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## UCS Dream Week Queen

University Charter School Dream Week Queen Kendall LaCoste was announced during halftime of the football game in Livingston September 30. She is the daughter of Robbie and Heather LaCoste. She is being escorted by her father, Robbie, during halftime ceremonies. University Charter School held their annual 2022 Dream Week and celebrated with the naming of the queen and court. Court: Freshman Maids: Bailey Bolden, Emory Pezent; Sophomore Maids: Brinkli Wood, Ava LaCoste; Junior Maids: Paris Henderson, Bree Carrier; Senior Maids: Arieyah Brown, Ty Fleming, Kendall LaCoste, and Shardaisha Rumley.

## York council raises cemetery burying fee to \$1,500.00

By Herman B. Ward, Jr.  
Associate Editor

City of York Mayor Willie Lake asked the council to consider raising the fee to bury someone in the York Cemetery. Lake said the fee is currently \$75 to bury in York, which was set over thirty years ago. He said it now costs the city \$1,500 each month to have the cemetery lawn mowed.

Lake presented a list of cemetery fees for towns in Alabama that ranged from \$1,500 to \$4,000 and suggested raising the burial fee in York.

Following the discussion, a motion was offered and passed to increase the burial fee at the York Cemetery to \$1,500. The motion passed by a vote of 5-1 in favor.

Councilman Jazmin Mitchell said he felt \$1,500.00 was too much of an increase and voted against it.

### Railroad Crossing

Mayor Lake announced that after recently meeting with several railroad representatives at the 2022 annual meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, he was

assured efforts will be made to assist York with providing railroad crossing alternatives.

"I met with representatives from Norfolk Southern, and also a representative from the Federal Railroad Administration," Lake said.

"We were the only small community present, and they knew what we were coming for before we got there.

"I sent them some alternatives that Gena (Former York Mayor Gena Robbins) prepared earlier.

"Nothing is one hundred percent, but they were willing to listen and were very positive," Lake said.

The mayor was addressing requested alternative railroad crossings in York for emergencies during times when trains stop and block traffic at all three crossings in York.

### Holidays

The mayor announced Saturday, October 29, will be "Trunk or Treating Day" in York for the upcoming Halloween holiday. Halloween falls on a Monday this year, Oct. 31.

The mayor asked that those interested in participating, or would like to participate, in the York 2022 Christmas Parade in December to contact him.

### Grant City Roads

Councilman Marcus Miller said several Grant City roads are in very bad repair.

"We need to do something about Second Avenue in Grant City, and the road entering Grant City right here," stated Miller.

Several councilmembers agreed and added there were other areas in Grant City that need street repair.

Councilman Miller also presented a check donated by the Class of 2002. Miller said the class used the City Park the past weekend and asked that the \$100 donation be used for York Parks and Recreation.

Miller said the park was in disrepair and suggested security cameras be installed to catch those in violation of park rules.

Councilman Mitchell agreed and said efforts should also be made to stop those who fire gunshots in the air in York neighborhoods.

## L'ston oks \$3.2 M budget City will spend over \$200,000 in capital outlay for equipment

By Tommy McGraw  
Publisher

The City of Livingston passed a \$3,211,278 budget for the year Oct. 1, 2022, through Sept. 30, 2023, at the Sept. 26 council meeting.

The new budget revenue was down from the previous year's

2021-2022 budget of \$3,485 million. Mayor Tom Tartt said this year's budget was balanced like all the 42 others the city has passed since he has been mayor.

Tartt said, "If we live within our means we will have a surplus at the end of the year. There will be a surplus of \$36,636 after all

expected revenues and expenditures are done."

The council unanimously adopted the new budget without any discussion.

Tartt thanked everyone for their work on the budget. "I'm glad to get the capital outlay in

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## City of York receives \$428,000 water well grant

By Herman B. Ward, Jr.  
Associate Editor

York Mayor Willie Lake announced that York will receive a \$428 thousand water department grant at the City of York Council meeting Monday, Oct. 4.

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey said in April that the Alabama Department of Finance signed

an agreement with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to provide \$225 million in COVID-19 relief funds to ADEM.

These grants would provide or improve water and sewer services to residents across the state.

"I'm ecstatic! We are all ec-

static about this grant," stated Mayor Lake following the meeting.

"I'd like to thank Mr. Boswell (ADECA Director Kenneth W. Boswell) and ADECA for supporting us and helping us with our well system. Preparing and maintaining wells is not cheap,

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## Whistleblower policy sought by Livingston City Council

By Tommy McGraw  
Publisher

Livingston Mayor Tom Tartt suggested the council pass a proclamation initiating a whistleblower policy for City of Livingston employees.

Tartt, at the beginning of the conversation, asked City Attorney Nathan "Nat" G. Watkins, Jr. if the city should designate a city

employee as the contact or go to an outside source.

Tartt said the city used the city administrator as the go-to person to report wrongdoings in the city government operation in the past.

Tartt said he understood it could not be an elected official or person employed by the city. "The last time we had one was

when City Administrator Tom Luke Sr. acted as the point of contact, and I'm thinking Bird would be the one now?" Tartt queried aloud.

Attorney Watkins answered, "Probably not."

Tartt said, "While we are at it we might as well go ahead and get Maynard and Cooper, an at-

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## Local leaders Pat Minus and Justin Smith succumb

University of West Alabama Board of Trustee and Tuscaloosa attorney Justin Smith passed away Thursday, Sept. 29.

Smith, 45, was born on Sept. 6, 1977, and a former Sumter County resident. He was currently serving a term on the UWA Board of Trustees and was instrumental in helping establish the University Charter School, now in its fourth year in Livingston.

His complete obituary was not

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UWA Trustee Justin Smith



Former Epes Councilwoman Pat Minus

## Drucilla Russ-Jackson awarded for service

### Sumter County Commissioner recognized for 16 years of public service



Commissioner Drucilla Russ-Jackson (left) poses with ACCA President Jay Thompson, holding her Tenure in Office Award for 16 years of service to Sumter County.

Montgomery— Sumter County Commissioner Drucilla Russ-Jackson has been presented with the Tenure in Office Award by the Association of County Commissions of Alabama (ACCA) for her 16 years of service to county government and the state of Alabama. The award was presented this August at the Association's 94th Annual Convention.

"Commissioner Russ-Jackson deserves the gratitude of all Alabamians for her dedication to public service and her personal sacrifice," said Sonny Brasfield, ACCA Executive Director. "Considering the extraordinary challenges county commission members face every day, Commissioner Russ-Jackson has continuously served her constituents with honor and pride, and she deserves a pat on the back from

everyone in Sumter County."

ACCA annually presents the Tenure in Office Award to honor commission members who have served for at least 16 years in office. The award is given for four-year increments thereafter.

The Association of County Commissions of Alabama is a statewide organization speaking for all 67 counties with ONE voice. It promotes improved county government services in Alabama, offers educational programs for county officials and their staff members, administers insurance programs for county governments and employees, offers legal advice, and represents the interests of county government before state and federal organizations and agencies.

### Sumter County's 7-Day Forecast Oct. 6-12

### This Week's Local Forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
83/56	84/54	76/48	75/49	80/53	83/57	85/58
Precip Chance: 0%	Precip Chance: 0%	Precip Chance: 0%	Precip Chance: 0%	Precip Chance: 0%	Precip Chance: 0%	Precip Chance: 0%

### Weather Trivia

What are fluffy, low, cauliflower clouds called?

Answer: Cumulus clouds.

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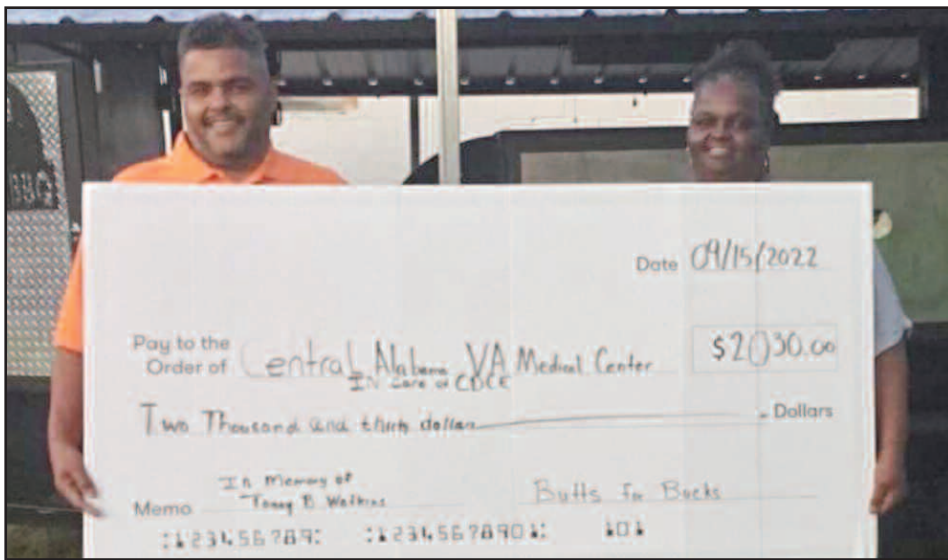


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## Boston butts help vets, again



On behalf of the Watkins family we would like to thank everyone who continued to support our annual fundraiser in honor of our beloved brother Tony B. Watkins. With the support of the community I presented the Chief, Director of the Center for Development & Civic Engagement Erica Moore along with Public Relations Officer a cashier's check in the sum of \$2030.00 earmarked for homeless populations within the local community. I would also like to thank several individuals within the community who supported our Boston butt give back to First Responders and Veteran Donors. They include: Lester Samuel Sr; Veteran Willie Scott, Timothy Coleman, York Police Dept Officer Felton, Brett Gilliland, UWA Police staff on duty, Jerome McReynolds, Gainesville Volunteer Fire Dept Chief Ron Hutchins, Apprentiss White, Epes Volunteer Fire Department Assist. Fire Chief Bobby Jackson, Renee Pringle, Livingston Police Department, Sumter County Rescue Squad James Moore, Latasha Watkins, Sumter County Sheriff Dept. Cpl. Gregory Chinn, Jahliyah Green, Livingston Fire Rescue on duty, Harry Corprew, and Kinterbish Volunteer Fire Dept. Jimmy Martin. "Once again thank you. Without y'all none of this would be possible. God blessed each one of you," Watkins concluded.



## More Smith, Minus ... from front

available for publication at press time Wednesday, Oct. 5., and announcement of his passing is on 5-A in this edition.

Pat Minus, former Epes Councilwoman, passed away Friday, Sept. 30. Her funeral was held Sunday, Oct. 2.

Minus was a local real estate broker as well as a wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Patricia "Pat" Taylor

Minus, was born June 30, 1937, in Eutaw, Alabama. She graduated from Greene County High School and attended Judson College and the University of West Alabama.

Her greatest joys in life included china painting, playing the piano, gardening, water skiing, boating, and most importantly, spending time with her family. Pat was a devout Chris-

tian and a member of Cedar Grove Presbyterian Church for over 60 years, where she also played the piano.

Minus' funeral service was held on October 2 at the First Baptist Church in Epes. Graveside service followed in Henagan Cemetery.

Her complete obituary is on page 4-A in this edition of the Sumter County Record-Journal.



## "Wllm Shkspr" comes to UWA

Consider yourself warned! The Compleat Works of Wllm Shkspr (abridged) is coming to UWA Theatre Wednesday through Friday, October 5-7, featuring the Red Headed Stepchild Theatre Company (shown here in rehearsal). Don't miss this completely irrelevant rendition of the Bard's work as interpreted by students Alaisha Perry, Janna Williamson and Elizabeth Ward. Curtain is 7:00 p.m. in UWA Theatre, which is located in the Math & Science Building. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door.

## Here Comes the Bard!

UWA Theatre invites you to save a date Oct. 5-7 for a rousing performance of The Compleat Works of Wllm Shkspr [abridged] by Jess Winfield, Daniel Singer and Adam Long. Never fear, you will not actually be subjected to lengthy presentations of all the Bard's plays. This is, after all, an 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 be 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 thespians, 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).

## Steve Springer visits Caryl Nixon and Friends



Left to right, Steve Springer, Caryl Nixon, Ethel Scott, Debbie Robinson, Fred Walburn



Steve Springer visited with Caryl Nixon and Friends last week on Thursday at Caryl's home on her back porch. Steve spoke about his campaign for County Commissioner and other issues. We had a great time visiting and thanks to Caryl Nixon the event went very well.

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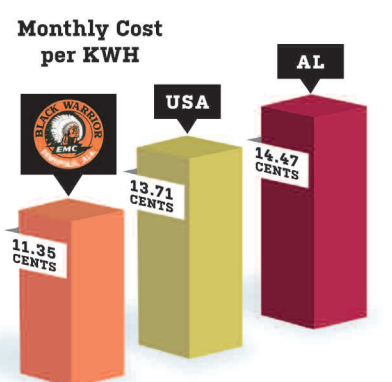
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## More York water well grant ... from front

and in regards to our old well, we may need to pull the shaft out, or make other major repairs because building a new well is about two million dollars," Lake added.

Lake said water wells currently "are operating at about fifty percent capacity" and the city spends double the amount it should to maintain the system.

"We really need this grant, and we are all thankful," Lake said.

According to a press releases from the Delta Regional Authority [DRA] Investment: \$428,000 with a Total Investment: \$428,000. for the Project: York Water Well Rehabilitation in York, Ala. The City of York will use DRA funds to rehabilitate the Griner-Munoz Well #1 to increase production. This investment is projected to affect 3,435 families.

The press release follows in part: CLARKSDALE, MS – Delta Regional Authority (DRA) today announced a \$1,917,634 investment that will boost economic development and improve the quality of life for Alabama communities and residents. The investment will be matched by \$48,629 in additional funds.

The five new investment projects will improve water and sewer systems, update transportation infrastructure, and support workforce development in communities across the Alabama Black Belt. These projects are expected to create or retain 64

jobs, train 64 individuals, and affect over 3,600 families.

"The road to economic revitalization begins with strengthening a community's infrastructure and developing a workforce to meet local industry needs," said DRA Federal Co-Chairman Dr. Corey Wiggins. "Delta Regional Authority's \$1.9 million investment will help boost five Alabama Black Belt communities to enable economic growth and preparing the region for a prosperous future."

Funding for these projects is provided by the States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP), which provides direct investment into community-based and regional projects to support basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, workforce training and education, and small businesses development with an emphasis on entrepreneurship. DRA coordinates directly with the Office of the Governor for the State of Alabama and six local development districts in the state for program funding implementation.

"The Delta Regional Authority continues to be one of our state's most valued partners and truly plays a vital role in our efforts to transform Alabama's Black Belt," said Governor Kay Ivey. "This \$1.9 million investment will go a long way in improving infrastructure and supporting workforce development in communities that need it the most. I'm incredibly grateful for the DRA's continued investment in the future of Alabama."

## Livingston Police report

# PD arrests four for Assault

**Tavon Rayshon Brown**, 26, BM, of Livingston was arrested in Livingston 6/8/22 and charged with Criminal Trespass, Third Degree.

**LaMarvin DeShawn Portis**, 40, BM, of Ward, was arrested in Livingston 6/18/22 and charged with Bail Jumping.

**Daphne Speight**, 45, BF, of Cuba, was arrested 6/23/22 in Livingston and charged with Assault, Third Degree.

**Webster Forti Burton**, 35, BM, of Livingston was arrested 7/10/22 in Livingston and charged with Criminal Trespassing, Third Degree.

**William Charles Burrell**, 49, BM, was arrested 7/12/22 in Livingston and charged with Public Intoxication.

**Tavon Rayshawn Brown**, 26, BM, of Livingston was arrested 7/13/22 in Livingston and charged with Criminal Trespass., Third Degree.

**Eric Brown**, 50, BM, of Livingston, was arrested 7/17/22 and charged with Failing to Appear in Traffic Court.

**Christopher Bell**, 39, BM, of York, was arrested 7/24/22 in Livingston and charged with Assault, First Degree.

**Latoya Renae Collie**, 39, BF, of Emelle was arrested 7/19/22 in Livingston and charged with Contempt of Court.

**Jameika Darnell Clark**, 29, BF, of Epes was arrested in Livingston 7/20/22 and charged with Contempt of Court.

**James David Gibson**, 68,

WM, of Livingston, was arrested 8/9/22 in Livingston and charged with Domestic Violence, Third Degree.

**Tavon Rayshawn Brown**, 26, BM, of Livingston, was arrested 8/20/22 in Livingston and charged with Resisting Arrest.

**Stanley Alkorn Bias**, 51, BM, of Livingston, was arrested 9/2/22 in Livingston and charged with Assault, Third Degree.

**Nicole Sherre Boyd**, 40, BF, of Emelle was arrested 9/7/22 in Livingston and charged with Assault, Third Degree.

**Roderick Tolliver**, 53, BM, of Livingston was arrested 9/16/22 in Livingston and charged with Contempt of Court and Failure to Obey Police/Firemen.

## More whistleblower policy ... from front

tomey firm out of Birmingham, to assist with rewriting our personnel policies.

Tartt continued, "I want to get that done [rewriting the [personnel policy] so we can start having our employee evaluations.

"It's going to cost an arm and leg, but we need to bite the bullet and get it done," Tartt said.

City Attorney Watkins then asked for Administrator Dial to send him a copy of the city's personnel policy.

The action came following the last council meeting with their Financial Auditor, Ryan Alexander, with the LeCroy Richardson accounting firm, who suggested personnel policy changes.

The auditor also reported a "good financial report" for the year ending Sept. 30, 2021, for the City of Livingston.

Alexander said that there were other things including "best practices to have" that were not all cash issues.

"These other best practice policies including whistleblower, fraud, and conflict of interest are good policies to have, just best practices to have. If you don't have a system, it is a good idea to have one.

"Especially the whistleblower policy. Do your employees know who to go to if there is an issue? Their immediate supervisor may not cover that. It is important to know where they can go if they have an issue.

"Another internal order thing that needs to be in place and practiced is a good purchase order system where you follow the system and implement it properly.

"Guard against credit card use

and make sure things are approved before the credit card is used.

"All employees should have a yearly evaluation system. I did not find that in the employee files."

Alexander said, "If you have a situation where you have to let someone go [fire them], it is good to have things documented in their employee file.

"If you haven't been doing an annual evaluation you will have a problem. They could sue you and get their job back. Those evaluations are important for the employer and the employee, too."

The proposed Whistleblower Policy read in part:

The City of Livingston encourages its employees to report improper activities in the workplace and will protect employees from retaliation for making any such report in good faith.

1. Employee Rights  
Employees have the right to report, without suffering retaliation, any activity by City of Livingston or

any of our employees that the employee reasonably believes: 1) violates any state or federal law; 2) violates or amounts to non-compliance with a state or federal rule or regulation; or 3) violates fiduciary responsibilities by a nonprofit corporation. In addition, employees can refuse to participate in an activity that would result in a violation of state or federal statutes, or a violation or noncompliance with a state or federal rule or regulation.

Employees are also protected from retaliation for having exercised any of these rights in any

former employment.

The whistleblower protection laws do not entitle employees to violate a confidential privilege of the City of Livingston (such as the attorney-client privilege) or improperly disclose trade-secret information.

2. Where to Report

Employees have the duty to comply with all applicable laws and to assist the City of Livingston to ensure legal compliance. An employee who suspects a problem with legal compliance is required to report the situation(s) to or if the complaint involves the elected person(s).

Employees may also report information regarding possible unlawful activity to an appropriate government or law enforcement agency.

3. Protection from Retaliation

It is the intent of this policy to encourage employees to report fraudulent or illegal activities and there shall be no retaliation for any reports made pursuant to this policy. Any employee who believes they have been retaliated against for whistle blowing may file a complaint with either or \_\_\_\_ . Any complaint of retaliation will be promptly investigated and remedial action taken when warranted. This protection from retaliation is not intended to prohibit managers or supervisors from taking action, including disciplinary action, in the ordinary course of business based on valid performance-related factors.

**Livingston City Council will not meet Monday, Oct. 10, due to holiday. See page 8-A.**

## City of Livingston 2023 Budget General Fund

	Proposed Budget 2023
<b>Revenue</b>	
Taxes	2,164,800
Licenses & Permits	432,000
Intergovernmental	61,775
Services	831,500
Interest	200
PILOT-Utility	60,000
Other	124,200
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,674,475</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
412-Mayor & Council	118,355
413-City Hall	168,300
414-Court	92,920
417-Inspector	81,470
421-Police	789,086
422-Fire & Ambulance	364,154
431-Public Works	998,492
433-Parks	157,630
441-Senior Citizens	14,880
451-Library	115,279
462-Insurance	159,712
463-Appropriations	61,000
Street Lights	90,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,211,278</b>
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>463,197</b>
<b>Debt Service and Capital Outlays</b>	
461-Debt Service	106,461
Capital Expenditures	320,100
<b>Total Debt Service and Capital Outlays</b>	<b>426,561</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>36,636</b>

## More L'ston budget ... from front

there with a little over \$200,000 in capital outlay. Our finances are very sound. I'm glad we are able to adopt a good budget. It will be like the last 42 and be balanced at the end of the year."

There was no other discussion about the budget.

According to the handout at the council meeting, the city expects a revenue stream of \$3,674,475 with the largest part of that coming from expected taxes. The city anticipates they will have \$2,164,800 in sales and use taxes.

The next largest income source would be licenses and permits at \$432,000.

Other sources of income and the amounts included: Intergovernmental at \$61,775; Services

at \$831,500; interest at \$200; PILOT Utility at \$60,000 and Other at \$124,200.

The city anticipates spending the largest amount of income in the Public Works Department at \$998,492. The Police Department is expected to spend \$789,086. The third largest expenditure is the Fire and Ambulance at \$364,154.

[See the entire list of expenditures on page 3-A.]

### City Holidays planned

Tartt announced the schedule for the upcoming holidays that city employees are given and for which city services are closed and when the employees would return to work.

The proposed holidays are as follows.

Columbus Day: Monday, Oct. 10. Return Tuesday, Oct. 11.

Veterans Day: Friday, November 11. Return Monday, Nov. 14.

Thanksgiving: Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24, 25. Return Monday, November 28.

Christmas: Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26. Return Tuesday, Dec. 27.

New Year's Day: Monday, January 2. Return Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Mayor Tartt said the city will again park "sway cars" or dumpsters around downtown to "help with the Santa Claus overflow" and excess garbage generated during the holidays.

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**City of Livingston Water Rates**  
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Livingston	Epes
<b>Sewer</b> - \$14.00 minimum until 3,000 gallons until 3,000 gallons \$ 2.77 per 1,000 gallons after 3,000	<b>Water</b> - \$15.00 minimum \$ 3.94 per 1,000 gallons
<b>Sewer</b> - \$ 14.00 minimum until 2,500 gallons until 3,000 gallons \$ 2.77 per 1,000 gallons after 3,000	<b>Water</b> - \$15.00 minimum \$4.09 per 1,000 gallons

## Obituaries

### Classie Adams

Mrs. Classie Adams of Demopolis entered into eternal rest September 29, 2022, in Buford, Ga. Services will be held Saturday, October 8, 2022, at 10 a.m. from Mt. Olive Baptist Church grounds, Hwy. 80 E., Gallion. Interment will follow in Lawson Cemetery, Gallion. Visitation will be held Friday, October 7, 2022, from 1-4:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Larkin and Scott Mortuary, LLC, entrusted with arrangements.

### Earl W. Arrington

Mr. Earl W. Arrington, 81, passed recently in Birmingham. Graveside services were held on Friday, September 30, 2022, at 12:00 o'clock noon at Mount Pilgrim Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Boyd. Rev. Michael Arrington and Rev. O'Neal officiated. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Friday. Hardaway Funeral Services, directed, hardawayfuneralservices.com.

### Perry Austin, Jr.

EUTAW - Funeral services for Perry Austin, Jr., were noon Saturday, October 1, 2022, at Carver Middle School, Eutaw. The body lay in state one hour prior to the service hour. Burial followed in Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery. Public Viewing was Friday, September 30, 2022, at the mortuary. Smith's Mortuary, Boligee, directing. The management and staff at Smith's Mortuary offer our heartfelt and sincere sympathy to the entire family.

### William Guy Carroll

Funeral service for William Guy Carroll, 87, of Butler was held Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Butler with Rev. Jason Moye officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Gardens. Visitation was at the church one hour prior to the service. Mr. Guy passed away Sunday, October 2, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born September 15, 1935, in Pickens County, Alabama. He was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran and was retired from Georgia Pacific.

Mr. Guy was very devoted to his loving family and was an avid Alabama Crimson Tide fan, but more than anything in this world he loved his Lord and Savior with all of his heart, mind, and soul.

Survivors include his daughters, Bonnie Dial of Livingston; Jody Lindsey (Wendell) of Butler; grandchildren Amanda House (Ray) of Livingston; Cole Dial (Shelby) of Livingston; Micah Turner (Travis) of Tuscaloosa; Kyle Lindsey (T Kaye) of Tibbie; Aym Owen (Grant) of Gilbertown; Brad Carroll (Sarah) of Rolesville, N.C.; Lauren Stone (Blake) of Abbeville, S.C.; and Tyler Carroll (Jesse) of Simpsonville, S.C.; 14 great grandchildren; and 1 great-great grandchild; brothers, Rayburn Carroll (Patsy) of Re-

form; and Joe Carroll (Diane) of Kennedy; sister, Betty Jean Grammer (David) of Tuscaloosa; and devoted friend, Shirley May.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Felman Willis Carroll and Kitty Hall Carroll; wife, Betty Sue Carroll; son, Allen Carroll; granddaughter Jamie Dial Kirkland; brothers, Edmund Carroll and Ganus Carroll; and sister, Clara Nell Aldridge.

Pallbearers: Brad Carroll, Tyler Carroll, Cole Dial, Kyle Lindsey, Travis Turner, and Ray House. Honorary Pallbearers: B.Y.K.O.T.A Sunday School Classes of First Baptist Church of Butler. Visit bumpersfuneralhome.com to sign the online register. Arrangements by Bumpers Funeral Home of Butler.

### Lizzie Dubose

A celebration of life for Lizzie Dubose of Cuba who passed away Thursday, September 22, 2022, was 2 p.m. Saturday, October 1, 2022, at the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Cuba. Rev. Jared Gibbs officiated with interment following in the Ward Chapel Cemetery, Ward. Public viewing and visitation was Friday, September 30, 2022. She lay in state at the Church. McInnis Mortuary of Livingston is entrusted with all arrangements.

Lizzie left to cherish her memory; five children; Winston Dubose, Jr., Ruby Parker, Dorothy Woodard, Lorenzo Dubose and Keith Dubose, three brothers; Robert Young, Roosevelt Young and Willie Young; three sisters; Juanita McAboy, Joanne Young and Shirley Young; along with a host of other relatives and friends.

### Rosie M. Giles

A celebration of life for Rosie M. Giles of Bellamy who passed away Thursday, September 22, 2022, was 2 p.m. Saturday, October 1, 2022, on the Property of Word of Life Church, Bellamy. Pastor Russell Hardy officiated. Interment followed in Friendship Cemetery, Ward. Public viewing and visitation was Friday, September 30, 2022, at McInnis Mortuary in Livingston. She will lay in state in the church.

Left to cherish her memory are seven children; Ida May, Mary Giles, Doretha Giles, Doris Giles, Jason Giles, Roosevelt Giles, Margaret Contrell and a devoted granddaughter; On'tesha Giles; along with a host of other relatives and friends.

### Earlie Graham

Remembering the life of Earlie Graham of Geiger who passed away Tuesday, September 20, 2022, services were 11 a.m. Saturday, October 1, 2022, at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Geiger. The Rev. Denmarco Smith officiated. McInnis Mortuary of Livingston is entrusted with all arrangements. Public viewing and visitation was Friday, September 30, 2022, at McInnis Mortuary in Livingston.

Left to cherish the memory of Earlie is his wife, Cynthia Shearer Graham, his son; Marcus Earl Graham, a sister; Eva Jones, two brothers Jessie Pippins and Robert Graham; a host of other relatives and friends.

### Edward E. Hamic

Edward E. Hamic, 100, of Demopolis, went to his eternal home on September 29, 2022. He was born on August 24, 1922 in Trinity in Lawrence Co., to Sallie King and Martin Erskine Hamic. He was a veteran and worked for the United States Postal Service in Jefferson Co.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Peggy R. Hamic.

He is survived by his step-daughters: Suzanna Ellard and Sandie Riley; and his brothers: Eugene Hamic and Elbert Hamic. A memorial service will be announced at a later date directed by Kirk Funeral Homes, Demopolis Chapel.

### Ellie Touchard Hanners

Ellie Touchard Hanners, 81, of Demopolis went to her eternal home on September 27, 2022. She was born on June 19, 1941, in New Orleans, La., to Beatrice Joly and Joseph Touchard. She was a secretary at Chalmette Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jay Dell Hanners; and her brother Joey Touchard (Opal).

She is survived by her daughters: Wendy Wolfe of Alabama, Cindy Maag of La., and daughter-in-law Tammy Rabalais of Alabama; her sons: Gary Rabalais of Alabama, Clay Wolfe (Wendy), and David Maag (Cindy); and her brother, Patrick Touchard, Sr. of La.; four grandchildren: Murphy Rabalais, Nick Maag, Steve Jackson (Emily) and Jamie Jackson (Gianna); and two great-grandchildren: Kaelyn Stolz and Isla Jackson. A memorial will be announced at a later date directed by Kirk Funeral Homes, Demopolis Chapel.

### Wayne R. James

Wayne R. James, 64, of York, was born October 28, 1957, in Choctaw County; Ala., and peacefully transitioned from life to eternity surrounded by loving family at Anderson Regional Medical Center, Meridian, Miss., on September 30, 2022. Graveside service of memory and life celebration is Saturday, October 8, 2022, at 11 a.m. in Eastern Star Memorial Gardens, Millville Rod. 19, York. Rev. Robert E. Pearce, Jr., will deliver the eulogy offering words of comfort and consolation. Visitation for family and friends is scheduled October 7, 2022, from 4-6 p.m. in the Weatherly Chapel. We at Weatherly Funeral Home offer to his loving, devoted wife Ros-

alind, their son Reynaldo, and the entire James family our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy and condolences. Our prayer remains that your abiding faith in God will continue to render to you a measure of comfort to strengthen and sustain you during your time of most profound sorrow.

### Clyde Wesley Marine

Clyde Wesley Marine, a World War II veteran, died peacefully at home at age 96 on Friday, September 30, 2022. A son of the late Clyde and Maude Hendrix Marine, he was born in Windham Springs, Pickens County, Ala., on August 10, 1926. Visitation was 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at Dogwood Chapel, Aliceville. Funeral services were 10 a.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at Panola United Methodist Church, Panola, with Rev. Gene Lankford and Rev. Sandy Felkins officiating. Burial followed in Franconia-Oak Grove Cemetery with Skelton Funeral Home of Reform directing.

He was preceded in death by Anna Bee Smith Marine, his wife of 63 years; Clyde Russell Marine, his son; and Charlie Marine and Jack Marine, his brothers.

He is survived by his daughters Connie Marine; Kathy Marine (Doug Lewis); Lisa Johnson (Terry); grandchildren Larry Gibson (Suellen); Lisa Sanders; Clint Lewis; Lane Johnson; and Stacy Johnson McNeil (Chris); great-grandchildren Reagan Gibson; Clay Gibson; Anna Sanders; Martin Sanders; Abby Grace McNeil; and Tate McNeil; sister Lucile Johnson and brother-in-law Milo Smith. He left behind a host of loving relatives; special caregivers Sandra Billups, Doris Jarrells, Sarah Lockett, Dorothy Windham, Rosetta Mack, and Mechelle Tyson; and his faithful and protective companion, his Dachshund dog, BeBe.

Clyde enjoyed working hard all of his life. He, his father, and brother Charlie founded Marine and Sons, Inc. in 1948 as a land clearing business. All three worked as hard as any employee and provided jobs for many. Over time, the business moved from land clearing to wood chip production, building and operating chip mills in Aliceville and Coker. Later, the business evolved into constructing numerous other mills across the Southeast. Even after retiring, he continued to work on multiple projects at his home, including but not limited to restoring antique engines, reconfiguring the fuel system of a Mercedes car to run on used peanut oil, donating a telescope to a local church

### Upcoming Holiday deadlines:

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school, and converting his home to solar-heated water. His enthusiasm for these projects allowed him to retain his sharp mind and body until age 96, actually leaving multiple unfinished projects in his shop and yard. Clyde was very involved in his community. He served his Panola United Methodist Church for more than 70 years as lay leader. Sunday School teacher, Chairman of the Board of Stewards, and general maintenance man. As the "patriarch" of the Panola UMC BBQ, he was involved since its inception in the 1940s. On a church-based mission trip to Niger, Africa, he helped build wells and was fortunate enough to escape a military coup. He also served as Fire Chief of the Dancy-Cochrane Volunteer Fire Department for years. Although he no longer went on calls, he listened to the emergency radio to know all local problems. He was always very generous with his time and money to those in need. Clyde was a very outgoing person who enjoyed life. A voracious reader of all genres, he was a collector of antique tractors, farm equipment, fire engines, books, and much more. He used his GI Bill for flying lessons and maintained his pilot's license since 1949. His intellectual curiosity and ingenuity were driving forces in his life. Clyde was a self-made man.

Pallbearers will be Mark Johnston, Reed Marine, Dennis Burns, Joe Roberts, Merritt Smith, and Mike Brewer. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Panola UMC (Preservation or Cemetery Fund), 48030 AL Hwy 17, Aliceville, AL 35442 or to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

### James B. Maye

A celebration of life for James B. Maye of Livingston who passed away Tuesday, September 20, 2022, was 11 a.m. Saturday, October 1, 2022, at Dughill Cemetery, Coatopa. The Rev. Tyrone Thomas, Sr., officiated with McInnis Mortuary of Livingston entrusted with all arrangements. Public viewing and visitation was Friday, September 30, 2022, at McInnis Mortuary in Livingston.

Left to cherish James memory is his mother, Sally Maye, his son, James B. Maye, Jr.; along with his many other relatives and friends.

### Patricia "Pat" Taylor Minus

Patricia "Pat" Taylor Minus, born June 30, 1937, in Eutaw, Alabama, died on September 30, 2022, surrounded by family. She graduated from Greene County High School and attended Judson College and the University of West Alabama. Her greatest joys in life included china painting, playing the piano, gardening, water skiing, boating, and most importantly, spending time with her family. Pat was a devout christian and a member of Cedar Grove Presbyterian Church, for over 60 years, where she also played the piano.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Edward William Taylor and Alice Rushing Taylor; husband, Joseph Jackson Minus; brother, Edward "Bud" William Taylor Jr. (wife: Nita); sister, Janet Taylor Robuck (husband: John); and daughter, Susan Minus Tait.

Pat is survived by her daughter, Martha Jo Minus James (husband: Fleet); son, Joseph Jackson Minus, Jr. (wife: Nancy); grandchildren, Joseph Jackson Minus, III, (wife: Rachel), Laura Kathryn Minus, Matthew Collier Minus, Leigh Minus Crowley (husband: Jay),

Jacqueline Renfroe Nelson (husband: Korey); great-grandchild, Patrick Joseph Minus; along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers were Joseph Jackson Minus, III, Matthew Collier Minus, Sylvester Pratt, Joe Matt Taylor, Preston C. Minus, III, and Joseph Taylor Minus. Funeral service was held on October 2, 2022, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Epes. Visitation took place prior to the service at the church. Graveside service followed in Henagan Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Henagan Cemetery: P. O. Box 6, Epes, AL 35460. Visit bumpersfuneralhome.com to sign the online register and post condolences to the family. Arrangements by Bumpers Funeral Home of York

### Fred McLendon

Melvin-Service for Fred McLendon, 89, was held on Thursday, September 29, 2022, at Mt. Mariah Baptist Church in Melvin, with Rev. Cleo McGrew officiating. Interment followed in Kaiser Hill Cemetery. Fred McLendon was born on March 15, 1933, to the late Oscar and Tempie McLendon. He departed this earthly life for his heavenly home on September 20, 2022. He was preceded in death by five brothers Roy, Oscar Jr., Walter, Edward, and Albert McLendon; two sisters, Emma Nickelson and Carrie Handy; and his wife, Albennie McLendon.

Fred was a faithful and devoted member of Mt. Mariah Baptist Church in Melvin.

He leaves to cherish his memories: one brother, Joe McLendon; two nieces, Brenda Hopkins, Sharon McLendon; one son, Jimmy Lee Heidelberg; three step grandchildren, Marlene (Daniel) Lewis, Vanessa Heidelberg, Jimmy Lee (Jasmine) Heidelberg, JR.; nine great grandchildren; two god children, Tiara Howard and Cordarius Simon; devoted neighbors, Rogennia and Lee Roscoe, the Foster family, and Keith Thornton; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. The celebration of life service was rendered by Weatherly-Studdard Memorial Funeral Home of Butler.

### Keith Mobley

CLINTON - Graveside services for Keith Mobley were 11 a.m. Saturday, October 1, 2022, at St. Matthew Baptist Church in Clinton. Public Viewing was Friday, September 30, 2022, at the mortuary. Smith's Mortuary, Boligee, directing. The management and staff at Smith's Mortuary offer our heartfelt and sincere sympathy to the entire family.


### Irene Jackson Ruffin

Irene Jackson Ruffin, 74, was born on November 17, 1947, to Earnest and Sallie Weston Jackson in York. She was educated in the Sumter County Public School System graduating from York West End High School. She was a faithful member of Mount Powell Missionary Baptist Church, York, where she served as choir director. Graveside service was Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 12 p.m. at Elmwood Memorial Gardens, located 11313 U.S. Hwy. 11, York. Pastor Wesley Winston officiated.

Her loving survivors are: devoted children; Marcus Chad (Vera) Ruffin, Kenneth Ruffin and Chiquita Ruffin, siblings; Cleveland (Christine) Jackson, Ocie Mae Hull and Geneva Jackson, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and

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# UWA Tigers run past Hawks with big second half

LIVINGSTON, Ala. — With the defense again coming up with big plays, the offense was able to find the running game once again as the West Alabama football team chewed up 338 yards on the ground and four touchdowns on their way to claiming the 37-14 win over Shorter in Gulf South Conference action Saturday inside Tiger Stadium. It was a three back attack with Bry Webb, Demetrius Battle and Antonio Brown combining for 332 yards and four touchdowns to lead the way. Overall, UWA (3-2, 1-1 GSC) gained 418 yards and held Shorter (2-3, 0-2 GSC) to 215 total yards. The defense collected six sacks and held the Hawks to just 2-18 on third downs. The Tigers used a complete team effort with special teams coming up big as well. Gabriel Dunkle connected on three field goals and Dearrius Nelson returned three kick-offs for 122 yards, including a big 88-yard return that helped setup a touchdown.

Right away, special teams came to the forefront when the defense held a quick three-and-out for the Hawks. On the ensuing punt, Caeleb Bass was able to get a piece of the punt for the block, setting up the Tigers at the Shorter 29. Although the drive stalled there, Dunkle came through cashing in from 47 yards out for the field goal and the early 3-0 lead just over two minutes in. His field goal attempt came after Shorter was called for a five-yard running into the punter penalty that allowed UWA to try for three instead of punting.

Shorter briefly took the lead later in the opening quarter. A seven play, 65-yard drive was capped off by a 34-yard touchdown pass from Aeneas Dennis to Amarey Morrow for the 7-3 lead. Momentum didn't last long for the Hawks, as the ensuing kickoff of Nelson caught the return at the UWA four and was able to find a seam up the middle. He then turned towards the far sideline and nearly made it all the way to the end zone before being caught at the Shorter eight for an 88-yard return.

Battle took over from there carrying the ball three straight times, with the final carry from two yards out finding the end zone for the 10-7 lead. With Battle's touchdown, he now has 21 career rushing scores to move into a tie for the top-10 list in program history. Battle is also now just 189 rushing yards from also entering the top-10 in program history. Following another defensive stop, the Tigers were on the move to start the second quarter. On third-and-nine, Jake Corkren was able to find Darius Nalls who turned the crossing route into a 25-yard gain to move the chains down to the Shorter 11. UWA would turn the 48-yard drive into points with Dunkle hitting from 27 yards out for the 13-7 lead. Neither team was able to generate any offense the rest of the half with UWA taking the 13-7 lead into the locker rooms. It was a big stop by the defense early in the third quarter. After a muffed snap on a punt placed the ball at the UWA 42, the Tiger defense was able to stop the drive inside the 10 forcing a field goal. The field goal attempt from 26 yards missed leaving it a 13-7 lead. Right after that play, UWA took all the momentum and ran away with it — literally. On the next offensive snap, Webb found a seam and was able to go 80 yards for the touchdown to boost the lead to 20-7.

Later in the third with the teams forcing punts, another big run helped put the game out of reach. With the ball at the UWA 43 following a turnover on downs, Antonio Brown broke free for a 57-yard rushing score to push the lead to 27-7.

UWA began the fourth quarter capping off a 32-yard drive when Dunkle hit his third field goal of the game, this one from 36 yards out for the 30-7 lead. Shorter tallied their final points of the game midway through the quarter turning an interception into a touchdown two plays later. Spencer Arceneaux then joined the rushing party at quarterback and was able to lead the team down the field for the final points of the game. With the ball

just past midfield, Arceneaux started the drive with a 22-yard run. Webb then took over with five straight carries, with the last one finding the end zone from 12 yards out to provide the final margin of 37-14.

With the win, UWA has now won all 11 meetings against Shorter. The home win in Livingston also snapped a six-game losing streak at home dating back to last season. The 338 team rushing yards is the most since UWA rushed for 314 yards last season against North American. The last time the Tigers eclipsed 338 rushing yards was back in 2014 going for 473 yards against Concordia and 340 against Shorter in the same season.

Webb ended rushing 15 times for 164 yards and two touchdowns. Brown carried the ball 10 times for 84 yards and a score, while Battle added 18 carries for 84 yards and a touchdown. Arceneaux picked up 46 rushing yards on three carries. Corkren completed 11-28 for 80 yards. Nalls caught three passes for 31 yards, while John Hilbert had four catches for 23 yards. Michael Anderson and Trevon Stanford led the defense with six tackles apiece. Kel Williams and Shamar Lewis added five tackles each. Davonchae Bryant recorded 2.5 sacks, while Jamal Ellis added 1.5. Bryant also had three pass breakups, tipping multiple passes at the line of scrimmage. UWA held Aeneas Dennis to just 10-24 for 93 yards and a touchdown. Harold Cook played a lot in the second half and completed 6-14 for 28 yards. Justus Durrant rushed for 78 yards and a touchdown. John Dickerson caught four passes for 38 yards and Morrow had his one reception for a touchdown of 34 yards. On defense, Debonn Lane and Artellious Edmond came away with nine tackles each. Bryan Rice picked up three tackles for loss and a sack. Following the three straight home games, UWA will now hit the road this coming week as they will play at nationally-ranked Valdosta State with kickoff set for 6 p.m. (Central) on Sat., Oct. 8.

## Severe manifestations of monkeypox are seen in the current monkeypox outbreak; Get screened if you have had close contact with a person with the illness or have symptoms

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) reports at least 139 cases of monkeypox as of Oct. 4. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently noted that severe manifestations of monkeypox have been seen in the current outbreak in the United States. While anyone can be infected with the contagious rash illness, male-to-male sexual contact has been a risk factor. Monkeypox is usually transmitted through close, intimate, skin-to-skin contact or through broken skin, respiratory droplets or mucous membranes. Monkeypox causes a rash that starts as flat spots, which then becomes raised, develops into vesicles, and finally appears pustular. In this outbreak, some people have only had rash, but other symp-

toms, such as fever, chills, enlarged lymph nodes, muscle aches and headaches can occur with the rash. Monkeypox can spread from the time symptoms begin until the rash has fully healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed. This can take two to four weeks. Individuals with any symptoms of monkeypox should discuss their symptoms with their healthcare provider. Of significant concern is that persons who are immunocompromised, due to HIV or other conditions, are at greater risk for severe manifestations. Fortunately, there are diagnostic and clinical management strategies that may help address them. ADPH continues to provide guidance and resources to educate, test, treat and prevent *Cont...page 8-A*

## Obituaries

**Justin Smith**  
Justin Smith, 45, of Tuscaloosa passed away on Thursday, September 29, 2022. Justin was born September 6, 1977. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.SunsetBrown-Funeral.com](http://www.SunsetBrown-Funeral.com) for the Smith family.

**Pearlie Lee Tyson**  
Butler-Service for Sister Pearlie Lee Tyson, 88, was held on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 1:00pm at St. Mary's United Methodist Church in Butler, with Rev. Gerald Goodman officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Pearlie Lee Tyson was born on March 17, 1934 to the late Joseph Henry and Lena Jane Coleman. She departed this life on September 26, 2022 at her home. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hayse Tyson; her

parents, Joseph and Lena Coleman; sisters, Annie B. Jeter, Ora Turner, Mary Yancey, Ruth Taylor; brothers, James Benjamin Coleman, J. C. Coleman, and B. C. Coleman. Pearlie received Christ at an early age and joined Fairview Baptist Church in Mt. Sterling. She later joined St. Mary's United Methodist Church and was a loyal and faithful member until her health began to fail. She worked in the Choctaw County School System as a bus driver and cafeteria worker. After many years of service, she retired. Pearlie was known for her great baking skills, as well as her singing. She was a "gospel songbird," travelling around from church to church spreading her love through song. Pearlie leaves to cherish her memories: four children, Shirley Kelley, Ronald Ridgeway, both of Butler, Vanessa (Alphonso) Wilson, Meridian, Miss., Terenia (Ronald) Office, Butler; twenty-eight grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; siblings, Willie Turner, Fayetteville, Ga., Lena Washington, Joseph (Geraldine Wilson) Coleman and Ethel (John) Edwards, all of Columbus, Ohio; five sisters-in-law; one brother-in-law; three devoted friends, Rose Williams, Lillie Carter, Suzette Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. The celebration of life service was rendered by Weatherly-Studdard Memorial Funeral Home of Butler.

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<p><b>PROBATE COURT SUMTER COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO. 2022-33 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FAYE HARRY BEDWELL, DECEASED NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b> 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 Estate of Faye Harry Bedwell 3tc/9-29, 10-6, 13, 20</p>	<p>Heath Austin Dial, Executor of the Estate of Margie Bryan, deceased 3tc/10-6, 13, 20</p> <p><b>PROBATE COURT SUMTER COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO. 2022-36 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF AUSTIN FRANK BOYD, JR., DECEASED NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b> 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</p> <p><b>IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SUMTER COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO. 17-22 IN THE MATTER OF DOSHIE GIBBS, AN INCAPACITATED PERSON. NOTICE OF PETITION TO TERMINATE CONSERVATORSHIP</b> TO: The Unknown Heirs of Doshie Gibbs You are hereby given notice that a petition has been filed requesting to terminate the conservatorship of</p>	<p>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</p> <p><b>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 ESTATE OF ANNETTE IONES, DECEASED NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b> LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION 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</p> <p><b>Notice of Completion</b> In accordance with Section 39-2-1 as amended by H275 Code of Alabama, 997, notice is hereby given that</p>	<p>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</p> <p><b>PROBATE COURT SUMTER COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO. 2022-32 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANELLE M. TAYLOR, DECEASED NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b> 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, deceased James H. Patrenos, Jr., Attorney for the Estate of Janelle M. Taylor, deceased 3tc/9-29, 10-6, 13</p> <p><b>NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR</b> 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</p>	<p>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. Calvin Allison, Executor 3tc/9-22, 29, 10-6</p> <p><b>INVITATION TO BIDDERS</b> Sealed PROPOSALS will be received 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 INDUSTRIAL PARK DREDGING DISPOSAL PLAN, and then publicly opened and read aloud. 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**Halloween 'Cash for Candy' Program Pays You for Treats While Supporting American Troops**

A sweet swap: HealthyWage kicks off 'Cash for Candy' program allowing any individual in the U.S. to donate their excess, unwanted and un-

**Community Events**

**Guidelines for Submitting your Church/Community Announcements**

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.

opened candy, get directly paid for it and, in doing so, support American troops overseas. According to some 2022 reports, obesity remains an ominous health threat across America as the avoidable condition plagues more than a third (36.2%) of the U.S. population. This scary statistic is that much more frightful as the Halloween holiday looms large. However, this year there's no need to fret as one weight-wise wellness company will pay you cold, hard cash for your candy! This amid the kick-off of HealthyWage's "Cash for Candy" program, which will pay individuals \$10 per pound of candy up to \$100 per person—and up to \$10,000 in collective payouts! Through the initiative, any individual can donate their excess, unwanted and unopened candy to Operation Shoebox on or before Nov. 22, get directly paid for it and, in doing so, support American troops overseas! Participants need not be a HealthyWage challenge participant as anyone, anywhere in the U.S. can donate candy and cash in. Full submission details and instructions can be found online at <https://www.healthywage.com/pages/cash-for-candy-2022>.

**Harvest Ministries**

Harvest Ministries, located in Cromwell, will be open on Wed., Oct. 12, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free clothes, children clothes, shoes, household items, free COVID testing, and much much more. For more information contacts number: 205-609-8002.

**John the Baptist Church, Halsell, 136th Church Anniversary**

Join us Sun., Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Willie Ray Clark, pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. Rev. Joe Johnson is pastor.

**Mark Your Calendar For these S. C. Chamber of Commerce Events**

Sumter County Chamber Banquet Oct. 13, Scarecrow Contest Month of Nov., Tree and/or Storefront Decorating Contest- Month of Dec., and Christmas on the Square- Dec. 4.

**Beat Auburn Beat Hunger Annual Food Drive Kicks Off**

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — In Alabama, more than 700,000 people struggle with food insecurity according to Feeding America. This startling statistic has inspired University of Alabama students to take action. A team of UA students is working together to raise awareness of food insecurity while collecting donations for the West Alabama Food Bank Sept. 30 through Nov. 17 for the annual Beat Auburn Beat Hunger campaign. For the first time since 2019, the kickoff event will take place on the steps of the state capitol in Montgomery Friday, Sept. 30, at 11 a.m., the same day participants can begin making donations of canned and nonperishable foods in red barrels spread across the UA campus and Tuscaloosa area. Monetary donations can also be made to the food bank via its website. Founded in 1994, this will be the 29th year that University of Alabama students wage the friendly competition against students at Auburn University to raise money and donations leading up to the Iron Bowl. The winner of the competition will be announced Nov. 18.

**Sumter County Christmas on the Square**

Sumter County Christmas on the Square will be Sun., Dec. 4, starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Courthouse Square in downtown Livingston. Santa will be there for photos, local vendors, live entertainment and merchant Christmas Tree contest. Presented by the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce.

**York Christmas Parade**

Join us to celebrate "The Music and Magic of Christmas" at the 2022 York Christmas Parade Sat. Dec. 3 at noon! Calling all parade entries! A link to the Parade Entry Form is <https://forms.gle/ST4unJvG15z4Jq8>, or you can pickup a paper entry form downtown York City Hall (607 Second Avenue) or Beauty Essentials (210 N. Broad St.). The parade entry deadline is Nov. 5. Questions? Email us at [yorkchristmasparade@gmail.com](mailto:yorkchristmasparade@gmail.com).

**Black Belt Community Foundation Kicks Off Football Season with Annual Throw & Go Contest!**

The Black Belt Community Foundation (BBCF) annual "Throw & Go Contest" is kicking off again this year to support BBCF's Community 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/bbctrowandgo2022](http://bit.ly/bbctrowandgo2022) 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 email to [cspencer@blackbeltfound.org](mailto:cspencer@blackbeltfound.org). Find out more about BBCF and "Throw & Go" at: [www.blackbeltfound.org](http://www.blackbeltfound.org) Join our Social Media Community and follow "Throw & Go" live updates at: [facebook.com/BBCF2004](https://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](mailto:garland@south17.org) with "santa

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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 11 – Dr. Edisher Savitski, piano; October

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Townsend Community Review

Breast Cancer Awareness Month and first annual Seasons program to be held at Union Chapel C. M. E

By Linda Robinson

You are invited to join us for the Breast Cancer Awareness in Memory of Debbie Robinson Brown, which will be held on Sat., Oct. 8 at 9 a.m. at Townsend Mission Community Center, Ward. Brenda Robinson Evans is sponsor. Thank you. The 1st annual Seasons Program will be held at Union Chapel C. M. E. Church, Ward, on Sunday Oct. 9

at 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker for this occasion is Rev. Joyce Peoples. Rev. Joyce McCoy is pastor. You are cordially invited to share in the celebration of 'Seasons of Colors' and a variety of different food. May this program be a blessing to each of us. Wear your mask.

Continue to keep the families of Foster, Dubose, Giles, Maye, and all bereaved families, in your

thoughts and prayers to be strengthened. Remember all the sick, shut-in, students, teachers, staff, churches, hospitals, nursing homes, healthcare services and front line services. Keep everyone in your prayers. Have a wonderful day. "THANK GOD FOR ANOTHER BLESSING. Have Faith if no more than a Mustard Seed... Most of all Keep the Faith!"

Of Crud and Crumbs

A word to the wise

By Madoline Thurn I gladly share

some wisdom from a lesson I learned the hard way from an experience I had recently. Don't paint the fence on election day. Especially if it's a presidential election. Every registered voter in the county had to pass my house to get to the polls. I never connected voting and painting the fence. But there is an indirect connection.

But I tell you one thing; this is the nicest, the friendliest, most helpful community in which I have ever lived. The majority of the people going to vote stopped to see if they could help. Not help paint the fence; to help me up!

Understand, this fence (as all fences, I suppose) extends below ground level. So. In order to paint this fence from ground to top of fence, I had to get real close to the ground; paint brush handles are only about six inches long. And it made me dizzy trying to paint close to the ground while in a standing position, with my head almost touching the ground. So, I just laid down. (I was absent, or not paying attention, the day they studied "lay" and "lie.") And vehicles began speedily whipping into the driveway. Now, I was taught when somebody

comes to see you, you stand up. Southern courtesies, I suppose. When the concerned person saw me stand up they exclaimed, "Are you okay? I thought you had fallen and needed some help."

"Can't you see that part of this fence is Southern-humidity-green and the picket next to it is fresh-paint white?" I would say (to myself), as I smiled apologetically.

I got so tired of popping up like a jack-in-the-box every time a car turned in, I just lay there and apologized, "Please forgive me for not standing; I have been detained so many times the paint in the bucket is drying." A long time ago, shortly after we bought this house, I (not Hubby, I) decided that a picket fence was just what this place needed. Hubby could spot unneeded work like a revenooer (how did they spell that word in old Southern novels?) could spot a moonshine still. So, adding a fence was not necessary.

But he generously purchased the fence stuff and hired a crew to build me a picket fence. Well, you know how we women are (or so you think) always adding to, improving. So, after a while I decided I wanted a white picket fence. So, Hubby generously allowed me to purchase all kinds of painting stuff - fancy brushes, stirring paddle, anything required to paint a fence. His philosophy: if

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Community Events

18 - Student Musicales; 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 roberts@sheltonstate.edu

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 Council - Bama Theatre - Cultural Arts Center" on Facebook and Twitter and also Instagram @tuscaloosaartscouncil. Call 205-758-5195 or visit tuscart.org for further information.

Here Comes the Bard!

UWA Theatre invites you to save a date Oct. 5-7 for a rousing performance of The Compleat Works of Wllm Shkspr [abridged] by Jess Winfield, Daniel Singer and Adam Long. Never fear, you will not actually be subjected to lengthy presentations of all the Bard's plays. This is, after all, an 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 over-used—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 be 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 thespians, 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).

Youth Hunt Dates Announced for Forever Wild Field Trial Area

The State Lands Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) announces the youth deer and duck hunt schedules for the M. Barnett Lawley Forever Wild Field Trial Area (FWFTA) in Hale County. The hunts will take place late Nov. 2022 - Jan. 2023. Registration opened Sept. 13 and runs until Nov. 1. Hunters will be selected via a computerized, random drawing after registration closes. Youth Deer Hunt Dates: Nov. 19, 23, 30; Dec. 14, 17, 21, 28; Jan. 4, 7, 11, 18, 21, 25. Youth Duck Hunt Dates: Dec. 14, 17, 21, 28; Jan. 7, 11, 21, 25. To register for a hunt, visit https://publichunts.dcnr.alabama.gov/Public/Available-Hunts during the registration period listed above. For more information about the hunt details

Livingston Lines  
Congratulations to Queen Kendall LaCoste



Rebecca Boydston

By Claire Smith

Happy birthday to all of y'all who are celebrating your birthdays this week. Have a wonderful day. Happy anniversary to you couples who are celebrating your big day together this week. Enjoy each other's company. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are saddened over the loss of loved ones. May God help you through your troubled days.

Our community is heartbroken over the death of Justin Smith. Justin lost his battle with cancer after a long time. I keep thinking of his precious parents Mickey and Liolita. Losing a child has to be the most awful loss imaginable. Being a grandmother, it breaks my heart for Granny Ann. Justin's wife and children, my prayers will continue. May God hold each of you, and give peace to all of his family and loved ones.

Pat Minus with her sweet smile is flying with the angels right now. I just know she is watching over all of her dear family and all of her loved ones. She will be missed so very much. R. I. P., dear lady. Until we meet again.

Congratulations to the UWA Tigers, and Coach Gilliland on that big win last Saturday over Shorter. It was such a beautiful day at Tiger Stadium. Betsy and I really enjoyed the day. The alumni association was treated with the annual fish fry. The dinner was absolutely delicious and enjoyed by so many alumni. I am so thankful that our player who was injured in the game is alright. I especially enjoyed seeing the Shorter team, as we have a number of trainers who did their undergraduate studies under Dr. Floyd, included my granddaughter Anna Guin. Anna was unable to come, however, because she had soccer games she was covering over the weekend.

Betsy brought with her quite a bit of news. Her daughter Jamie has now had her book published. Betsy brought with her. It's a hardback and a paperback, and I loaded it on my kindle to read. I am so very proud of our Janie. It is a beautiful story.

Betsy's, Don Corbin has graduated from Warrant Candidate School as a Warrant Officer. He was



Kyla Kirksey

at Army Flight School at Ft. Rucker, Ala. Congratulations, Warrant Officer Corbin Hillman.

Have enjoyed hearing Darryl and Donna Ticker tell about their world travels. One of the highlights was entering the grounds of the palace just the day before Queen Elizabeth passed away. They had a life remembrance trip.

Donna and Darryl were gracious enough to take me to the University Charter School football game last Thursday night. I was so excited to see Cullum play, but sad that Braden was out with an injury. Hopefully you will get to see him play as he returns to the field this week. Beautiful Kendall LaCoste was crowned queen. It was a sight to see the court and their escorts on the UWA field. Senior maids were Kendall, Anieyah Brown, Ty Fleming and Shardaush Rumly. Junior maids were Bree Carrier. Sophomore maids were Brinkley Wood and Ava LaCoste. Freshman maids were Bailey Bolen and Emory Penznit. What a beautiful group of young ladies. However, to me, it is hard to believe my little Campus School babies are all grown up. Those little LaCoste girls were so sweet and Bailey, oh my. I am so proud to see how lively they still are.

Have been talking to my buddy Dandy Don. Reed is taking such good care of him. Sure will be happy when he is able to get up and out. I miss him so much and pray for the very best recovery.

Heard from Brandon Sunday, and he was feeling a lot better. He has had an inner ear infection.

More appreciation than you will ever know to Pastor Steve for that absolutely beautiful sermon last Sunday. I agreed with Betsy, that he explained God's Grace in the best way that we have ever heard or read. Jennifer, your solo was perfect. So much understanding in that song. Thank you, my child.

Two of my very favorite young ladies were all decked out for the UCS dance last Friday night. I just can't resist passing along their pictures, Kyla Kirksey and Rebecca. I am so proud of my girls.

"I don't need anyone's judgement. Nobody is harder on me than ME."

Collective Exhibition at Coleman Center for the Arts

The "Kinfolk: Black Belt Art Collective Exhibition" opens on Oct. 29 and runs through Jan. 17 at the Altman Riddick Gallery at the Coleman Center for the Arts. Kinfolk features the works of

three local visual artists: Tracy Bradford (@tracysimpressions), Reginald Davis, Jr. (@bigreg8.0), and Anita Russell (@russell74). Join us in York for an opening reception and artist talk on Sat., Nov. 12 at 6 p.m. at the gallery.

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Round and About Bellamy

Morning Star Homecoming held Oct. 3

By Jeanette Ingram

"Father in heaven, we've spent too much time thinking only about what is wrong and broken with our world. Please help us to see evidence of Your presence in the wonder of what only You could have done."

Sending birthday wishes to: Brenda P. Carlisle, Phyllis E. Bell, Darlene Allen, Aretha Ward Chaney, Tyronica Ward, Margaret S. Crim, Yashica Idell, LaTammy Maye, Shirley F. Burrell, Edwin Dunigan, Sr., Paul Chaney, Amanda G. Davis, Elizabeth Williams, William Clark, Sharda Allen, Ambrosia Giles, Stephanie M. Lacey, Inell Scott, Fredrick Dubose, Andrea Wrenn, Steven Wrenn, Sr., Menzie Brown, Donna Russell, Fennie Lake, Tammara S. Banks, Bryan Woodard, Sr., Sherick Lake, Anthony Taylor, Carol Sturdivant, Achassity P. Summers, Lisa F. Perryman, Hester Nelson, Laura Jones.

In loving memory of my father Jim Maye, mother Winnie G. Paige, Rayden "Stanker" Whithead, Linda P. Boyd, Marie Jones. Gone, but not forgotten. Happy anniversary W. C. and Carolyn Green.

Another good Sunday school lesson, "Obedience in Worshipping God Alone," Exodus 20:1-11. It is easy to see from our study that our God is like no other.

He keeps His promises and gives us holy rules to follow for our own good. We would do well to obey His rules and remained faithful to the covenant. We know that He always keeps His covenant with us.

Morning Star B. Church, Bellamy, held our annual Homecoming on Sun., Oct. 3. Welcome was done by Sis. Tanya McInish, response by Bro. Willie Mitchell, occasion by Sis.

Quanyanna D. Sewell, church history by Sis. Doris Pickens, memorial tributes by Sis. Tanya R. Coats, solo sung by Sis. Iris Portis, and our very own Pastor Michael Howard brought the message. His text was, "There's No Place Like Home," Luke 15:11-19, 25.

Sis. Erica Coleman was mistress of ceremony.

We had a spiritual, blessed Homecoming. After the service we had dinner and fellowship. The program was a success because of your presence. May God continue to bless each of you, is our prayer.

Community and Mt. Herman Matrons send heartfelt sympathy and love to Rosalind James in the loss of her brother John K. Akins, II, George Rackins, and all bereaved families.

Still praying for our brothers and sisters: Sarah Walker, Janice Dixon, Ruby Washington, Dubose family, Bessie C. Maye, Rosie Whitted, James Campbell, Jones/Loyd family, Rev. Doc Lake, Rosie Daniel, Dec. Leroy and Diana Brown, Giles family, Rev. Marcus Lawrence, Maye family, Rev. Johnathan Byrd, Louise Alexanders, Betty Wallace, Johnny Drummond, Ruby Moss, Gwen Lard, Audrey N. McCall, Prince Evans, Steve Lewis, Augusta Rogers, Lucinda Farmer, Mildred Evans, Mattie Chaney, Pastor Michael and Sis. Marilyn Evans, Mattie Chaney, Pastor Michael and Sis. Marilyn Howard, Minnie Dunigan, Min. Curtis and Sis. Marilyn Howard, Minnie Dunigan, Min. Curtis and Sis. Merendy Matthews, Lilie Dunn, Ella Connor, Josephine Howard, Frankie H. McNeely, Susie Alston, Betty McClullum, Shirely J. Carter, Alex Spencer, 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, Josephne Johnson, Theresa Bell and family, Gussie McKnight, Hattie 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, Rev. Richard and Sis. Oliva 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, Gwen M. Carter, 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, Pearlise Carlisle, Gretie Jenkins, Donald Wright, Saddle 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.

October is cancer awareness month. Continue to pray for one another, storm victims, and our nations. Don't forget our children. If you have any church events, birthdays or anniversaries call me at 205-609-7744. "The good news is that God cares for us."



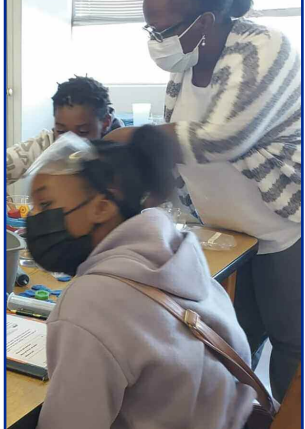
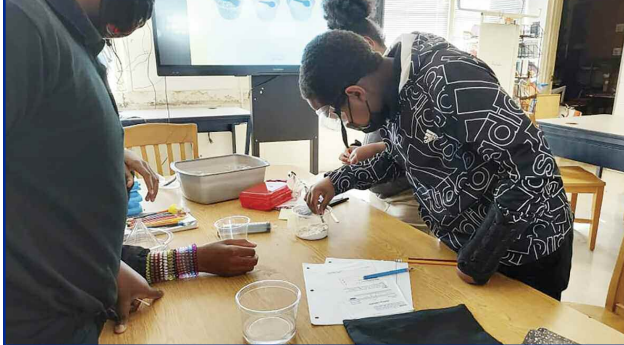
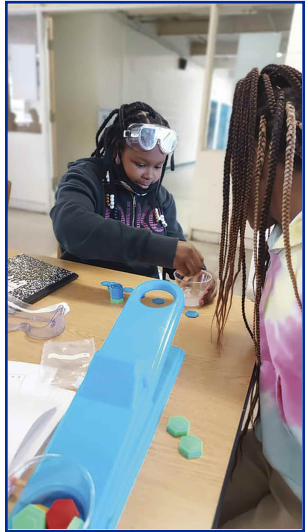
Students vote at Kinterbish

"Today, (Sept. 28) the middle school students at Kinterbish Jr. High participated in an election for Homecoming Court and SGA Officers. The students were able to receive first hand voting experience. Way to go Tigers!" See more @Kinterbish Junior High School



Mrs. Hutchins teaches sounds in Mr. Hall's Kindergarten class

"KJHS Reading Coach, Mrs. Tonya Hutchins, is teaching an initial sounds lesson to Mr. Hall's kindergarten class." See more @Kinterbish Junior High School



Ms. Knighton's 5th graders find solutions in saltwater solutions

"Students in Ms. Knighton's 5th grade class calculated the mass of saltwater solutions. Later the students tested and constructed explanations from observations to determine how the density of an object affects whether the object sinks or floats when placed in a liquid. AMSTI AMSTI-USA AMSTI University of Alabama and University of West Alabama." @livingstonhigh

Thank You We, the pastor, officers and members (of Morning Star B. Church) would like to thank each of you for coming and sharing with us on this special occasion. Paid advertisement



The City of Livingston will not meet for their regular council meeting Monday, Oct. 10 due to Indigenous Peoples' Day/ Columbus Day Holiday.

The council will meet at their next regular meeting date on Monday, Oct. 24 at 5 p.m. at City Hall.



Caught in the Act! - Literally! at YWE

"Learning beyond the classroom! 3rd graders have a "States of Matter" Scavenger Hunt for Science class to find solids, liquids and gases. Look at our Rockstars!"

More photos and video @yorkwestend

Of Crud and Crumb cont...

painting a fence would make me happy, it would give him a little quiet and rest.

But. White fences quickly turn mildew green and get dirt-splattered. So the answer is, buy more white paint and painting paraphernalia. That word is hard to spell - I must have been ab-

sent the day it was on the spelling test - supplies.

Painting a fence requires no brain power; it's just tedious and time-consuming. It requires sitting - of to get really comfortable, lying, on the ground.

So. Don't paint your fence on election day unless you live about three miles down a log-road.

Advertisement for Livingston Oil Change, Tires and Brakes, featuring Castrol GTX and Toyo tires.

Monkeypox... cont. from 5-A this illness. Not all cases of monkeypox require treatment, but people with this diagnosis need to isolate and follow infection control measures to reduce transmission of the virus to other people. Direct contact persons of individuals with the illness may benefit from vaccine given within 4 to 14 days of contact. A two-dose vaccination series is available to persons at higher risk. Monkeypox testing continues to be offered at county health departments, and clinical testing is available through the ADPH Bureau of Clinical Laboratories at no charge to the patient. Some commercial and clinical laboratories also test for monkeypox. In addition to education for persons to reduce the risk of monkeypox, ADPH promotes the use of Jynneos vaccine. Selected county health departments in Alabama have Jynneos vaccine in stock, but all local county health departments can provide information about appointments and administer vaccine if persons cannot travel to selected counties. The ADPH monkeypox webpage continues to update information for the public, including weekly data updates. See the links below: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/monkeypox/healthcare.html and www.alabamapublichealth.gov/monkeypox.

Advertisement for HIV/AIDS testing and management, with logos for 'Know Your Status', 'Manage Your Health', and 'Live Your Best Life'.

Large advertisement for the City of York requesting bids for demolition of condemned property, with contact information for City Hall.





Sumter Central High School's Administration, Faculty, and Staff celebrated students with a surprise pizza party for benchmarking (meeting grade level or above grade level) on the iReady online program that helps determine a student's strengths and areas for growth. iReady also personalizes their learning, and monitors their progress throughout the school year. iReady allows teachers to meet students where they are and provides data to drive the instruction. We would like to thank Mr. Rick Frederick of Enviva for providing the pizza; Mrs. Joeva Thomas for designing and providing the certificates; and other faculty and staff for providing other refreshments and serving these students for their accomplishment.



*iReady Celebration at Sumter Central High School*

See more photos of the celebration @SumterCentral

"There's ALWAYS something GREAT going on at Sumter Central High School!"

(Pictured are: D'Anthony Rogers, Joshua Noland, Javavian Wallace, Makyia Pickens, Ca'Tina Maye, Lajayln Davis, Emaya Pickett, Alexia Woodard, D'Nysia Mitchell, Honesty Crockett, Jamicheal Ratliff, Jamaya Ratliff, Kayla Harris, Marquita Doss, Kelsey Parker, Da'Shonda Freeman, Jacob Alexander, Jamiyah Drummond, Monika Scott (Assistant Principal), Marcus Campbell (Parental Involvement Coordinator), and Marcus West (District Curriculum Coordinator).

Submitted by Michelle Merriweather

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**SCHS to face Greene Co. Friday**

Sumter Central Volleyball fell to Southern Choctaw Sept. 29. Thursday the ladies play Greene County. Jags football forfeited to Trinity Presbyterian Friday night. Next up is the Greene County Tigers. The Tigers are coming off a 34-0 loss against Sulligent. Homecoming they take on the Saint James Trojans.

# UCS 2022 Dream Court

Dream Week court photos submitted by Meggin Mayben, Integrated Marketing and Communications, Computer Science/Communications Director & Beta Club Sponsor at University Charter School



2022 Dream Week King: Luke Goldman



2022 Dream Week Queen: Miss Kendall LaCoste  
Mrs. Tonya Starks, UCS Secondary Principal crowned the Queen



Senior Maid: Arieyah Brown escorted by her mother



Senior Maid: Shardaisha Rumley escorted by her mother



Flower Girl: Miss Hadley Grantham and Crown Bearer: Mr. Hudson Vick



Senior Maid: Ty Fleming escorted by her stepfather



Sophomore Maid: Ava LaCoste escorted by her grandfather



Junior Maid: Paris Henderson escorted by her father



Junior Maid: Bree Carrier escorted by her brother in law



Sophomore Maid: Brinkli Wood escorted by her father



(Left): Freshman Maid: Bailey Bolden escorted by her father



(Right): Freshman Maid: Emory Pezent escorted by her father

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**U.S. Postal Service announces steep postage rate hikes**

*From National Newspaper Association*

The United States Postal Service today announced a planned adjustment of postage rates as of August 29, 2021, for the public and commercial mail users. For community newspapers using Periodicals mail to reach readers, the average rate increase will be nearly 9%. The First-Class Stamp will move from 55 to 58 cents. The rate increase is part of a new USPS business plan

that also includes a weakening of service standards for mail that is moving across the 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 advertising.

Brett Wesner, chair of National Newspaper Association 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 subscribers are not receiving 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 charge more when USPS can-

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 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 commercial activity for many of us."

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