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Alabama Wildlife Federation awards to the
Partners for Agricultural Innovation and Sustainability

Land Conservationist of the Year Award

Partners for Agricultural Innovation and Sustainability was presented the Land Conservationist of the Year Award at the 2022 Alabama Wildlife Federation Governor's Conservation Achievement Awards banquet. The Alabama Wildlife Federation (AWF) held the banquet, co-sponsored by Alabama Power Company and PowerSouth Energy on Friday, August 5, 2022, at The Marriott Legends at Capitol Hill in Prattville. Governor



Kay Ivey provided a congratulatory video prepared specifically for the 2022 Award Recipients. The AWF Governor's Conser-

vation Achievement Awards (GCAA) are the most respected conservation honors in the state of Alabama. Over the past 50 years, AWF has presented these awards to individuals and organizations that make great contributions to the conservation of Alabama's wildlife and related natural resources.

Partners for Agricultural Innovation and Sustainability was founded by the University West
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Sumter organization awarded first

Accepting the award on behalf of Partners for Agricultural Innovation and Sustainability were Dr. Lee Stanton, Mr. John Besh, and Dr. John McCall. Presenting the awards were Horace Horn with PowerSouth Energy; Susan Comensky with Alabama Power Company; and Jesse Vogtle, AWF President.

ADECA grants available to Sumter for water, sewer grants

The Alabama Legislature earlier this year authorized \$772 million in spending that will aid Alabama communities.

The money came by way of the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to benefit Al-

abamians through investments in broadband, health care, and water and sewer infrastructure.

In addition to upgrading rural broadband services, the legislation authorized up to \$225 million from ARPA for grants to

water and sewer systems in the state, to be administered and overseen by the state's environmental regulatory agency, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management
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L'ston license fees increase; gets Tree City designation

By Tommy McGraw
Publisher

The City of Livingston approved a slight increase to city business license fees at their Monday, August 8 meeting.

The fee increase was mandated by the state, so the council voted to go along with the in-



crease of \$2.

The current fee is \$12 plus a calculation of a percentage of annual gross receipts of the business. The new fee will be \$14 plus the calculation of the gross income of the business.

BC/BS insurance increase
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York's Coleman Center announces new director

Coleman Center for the Arts
• From Instagram •

Introducing 'drum roll, please,' our new Executive Director and Curator, Dr. Marguerite Hinrichs @theprldy!

An energetic and innovative leader, Marguerite is from Oakland, California and brings with her a wealth of arts and entertainment, public relations and marketing, and community engagement experience. She holds a B.A. in Communication, an M.S. in Recreation and
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The new Coleman Center's Executive Director and Curator Dr. Marguerite Hinrichs joined the Coleman Center for the Arts this Summer from Oakland, California. She said she is thrilled to bring her leadership experience, public relations, marketing expertise, and passion for the arts to the Black Belt.

SC Treasure Forest Assoc. sets meeting for Aug. 23

The Sumter County Treasure Forest Association will host a meeting Tuesday, August 23, at 6:00 p.m. at the Alfa Building on the University of West Alabama campus.

"Please come join us on Tuesday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m., enjoy great fellowship, and learn about the exciting things taking place in West Alabama and Sumter County," said SCTF president Elliot Pool.

Mike Davis and his wife, Becky will join us, and Mike will give us a history lesson on early timber production in Sumter County, some of the people involved, the location of the first lumber mill in Sumter County, and the surrounding area.



Mike, who is the senior District Manager for Chemical Waste Management at Emelle, Chairman of the Board for the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Board of West Alabama Foundation, board member of the Uni-

versity Charter School, and the University of West Alabama School of Business Advisory Board member. Thus, he is very aware of the changes taking place in Livingston, Epes, Sumter County, and West Alabama, while Becky is a teacher, cattle rancher, hunter as is Mike.

Here are just a few facts and items that he may cover while giving us a great history of early timber production, and processing in Sumter County while showing that Sumter County is on the cusp of great things for the future.

Enviva was just highlighted in the online business section of The Wall Street Journal with the
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Meet the new principal at York West End Jr. High

York West End Junior High School welcomes and invites the public to meet and greet the new Principal, Luther Riley.

The meet and greet will be Thursday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Mr. Riley's education according to his LinkedIn account online includes a Specialist, Curriculum and Instruction degree and a Master's degree, Educational Leadership and Administration, and General degree from Mississippi College.



Luther Riley

A Master's degree, in Education from Alcorn State University.

A Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Health and Physical Education/Fitness from Mississippi Valley State University.

An Associate of Arts (A.A.), Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies from East Central Community College.

Mr. Riley comes to York from Tuscaloosa where he was assistant principal and principal at Holt High School.

Boligee's Simoneaux is the 2022 Limited Open Classic/Challenge Champion at the NCHA Great American Insurance Group Summer Cutting Spectacular

FORT WORTH – The National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) congratulates Chet Simoneaux of Boligee, Alabama, aboard Tuff Nu Catillac on their championship in the Limited Open Classic/Challenge at the 2022 NCHA Great American Insurance Group Summer Cutting Spectacular.

Tuff Nu Catillac is a 6-year-old mare owned by Simoneaux's wife, Blakley Simoneaux of Boligee, Alabama. In the Limited Open Classic/Challenge first-go, Chet showed Tuff Nu Catillac to a score of 219. The pair were the fifth to work in the Limited Open Classic/Challenge finals, setting the stage with a big 220 early on in the 12 horse

field to win \$6,286.08 and the championship title

"I'm looking forward to getting back work," said Chet when asked about what he was most looking forward to in an interview following his championship run. "It means a lot to me to have my wife there and to work with my family."

The 2022 NCHA Great American Insurance Group Summer Cutting Spectacular is being held at the historic Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth, Texas from July 16 through August 5. To learn more the National Cutting Horse Association, including upcoming events, please visit nchacutting.com.



Sumter County's 7-Day Forecast Aug. 18-24

This Week's Local Forecast



Thursday

Few Showers

86/70

Precip Chance: 65%



Friday

Scattered T'storms

85/69

Precip Chance: 65%



Saturday

Scattered T'storms

90/71

Precip Chance: 45%



Sunday

Scattered T'storms

91/72

Precip Chance: 55%



Monday

Scattered T'storms

89/71

Precip Chance: 65%



Tuesday

Scattered T'storms

86/69

Precip Chance: 50%



Wednesday

Cloudy

84/65

Precip Chance: 20%

Weather Trivia

What location in the world had the most rainfall in one year?

Answer: Cherrapunji, India had 1,142 inches of rain in 1861.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com



**Littering is Stupid!
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Enviva sponsors, celebrates with Epes during Epes Day



Enviva sponsored and attended Epes Day on Saturday, August 6. Epes Day is an annual family community event for residents of Epes. For the third consecutive year, Enviva provided the giant water slide and handed out backpacks and back-to-school supplies to children in the community. Pictured with Mayor Walter Porter are members of the Epes City Council. The group shot at the waterslide includes County Commissioners Marcus Campbell and Drucilla Jackson, according to Jacob Westfall Senior Manager Communications and Public Relations for Enviva.

More sewer, water grants ... from front

(ADEM).

ADEM reported recently that it had awarded more than \$300 million in grants and loans to public water and sewer systems, with more to come. ADEM has taken the \$225 million ARPA money authorized by the Legislature and supplemented it with additional federal funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program to pay for more projects.

“The approach ADEM is taking, prioritizing funding to communities with the greatest needs and the least ability to pay – such as Alabama’s Black Belt – means the money is going first where it is needed the most,” according to a guest editorial by House Speaker Mac McCutcheon and Senate President Pro Tem Greg J. Reed that appears on page 2-A in this edition of the Record-Journal.

The editorial states, “While the expansion of broadband and the need to shore up our healthcare system – especially with the stresses imposed on it by the COVID pandemic – understandably have received a lot of public attention, the investment in our water and sewer systems has gone under the radar. That doesn’t mean, however, that repairing, upgrading and expanding our water and sewer services aren’t as critical. In fact, failing and inadequate water and sewer systems can have a direct effect on the health and safety of many of our citizens on a daily basis.

“It means more than \$15 million for water and sewer projects in Lowndes County and an additional \$50 million to the rest of the Black Belt. Keep in mind, these are grants, not loans that have to be repaid.”

Guest Editorial Water and sewer grants available to Black Belt communities Legislature’s investment in water and sewer projects already paying dividends for Alabama communities

By House Speaker Mac McCutcheon and Senate President Pro Tem Greg J. Reed

When Governor Kay Ivey called the Alabama Legislature into special session in January of this year, the task was clear: Allocate hundreds of millions of dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to benefit Alabamians through game-changing investments in broadband, health care, and water and sewer infrastructure.

The Legislature responded decisively to Governor Ivey, authorizing \$772 million in spending that will aid communities in every corner of the state – putting dollars to work where they are most needed. Generations of Alabama citizens will benefit from the foundations we are laying through this funding.

While the expansion of broadband and the need to shore up our healthcare system – especially with the stresses imposed on it by the COVID pandemic – understandably have received a lot of public attention, the investment in our water and sewer systems has gone under the radar. That doesn’t mean, however, that repairing, upgrading and expanding our water and sewer services aren’t as critical. In fact, failing and inadequate water and sewer systems can have a direct effect on the health and safety of many of our citizens on a daily basis.

In our legislation, the Alabama House of Representatives and the Alabama Senate authorized up to \$225 million from ARPA for grants to water and sewer systems in the state, to be administered and overseen by the state’s environmental regulatory agency, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). We are happy to report that the investment is already paying dividends for the people of Alabama.

Recently, ADEM reported that it had awarded more than \$300 million in grants and loans to public water and sewer systems, with more to come. ADEM has taken the \$225 million ARPA money authorized by the Legislature and supplemented it with additional federal funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program to pay for more projects than we imagined possible.

The approach ADEM is taking, prioritizing funding to communities with the greatest needs and the least ability to pay – such as Alabama’s Black Belt – means the money is going first where it is needed the most.

You might recall that earlier this month, officials with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the White House came to Lowndes County to promote a new pilot program that offers technical assistance, including help in applying for funding, to resolve sewer issues in 11 disadvantaged communities in several states and native communities. They made available \$5 million to pay for that assistance. Two of those areas, Lowndes and Greene counties, are in Alabama.

We are thankful for the technical assistance that Alabama communities’ share of the \$5 million will fund.

What was overlooked by some, however, is the fact ADEM already offers technical assistance to public water and sewer systems in Alabama, as well as help in applying for grants and loans. Annually, ADEM provides on average \$100 million or more in loans through the State Revolving Loan program to public water and sewer systems.

Unfortunately, many poor, disadvantaged communities can’t get these federally funded loans because they don’t meet all the financial requirements imposed by the EPA.

The game-changers for those communities are the ARPA funding and the legislation the Legislature passed in January making that money available to them despite their financial hardships. Under our legislation and through the work of ADEM, disadvantaged communities can qualify for funding with no local match required, providing them the help they desperately need.

It means more than \$15 million for water and sewer projects in Lowndes County and an additional \$50 million to the rest of the Black Belt. Keep in mind, these are grants, not loans that have to be repaid.

It also means \$5 million for special demonstration sewer projects in the Black Belt to tackle problems specific to areas with dense soil that makes septic systems fail and poverty rates that make more expensive remedies unaffordable.

With the combination of ARPA, BIL and SRF funding, ADEM says it expects to issue nearly \$500 million in grants and loans to public water systems this year alone. And that is just the start. More grants and loans will come in following years.

We can say with confidence, help is on the way for communities that have suffered due to inadequate or nonexistent water and sewer service.

We can also say with certainty that your governor and your Legislature will continue to look for ways to improve Alabama’s infrastructure and in doing so improve the lives of Alabama’s citizens.

Mac McCutcheon is Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives. Greg Reed is President Pro Tempore of the Alabama Senate.

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More Livingston business license fee increase, Tree City recognition ... continued from front page

Mayor Tom Tartt noted to the council that the city will have a four percent insurance premium increase on their Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance plans for employees.

Tartt said, “The increase is better than it has been, but it is still mighty expensive. But we got to have it.”

Tartt said the 2022-2023 budget will be affected by the increase and they will discuss it further in the next budget meeting work session. Tartt then asked council members to meet Thursday, August 18, at 12 noon for a work session on the budget.

City Administrator James “Bird” Dial noted that they will have a quorum, but Tartt injected, “We will not vote on any measures but will discuss the upcoming budget.”

The mayor thanked City Clerk Kristi Watts for her work on providing several insurance plan alternatives for the council to consider.

Retiree bonus

Mayor Tartt informed council members the City has to vote at its next regular meeting on August 29 or before August 31 whether they will pay city retiree bonuses.

Tartt said, “It is a one-time fee to pay to all of our retirees. It is a little over \$17,200.50 total.

Tartt said, “We’ve not done this in seven or eight years. In the past, we didn’t have the money. We’ll look at it during budget times and make an effort to pay the extra income. We have to act at our next meeting.”

Councilwoman Iola Williams said, “We really need to try and give our retirees our support.”

The city received the following from the Alabama Retired State Employees’ Association outlining the procedures they may act on. “The passage of ARSE/APEAL’s retiree longevity bonus legislation (Act #2022-229) provides approximately 900 cities, counties, and public boards that participate in RSA’s Employees’ Retirement System the opportunity to award one-time longevity bonuses to

their retirees.

“The Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA) will pay the bonuses upfront, allowing you to pay them back through your monthly employer contribution made to RSA or they will also accept payment in full. The bonus will be distributed to eligible retirees (retired prior to March 1, 2022) in October 2022. The resolution authorizing the bonus must be submitted by the August 31st deadline. A sample resolution is attached.

“ARSE/APEAL respectfully requests that you fund the 2022 retiree bonus and submit the required resolution by the August 31, 2022 deadline. Take advantage of this opportunity to recognize those who devoted years of loyal service to your community.”

Passes inspection

Tartt noted to council members there was an EMS Inspection certificate in the package outlining the recent inspection done at the Livingston Fire and Rescue Department and Emergency Management Services.

Dial said the inspection sheet cited, “yes, good and adequate,” for different aspects of the inspection.

Mayor Tartt commented, “That’s all you want [instead of a failing grade].”

Area Agency on Aging funds pass-through

The council voted to signed an agreement with the Alabama Tombigbee Area Agency on Aging pass-through funds to pay the employees, “so they can reimburse us back,” Tartt said.

Councilwoman Williams said, “It is a really, really a good program for our seniors.

The vote was unanimous to continue with the program.

In the letter to the city council the Area Agency on Aging Director, Delia T. Brand wrote, “Please note that at present, we have not received our funding projections from the Alabama Department of Senior Services for FY 2023. Therefore, the attached exhibit of funds is based on the existing FY 2022 funding

level. If funds are reduced, we will need to decrease funding levels during the fiscal year. If this becomes necessary, an amended contract will be provided.”

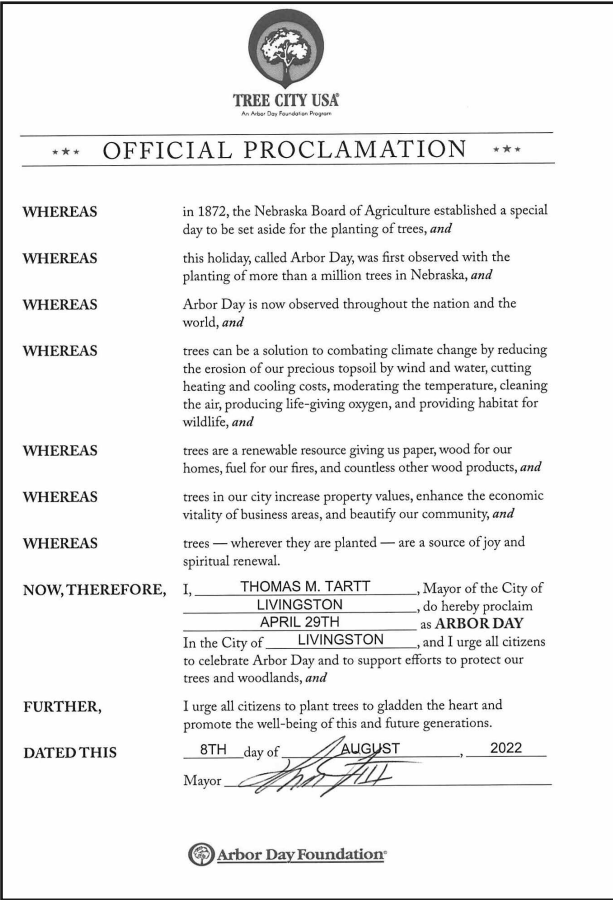
According to a hand out, the City receives \$5,000 in transportation funds and \$6,574.68

for the Senior Nutrition program for a total of \$11,574.68.

Librarian for hire

Ruby Pickens Tartt Librarian Kelley Tarpley has resigned and the RPT Board is searching for a new one.

The RPT board sent a letter to the council asking to rehire the



former RPT Librarian Margie Hutcheson part-time for a period until the board can make a permanent selection for the position.

The Board wrote, “We would like to recommend the hiring of Margie Hutcheson as part-time interim director of the Ruby Pickens Tartt Public Library while a search is being conducted for a qualified replacement for Kelley Tarpley. Margie has agreed to work up to 30 hours per week at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.”

Tarpley has taken another job with the Hale County Board of Education system as a teacher at the Greensboro Middle School.

Mediacom rate increase

Mayor Tartt said the city had received a letter notifying them that Mediacom, the local cable, internet, and TV service provider, was increasing their monthly rates.

Upon hearing the news, Councilman Hiram Patrenos exclaimed, “I don’t know what we can do about it [rate increase], but they have the worse customer service ever.”

There were a few chuckles and snickers from the council and audience, then City Administrator Dial asked the newspaper reporter, “Tommy [McGraw], did you hear that?”

Mayor Tartt agreed with Patrenos’ assertion and said it was

sometimes difficult trying to communicate with the customer service personnel. “I’m like Mrs. Iola, ‘When they start telling you to hold the box up over your head and cluck like a chicken’ I just cuss and throw it on the floor. They ask you to read to them the serial number on the box and I just give up, because I can’t see the small numbers.”

The letter stated the fees would increase from \$1.50 to \$2 on four services included.

The letter continued, “The decision to make price adjustments is always a difficult one. However, due to programming cost increases, inflationary pressure, and supply chain challenges, we find it necessary to make these changes to our published rates.

“Mediacom appreciates the opportunity to continue to serve your community’s telecommunications needs. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (850) 382- 5228 or mbrown@mediacomcc.com.

Yours sincerely, Mitchell Brown, Government Relations Manager - Coastal Region.

Tree City Proclamation

The council voted to approve the Tree City resolution designating their status as a Tree City. The mayor read the proclamation into the minutes for the record. A copy of the resolution appears on this page.

organization. The mission of the Alabama Wildlife Federation, a 501(c) 3 non-profit group supported by membership dues and donations, is to promote conservation and wise use of Alabama’s wildlife and related natural resources as a basis for economic and social prosperity. To learn more about AWF, including membership details, programs and projects, contact Alabama Wildlife Federation at 334-285-4550 or visit www.alabamawildlife.org.

More treasure forest ... continued from front page

article regarding their “largest in the world pellet production plant being constructed in Epes” in Monday’s Aug. 8 edition, and their stock jumped over 4 percent the day of the announcement on the NYSE.

A public land sale in Sumter County resulted in a large acreage bringing \$5,000.00 per acre, while in Iowa in a very recent sale 122 acres of farmland sold for \$22,200.00 an acre. The land that you own is worth more than you might know.

You are all aware of the new construction at the University Charter School, while numerous new construction and renovation projects are going on at The University of West Alabama.

Partners for Agricultural Innovation and Sustainability, which was founded by the University of West Alabama and The Sumter

County Soil and Water Conservation District as a project for the control of wild hogs, and eradication of cogongrass received an award at the AWF Governor’s Achievement Awards Dinner in Montgomery, for their work in eliminating hundreds of wild hogs, and many acres of cogongrass.

New homes are being constructed across Sumter County, and have you noticed the number of new entrepreneurs in Sumter County including the offspring of some of our members who are starting or continuing service companies such as electrical, heating, and air conditioning as well as others.

We have all been privileged to live in a safe, rural environment during this period of the Covid-19 outbreak, and we have much to be thankful for.

the mission and vision of the Coleman Center for the Arts.

“Art expression, in all of its varying forms, has the ability to educate, empower, encourage and emancipate the human spirit,” said Dr. Marguerite Hinrichs.

Welcome to CCA York, Dr. Marguerite!

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SUMTER COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Pursuant to Code of Alabama Title 40, the Alabama Department of Revenue requires the Sumter County Tax Assessor’s Office to reappraise all properties in the County. Based on the new 2015 construction manual cost and increased sale prices of properties/land in Sumter County, the Department of Revenue has increased our values to reflect the market. Each taxpayer will receive a notice indicating the new values and taxes. Please feel free to call or come in the office and discuss your assessment prior to tax bills being mailed October 1. Also, if you have not filed for homestead exemption or current use, you need to come in and do that as well. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 205.652.2424 or 205.652.2707 or come by 8 a.m. 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Sumter County Tax Assessor
Joyce Smith-Paige

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HOUSING 2022 CAPITAL FUND GRANT AND FIVE YEAR ACTION PLAN

Section 511 of the Quality housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (QHWRA) created the Public Housing Agency 2022 Capital Fund Grant and 5-Year Action Plan. In accordance with the Act, the Board of Commissioners and the Advisory board of the York Housing Authority invites the Public to comment on the York Housing Authority’s 2022 Capital Fund Grant and Five Year Action Plan.

The 2022 Capital Fund Grant and Five Year CFP Action Plan is available for review at the York Housing Authority office at 209 East, 5th Avenue, York, Alabama between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. In addition, a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss and accept comments. The hearing is open to all interested parties.

York Housing Authority
J. Renee Ward-Pringle
Executive Director

Pettit, Sacher, and Williamson named to GSC Men's Soccer Newcomer Watch List

The Gulf South Conference has announced the 2022 Men's Soccer Newcomer Watch List and the Tigers have three players that were named to the list. Patrick Sacher, Ellis Williamson, and Shane Pettit received the honor.

Pettit is a midfielder from Wexford, Ireland and is transfer-

ring from Carlow Institute of Technology. Pettit will be a sophomore for the Tigers.

“Shane (Pettit) is a culture setter with a very professional approach to the game. He is an addition that will not only improve our midfield unit, but our overall culture. It was a no brainer for us to give him a captaincy role and lead our team moving forward,” head men's soccer coach Ross Nelson said. Sacher is a graduate student from Urna, Germany and joins the Tigers from Ruhr University. Sacher will play forward for UWA.

“Patrick (Sacher) will bring great maturity to the squad. He has fantastic decision making in the final third, and I have no doubt he will be involved in many goals this season,” Nelson said.

Williamson is a defender from Nottingham, England and has transferred to West Alabama from Lewis College as a graduate student. Williamson will be a sophomore for UWA.

“Ellis (Williamson) is a high-quality center back who will bring a great presence to our defensive unit. I feel we have been missing a player of his caliber and I can't wait to work with him this season,” Nelson said.

The GSC released the preseason polls, and the Tigers were selected ninth with West Florida picked to win the championship.

The Tigers open the 2022 regular season at Carson-Newman on Aug. 25 and begin GSC play at Spring Hill on Sept. 9. The Tigers first match at Tiger Stadium will be against West Florida on Sept. 11 at 3:30 p.m.

GSC Preseason Coaches Poll

1. West Florida (6) – 114
2. Auburn Montgomery (3) – 111
3. Lee (1) – 96
4. Montevallo (2) – 93
5. Mississippi College – 90
6. Christian Brothers – 69
7. Spring Hill – 52
8. Alabama Huntsville – 50
9. West Alabama – 45
10. Union – 38

Livingston Lines

Hope you have enjoyed these rainy days



Great time for Delta Chi Brothers at the annual roast.

By Claire Smith

Happy birthday if you are celebrating this week. Have a great day. Happy anniversary to all couples enjoying anniversaries together this week.

Our thoughts and prayers are with each person who is grieving the loss of a loved one today. We are thinking of you.

It is Friday, and we are headed home from a week at the beach. Though we had a great week, I am ready to get home. I am missing my family, Sambo, my neighbors, and my kitties, of

course. Thanks to my neighbor Betty, for watering my flowers and keeping watch over everything. Luckily Tyler tarped our roof, so hopefully we are good until the roofer gets back to town.

Much appreciation to our city manager for helping us to take care of some major problems we have been having. Why, he even noticed shingles missing on our roof. It is nice to know that folks look out for you. Well, that's Livingston, you know.

Glenda was over last week and told us about their visitors. Bebe's daughter Caroline and her husband Roy came for a few days. Caroline and Glenda enjoyed swimming together, and Roy helped Bob pick pears. I could hear their laughter across the road.

We had the most wonderful Delta Chi weekend. Donnie and Commie Fuqua entertained us with a cookout at their lively home on Elberta. The setting was around under the pool with palm trees swaying around the gazebo. It was delightful to be with the Beigwrs and their wives. We were happy to be with Mike and Beck Graham. Mikes doing so much better. However, he will be having another procedure in a couple of weeks. Hopefully he will be totally well by their big 50th anniversary party in September.

Ward News

Remembering Frank Boyd

By Jean Rew

I'm sorry to say I've been on the "puny" list lately and have been unable to get my community news out to my faithful readers. Maybe that was a good time to feel lowly since I haven't accumulated much to write about these days!

Sara Reed is recuperating nicely following surgery in Knoxville, Tenn. I understand she is going to therapy these days. I know she is getting so anxious to get in that hay field! My heartfelt sympathy is ex-

tended to the family of Frank Boyd of Emelle who died August 9, 2022. Sumter County has lost a good man. My thoughts and prayers are with Frank's loved ones during this time.

Marion Cameron has returned from a visit with her nephew, Bob, and Deborah Harwell in Opelika. They were planning to put up pears and I hope they get a lot done so maybe she will share a jar. Hint, hint!

News is short. Call me, Jean, 205-392-4228 with your happenings.

A Brief Look At The Star

Happy birthday Earlene!

By Earlean Wallace and

Val McAboy

Another beautiful blessed week around the Star. Time is really flying! We are in the eighth month of 2022; not complaining, just thankful we are still here.

We will continue praying for all our sick and shut-ins everywhere especially: Rev. Richard and Olivia Wilson, Ben and Mary Walker, the McVays, Dorothy Crawford, Onnie Ruffin, Tommy Straight, Juanita Wallace, Ethel Webb, Ethel Burton, Mary Ward, Johnny McShan, Emma Townsend, Sarah Bush, Zenola Pickens, Jasper Wilson, Wendy Gibbs, Lovell McDonald, Ernest Carter, Larry Clayton, Ora Spears, Mary A. Allen, Harvey Pickens Jr, Sedrick Wilson, D. Ruffin, Lonzo Brown, Shirley Lewis, Tawanna McShan and Edward Gibbs.

Our heartfelt and deepest sympathy goes out to all bereaved families everywhere especially the: Richardsons, Lakes, Hawkins and Jackson. We are praying for God's blessings for each and everyone in your time of sorrow.

A good Sunday school lesson, "Living in a New Place," Revelation 21:10-21. God has prepared a perfect dwelling place for his people. In order to claim that promise of God, we must have that unwavering faith and live in the right relationship with God. Only those who are victorious and overcome the world, will be able to dwell in eternity with God. On last Sunday, Aug. 7, the members of Morning Star Baptist Church, Cuba, Ala., honored our pastor and wife with words of appreciation for their commit-

ment and dedication.. Love is what love does. We showed love to our pastor and wife. Afterwards, he brought a soul stirring message, "A Pastor That Can't Quit," Jeremiah 20:9. The spirit of the Lord was there.

Some of our church family worshiped with Elizabeth Baptist Church, Lauderdale, Miss. Pastor Gaddis brought a powerful message, "We got to keep God's Standards," 1 John 2:15. We also worshiped with Smith Chapel Baptist Church York. Rev. Richard Wilson also brought a powerful message, "A New Heaven and A New Earth," Revelation 21.

We are wishing all August births a happy birthday: Catina McAboy, Aubrey S. Delaine, Steven James, Jacorey Drake, Sadie Brooks, Benny C. Wilson, Rev. Willie Wilson, Lathan Curry, Jasper Wilson, James Wallace Desmae Willis, Brandy Willis, Tyrone Pickens and Johnny Almond.

Gone, but never will be forgotten: Sarah Smith, Melvin Ruffin and York Hare.

On July 19 Earlean Wallace got another year older, and to her surprise her family gave her a surprise birthday celebration. She was surrounded by her sisters, brothers, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. Like we always say, ain't nothing like a loving family and thank God for them. If you keep your faith, your trust, the right attitude, and if you are grateful, then you will see God opening new doors. Something to do, "Keep Praying." Remember to always keep your eyes on the prize.

Position Opening

Maintenance/ Heavy Equipment Operator

Sumter County Water Authority has an opening for field position in Maintenance/Equipment Operator for Water. The Maintenance Worker performs manual labor in the maintenance, repair and construction work on water utility lines. An employee in this position performs basic yet important physical work and is exposed to both hot and cold weather conditions.

All applicants must have a valid driver's license. The ability to operate backhoe/trencher will be a plus, but we will provide training, if necessary. We offer insurance & retirement plans through the State of Alabama.

Applications can be picked up from Shirley Peeler, Manager @ Sumter County Water Authority between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:30 pm daily. Applications will be accepted until position has been filled.

Sumter County Water Authority does not discriminate based upon race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, age, disability or genetic information.

Position Opening

Billing Clerk

Sumter County Water Authority has an immediate opening for full-time “Billing Clerk”

This position includes varied general office and clerical work in utility billing, account maintenance, payment processing, person to person interaction with customers as well as by phone. We are seeking an individual who possesses good interpersonal skills, organized, ability to work in difficult situations, troubleshoot basic customer issues such as leaks, high consumption, bill due dates and make appropriate suggestions to resolve issues on a daily basis.

Additionally, candidate must be bondable, able to operate computer billing and collection system, maintain filing system, operate a calculator, and well versed in the use of Microsoft Word and Excel. Typing test will be given.

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Casimir joins UWA Volleyball coaching staff

With a combined decade of playing and coaching experience, the West Alabama volleyball program is pleased to welcome Cynthia Casimir to the coaching staff as announced by head coach John Schmidt.

“I am very excited to be a part of the UWA volleyball program this season, and I look forward to being under coach Schmidt's leadership,” Casimir said.

“He has several years of positive knowledge and experience in this game on both the men's and women's side, which is already benefiting the culture and development of the team. It's going to be a competitive season and I fell blessed to contribute to the process!”

A former Division I student-athlete, Casimir competed at the University of South Alabama where she graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor in Arts and Sciences in 2017 and later went on to earn a Master's in Business Administration from Olivet Nazarene University in 2020.

“We are extremely blessed to have Cynthia join the Tigers volleyball family. She brings a wealth of knowledge and expe-



Cynthia Casimir

rience for the game, which the program will benefit from,” Schmidt said.

“She is also someone who can hold me accountable as we lead the program to new heights. We have something special here at UWA and within the Tigers volleyball program, by adding Cynthia to it is a great addition complementing the direction we are going. We are excited to have her on board.”

Most recently, Casimir was the assistant volleyball coach at Lawson State College this past year helping lead the team to 11 wins, all conference victories, while graduating four student-

athletes that went on to play at Division II programs.

Prior to Lawson State College, Casimir was the assistant recruiting manager for Alabama Performance Volleyball Club. After starting out as a club coach for the Mobile Storm Volleyball Club from 2015-17,

Casimir also spent time as an assistant coach at Murphy High School for the 2016 year. Another club opportunity arrived in late 2017 when Casimir led the Southern Performance Volleyball Club before then breaking into collegiate coaching at Olivet Nazarene.

During her time at Olivet Nazarene, Casimir started out as a graduate assistant coach in 2018-19. After later moving to associate head coach, Casimir was named the interim head coach for the 2019 season, leading the team to 18 victories and a final four finish in the conference tournament.

From there beach volleyball was on the schedule where she served as the head beach coach and assistant indoor coach at nearby Spring Hill College in 2020.

SCHS and UCS football starts Friday with home games

The Jags play Wilcox in Livingston on the 19th, and the Trailblazers saddle up to take on Hubbertville.

Schedules care of al-max.dragonflyathletics.com

Sumter Central Volleyball
8/23 S. Choctaw away 5:30 &

6 p.m.; 8/25 Choctaw County home

Sumter Central Football
8/19 Wilcox home; 8/26 R. C.

Hatch home

University Charter School Volleyball

8/22 Varsity Millry home 4

p.m.; Sweet Water 6 p.m.; 8/25 Sweet Water away 4 p.m.

8/25 JV Volleyball Sweet Water away 7 p.m.

University Charter School Varsity Football

8/19 Hubbertville home; 8/26 Fruitdale away

Of Crud and Crumbs

Not two peas in a pod

By Madoline Thurn

Hubby tried to instill in me that each person is an individual. “Just because a person is part of a certain group, organization, fraternity or whatever does not mean that every person in that group is the same. So, don't lump them all together like a stack of crackers.”

Not everyone who lives in Switzerland builds timepieces:

All firemen don't wear red suspenders:

Not every person north of the Mason-Dixie line talks funny.

That was the hardest illustration he tried to teach me. “Well, you can certainly tell they are not from Alabama.”

Like a bumper sticker #2 quoted, “All _____ walk in single file. Well, the only one I ever saw did.”

A long, long time ago, when I was just a young'un in school, we had two sets of identical twins. At first, each set looked just alike – both

sounded the same. Just like two peas in a pod. But, after a short while, we discovered that they didn't look alike, didn't sound the same. It was not difficult to tell them apart. To us fellow students,

they didn't look any more alike than any pair of brothers. I bet they hated that; they could no longer blame any of their mischief on the other one. “It wasn't me, it was my brother.”

A few days ago I was compelled to go the grocery store. I was out of coffee. Like Mama would have said, “Might as well kill two birds with one stone.” So I decided to go ahead and buy everything I might need in the far-reaching future.

Just as I stepped out of the store with my loaded cart – I think the axles were actually bending and the wheels leaning side-ways – two young men came rushing up- they looked like students – grabbed the cart as I led the way to the car. They unloaded the groceries. As I reached for my wallet they threw their arms up, palms outward, fingers spread, indicating “no money.”

Hubby's admonitions are finally bearing fruit. See, not all youth are selfish and unthoughtful, like peas in a pod, or a stack of crackers.

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LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Mitch's Welding and Fabrication has completed the Contract for Improvement of Front Desk Partitions Job. No: 20-55 at Livingston, AL for the State of Alabama and the County of Sumter, Livingston, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify

Lathan Associates Architects
300 Chase Park South
Hoover, AL 35244
Mitch's Welding & Fabrication
1961 Hi Way 28-E
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LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that ALABAMA ROOFING & SHEET METAL CO., INC. has completed the Contract for Renroofing of Sumter County Annex II, 104 Hospital Drive Livingston, AL, for the State of Alabama and the County of Sumter, Livingston, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify

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2660 Eastchase Ln Suite 200
Montgomery AL 36117
ALABAMA ROOFING & SHEET METAL CO, INC.
RICHARD K MCLEOD - PRESIDENT
P. O. BOX 454 ANNISTON, AL 36202
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by Sumter County Commission at the offices of The Sumter County Commission, 104 Hospital Drive, Livingston, Alabama 35470 until 2:00 PM, September 8, 2022 and thereafter opened publicly for the:

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A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Sumter County Commission in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in

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no event more than \$10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract.

Drawings and specifications may be examined at the office of JMR+H Architecture, PC, 445 Dexter Avenue, Suite 5050, Montgomery, Alabama.

Bid Documents may be obtained from the Architect by digital access/file sharing access for a one time administrative fee of \$75.00 (non-refundable; separate check), and/or deposit of \$150.00 per set, which will be refunded in full on the first two (2) sets issued to each bidder submitting a bona fide bid, upon return of documents in good condition and reusable condition within ten (10) days of bid date. Other sets for general contractors, and sets for subcontractors and dealers, may be obtained with the same deposit, which will be refunded as above, less cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, which is estimated to be the same as the deposit amount. Partial sets will not be available. To expedite distribution of bid documents, deposit check(s) should be emailed and mailed to JMR+H Architecture, PC, Attn: Renae Williams; 445 Dexter Avenue, Suite 5050, Montgomery, Alabama 36104; specs@jmrha.com.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at the offices of The Sumter County Commission, 104 Hospital Drive, Livingston, Alabama 35470 with site tour following on August 30, 2022 at 10:00 AM (local time prevailing) for the purpose of reviewing the project and answering Bidder's questions. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly recommended for all General Contract Bidders intending to submit a Proposal.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect (Engineer) or copies thereof. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect (Engineer); the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals

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and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgement, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

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445 Dexter Avenue, Suite 5050
Montgomery, AL 36104
Telephone: (334) 420-5672
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SUMTER COUNTY, ALABAMA
Case No. 2022-30
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM OLIVER PARKER, JR., Deceased.

Limited Letters of Administration of the Estate of William Oliver Parker, Jr. having been duly granted to William Oliver Parker, III, on the 2nd day of August, 2022, by the Honorable Willie Pearl Rice, Judge of the Probate Court 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.

DeeAnn Truelove, Attorney for William Oliver Parker, III, Administrator
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SUMTER COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO. 2022-26
STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF SUMTER
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATE OF L.C. HARE, DECEASED

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY under the last Will and Testament of L. C. Hare, deceased, having been granted to Julia Hare on the 25th day of July, 2022, by the Honorable Willie Pearl Rice, Judge of Probate of Sumter County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Cynthia Slate Cook
Attorney for the Estate of L. C. Hare, Deceased
PO Box 1344
Decatur, Alabama 35602
256-353-7912
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FREDY C. REEVES, DECEASED
PROBATE COURT SUMTER COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO. 2022-21
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY under the last will and testament of Fredy C. Reeves, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 15th day of June, 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.

Carol Ann Dorman
Personal Representative of the Estate of Fredy C. Reeves, deceased
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF SUMTER
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by that certain mortgage executed by Gordon Lee Brown Jr and Eleanor Edith Brown, Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Platinum Home Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, on December 20, 2017, said mortgage being recorded on December 27, 2017 in the Probate Office of Sumter County, Alabama in Book 324, Page 942, modified by Loan Modification recorded on March 23, 2022 in Book 344, Page 443, and later assigned to U.S. Bank National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as Legal Title Trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT-V, by reason of such default, having declared all the indebtedness secured by said mortgage due and payable, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, U.S. Bank National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as Legal Title Trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT-V will sell at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the

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Courthouse door in the City of Livingston, Sumter County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale on August 25, 2022 the following described real estate situated in Sumter County, Alabama, to wit:

Commencing at a concrete monument at the Southeast corner of the west half of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 2 West and rung North 01° 10' 24" West for 627.52 feet to a 2" iron pin at a fence corner, thence run North 01° 33' 28" West for 330.76 feet to an iron pin, the point of beginning of the parcel herein described: AND FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 1° 33' 28" West for 222 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 53° 35' 19" West for 238.76 feet to an iron pin at a fence corner; thence run North 60° 53' 41 Seconds West for 56.95 feet to an iron pin at a fence corner; thence run 29° 26' 39" West for 142.16 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 31° 15' 19" West for 125.62 feet to an iron pin located along Klondike Road; thence run along an existing fence South 56° 45' 39" West for 100 feet to an iron pin; thence run South 26° 16' 16" East for 344.80 feet to an iron pin; thence run South 39° 53' 36" East for 153.54 feet to an iron pin; thence run South 56° 51' 53" East for 257.43 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel lying in and being a part of the West half of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Township 18 North Range 2 West, Sumter County, Alabama, and containing 2.2 acres, more or less.

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liens, if any, and/or special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the premises.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above described mortgage to U.S. Bank National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as Legal Title Trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT-V, Mortgagee, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided for in the terms of said mortgage.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to McMichael Taylor Gray LLC at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day to McMichael Taylor Gray LLC at 3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092.

McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

U.S. Bank National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as Legal Title Trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT-V

AS ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR Gordon Lee Brown Jr and Eleanor Edith Brown

MARK A. BAKER, Attorney for Mortgagee

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Faye H. Bedwell
Faye H. Bedwell, 84, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 14, 2022.

She is survived by her three adoring children, Suzanne B. Nicholas (Joseph); Mark H. Bedwell; and William B. Bedwell; and grandchildren, Adam J. Nicholas and Mary Grace Bedwell.

Faye was preceded in death by and was the only child of the late, Grace D. and Ray W. Harry.

A graduate of Livingston High School, Livingston State College (BS) and University of West Alabama (ME), she was fondly known and loved by so many as “MaFaye.” For more than 40 years, she was a professional educator in Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama, her family home since birth in Sumter County. Throughout her career, she impacted young minds, particularly their knowledge of the English language, American literature, Greek/Roman mythology and Native American cultures. A lifelong pianist with a love for all things musical, of nature: animals – great & small, plants and especially flowers, she was happiest on the beach at dawn or dusk. Faye was a seasoned traveler with family and friends throughout the United States and the Americas, Europe and Africa. Throughout her life, she frequently referenced the words of a favorite poet known to all: Ralph Waldo Emerson, reminding herself and others that: “To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a gar-

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den patch, or a redeemed social condition; To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.” We will feel her loss and carry her in our hearts every day.

Family and friends were invited to the visitation and funeral services at Briggs Chapel Memorial Church, 8053 Highway 498 East, Porterville, Miss., followed by the interment at Briggs Chapel Cemetery, on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, with the visitation beginning at 10 a.m. and the funeral service at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Sumter County Fine Arts Council at PO Box 1038, Livingston, Alabama 35470 or the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Scholarship Fund (www.dkg.org/dkgiefundate). Visit bumpersfuneralhome.com to sign the online register and post condolences to the family. Arrangements by Bumpers Funeral Home of York.

Austin Frank Boyd, Jr.
Funeral services for Austin Frank Boyd, Jr., 84, of Emelle were held Friday, August 12, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. at Geiger United Methodist Church with Rev. Wilson Kendrick officiated. Burial followed in Souls Chapel Cemetery in Geiger. Visitation was at the church prior to the service. Mr. Boyd passed away Tuesday, August 9, 2022. Visit bumpersfuneralhome.com to sign the online register and post condolences to the family. Arrangements by Bumpers Funeral Home of York.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Boyd and Glenie Hutcherson Boyd; and

sister Ilse Boyd.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary Neville; son, Steve Boyd (Sherrie); daughter, Beth Boyd Ogles (Alan); grandchildren, Morgan McMahon, Austin Boyd, Adam Boyd, Chip Ogles, Boyd Ogles; and step grandsons, Ben Chasten, and Jordan Chasten (Ashley).

Frank was a graduate of Geiger Elementary School, Livingston High School, and received a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and Business from Mississippi State University. He was the recipient of a football scholarship and was president of his fraternity, Sigma Chi. Following college Frank worked for the U.S. Government's Space Program in Huntsville, and for Brown Engineering. Frank and Mary Neville returned to Sumter County where they ran The Antler Store and Southern Oil Company. Frank was a profound Christian, whose greatest joy was to tell others about our Savior Jesus Christ. He was a life long member of Geiger First United Methodist Church and active in the Gideons International for almost 40 years, and only Jesus knows the number he witnessed to. He was greatly loved and admired by his family and friends.

Pallbearers were his grandchildren, Morgan Mc Mahon, Austin Boyd, Adam Boyd, Chip Ogles, Boyd Ogles, Ben Chasten, and Jordan Chasteen.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the First United Methodist Church of Geiger, 49259 Alabama Highway 17, Emelle, Alabama or Gideons International, P.O. Box 193, York Alabama 36925. Visit bumpersfuneralhome.com to sign the online register and post condolences to the family. Arrangements by Bumpers Funeral Home of York.

Baptist Church, York, following the burial ceremony.

Colie B. Roberts
Lisman-Graveside service for Bro. Colie B. (Ben) Roberts, 79, was held on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at noon at Siloh C. M. E. Church Cemetery with Bishop Johnny Payton officiating. Bro. Colie B. Roberts was born on December 24, 1942, to the late Bro. Jefferson and Sis. Mary Jean Slay Roberts. He entered eternal rest on August 2, 2022, at his residence.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jefferson and Mary Jean Roberts; three brothers, Vergie Slay, Lurie J. Roberts, and Joe L. Roberts; and two sisters, Catherine R. House and Audrey M. Roberts.

Bro. Colie confessed Christ at an early age and joined the Shiloh C. M. E. Church where he served and continued to support it faithfully. Bro. Colie was an avid traveler and, after graduation, he ventured out to Florida, Los Angeles, Calif., Ann Arbor, Mich., Spring Valley, N. Y., and later returned home to Lisman. During his travels, he worked faithfully and retired from Sears. After returning to Lisman, he started his own carpet cleaning business, “C. B. Roberts Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning Service.”

Bro. Colie B. Roberts leaves to cherish his precious memories: his brother, Willie Fred (Joyce) Roberts of Birmingham; four sisters, Minnie and Anna J. Roberts of Lisman, Estella and Maggie Roberts of Marietta, Ga.; one sister-in-law, Hattie Roberts of Lisman; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. The celebration of life service was rendered by Weatherly-Studdard Memorial Funeral Home of Butler.

Lula Faye Ruffin
Lisman-The celebration of life service for Sis. Lula Faye Ruffin, 67, was held Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at Gilfield Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Austin J. Young serving as eulogist. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Sis. Lula Faye Ruffin was born on November 17, 1954, to the late Fred Ruffin, Sr., and Lucille Ruffin. She entered eternal rest on August 3, 2022.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred Sr. and Lucille Ruffin; a sister, Irene Blakely; a brother, Fred Ruffin, Jr.; and two nephews, Fred Blakley Jr. and JaMarcus Blakley.

Affectionately known as Faye, she attended Gilfield Missionary Baptist Church since childhood. Faye was a 1973 graduate of Choctaw County High School. She was a quiet person with a loving heart. She helped to raise her nieces and nephews whom she loved. She lived mostly in Choctaw County, but also lived in Prichard.

Faye leaves to cherish her memories: a loving daughter, Jasmine Ruffin and grandson, Isaiah Ruffin of Lisman; two brothers, Rodie (Edith) Ruffin of Monroeville, AJames Ruffin of Mobile; one devoted sister, Rose (Ernest) Ross; brother-in-law, Fred Blakley, Sr., both of Lisman; sister-in-law, Doris Ruffin of Cincinnati Ohio; two special cousins who she talked to every day, Earnestine Crump and Leona Jordan; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. The celebration of life service was rendered by Weatherly-Studdard Memorial Funeral Home of Butler.

Round and About Bellamy

Check on the elderly

By Jeanette Ingram

“I know that prayer isn’t a good-luck charm. But I come to You now, Lord, because there’s no one better to talk to. I trust You with all of my circumstances today.”

Sending birthday wishes to: my brother Leroy “Soupbone” Brown, Dec. Woodrow Giles, Sireana Motalvo, Darryl Sheffield, Monica Young Smith, Felicia Jones, Elfreda Toler, Patricia B. Blakley, Ramona Parker, Vee Portis, Kendra W. Harris, C. L. McInish, Lamarcus Bowden, Sheryl Turnipseed, Jerome Capers, Louise Wilson, Eric Portis, Herb Triggs, Dakarai Woods, Duane Ingram, Clyde Campbell, Rev. Bob Little, Monte Bailey, Cassandra Vawters, Danielle Coleman, Abisola A. Samuel, Armantha Washington, Greg Water, Betty W. Bell, Quaniesha R. Ward, Kary Danner, Lendon Wallace, Beverly Ward, Vanessa Chipley, Merendy Matthews, Xantha Sanders, Patients Malone, Natasha Hutchins Thompson, Netta Jaye Johnson, Lula “Sweetie Pie” Bibbs, Sheona Triggs Minter, Jimmy Thompkins, Tammie Hardrick, Cherry Jackson, Cecil Marshall, Tyletha D. Lard, Debbie Chambless Fason, Kimberly Carter, Arnita Larkin, Clid Tafari, Margaret Shields.

In loving memory of: my grandmother Lula Ingram Maye, Nancy Travin, Patsy Lee Gillian, Tommy Ward, Herbert H. Payne, Sr., Levon Puckett, Ola B. Sheffield. Gone, but not forgotten.

Happy anniversary to Min. Curtis and Sis. Merendy Matthews, Darren and Laura Blakley, and Sheriff Brian and Tina Harris.

Another good Sunday school lesson, “a lame man healed,” Acts 3:1-16. We may not have such dramatic opportunities to present the gospel. Our powerful God is still the same, however. We need to be sensitive to opportunity presented by the healing of the crippled man to preach the gospel.

Bellamy Community sends heartfelt sympathy and love to the families of Rev. Doc Lake in the loss of his wife Mary, Pamela Washington in the loss of her mother Christine Lake, and to all bereaved families. Still praying for our brothers and sisters: Rosie Lee Whitfield, James Campbell, Rosie Daniels, Rev. Doc Lake,

Dec. Lowery Gayle, Francis Akins, Greg Bailey, Dec. Leroy Brown, Rev. Marcus Lawrence, Rev. Jonathan Byrd, Louise Alexander, Erica Coleman, Ruby Moss, Gwen Lard, Audrey McCall, Steve Lewis, Eugene Fenderson, Augusta Rogers, Lucinda Darmer, Mildred Evans, Mattie Chaney, Prince Evans, Carrie Branch, Mae R. Evans, Minnie Dunigan, Rosie Giles, Betty McClullum, Domino Maye, Mary Maye, Pastor Michael and Sis. Marilyn Howard, Min. Curtis and Sis. Merendy Matthews, Lillie Dunn, Josephine Howard, Frankie H. McNeely, Susie Alston, Alex Spencer, Rev. Houston Brown, Minnie Capers, Leroy Collins, Ella Connor, Roosevelt Giles, Mary J. Ward, Eunice Triggs, Rosie Wrenn, Dorothy C. Lake, Juanita Watts, Elmer Stallings and family, Woodrow Campbell, Leon Scales, Jim Jackson, Ruby Washington, Shirley Johnson, Emma Clark, Rev. Tyrone Thomas, Sr., Annie Reynolds, Annie N. May, Josephine Johnson, Teresa Bell and family, Gussie McKnight, Hattie Wright, Tawanda Killings, Bernice Blakely, Annie McKnight, Betty and Patricia Moore, Frank Alston, Margie Simmons, Gerald and Ann Chambless, Sarah Williams, Connie Dick Finely, Rev. Richard and Sis. Olivia Wilson, Jamie and Darlene Ash, Ben and Mary Walker, Marie Green, Elizabeth Noble, James Ingram, Juanita Epps, Alex and Dora Campbell, Raymond Paige, Eddie M. Beville, Mildred Taylor, Irene Lee, Vincent Skeet Lawrence, Mary McInnis and family, Jessie Smith, Lizzie Dubose, Narciss Ward, Carrie Graham, Hester Nelson, Bill Coleman, Yanna Howze, Glen Coleman, Emm Whitfield, Hattie Nelson, Pearl C. Carseles, Gretie Jenkins, Donald Wright, Sr., Saddle Jackson, Roxie Hall, Tina H. Brown, Norman Ruffin, Sr., Terry Jones, Beresa Glover, Cassandra Vawters, Henry Jones, J. B. and Rollie Lake, Ernestine Whitley, Dorothy Moore, Jimmy and Julius Vawters, David Collins, Sandra Payne, Eunice Norwood, and to all sick and shut in.

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Curtis Hollins Hamilton, Sr.
Curtis Hollins Hamilton, Sr., 83, of Eutaw went to his eternal home on August 12, 2022. He was born on January 3, 1939, in Greene County to Elder Thomas Hamilton and Sue Steele Spencer Hamilton. He was a farmer.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Bettie Neal Tuck; his daughter, Elizabeth Hamilton; his son, Curtis Hollins Hamilton, Jr. (Paula); and his brother, Ervin Thomas Hamilton. He is also survived by two grandchildren: Dillian Hamilton and Ashlyn Hamilton and one great-grandchild Brooks Hamilton. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Gredis “Pam” Thornton
Toxey-The celebration of life service for Bro. Gredis “Pam” Thornton, 71, was held Sunday, August 14, 2022, at Shady Grove Community Park in Silas, with Prophet Cornelius Causey officiating. Interment followed in Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Toxey.

Bro. Gredis Thornton was born on February 16, 1951, to the union of Tommie and Lennie Thornton. He departed this life on August 7, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Mary Boone-Thornton; his parents; a son, Grady Boone; a grandson, Terrance Boone; two goddaughters, Laura Sumilin and Latia Tucker; two sisters, Elizabeth Thornton and Bernice Thornton; five brothers, Robert, Curtis, Charlie, Connie Lee, and Will Tom Thornton.

On July 11, 2022, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

He leaves to cherish his memories: three children, Tommie Lucas of Toxey, Tara Adams of Thomasville, and Alden Pickets of Toxey; a goddaughter, Christine Williams; four grandchildren, Bionca Boone, Lareginald Clark, Tammara (DeMarco) Howard; and James Johnson; six great grandchildren, Kyrie Clark, DeMarco Jr., Madisyn Ward, Kaleb Clark, Kaison Boone, and Alysia Boone; one sister, Alene Thornton of Toxey; two brothers, Henry Thornton of Detroit, Mich. and Johnny Thornton of Cleveland, Ohio; 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.


Nellie M. Richardson
Mrs. Nellie M. Richardson, 92, passed recently in York. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the Eastern Star Baptist Church, York. Rev. Robert Pearce, Jr. officiated with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation was on Friday, August 12, 2022, at the funeral home. Repast was at Mount Powell

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due to COVID-19. We can not take anything over the phone due to company policy.

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Livingston Police Department presents the 3rd annual Public Safety Night Out!

This fun evening for the whole family starts with a Parade of Lights through downtown that ends at Jaycee Park Aug. 26! Following the parade, attendees can check out several different types of emergency vehicles and see some demonstrations! There will also be food and games to fill your evening! The purpose of the PSNO was two prong. On one hand this allows us to work on getting to know everyone and vice versa. And on the other hand, we collect donations for the event for school supplies! Following the event, the department delivers the supplies to area schools for the students! If you're interested in attending this year, festivity starts at 6 p.m. sharp! If you're interested in helping us with school supplies, feel free to stop an officer to give them your school supply donation or stop by the police department with it! Don't want to fight the crowd and would rather donate funds? Make checks payable to the Livingston Police Department and we will purchase the supplies that we didn't get enough of through donations! We hope to see you there! Parade of Lights Route: Trucks will line up starting at 5:30 on West Main Street near the water plant. The parade will proceed down West Main Street to Spring Street and turn right. We will proceed to Madison Street turning left and then left again onto Washington Street by the Post Office. Once on Washington Street the parade will go up to Monroe Street and take a left by the Dollar General. It will proceed on Monroe Street to the Ruby Pickens Tartt Library and take a right back onto Spring Street. From there the parade will come up to North Street by the Bakery and turn left. It will stay on North Street until reaching the park. Please plan accordingly to find the best spot along the route to watch! Don't forget that the parade will end at Jaycee Park where the festivities begin! All Sumter County Emergency Agencies that would like to participate in the parade are asked to have their apparatus at line up on the 26th between 5:30 and 5:45.

UWA to Host Active Shooter Workshop

LIVINGSTON, Ala.—The University of West Alabama Police Department will offer training on the best methods for responding to gun violence in public settings when it hosts an active shooter workshop Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to noon at Bell Conference Center on the UWA campus. Admission is free and open to the public. Included in the training will be a discussion of the “run-hide-fight” method that emphasizes the public’s best options during active-shooter situations. The three-tiered approach urges people to run when there is an active threat; hide if they are unable to flee; and fight only as a last resort. In addition to learning how best to respond to an active shooter in your vicinity, participants will be instructed on how to respond to law enforcement when officers arrive on scene. Recognizing signs of potential violence in the workplace also will be discussed. Participants should register for the free training online at <https://continuinged.uwa.edu/wconnect/ace/CourseStatus.awp?&course=FA22ACTSHOOT>. For more information, email UWA Police Chief Josette White at jwhite@uwa.edu, or call the UWA Police Department at 205-652-3602.

The Lawson-Perry Foundation Do Good Scholarship

The Lawson-Perry Foundation Do Good Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship for one high school student in Sumter, Greene, or Marengo Counties. To apply you must have at least a 2.5 GPA and complete a 500 word essay on “What it means to use your influence to do good.” Deadlines is Aug. 1-31, www.lawsonperryfoundation.org/scholarship

Ida B Wells Fund Expands to Include Filmmaking, Visual Arts and Creative Placemaking

Atlanta, GA, July 14, 2022 – chromatic black™ launches Season Two of the Ida B. Wells Fund and calls for entries in short filmmaking and two new categories – visual arts and creative placemaking. This season, the fund expands to offer awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000 in three categories—short-form filmmaking, creative placemaking and visual arts. Ida B Wells Fund competition is open to storytellers whose original work explores the spirit of exploration and deepens our collective literacy. Here are key dates for the fund. The Short Film Fund applications will support five Black filmmakers with \$15,000 each (a total of \$75,000).

Deadline for submission is Aug. 27, 2022. Short Film winners will be announced on Sept. 23. The Visual Art Fund will support 12 visual artists at \$1000 each (a total of \$12,000). Visual arts applications launch on Aug. and deadline for submission is Aug. 31, 2022. Visual arts winners will be announced on Sept. 23, 2022. The Creative Placemaking Fund will support four creative placemakers at \$25,000. Creative placemaking making applications open on Oct. 1. The deadline for submission is Dec. 1. Winners will be announced on Feb. 14, 2023. The Ida B. Wells Fund partners with artist - activists across a spectrum of creative disciplines. This year, the fund has two new developments – a new curatorial leadership of chromatic black™’s Artistic Director, Jessica Green and three categories—short-form filmmaking, creative placemaking and visual arts. Ida B. Wells Fund Short Film Competition: The award recipients will be chosen by an interdisciplinary panel composed of expert curators, filmmakers, producers, other arts professionals, scholars and winners from last year in a thorough, multi-step review process. The fund will invest in five projects that critique dominant social and historical narratives and embody artistic attributes: commitment, communal meaning, disruption, cultural integrity, emotional experience, risk-taking, coherence, openness, stickiness, and resourcefulness. In addition, the Ida B. Wells Fund will expand to visual arts and creative placemaking. Black placemaking is a reclamation of space rooted in remembrance. The fund acknowledges this praxis of remembrance, reclamation, and renewal as a creative act of resistance. The fund will partner with cultural bearers fortifying our participation in the public commons. Visit the Ida B Wells Fund to apply and for additional updates.

Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest

This year’s contest is a joint project between the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) and the Alabama Tourism Department. The deadline to enter is Oct. 31, 2022. The 2023 photo contest will focus on traditional photography techniques and the use of handheld cameras. No cellphone, smartphone, game camera, or drone photography will be chosen as winning photos for nine of the 10 categories. Smartphone and tablet photos will be accepted in the Young Photographers category. The photo contest is open to state residents and visitors alike, but qualifying photos must have been taken in Alabama in the past two years. Any amateur photographer not employed by ADCNR is encouraged to enter. A total of eight photos per person may be entered in the following categories. You may enter all eight in one category or among several categories. 2023 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest Categories: Alabama State Parks, Birds, Bugs and Butterflies, Cold-blooded Critters, Nature-Based Recreation, Scenic, Shoots and Roots, Sweet Home Alabama, Wildlife, Young Photographers (ages 17 and under). First, second, third and one honorable mention will be awarded in each category. Winning images will be featured online and in a traveling exhibit at various venues across the state during 2023. Art teachers are encouraged to incorporate participation in the Young Photographers category into their art instruction this fall. An exhibit of the 2022 winning photos is currently on display at the Downtown Huntsville Public Library until July 31, 2022. It then moves to the South Huntsville Public Library until August 31. To view the complete exhibit schedule, visit www.outdooralabama.com/photo-exhibit. For complete 2023 category descriptions and contest rules, visit www.outdooralabama.com/photocontest. ADCNR promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama’s natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.

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Zuri Keyetta: “Homecoming” at Coleman Center for the Arts

Zuri Keyetta is a self taught visual artist born and raised in York, Ala. Currently residing in Huntsville, Zuri is returning to her hometown to present “Homecoming,” her inaugural art gallery exhibition. The exhibition runs from July 9 - Sept. 9. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon. - Fri.. Call us to schedule an appointment outside of those hours; we are happy to accommodate our visitors. Learn more about Zuri at @zkartexpress and support her art at www.linktr.ee/zkart.

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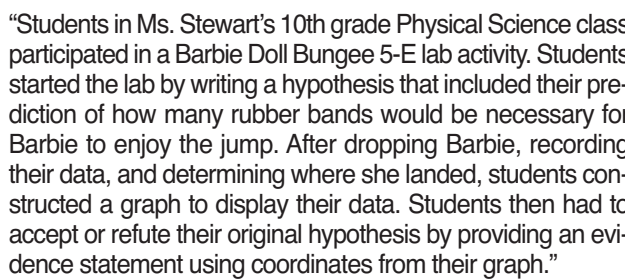
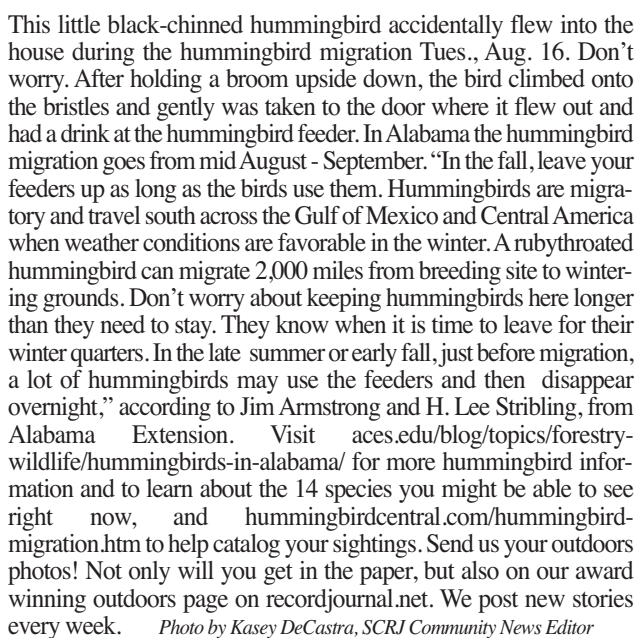
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open. The first workshop of the 2022-2023 season will take place at the Swan Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) near Decatur, Alabama, on September 24. There is a \$20 registration fee for each workshop. To learn more about the AMH program or register for a workshop, visit www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/adult-mentored-hunting-program. To attend a workshop, participants must be at least 19 years of age and possess a valid driver's license. Attending Hunting 101 is required to become eligible to participate in a three-day AMH hunt for deer or turkey. Workshop attendees will be notified by email if they have been randomly selected for an AMH hunt. Additional Hunting 101 workshop dates for the 2022-2023 season include October 1 at the William R. Ireland-Cahaba River WMA near Birmingham and October 8 at the Upper Delta WMA near Mobile. A Turkey Hunting 101 workshop is also scheduled for February 25, 2023, at the William R. Ireland-Cahaba River WMA near Birmingham. ADCNR promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. To learn more about ADCNR, visit www.outdooralabama.com.




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