Dr. Gardner said.

"The investigation into the threat is ongoing. We will continue to cooperate with law enforcement to aggressively pursue those who are responsible," Gardner said.

No further report has been given to the Record Journal on any progress made in the investigation, but Chief Tolliver said last week that every safety precaution was being taken while the investigations is underway.

Meanwhile in Tuscaloosa, police have arrested a juvenile following a bomb threat at a Tuscaloosa high school. On September 16, just days

after police investigated and arrested a student for making a threat at Eastwood Middle School, Tuscaloosa Police responded to a locked-down Paul W. Bryant High School on another bomb threat.

Officers were called to Bryant High School, and after an investigation, they determined the threat was not credible. Tuscaloosa Police are searching for those responsible. School officials say the two are not connected; however, the second threat has resulted in an Human "This is very serious. We are Trafficking investigation there also. The threat made may be a part of an attempt to sexually victimize a student, a Tuscaloosa City School spokesperson told local media.

> Tuscaloosa City Schools released the following statement after the lockdown's end:

"At 8:45 a.m. today, Paul W.

**Call 911** 

to report a crime. Then call the Record Journal to report the crime to us at 205-652-6100. Email us at scrjmedia@yahoo.com

We'll let you know things you wouldn't know otherwise. "Friend" us on Facebook. Bryant High School went into a lockdown due to a bomb threat via phone call by a person giving a fake name. Staff quickly secured the areas for which they were responsible for and officers from the Tuscaloosa Police Department assisted. The lockdown lasted approximately until 10:45 a.m.; The Tuscaloosa City Schools takes all threats seriously. The incident is under investigation, in coordination with the Tuscaloosa Police Depart-

Also, in Mobile, authorities are investigating a threat to "shoot-up" a high school there made on August 31.

Mobile County Public School System administration are investigating a threat made at Alma Bryant High School.

A student at Alma Bryant posted a picture on Snapchat of writing on a bathroom wall at the school that said, "BHS going to be shot up 9-1-22." According to the administration, MCPSS is working with the Mobile County Sheriff's Office to investigate that threat.

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# It's that time again firefighters **Deadline Extended from Sept. 25**

Email Sumter County Record Journal your information and a department group photo to scrimedia@yahoo.com

or mail to SCRJ, PO Box B, Livingston, AL 35470, or drop off at the office at 210 Washington St. in Livingston across from the court house. (Please email preferably scrjmedia@yahoo.com or call ahead to make sure someone is in the office. Office is closed to the public at this time due to COVID-19.)

Example of what we need information wise: Smith Fire Department Chief is Smithy "Chief" Smithson Asst. Chief is Lloyd Jones Secretary is Yolanda "Suga" Purple Treasurer is Smithy, Jr. Smithson



The proud members of Smith VFD are:

Smith responded to 15 brush fires, 120 accidents, 5 house calls, 6 car fires and a trailer fire. No homes were destroyed. Still seeking volunteer fire fighters and meet the first Saturday of every month. We received 2 grants for new hoses and fire truck.

People who have helped contribute are the Ladies Social Club, Smith Church, Abe "Pop" Smith who mowed the lawn. We will have a fish fry fundraiser in March and give out Halloween treats on Halloween.

E-mail us at: scrjmedia@yahoo.com **Kasey DeCastra Tommy McGraw** Publisher, Editor Community Editor Herman Ward. Jr. Kaleb Avalos Cir./Delivery Associate Editor

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#### Obituaries

Keilla Diane Ball

It is with deepest sorrow that Lavender's Funeral Service announces the passing of Ms. Keilla Diane Ball, 35, of Aliceville on Monday, September 19, 2022. Visitation was Friday, September 23, 2022, from 4-5 p.m. at Lavender's Funeral Service. The home going celebration was Saturday, September 24, 2022, 2 p.m. at Spirit and Truth Pentecostal Church, 2717 MLK Rd., Aliceville. The body lay in state in the church one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Bigbee Baptist Church Cemetery, 2988 County Rd. 78, Aliceville. Apostle Jeffery Ball, Sr., is the pastor of Spirit and Truth Pentecostal Church. Rev. Tyrone Cole, associate pastor of New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Macon, Miss., was the eulogist. Lavender's Funeral Service, Aliceville, 205-373-2420, directing. Survivors are the Ball and McMullen families.

> Jamal Micheal Jacob Carter

Mr. Jamal Micheal Jacob Carter of Coatopa entered into eternal rest September 22, 2022, at his residence. Graveside services will be held Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 1 p.m. from Bethel Pine Baptist Church Cemetery, 796 Sumter 22, Coatopa. Visitation will be held Friday, September 30, 2022, from 1-4:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Larkin and Scott Mortuary, LLC entrusted with arrange-

#### Livingston Lines Good luck, Jason

Happy birthday everybody having birthdays this week. Have a happy day. Happy anniversary to you lucky couples who are celebrating together this week. Blessings for a great day. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you who are grieving the loss of a loved one. May your thoughts be filled with fond memories of the past.

Have been so fortunate to have known Jason. He is such a fine young man and has helped me so much in getting my rotator cuff strengthened. Jason is now working at Rush in Meridian. We will miss him, but we are thankful to still have Candice and Clay to take care of us.

Enjoyed so much visiting with

**Table for Sale** 

Edith Briwn has asked me to tell y'all that she needs a home for her granddaddy's table. She has no place for it, and she wishes someone who knew her granddaddy would take and enjoy it. She said she will always remember sitting around this table, when she was a child. If she cant find a home for it, it will be sold at Valerie Burnes' warehouse sale. The sale will be a week from Saturday. I know there are going to be some awesome antiques there, and I am excited to be going. Hope to see you there. Paid Advertisement

**Baby Boy Kevondale Craig** It is with deepest sorrow that Lavender's Funeral Service announces the passing of baby boy Kevondale Craig of Carrollton, on Sunday, September 18, 2022. at Children's Hospital, Birmingham. The graveside home going celebration was Thursday, September 22, 2022, 1 p.m. in Baptist Home Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5622 Reform Gordo Rd., Gordo, Lavender's Funeral Service, Aliceville, 205-373-2420, directing. Survivors are the Byrd and Craig families.

Willie James Davis

Mr. Willie James Davis of Demopolis entered into eternal rest September 20, 2022, at his residence. Memorial services will be held Friday, September 30, 2022 at 10 a.m. from Memorial Cemetery, Arcola Rd., Demopolis. Larkin and Scott Mortuary, LLC, entrusted with arrangements.

Gerald M. Hodge Dr. Gerald M. Hodge was born on November 29,1945, in Foley, Fla., in his grandmother's home. Dr. Hodge passed away at the age of 76 in his home in Gallion. He is preceded in death by his father Lt. Col. Felix Hodge, USAF; mother Thelma (Ross) Hodge; sister Patricia Hodge, uncle Andrew Jackson Hodge; and step-daughter Katie Elizabeth Hope Vann. He is survived by his wife of twenty years Barbara M. Hodge; daughter Jennifer Hodge; sons Mark Hodge (Valesha) Geoffrey Hodge (Elizabeth), Paul Hodge, Brian Hodge, Matthew Hodge, Joseph

Karen Baughan the other day. Karen is having very bad back pain. Blessings to you and your sister. I was so glad to catch up on Reed and

Chris. I do miss those boys. Y'all need to drop what you are doing and drop in to see me and Doc. We have so much to be thank-

ful for today. Dandy Don went through his surgery with flying colors. He was released from Princeton Hospital in Birmingham last Friday which was much sooner than expected. He went to his don, Reef's home in Gulf Shores for a couple of weeks as he will have to lay flat of his back for 20 hours a day. Reed drove him there in a van where he was able to lay flat. Don, our prayers continue to be with you, as you recover. Can't wait until you get home. Miss you. I feel so blessed that his cousin Harrel had kept me updated on Don's progress.

Hope Grad had a great birthday. Our supper club group from 1-3 p.m. with pubic viewcheered him for his birthday last Friday night.

Laci stayed last weekend with us, and we had such a good time. We went walking, watched ball games, went to church, and out to eat. That beautiful little girl is such a pleasure to have around.

Y'all have a great week. Til' next time be safe, healthy and happy. "I hate that moment when you are tired, sleepy, and you go to bed and your body says, "just

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Stay home and stay safe.

Hodge, Andrew Hodge; stepsons; Nicholas Vann (Kayla) and Benjamin Vann (Lexie); grandchildren Bailey Hodge (Ashton Hurt), Miranda Hodge, Anthony Hodge, Conner Stone, Keaton Stone and Hadlee Coulbourn; step-grandchildren Xander O'-Connell (Abby), Raelyn Vann, Kayleigh Vann, and Adaline Vann; great grandchildren Ashton Hurt and Emory Gray. Gerald joined the Marines after he graduated from Parish High School in Selma. He was sent to Vietnam the year of 1966 and remained there through 1967. When he returned to the states, he enrolled in the University of Montevallo in Alabama. He graduated from UOM with a major in biology. After graduation, he enrolled in medical school at the University of Alabama, Birmingham. In 1974, he graduated from med school and oined the Army with honors. During 1975-1978, he attended his first family practice residency program at Martin Army Community Hospital in Fort Benning, Ga. In 1984-1987, he attended an obstetrics and gynecology residency at William Beamont Army Medical Center in Fort Bliss, Texas. While in the army, Gerald was a Flight Surgeon and a plane crash investigator. After leaving the Army, Gerald moved to Demopolis where he joined

on Friday, September 30, 2022, from 9:30 - 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Demopolis. Funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the church with Kirk Fu-

neral Homes, Demopolis chapel,

Dr. Holifield's Medical Practice.

For 26 years, he was a blessing

to Demopolis where he was able

to deliver thousands of babies up

until 2017. At that time, he went

into retirement and greatly

missed seeing his patients day

after day. Visitation will be held

David Denard Loyd David Denard Loyd, 50 of Riverdale, Ga., was born in Sumter County, Ala., November 21, 1971. He peacefully transitioned September 23, 2022, at an area Georgia hospital surrounded by loving family. Graveside service of memory and life celebration is slated for Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in Elmwood Memorial Gardens, 11313 U.S. Hwy. 11, York,. His step father, Rev. Darrell Jones, will deliver the eulogy offering words of comfort and consolation with Sis. Mary Jo Square serving as Mistress of Order. Private visitation for the family is ing and walk through from 3-6 p.m. in the Weatherly Chapel. To the entire Wimberly, Loyd and Jones family, we at Weatherly Funeral Home, offer to each of

and sustain your during your time of bereavement. Mary Louise McCaa

you our most sincere and heart-

felt sympathy and condolences.

Our prayer remains that your

abiding faith in God will con-

tinue to comfort, to strengthen

It is with deepest sympathy that Lavender's Funeral Service announces the passing of Ms. Mary Louise McCaa, 58, of Carrollton, Alabama on Friday, September 16, 2022, at Aliceville Manor Nursing Home in Aliceville. Visitation was Friday, September 23, 2022, from noon-4 p.m. at Lavender's Funeral Service. The graveside home going celebration and interment was Saturday, September 24, 2022, at noon in Mt. Hebron Baptist Church Cemetery, 2463 Franconia Rd., Aliceville. The body was available for viewing in the cemetery 15 minutes prior to the service. Rev. Marcus Wright, pastor of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, was the eulogist. Lavender's Funeral Service, Aliceville, 205-373-2420, direct-

Survivors are the McCaa family.

**Shirley Ann Mitchell** Shirley Ann Mitchell, 71, of Chatom, Washington County,

Ala., was born August 15, 1951, in Joliet, Ill., to the union of John Brown and Evangeline May Mitchell. She peacefully transitioned at Washington County Nursing Care Facility, Chatom on September 15, 2022. Memorial service and life celebration will be held by the Mitchell Family in Illinois at a later date and in the appropriate manner. To the entire Mitchell Family, we at Weatherly Funeral Home offer to each of you our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy and condolences. Our prayer remains that your abiding faith in God will continue to comfort, to strengthen and to sustain you during your time of bereave-

**Murry Lee Taylor** 

It is with very heavy and broken hearts that we announce the passing of our own loving, creative and committed staff member, Mrs. Murry Lee Taylor, 86, of Aliceville, on Thursday, September 22, 2022. Visitation will be Friday, September 30, 2022, from 2-5 p.m. at Lavender's Funeral Service. Order of Eastern Star Rites will begin at 5:30 p.m. The home going celebration will be Saturday, October 1, 2022, at noon at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, 2463 Franconia Rd., Aliceville. The body will lie in state in the church one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Bigbee Baptist Church Cemetery, 2988 Co. Rd. 78, Aliceville. Rev. Marcus Wright, pastor of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, will be the eulogist. FOR THE

HEALTH and SAFETY OF EVERYONE MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR VISITA-TION and THE FUNERAL SERVICE. Individuals who are immune compromised, elderly, at high risk for severe illness, or currently ill are encouraged to remain at home. Lavender's Fu-Service, Aliceville, 205-373-2420, directing. Survivors are the Taylor family.

Joe Lee Johnson, Jr. Mr. Joe Lee Johnson, Jr., 83, of Demopolis entered into eternal rest September, 24, 2022, at his residence. Graveside services will be held Sunday, October 2, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. from Memorial Gardens, Hwy. 43 S., Demopolis. Visitation will be held Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 1-4 p.m. at the funeral home. Larkin and Scott Mortuary, LLC, entrusted with arrangements

M.C. Tillman **EUTAW** - Graveside services for M. C. Tillman were held at noon Saturday, September 24, 2022, at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church Cemetery, West Greene. Public Viewing was Friday, September 23, 2022, at the mortuary. Smith's Mortuary, Boligee, directed. The management and staff at Smith's Mortuary offer our heartfelt and sincere sympathy to the entire family.

> Richard Loren "Skip' Towberman

A memorial service for Richard Loren "Skip' Towberman, 75, of York was held Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Chestnut Grove Memo-

rial Church with Bro. Mark Smith officiating. Skip passed away Monday, September 19, 2022, at Rush Hospital in Meridian, Miss. He was born August 18, 1947, in Minneapolis, Minn., to Benjamin Franklin Towberman and Dorothy May Fry. Survivors include son, Steven Richard Towberman; daughters, Esthur Dawn Towberman, LaFawnda Raz (Tim), Courtney Wright (Curtis); brother, Ralph Franklin Towberman; sister, Mary Maude Ring; grandchildren, Sarah Ann Tirado, Alexis White, Angelina Wright, Kayla Wright, Dalton Wright, and Brandon Wright; and 3 greatgrandchildren. Preceded in death by wives, Julie Ann Tew Towberman and Betty Ann Rice Tolbert; parents, Dorothy May Fry and Benjamin Franklin Towberman; and sister, Shirley May Griffin. He enjoyed traveling and actually visited all 50 states. He loved his family and his dog, King. Visit bumpersfuneralhome.com to sign the online register and post condolences to the Arrangements

**EUTAW** - Graveside services for Corlus G. Smith were 10 a.m. Saturday, September 24, 2022, at Smith Cemetery, Eutaw. Public Viewing was held on Friday, September 23, 2022, at the mortuary. Smith's Mortuary, Boligee, directed. The management and staff at Smith's Mortuary offer our heartfelt and sincere sympathy to the entire family.

Bumpers Funeral Home of York.

Corlus G. Smith

#### Round and About Bellamy

#### Morning Star M. B. Homecoming Sunday, Oct. 2

By Jeanette Ingram "Dear Lord, please give us Your peace at all times and in every situation."

Sending birthday wishes to: Linda Pearce, Susie Thompson, Yolanda Austin, Rev. Sammuel Exell, Marlon Ward, Mameta Brooks, Arithia Jospeh, Rev. Christopher Spencer, Grace Spencer, Ashley W. Perkins, Geraldine Harris, Janet Moore, Robin Huff, Jimmy Williams, Valerie Fulghum, Alesha Washintgon, Cheryl Graves, Floyd Ingram, Gabriell M. Giles, JRa'Shad Pratt, Bobbie Pickett, Eggetta Blakely, Letithia Owens, Ray Evans, Princilla Amerson, Ronnie Childers, Joe Cross, Min. Alexis Chanev, Arcola Williams. Linda Artis, Kelvin 'Skotta' Giidwin, Robert Wrenn, II, Takelia Marzette, Jessie Bias, Hattie Wright, Johnny Bowden, II, Fredrick Sturdivant, Ruby Dixon Fredrick Dubose, Jalen Law, Makiya N. Giles, Carol Sturdivant, Ida Christian, Syrketha Hale, Glenda Moore, Wanda Gulley, Jessica Johnson, Demetric Evans, Lard McInosh, Mercedes McInosh, Jimmy Ponius, Italy Killing, Anita Lawrence, Wendy Boot Maye, Mary L. Lewis, Lil Lay Lay Hale, Anita Chaney, Rev. Mitchell Carter, Sonya Smith, Pamela Lewis, Destiny Maye, Zachary Henry, Lucinda Davis, Linda Brooks, Brakeya Clark, LaTonia Willingham, Jarvis Graham, Cordelro Parker, Bill Noble, Fredrick Jef-

In loving memory of Gwen Dixon, Rosie Giles, Annie Taylor, Ronnie Mack, Geneva M. Chaney, Percy Crockell, Ronald Gray, Oliver Chipley, Lorenzo Burrell. Gone, but not forgotten.

Happy anniversary to Rev. Sam and Sis. Gloria Duff, Edward and Cathy Delaine, Rodrick and Tameka McKenzie, Jonathan and Tesha H. Williams, Arthur and Jeanette Presswood, Rev. Chirsi and Sis. Pricilla Hol-

retreat Sat., Sept. 24. The morning began with a delicious continental breakfast, blessed by Ann Rogers of Lilly's Chapel M. Church, York. Pastor Michael Howard greeted and prayed for a successful retreat. First speaker Dec. Leroy and Diana Brown,

Min. Angela Finch of Green Chapel B. Church of Scooba, Miss. She blessed the women with inspirational words. After the morning session, we had a delicious lunch. After lunch we began our next session with some dynamic speakers that discussed different topics. Cynthia Brown, director of nursing at Hill Hospital, addressed women's health. Attorney Elizabeth Hollie of legal service of Alabama spoke on legal and finacial issues. Min. Linda Delaine of Grants Chapel M. Church, Cuba, discussed the five steps of grief. Min. Liza Howard of Faith Chapel Church, Birmingham, finalized with words of encouragement.

The reteat was closed with prayer by Min. Mary Grnt of Friendship B. Church, Bellamy. They were all spiritual and very informative, as well. We were also blessed with some song by Edna Williams and Iris Porter. The retreat was a success and enjoyed by all who attended.

Morning Star M. B. Church, Bellamy, would like to invite all to our annual Homecoming service on Sun., Oct. 2 at 11 a.m. Pastor Michael Howard will deliver the message.

Another good Sunday school lesson, "Obedience and respect," Exodus 19:16-25. The Lord is our friend and helper, but we should not let that aspect of relationship with him prodused a casual and even sometimes flippant, attitude toward Him. While the warning of Exodus 19 does not directly apply to us today, we still should learn to approach the Lord with respect and godly fear.

Bellamy Community and SCHS Class of '75 send heartfelt sympathy and love to the families of Lizzie Dubose, Rosie Giles, Margie Simmon, James "Man" Maye, Patricia L . Jones in the loss of her son David Loyd, Shirley Johnson in the loss of her son Jamal M. Carter, Morning Star Baptist Church of Bellamy had its first women's Irene Ruffin Hubard, and all bereaved families.

Still praying for our brothers and sisters: Janice Dixon, Ruby Washington, Bessie C. Maye, Rosie Whitted, James Campbell, Rev. Doc Lake, Rosie Daniel, Rev. Marcus Lawrence, Rec. Johnath Byrd, Louise Alexander, Wayne James, Johnny Drummond, Ruby Moss, Gwen Lard, Audrey N. McCall, Prince Evans, Steve Lewis, Augusta Rogers, Lucinda Farmer, Mildred Ecans, Mattie Chaney, Pastor Michael and Sis. Marilyn Howard, Minnie Dunigan, Min. Curtis and Merendy Matthews, Lillie Dunn, Ella Connor, Josephine Howard, Frankie H. McNeely, Susie Alston, Betty McClullum, Shirley Johnson, Alex Spenver, Domino Maye, Rev. Huston Brown, Roosevelt Giles, Mary J. Ward, Eunice Triggs, Rosie Wrenn, Mary Maye, Dorothy C. Lake, Juanita Watts, Elmer Stallings and family, Woodrow Campbell, Leon Scales, Jim Jackson, Emma Clark, Rev. Tyrone Thomas, Annie H. May, Josephine Johnson. Theresa Bell and family Gussie McKnight, Wright, Towanda F. Killings, Bernice Blakely, Annie McKnight, Betty and Patricia Moore, Frank Alston, Cecil and Nancy Ratcliff, Connie Dick Finely, Sarah Williams, Gerald and Ann Chambless, Rec. Richard and Sis. Olivia Wilson, Jamie and Darlene Ash, Ben and Mary Walker, Marie Green, Francis Akins, Elizabeth Noble, James Ingram, Juanita Epps, Alex and Dora Campbell, Raymond Paige, Eddie M. Beville, Mildred Taylor, Irene Lee, Vincent Skeet Lawrence, Mary McInnis and family, Jessie Smith, Barbara S. Phillips, Narciss Ward, Carrie Branch, Hester Nelson, Bill Coleman, Carrie Graham, Yanna Howze, Glen Coleman, Emma Whitfield, Hattie Nelson, Pearlie Carlisle, Gretie Jenkins, Donald, Wright, Saddie Jackson, Roxie Hall, Tina H. Brown, Norman Ruffin, Sr., Terry Jones, Eunice Norwood, Cassandra Vawters, Beresa Glover, Henry Jones, Mary Nixon, J. B. Lake, Ernestine Whitley, Dorothy Moore, David Collins, Sandra Payne, Katie Law, and to all sick and shut-in.

Continue to pray for our children, nation, and one another. If you have any church events, birthdays or anniversaries call me at 205-609-7744.

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#### Townsend Community Review

#### Union Chapel C. M. E. Church 1st annual 4 Seasons program to be held

"God Can Straighten It Out" Pastor Joyce McCoy told the worshippers of God that He had a message this morning on flight #9 - 25 - 22. It is on departure at the Union Chapel C. M. E. Church, Ward . Your Conductor is ready for take off, please buckle up and enjoy the flight. Amen! A high flight in the Spirit of God it was. You sure ought to have been there as God's people stood in praise to His words. I tell you that the Musician, Sis. LaTishia Townsend, and drum player, Sis. Mary Taylor, were al-

Church family thank God for His Spirit and the high praise that was raised in the worship service. The service was enjoyed online and off. As the flight stayed on course, the Spirit was very high." God, straighten it out. Rev. Joyce McCoy, church pastor, brought the morning message. It was a blessing to be online service. I enjoyed it. Tell God and pray about it. You know prayer changes things. A church on fire for the Lord. Rev. Robert Deas applauded Sis. Martinez Bryant on the service she renready in flight. Pastor McCoy dered during Bible studies, a job cooperation.

and the Union Chapel C. M. E. well done. We appreciate Rev. Robert Deas for inviting you to share in Bible study with Pastor Joyce McCoy and the Union Chapel C. M. E. Church family on every Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Union Chapel C. M. E. Church 1st annual 4 Seasons program will be held on Sun., Oct. 9, at 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon. Guest speaker for this occasion is Rev. Joyce Peoples. You are cordially invited to share in this program with Rev. Joyce McCoy and the Union Chapel C. M. E. Church family. We appreciate you, in advance, for your

Are you enjoyed this fall weather? I am, and I hope you

Wishing everyone a happy birthday: Pam Lewis Sept. 29 and her sister Alesha Washington Sept. 28, Yolunda Johnson and her sister Carolyn Sept. 26, Mrs. Mary Lewis on Sept. 29. Wishing you all joy and happiness. Enjoy your special day and many more wonderful blessings.

Continue to keep all sick, shut-in and all bereaved families in your thoughts and prayers to be strengthened. Rev. Kentray Sims, I enjoyed online service with you and the Pine Grove

Baptist Church family, Livingston. I also enjoyed Motivational Monday Message and Prayer. I also enjoyed Min, Bias'

sermon on Sunday morning Sept. 25. "Thank you. Stay Safe and Wear your Mask! KEEP THE FAITH!"

Of Crud and Crumbs

# Plant more chinnyberry trees

By Madoline Thurn Sometimes, early in the morning as I drink my coffee, between the time I have finished one lighthearted, carefree, relaxing work of art (mind-rot novel) and haven't decided what to read next, the only reading matter on the kitchen table is a newspaper. And there's just something about drinking a cup of coffee that makes you want to read something as you drink it. Maybe it's

because so much coffee is drunk

work, they just get into the habit of drinking and reading.

Well, anyway, sometime back, there was nothing in arm's reach except the newspaper. Why do they call it a newspaper when the items on the front page are as predictable as the sunrise, a politician changing his mind, or somebody shooting somebody. You know, to save paper, they

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# **Public Notices & Classifieds**

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# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

PROBATE COURT SUMTER COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO. 2022-36 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF AUSTIN FRANK BOYD, JR., DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY under the last will and testament of Austin Frank Boyd, Jr., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 23rd day of Sept., 2022, by the Hon. Willie Pearl Rice, Judge of Probate of Sumter County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Stephen Douglas Boyd, Co-Executor of the Estate of Austin Frank Boyd Elisabeth Leigh Boyd Ogles, Co-Executor of the Estate of Austin Frank Boyd 3tc/9-29, 10-6, 13

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SUMTER COUNTY,

LABAMA **CASE NO. 17-22** IN THE MATTER OF DOSHIE GIBBS, AN INCAPACITATED

NOTICE OF PETITION TO

**SHIP** TO: The Unknown Heirs of Doshie Gibbs

You are hereby given notice that a petition has been filed requesting to terminate the conservatorship of Doshie Gibbs. You are hereby given notice that you are required to file an Answer with the Probate Court and with the Petitioner's attorney, Katherine Parten, Post Office Box 219, Livingston, Alabama 35470, within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication of this notice or a default judgement can be entered. A final hearing has been set for November 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m in the upstairs courtroom of the Sumter County Probate Court in Livingston, Alabama. You may appear and contest the same if you choose.

Hon. Willie Pearl Watkins-Rice, Probate Judge 3tc/9-29, 10-6, 13

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SUMTER COUNTY. ALABAMA STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF SUMTER CASE NO.: 2022-29 IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ES-TATE OF ANNETTE JONES, DECEASED NOTICE TO CRED-

**ITORS** LETTERS of ADMINISTRA-TION of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 15th day of August, 2022 by the Honorable Willie Pearl Rice, Judge of Probate of Sumter County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

> Lucinda Jones, Administratrix 3tc/9-29, 10-6, 13

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

In accordance with Section 39-2-1 as amended by H275 Code of Alabama, 997, notice is hereby given that

**Notice of Completion** 

Gillespie Construction, LLC, 4565 Hwy 5, Jasper, Alabama, Contractor, has completed Project Nos. RABRZ-6014(258), Sumter County, and has made request for final statement of said contract. All claims should be filed at Gillespie Construction, LLC during this period.

4tc/9-29, 10-6, 13, 20

PROBATE COURT SUMTER COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO. 2022-32 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANELLE M. TAYLOR, DECEASED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY under the last will and testament of Janelle M. Taylor, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of September, 2022, by the Hon. Willie Pearl Rice, Judge of Probate of Sumter County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

William Rhodes Taylor, Executor of the Estate of Janelle M. Taylor, de-

James H. Patrenos, Jr., Attorney for the estate of Janelle M. Taylor, deceased 3tc/9-29, 10-6, 13

> PROBATE COURT SUMTER COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO. 2022-33 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FAYE HARRY BEDWELL. DECEASED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY under the last will and testament of Faye Harry Bedwell, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of September, 2022, by the Hon. Willie Pearl Rice, Judge of Probate of Sumter County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Mark Harry Bedwell, Executor of the Estate of Faye Harry Bedwell James H. Patrenos, Jr., Attorney for the state of Janelle M. Taylor, de-

ceased 3tc/9-29, 10-6, 13

#### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR Case No. 2022-11 ESTATE OF JULIA SHELTON

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 8th day of September, 2022, by the Hon. WILLIE PEARL RICE, Judge of Probate of Sumter County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be

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barred.

Calvin Allison, Executor

3tc/9-22, 29, 10-6

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR **BIDS**

The Livingston Housing Authority will receive bids for: HVAC Replacement Project for The Willows until 2:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, October 11th, 2022, at the Livingston Housing Authority central office, located at 100 Northside Village (Hwy. 11 N.), Livingston, Alabama 35470, at which time and place all will be opened and read aloud. Scope of work will include (but is not limited to): Total replacement of HVAC systems at The Willows Apartments. Work shall include removal of existing equipment. Contract documents, including drawings and technical specifications, may be obtained by contacting the following:

Owner: Livingston Housing Authority Attn.: James Smith, Exec. Dir.

100 Northside Village (Hwy. 11N.) Livingston, Alabama 35470 205-652-2721 phone / 205-652-Architect: TDA Architects, LLC.

Attn.: Steven Taylor, Architect 125 West Columbus Street Dadeville, Alabama 36853 205-542-5316 phone Plan Rooms: iSqFt/AGC Network

(Birmingham, AL.) McGraw-Hill Information Services (http://construction.com)

The contract documents may be obtained by approved contractors at the direction of the Architect and after contacting the Architect's office.

Plans and specifications will be issued only to those contractors licensed by the State Licensing Board of General Contractors of Alabama as required by Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975. Only bids of such contractors who are licensed prior to date of this advertisement will be considered. All bidders must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered.

Also submitted with each bid shall be a certified check or bank draft. (made payable to: Livingston Housing Authority) or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and an acceptable surety company in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project, and that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

E-Verify The Bidder must provide certifica-

tion of enrollment in E-Verify. The E-Verify certification number must be written on the outside of the Bid Envelope along with the Alabama General Contractor's License Number.

The bidder must comply with Section 3 requirements provided in the

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Contract Documents. Each bid package must include; Bid Bond, Bid Form, E-Verify Certification, HUD-5369-A, the Non-Collusive Affidavit, and two Previous Participation Certificates, signed in blue ink, by the bidder and on the correct HUD

The Livingston Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the

Bids may be held by the Livingston Housing Authority for a period not to exceed one hundred and twenty (120) days from the date of bids for the purpose of reviewing them and investigating the qualifications of the bidders, prior to awarding the contract. James Smith, Executive Director

The Livingston Housing Authority Advertise on the following dates: September 15th, 22nd, and 29th,

#### INVITATION TO BIDDERS Sealed PROPOSALS will be re-

ceived by the OWNER, the Industrial Development Authority of Sumter County, at the Kelly Land Hall classroom, 154 Student Union Drive, Livingston, Alabama 35470, until 10:00 AM legally prevailing time a.m. Tuesday, October 18, 2022, for the project identified on the PORT OF EPES IN-DUSTRIAL PARK DREDGING DISPOSAL PLAN, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

DRAWINGS and TIONS may be examined at the office of the ENGINEER, TTL, Inc., at 3516 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401.

Electronic copies of BID documents may be obtained from the EN-GINEER at no cost. Hard copies are available for \$150.00, non-refundable. Hard copies may be shipped at an additional cost. Request documents via email aingram@ttlusa.com.

This project (EDA Investment No. 04-01-07492) will be partially funded with Federal funds from the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and therefore is subject to the Federal laws and regulations associated with that program.

BIDS must be submitted on PRO-POSAL forms furnished in SPECIFI-CATIONS. All BIDDERS bidding in amounts exceeding \$50,000.00 must be licensed under the Provision of Title 34 Chapter 8. Code of Alabama, 1975. No BID may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time 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 ENGI-NEER'S judgment, the best interest of the OWNER will thereby not be promoted.

BIDS shall be accompanied by a BID guarantee of no less than five percent (5%) of the base BID, but in no event more than \$10,000, which may be a BID BOND or certified check made payable to the OWNER. BID BONDS are to be issued by an acceptable bonding company licensed to do business in the State, with a Power of Attorney, to confess judgment thereon, with the understanding that it shall guarantee that the BIDDER shall not withdraw his BID for a period of ninety (90) days after the scheduled

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that if his BID is accepted, he will enter into a formal CONTRACT with the OWNER, and that in the event of a withdrawal of said BID within said period, or the failure to enter into said CONTRACT within the time specified, the BIDDER shall be liable to the OWNER for the full amount of the BID guarantee as liquidated damages and not as a forfeit or as a penalty.

The BID BOND and/or certified check on unsuccessful BIDDERS will be returned upon awarding the CON-TRACT or rejection of all BIDS, in no event, later than thirty (30) days from the opening of PROPOSALS. That of the successful BIDDER will be returned when formal CONTRACT and BONDS are accepted and approved. 4tc/9-15, 22, 29, 10-6

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR **BIDS**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Sumter County Commission at the Sumter County Annex at 104 Hospital Drive, Livingston, Alabama; AT 2:00 PM LOCAL TIME ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read; for: DEMOLITION OF BUILDING

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A cashier's check or bid bond payable to SUMTER COUNTY COMMISSION in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and statutory Labor and material Payment Bonds, and insurance in compliance with requirements, will be required at the signing of the Contract.

Drawings and Specifications may be examined at the Office of the Architect; and digital Plan Rooms of: Dodge SCAN: Reed Construction Data and AGC Internet Plan Rooms in Birmingham, Alabama.

Bid Documents may be obtained from the Architect in PDF format for a one-time deposit of \$25.00 (non-refundable), and/or upon deposit of \$60.00 per set, which will be refunded in full on the first two (2) sets issued to each general contract bidder submitting a bonafide bid, upon return of documents in good and reusable condition within ten (10) days of bid date. Other sets for general contractors, and sets for subs and dealers, may be obtained with the same deposit, which will be refunded as above, less cost of printing, reproduction, handling and distribution, which is estimated to be the same as the deposit amount. Partial sets will not be available.

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These are free as long as there are no personal messages and the event is not being charged for (love offerings do not count). Please keep the announcement to one paragraph with who is presenting the event, what the event is, date, time, where it will be held and contact information. *Email them to* scrjmedia@yahoo.com. *The front office is closed* due to COVID-19. We can not take anything over the phone due to company policy.

Grants Program. This year's prize is a pair of tickets to the 2022 IRON BOWL (Alabama vs. Auburn Football Game) to be played at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, AL on Nov. 26. The tickets were given by a donor to BBCF for the specific purposes of this effort. 2022 has been BBCF's most successful year of community granting yet with over 69 worthy community organizations receiving community grants totaling over \$208,000. How to participate? Potential donors will be asked to give a minimum \$5.00 donation for a ticket which creates an entry for them into a skills contest drawing. All the tickets will be placed in a container, and a BBCF Board member will select one ticket from the container on Nov. 15. The name that is pulled out will be the individual selected to participate in the BBCF "Throw & Go Skills Contest." This drawing will be captured by video and shared to the media and public via social media for transparency. The BBCF Community Engagement Officer or BBCF President will contact the contestant immediately following the drawing. The Community Engagement Officer will schedule the "Throw & Go Skills Contest" prior to the date of the Alabama and Auburn Football Game. Donors can enter the contest online at bit.ly/bbcfthrowandgo2022 or by visiting the BBCF's website donations page at: https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/blackbeltcommunityfoundation. The BBCF Community Associates (CA) across 12 counties of the Black Belt will also offer direct paper ticketing through the CA network. For the "Throw & Go Skills Contest," the contestant will have three attempts to complete a 12-yard pass to a BBCF Staff Member. The 12 yards are symbolic of the 12 counties that are in the BBCF service area. The skills contest will be captured by video for transparency and documentation of the integrity of the contest. For any questions related to Throw & Go, please contact Christopher Spencer at the BBCF office: 334.874.1126 (ext. 111) or by e-mail to cspencer@blackbeltfound.org. Find out more about BBCF and "Throw & Go" at: www.blackbeltfound.org Join our Social Media Community and follow "Throw & Go" live updates at: facebook.com/BBCF2004

#### Beverly A. Johnson & Phyllis D. Pruitt **Breast Cancer Walk**

The Beverly A. Johnson & Phyllis D. Pruitt Breast Cancer Walk will be Sat., Oct. 15 7-10 a.m. in downtown Gainesville and will conclude at the Gainesville Health & Wellness Center. Sponsored by the Gainesville Health & Wellness Center and American Cancer Society. For more information call 205.652.3393

#### The Santa National

Keeping in mind that our Winter Market is a family friendly show, how far can we stretch our portraits of the big guy? What aspects of his personality have yet to be uncovered? How deep can we dive into the satire and irony Santa often invites without ignoring the potential melancholy of this old man of the cold dark north? The Santa National is a multi-media competition featuring interpretations of St. Nick, the icon. Works can span realism to abstract, drawing and painting to collage, comics and photography. All pieces should be no more than 18 inches on the longest side. A limited number of sculptures can be accommodated but the same size limit applies. All work must arrive framed and ready to mount. Otherwise it won't be included in the show. All artwork will be for sale. The artist sets the price. The prizes for this competition are Best in show \$300, 1st runner up \$200, 2nd runner up \$100. When you're ready to either ship or deliver your artwork please contact garland@south17.org with "santa challenge" on the subject line. We're accepting Santa art until Nov. 25 or until full. Shipped artwork should include return postage.

Shelton State Community College's 2022-23 Terrific Tuesday Concert Series

Shelton State Community College's 2022-23 Terrific Tuesday Concert Series will be held in the

Alabama Power Recital Hall on the Martin Campus. Admission is free. Upcoming performances and artists include the following: October 4 – Dr. Eun-Hee Park, piano; October 11 – Dr. Edisher Savitski, piano; October 18 – Student Musicale; October 25 - Shelton State Bach to Rock Ensemble; November 1 – Shelton State Jazz Combo; November 15 – SSCC Student Voice Recital, Sophia Allen, soprano; November 22 – Dr. Fingting Tang, piano; November 29 - Annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Sing Along (Martin Campus Atrium). Shelton State's Terrific Tuesday Concert Series is designed to showcase a variety of repertory styles. Weekly performances are offered by guest artists as well as Shelton State faculty and students. For more information, contact Lillian Roberts at 205.391.2399 or lroberts@sheltonstate.edu

#### **Sumter County Chamber of Commerce** annual Pancake Breakfast

Sumter County Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast on Fri., Sept. 30. The plates are \$5 each, and all are prepared for take-out. The breakfast will be from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m in the University of West Alabama's Young Hall Cafeteria. You may obtain tickets from Chamber Executive Director Banks Gordy at the email bgordy@uwa.edu or call her at (205) 652-5106.

#### William Carey University Alumni Rally at the MAX

William Carey University graduates are invited to attend an alumni rally in downtown Meridian on Thursday, Sept. 29. The "Celebrate Carey" rally will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the MAX, 2155 Front St. Guests can grab some supper, swap stories, enjoy a performance by WCU's faculty jazz band - and meet William Carey's new president, Dr. Ben Burnett. The Meridian rally is one of a series of alumni events scheduled this fall. Homecoming will be April 14-15 at WCU's Hattiesburg campus. To learn more about William Carey University, visit www.wmcarey.edu.

#### Physically Disabled Hunt Dates Announced for Field Trial Area

The M. Barnett Lawley Forever Wild Field Trial Area (FWFTA) in Hale County, Alabama, will host a series of deer hunts for hunters with physical disabilities from late Nov. 2022 through Jan. 2023. To register for the hunts, call (334) 289-8030 starting Oct. 3. Hunt availability is limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Hunters are limited to registering for only one hunt for the season and may bring an assistant to help with the hunt. Hunters will need a hunting license and Conservation ID number prior to registering. FWFTA physically disabled hunt dates: Nov. 23, 30; Dec. 14, 17, 21, 28; Jan. 4, 7, 11, 18, 21, 25. Hunters with physical disabilities are required to fill out a Disabled Hunter Permit Application prior to the hunt dates. The permit can be downloaded from the Physically Disabled Hunting Areas section of www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/where-huntalabama. All deer harvested during the FWFTA physically disabled hunts must be reported via Alabama's Game Check system. Hunters will have 48 hours to Game Check their harvest through the Outdoor AL mobile app or online at outdooralabama.com. For more information about the hunt details or registration process, call Brae Buckner with the ADCNR State Lands Division at (334) 868-1684, or email brae.buckner@dcnr.alabama.gov.

#### **Annual West Alabama Juried Art Show** Deadline Oct. 27

The Arts Council of Tuscaloosa will be sponsoring its annual West Alabama Juried Show Dec. 2-16, 2022 and Jan. 6-20, 2023 in The Arts Council Gallery at the Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center. An opening reception will be held on Dec. 2, from 5-7 p.m. during First Friday. For more information about The Arts Council or Bama Theatre, patrons should follow and like "The Arts

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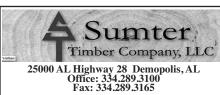
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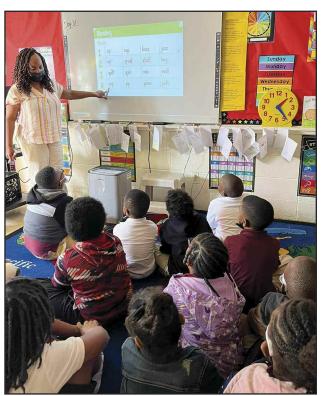
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#### UWA women's rodeo takes 1st place at Missouri Valley College Rodeo

MARSHALL, Mo – The University of West Alabama rodeo teams began the 2022-23 Ozark Region regular season this past weekend at the Viking Stampede Rodeo at the Saline County Fairgrounds hosted by Missouri Valley College. The women's team

total points. Jaylie Matthews won barrel racing with a time of 15.09 in the first round and 14.5 in the second round. Taycie Matthews finished in second place in barrel racing. Heather McLaughlin picked right back up where she left off last season and won goat

first place in calf roping. In team roping, Kade Goemmer finished in second place. West Alabama rodeo will return to the Hines-Spree Rodeo Complex for the UWA Rodeo Showdown on Thursday and run all the way through Saturday night in Livingston, Ala-

#### took home first place honors racking up 435 tying. On the men's side, Kota Wilhite earned UWA tennis brings home Men's Doubles Title, other strong results at ITA Regionals

MONTGOMERY, Ala. -Competing in arguably the toughest tennis region in all of Division II, the West Alabama tennis teams brought home big results from the ITA South Regional in Montgomery this weekend. The men's doubles team of Lucas Hammond and Marcel Hornung won the title and will advance to the Small College Championships next month. Heden Ly and Hardija Vidnere each made deep runs in the consolation bracket on the women's side of the bracket.

Hammond/Hornung started their run with an 8-5 win in the opening round. Following a pair of solid wins by scores of 8-3 and 8-2 over the next two rounds, they then rolled to the 8-4 win in the semifinals. That setup the championship match against Gulf South Conference foe West Florida. After dropping the first set, 5-7, Hammond/Hornung put together a strong second set for the 6-3 win to force the match to a decisive third set. In the super tiebreaker, Ham-

claim the 10-8 win in the third and secure the championship title. Hammond/Hornung will now prepare for the ITA Cup, formerly known as the Small College Nationals that will take place Oct. 13-16 at the Rome Tennis Center in Rome, Ga.

In the women's singles, Ly opened her part of the consolation bracket with a 6-4, 6-4 win in the round of 32. It was a close match in the round of 16 as Ly was able to win that match by a 7-6, 6-4 straight set score. Following a withdraw by her opponent in the quarterfinals, Ly then advanced to the semifinals where Laia Pasini picked up the 6-1, 6-3 win to end Ly's strong run back through the consolation bracket. Vidnere had a tough match right out of the gate to begin her run in the consolation part of the bracket. After winning the opening set, 6-4, Vidnere dropped the second set, 3-6, but then came back strong to win the third set in a super tiebreaker, 10-7. In the round of 32, it was a

mond/Hornung were able to the challenging first set that went to of the women's doubles teams a tiebreaker that Vidnere won and then cruised to the straight set win by scores of 7-6, 6-1. Another third-set match waited in the round of 16. Vidnere came out with the 6-3 win, but then came close to advancing past the dropped the second set, 4-6. In round of 16 pushing the match to the third set tiebreaker, she a tiebreaker before falling just cruised to the 10-5 win. In the quarterfinals, it would be a straight set win by scores of 7-5, 6-4. Vidnere then ran into the eventual consolation bracket champion in Regina Urbiola Armenta in the semifinals and Vid-

nere made a push in the second

set before falling, 1-6, 4-6. Both

advanced to the round of 16 in the main bracket. The team of Vidnere/Ming Deewajee received a bye and then won their first match by an 8-4 score. They short, 7-8. Haina Franco and Yurie Takanishi also received a bye before winning their first match by a score of 8-4. They battled in their round of 16 match but fell just short by a score of 5-8.

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abridged version. Instead, you are more likely to recognize a line here and there from Shakespeare's varied works. You may glimpse one of the Bard's familiar—and overused—plot twists. All right, the truth is that the show you will see bears very little resemblance whatsoever to the comedies or tragedies of Shakespeare. As a matter of fact, this troupe doesn't even pay tribute to the Elizabethan custom of casting all roles with male actors, choosing instead to cast all roles with female performers. It makes for a particularly interesting rendition of Romeo and Juliet, but you be the judge. Suffice it to say that the actors (UWA students Alaisha Perry, Elizabeth Ward and Janna Williamson) are working very hard to meet the challenge of performing The Compleat Works, but they can't possibly considered Elizabethan scholars. As you will see, only one of them has even read a couple of books about Shakespeare. The result of their efforts, therefore, is fraught with error which, naturally, results in chaos and hilarity. The Compleat Works of Wllm Shkspr [abridged] is an excellent primer for the most improper way to stage the works of the Bard; therefore, it is highly recommended to all students of theatre, history and English literature. As a public service to future audiences throughout our

area, groups of aspiring thespi-

plays. This is, after all, an ans, as well as history and literature students—and their teachers or directors—are cordially invited to attend a performance of The Compleat Works free of charge. Indeed, there is a special student matinee planned for Friday afternoon so that those who come might not be embarrassed by their attendance. For more information, contact Director Rhonda Wooley at UWA Theatre (205/652-3849).

#### **Community Foundation Grant Applications Now** Available

The Community Foundation of West Alabama announces its Fall Grant Cycle. Grant applications for the community grants are available for 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations only. Community grant applications are due no later than Oct. 1. The educational grant applications are also available to teachers in the West Alabama area. The deadline for educational grants will be Nov. 1. Those interested are encouraged to download the grant applications from our website at www.thecfwa.org or you may call the CFWA office at 366-0698.

#### **Breast Cancer Awareness** Month is October

Breast Cancer Awareness in memory of Debbie Robinson Brown, will be held on Sat., Oct. 8, at 9 a.m. at the Townsend Mission Community Center, Ward. Brenda Robinson Evans is the sponsor.

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could just print one paper per subscriber. The subscriber could just leave it lying on the table and get up and read it every morning. It would also save that trek all the way to the road in the cold, or rain, or hot, blazing sun, or whatever. Well, the redundant news. The passenger train derailed. Again. And Alabama came in 50th in something. Again. What we came in fiftieth in was having more abandoned vehicle tires than anybody else. Not only have we abandoned our own, they have been brought in from other states. The paper states, "Every man, woman and child produces a total of 270 million tires a year nationwide---". Now, boy, that's a lot of tires for each person to produce. I think the reporter wasn't paying too much attention to sentence structure. Now folks, this is most shameful. Not the fact that we are affluent enough to be able to abandon this many car tars but that we have neglected our state pride. Everybody knows that used car tars are used for lawn ornamen-

tation. How long has it been since you saw a house with stately Chinnyberry trees in the front yard, and car tars turned wrong side out and verbena growing in them? Now, I know it will take some creative brainstorming to recycle this many tires. We'll just have to plant more Chinnyberry trees and paint 'em white, and paint all those car tars whit—pronounced W-H-long I-T, to rhyme, almost, with diet, pronounced the true southern way. Now, I know we have lots more car tars than we used to have. But, hey! We also have lots more houses than we used to have. And with the addition of all the trailers, just think, every road in Alabama can be lined, from state line to state line, with Chinnyberry trees and whit car tars with verbena growing in them. Our historical heritage will be restored. And besides, the main alternative to producing car tires that have to be abandoned is riding the passenger train. That might derail.









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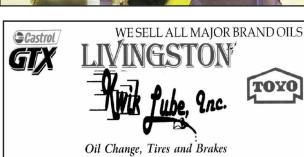












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The rate increase is part of a new USPS business plan

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that also includes a weakening of service standards for country.

The proposed new rates must be reviewed by the Postal Regulatory Commission, but the PRC has already granted USPS the authority to eliminate an inflation-based price cap on rates. It gave USPS a new set of parameters that allows it to charge more for mail that remains in the postal system while digital technology provides new competition for delivery of messages and ad-

Brett Wesner, chair of National Newspaper Association mail that is moving across the and president of Wesner Publications, Cordell, Okla., said the rate announcement was grim news for community newspapers that have been fielding months of complaints that

> their copies on time. 'Nothing about this scenario is good," Wesner said. "These increases will require many newspapers to increase subscription prices to cover this **new cost** and readers will think we have lost our minds to

not get the paper to so many on time. But times are tough in our world. We have to pay these bills.

"The increase in the stamp cost will be felt most in a rural economy. People in small towns across America subscribers are not receiving send checks through the mail to pay their bills. The stamp goes up and delivery goes down. I fear that just as economic hopes have started to rise for people returning to work, faith in the Postal Service's ability to serve the nation will put a damper on commercharge more when USPS can-cial activity for many of us."

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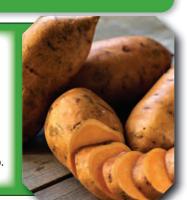
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