

Perry County woman sues Family Dollar over metal in bag of rice

A Perry County woman is suing Family Dollar Stores of Alabama, LLC, claiming she bit into a piece of metal in a bag of rice she bought at Family Dollar in Uniontown, according to a complaint filed Oct. 20 in Perry County District Court.

Delois Wilson says in the complaint that she bought a bag of Chestnut Hill Long Grain Rice at the Uniontown Family Dollar on or about Sept. 27 and cooked it later that day according to the directions on the bag. When she began to eat, the complaint states, she felt a stinging sensation on her tongue and bit down on a hard object. She spit out the rice, and "a small piece of metal with red paint" landed on her plate. She checked her

tongue in a mirror, saw blood and kept the metal that had cut her tongue, the complaint says.

The complaint alleges the rice was contaminated through the negligence of the defendants, their employees or agents, and that Wilson was made physically ill, suffered pain, emotional distress and mental anguish, and had a sore tongue for more than a week and a sore jaw from biting down on the metal. It describes Family Dollar Stores of Alabama as a manufacturer or distributor of food products sold in Family Dollar stores in Alabama and also names two fictitious defendants, "A" and "B," to be substituted once identified, whose complaint... see **Lawsuit**, page two

Selma teen charged with escape attempt, assault on officer at PREP Center

Complaint alleges he used a shank trying to escape and seriously injured a correctional officer

An 18-year-old Selma man was arrested on a warrant Oct. 16 on charges of first-degree robbery, escape and assault stemming from a Sept. 29 incident in which a correctional officer at a facility near Uniontown was wounded, according to Perry County District Court records.

Damon Kanard Hooks Jr., 18, of Selma is charged with robbery in the first degree, a Class A felony; escape in the first degree, a Class B felony; and assault in the first degree, a Class B felony.

In a complaint sworn Oct. 16, a Perry County Sheriff's Office investigator alleges that on Sept. 29, Hooks, armed with "a cutting instrument, a shank," used or threatened force against a correctional officer while taking or trying to take the officer's wallet and keys.

The complaint alleges Hooks used the shank "in attempting to escape from custody." In its assault count, it alleges he caused serious physical injury to the officer, listing "puncturing wounds ... see **Escape**, page two



Above: Southern Academy's State Champion JV Volleyball team poses with their trophy.

Southern volleyball brings home two state titles

Varsity rallies past Lowndes in five sets for back-to-back Class AA championships; JV wins the AA junior varsity tournament



Southern Academy players and the Lady Cougars' fans cheer during the Alabama Independent School Association Class AA volleyball final against Lowndes Academy on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Cramton Bowl Multiplex in Montgomery. Southern won 3-2 for its second straight state title. (Photo from the Alabama Independent School Association)

Southern Academy rallied from two sets to one down to beat Lowndes Academy 3-2 for the Alabama Independent

School Association Class AA volleyball state championship Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Cramton Bowl Multiplex

in Montgomery.

Lowndes won the first set 25-17. Southern took the second 25-21 and Lowndes the third 25-16 before the Lady Cougars won the fourth 25-20 and the fifth 15-12.

Southern finished the season 33-1. The school listed its record at 32-1 going into the final.

The title is Southern's second straight in Class AA. The Lady Cougars beat Lowndes in the final Oct. 21, 2025, also at the Multiplex.

Southern swept Lakeside 3-0 in the Elite 8 and Chambers 3-0 in the Final Four on Monday, Oct. 19, at the Multiplex. The Lady Cougars beat Chambers 25-18, 25-14, 25-7.

Southern reached state as the Class AA Region 2 champion, beating Clarke Prep 3-0 and Jackson 3-0 in the region semifinal and final, both at home Wednesday, Oct. 14.

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duct allegedly caused or contributed to her injuries.

Wilson asks for a judgment that would fully compensate her, not to exceed the court's \$20,000 jurisdictional limit. She is represented by Sebie G. Sellers of Gibbs & Sellers, P.C. of Demopolis.

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to his left arm, a dislocated shoulder, and possible serious head injuries."

A Perry County Sheriff's Office incident report filed in the case puts the incident at the U.S. Highway 80 address of the Perry County PREP Center, the Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Paroles' reentry program at the former Perry County Correctional Facility, and lists the location type as a jail or prison. It lists one wallet as recovered.

The case was filed in district court Oct. 16, the day the complaint was sworn. The court appointed an attorney to represent Hooks in an order entered Oct. 19, court records show.

Court records dated Oct. 19 listed Hooks as jailed with no bond amount set. Aniah's Law and preliminary hearings were set for 1:30 p.m. Nov. 17, court records show. Aniah's Law allows judges to deny bail on certain violent felony charges.

Southern

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Southern's junior varsity Lady Cougars won the AISA AA JV state tournament Saturday, Oct. 17, the school said. The team went in as the No. 1 seed.

The JV beat Evangel 25-5, 25-12, and Chambers 25-17, 25-21 in the semifinal, then took the title over Morgan Academy 25-18, 16-25, 15-8.

Martha Kyser was named the tournament's most valuable player. Ava Clary and Bailey Grace Bishop made the all-tournament team.

Kyser had 14 kills against Chambers and six in the final. Clary had 19 assists against Chambers and 13 in the final, and Camille May served five aces in the final.

Allie Eicher had 12 digs against Chambers and seven in the final.

The JV finished the season 18-4.

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The Marion Cemetery Association, Inc. is in need of your donations to help maintain the cemetery. The increased cost of fuel and laborers to mow makes this needed even more. Please consider sending your tax deductible donations to: Marion Cemetery Association, Inc., 1806 Oak Crest Drive, Marion, Alabama 36756.

Mail-in absentee applications due by Tuesday, Oct. 27

Mail-in absentee ballot applications for the Nov. 3 general election must reach the county absentee election manager by Tuesday, Oct. 27, Secretary of State Wes Allen said in a release Oct. 8. The deadline to return an application in person is Thursday, Oct. 29.

Absentee ballots returned in person are due by close of business Monday, Nov. 2, the day before the election. Ballots returned by mail must arrive by noon on Election Day, Nov. 3.

Voters must have a qualifying reason under state law to vote absentee and must give that reason on the application, according to the release. A valid photo ID is required to request an absentee ballot, the same as at the polls.

Applications can be downloaded at AlabamaVotes.gov. The list of qualifying reasons is on the Secretary of State's website, sos.alabama.gov.

Francis Marion fall break starts today, Oct. 22-Oct. 26

Francis Marion School is out for fall break from Thursday, Oct. 22, through Monday, Oct. 26. Students return Tuesday, Oct. 27.

The school's 2026-2027 Family Vacation Planning Guide lists the rest of the year's breaks.

The Obama holiday runs Saturday, Nov. 7, through Monday, Nov. 9, and students return Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Thanksgiving break is Saturday, Nov. 21, through Sunday, Nov. 29, and students return Monday, Nov. 30.

Winter break is Saturday,

Dec. 19, through Monday, Jan. 4, 2027, and students return Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2027.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day break is Saturday, Jan. 16, through Monday, Jan. 18, 2027, and students return Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2027.

The Presidents Day and weather day break is Saturday, Feb. 13, through Monday, Feb. 15, 2027, and students return Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2027.

Spring break is March 20 to 28, 2027, and students return Monday, March 29, 2027.

The last day for students is Wednesday, May 26, 2027.

Marion Veterinary Clinic asks for pet food donations for its shelter animals

Marion Veterinary Clinic is asking for donations of dog and cat food for the animals in its shelter: food for adult dogs and puppies and for adult cats and kittens.

"We will use any brand," the clinic said in its request, "but they seem to do better with Pedigree or Purina."

Donations may be left at the clinic, which is open from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and closed on Wednesdays and weekends.

Extension office offers pesticide applicator training Oct. 27

The Perry County Extension office will hold Private Pesticide Applicator Training from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the office, 1710 S. Washington St., Suite 107.

Participants get training followed by testing for a private pesticide applicator permit. The cost is \$20.

To register, call 334-683-6888 or go to aces.edu/event/private-pesticide-applicator-training-2.

Drug take-back drive-through set for Oct. 24 at courthouse

A drive-through DEA National Rx Take Back is set for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Perry County Courthouse, 300 Washington St.

People can drive through and drop off unused, unwanted and expired medications for safe, anonymous disposal.

The event's partners include Alabama A&M University, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, O.E.S. Taylor's Pride Chapter #712, the Perry County Sheriff's Office and the Marion Police Department.

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Services were Oct. 18 for Nell Belcher, 66



Nell Belcher, 66, died October 13.

Nell Belcher was born June 16, 1960.

A memorial service was held Sunday, October 18, at 1 p.m. at Melvin Miller Funeral Service in Marion.

Melvin Miller Funeral Service of Marion directed.

Services were Oct. 17 for Thessalonias Waller Davis, age 90



Thessalonias Waller Davis, 90, died October 12.

She was born December 13, 1935.

A public viewing was held Friday, October 16, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Glen White Memorial Funeral Home in Uniontown. The funeral service was held Saturday, October 17, at noon at First Missionary Baptist Church in Uniontown. Burial followed at 1:30 p.m. at Little Canaan Primitive Baptist Church in Safford.

Glen White Memorial Funeral Home of Uniontown directed.

Donate to Pleasant Valley cemetery fund

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

Berean Baptist Church sets annual Men's Day for Nov. 15

Berean Baptist Church, 804 Washington St., will hold its annual Men's Day at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15.

The Rev. Oscar Ford, pastor of Healing Spring Baptist Church in Marion and St. James Baptist Church in Selma, is the guest minister.

The theme is "Iron Sharpens Iron," from Proverbs 27:17.

The Rev. Willie Shears is pastor of Berean. Deacon Derrick Cosby is master of order, Deacon Edd Miree is chairman of deacons and Faye Suttles Knox is church secretary.

C.H.O.I.C.E. plans senior citizens lunch and bingo Nov. 18 in Uniontown

C.H.O.I.C.E. will hold a Senior Citizens Lunch and Bingo from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Uniontown Recreational Building on Highway 183.

The event is open to all senior citizens and includes lunch, bingo with prizes, fellowship and a chance to connect with resources.

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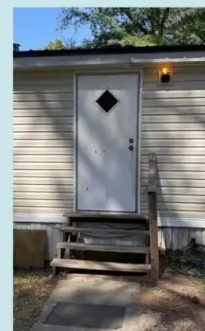


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Cooking in the Black Belt

by Casey Roberts

At some point, growing up around here, everyone's heard about how much mama's little baby loves shortenin' bread. When I was whisking around the kitchen Sunday morning, my mind started wondering where on earth a song like that came from. Folk music has a way of just popping up as far as recorded history goes, but the origins usually remain quite ambiguous. Some sources claim the song was just a folk song that refers to either shortbread or bread made from cornmeal and shortening. Other sources say it's a minstrel song that was adopted prior to the rise of vaudeville. Either way, it was a song that was first recorded at the turn of the century and has been interpreted and reinterpreted over the ensuing century (and some change).

Still, I found myself humming not the sunny, floaty version where you just hear about mama getting ready to make shortening bread for her little baby. I'm more apt to sing a more melancholy, droning version that I heard on a Jean Ritchie record. The narrative here is one that is more stark, maybe even Gothic. "Ever since my dog's been dead/Hogs been rootin' my tater bed./I do love (shortenin' bread)./I do love (shortenin' bread)." Of course, both versions include a verse about two little children laying in bed, with one being "most sick" and the other being "most dead." The solution to all these problems becomes shortenin' bread. Whether or not it can keep a hog from plowing up your crops is another story, but it certainly makes dealing with it a little less painful.

Shortening bread came to these shores by way of the Scots when they first started settling in North Carolina. "Short" for the Scottish meant something that was easily crumbled, much like any shortbread you encounter. Really that's all shortening bread is, just a colloquial name for shortbread. Or, if you're a

heathen like me, you may know them as Keebler Sandies or Lorna Doones. Shortbread is one of those cookies that is both simple in ingredients and execution. The main reason why shortbread is so delicious is simply because it's an excuse to hold two sticks of butter and some brown sugar together with a little flour and vanilla.

Loyal readers may remember the roasted banana pudding recipe that calls for shortbread cookies instead of the standard Nilla Wafers. I think a prepackaged Pecan Sandie is a wonderful vehicle for an ice cream sandwich as it doesn't get too hard in the freezer. My grandmother used to make ice cream sandwiches with Chips Ahoy and you'd just about break a molar getting through one of those. Now I don't know what your family's tea cakes were like, but ours were rather crispy; crumbly, even. Thus, shortbread never fails to remind me of my great great grandmother's tea cake recipe, even the thickness of the ensuing dough.

Speaking of, this dough couldn't be simpler. No wonder mama's little baby loves it so much: mama can make it in a jiffy. This is an added bonus if you're making something to contribute last minute to a potluck, like I was. These humble squares don't need any fancy dressing or fine feathers, just a nice plate to set on. After a busy Sunday lunch at St. Andrew's in Prairieville, I was beaming to come home with only one square left, which John promptly enjoyed when we got home.

To give credit where credit is due, this recipe comes from the cookbook North Carolina & Old Salem Cookery, published in 1992 by Beth Tartan. Tartan was the former food editor of the Winston-Salem Journal. Speaking as your local food columnist and associate editor, I'm quite smitten with the idea of changing my official title if this thing takes off anymore

than it already has. Yet, I love the exchange here, from one newspaper to another. Let's roll up our sleeves and make a little baby happy, shall we?

Shortnin' Bread

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 cup lightly packed brown sugar

16 Tablespoons (2 sticks) unsalted butter, soft but cool to the touch, cut into Tablespoons

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees with a rack in the middle.

Place the flour and brown sugar in a food processor. Pulse 10 to 12 times until well mixed. Sprinkle the butter pieces around the bowl. Add the salt and vanilla, then process until the mixture pulls together into a ball. This will take about 30 seconds.

Turn into an ungreased 8-inch square pan, spreading the dough as evenly as possible to reach the corners. Bake until lightly browned and firm, about 25 to 30 minutes.

Remove from the oven and cool for 30 minutes. Cut into squares or 2-inch bars. Store in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks.

As you can see, it's a pretty shelf-stable cookie. Although I doubt you'll keep it around for two weeks. Don't have a food processor? You can still do this by hand. Mainly, you'd want to cut the butter into the flour, then beat the dough together. Whether you cut it in with a pastry cutter, two butter knives, or just your fingers is none of my business. Same goes for if you use a wooden or a silver spoon. Again, it all comes together the same way, it'll just take a little more time and dexterity.

In all honesty, I settled on this for two reasons. One, I've only made this for a bake sale and never really got a chance to enjoy some for myself. Two, I didn't feel like running to the store to get pecans to make a chess

cake. By the way, have we talked about chess cake? That'll be for another column, but it's quickly becoming one of my favorite potluck desserts.

One thing I will never be able to abide by at a potluck is unlabeled casseroles. How many times do I have to reach into a mystery dish of cheese and cream and come out with pineapple casserole instead of hash-brown casserole? Not to get too off topic, but pineapple casserole is a rather new addition to my palate and I have to say it's one classic dish that is very contentious for me. Again, that's for another week, another column.

A little plug here, but for those of you not in the know, this very column was cited in this month's issue of The Atlantic. One of my favorite magazines that brings me down with the dire state of current events, but that's the news, right? Anyway, I'm on page 25 featured in the article "The Death of Durkee's." We did it, folks! We've made it to the big time! All for the love of my favorite recently-extinct condiment. If any of you folks are sitting on some contraband Durkee's, I'm not naming prices, but there's a handsome reward in it for you if you're willing to part with it. I got a little sad looking at hams, thinking about Thanksgiving, and wondering what I'll be basting our ham in this year. I guess we're gonna have to go back to the Aretha Franklin recipe (again, another column).

I'd be curious how this dough would fair in a tart crust. Over a year ago now I brought a pineapple tart from Mastering the Art of French Cooking to a pool party, where the crust was basically shortbread. Shortbread, custard, and apricot-glazed pineapple. If that was what we called pineapple casserole, I'd eat it by the shovel-full. In fact, something similar exists, sans the pineapple, from Louisiana called a Tarte a la Bouille. When I was looking through my recipe books I came across a chocolate wafer

recipe that promises to make cookies good enough to make a chocolate pie crust. We'll just have to see about that, won't we?

I've taken to cutting this shortnin' bread out of the pan along the edges, turning it out onto a cutting board, then cutting my squares from there. A good rule of thumb is to cut in half as evenly as possible. Cut those halves into halves, then rotate the cutting board and repeat on the other side. You end up with a pretty even slate of squares by the end of it. That said, you get about 16 squares out of the whole shebang, so if you want more, you're just gonna have to make more. Although I think you'll find the richness of this recipe shines well on its own without the need for ice cream or a dusting of powdered sugar.

Good news is, if it's just you and the hog, eight squares oughta keep him occupied long enough to dig up your taters before the hog does. In fact, these cookies would be great at a hog killing, and with the weather turning like it is, I'm imagining smokehouses are gonna be lighting up soon enough. If anybody wants to invite me to one, I'll bring the shortnin' bread. A double batch, if I have to!

Eagle Grove Missionary Baptist marks 132nd anniversary with homecoming Oct. 25

Eagle Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 1467 County Road 38, Marion, will celebrate its 132nd anniversary with a church homecoming service at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25.

The Rev. Dr. Bobby England, pastor of New Pernell Baptist Church in Marion Junction, will be the guest speaker, and Dr. Cathy Trimble will be mistress of order. The Rev. Dr. Bailey Dawson Sr. is pastor.

The theme is Psalm 126:3, "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Services were Oct. 20 for Joe Phillip Horne, age 86



Joe Phillip Horne, 86, died October 15 after a sudden, brief illness.

He was born May 3, 1940, in Heiberger to David Boyd Horne

and Alma Duke Horne. Joe grew up as the youngest of seven siblings, surrounded by loving parents, extended family, and many stories told on the front porch. Those early years shaped the hard work ethic, generosity, and steadiness he carried throughout his life.

Joe built a life centered on a deep love for his family, farm, garden, and animals. He could repair almost anything, including sewing machines, tractors, and lawnmowers. He loved working with his hands, deer hunting, sharing his garden's bounty, the outdoors, and a funny story.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David Boyd Horne and Alma Duke Horne; three brothers; and three sisters.

He leaves behind his wife of 62 years, Edna Crews Horne; daughters Carol Warren and Becky Culp (Darryl); two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held Tuesday, October 20, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Rockco Funeral

Home in Centreville. A committal service followed at 12:30 p.m. at Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery in Marion. Tim Horne, Mike Horne, Brady Horne, Derek Duke, Jay Toney, Shane Brown and Chandler Morrison served as pallbearers.

Rockco Funeral Home of Centreville directed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his honor to Bethlehem Methodist Church, care of Norma Elkins, 186 Steele St., Centreville, AL 35042.

Byron Watson of Newbern dies Oct. 16 at age 77



Byron Watson, 77, a beloved husband, father, grandfather,

and friend, died October 16 while engaged in one of his cherished pastimes, hunting. Born on May 21, 1949, in Atmore, Byron was the son of William B. Watson and Twynette W. Yeager. He grew up with a deep appreciation for the outdoors, a passion that would follow him throughout his life.

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

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

Byron was also a deacon and a longtime member of the Newbern Baptist Church, where his faith and leadership

were a guiding light to many. His quick wit and warm smile were ever-present, and he had an extraordinary gift for making everyone feel welcome and valued. His kindness and generosity left an indelible mark on the lives of those fortunate enough to know him.

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

He is survived by his dear wife, Jean; his sons, Wells (Marla) and David (Alisha); his grandchildren, Aubrey (Joseph), Byron (Candice), Morgan, Madison (Delvin), and William; and a great-grandchild, John-Paul. Byron is also survived by his sister, Karen. He was predeceased by his grandparents, parents, and brother, Bill.

A celebration of Byron's life will be held in the near future at Newbern Cemetery, where family and friends will gather to honor a life well-lived and a man deeply loved.

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

Project GRACE sets diabetic shoe and breast cancer support day Oct. 29

One event remains on Project GRACE Central Alabama's October calendar.

A diabetic shoe and breast cancer patient support day is set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at Project GRACE. Diabetic shoes and inserts, mastectomy bras, prostheses and breast forms are free through insurance, the flyer says, and appointments can be made by calling Joann at 334-341-2368.

Project GRACE can be reached at 334-292-5608 or projectgrace4u@gmail.com.

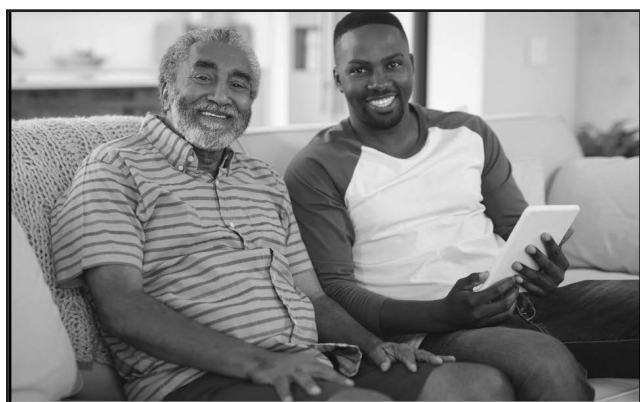
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STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2026 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2026-341 (SB271), Act No. 2026-378 (HB380), Act No. 2026-379 (HB511), and Act No. 2026-424 (SB5), proposing amendments to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022;

WHEREAS, in conformity with Section 284 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, as amended, the Legislature has ordered an election by the qualified electors of the state upon such proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendments, is required by law to

be given by proclamation of the Governor, which shall be published once a week for at least four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendments to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2026-341

PART I.

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

"Section 127

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

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

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

(d) If the governor shall be absent from the state over twenty days, the secretary of state shall notify the lieutenant governor, who shall enter upon the duties of governor; if both the governor and lieutenant governor shall be are absent from

the state over twenty days, the secretary of state shall notify the president pro tempore of the senate, who shall enter upon the duties of governor, and so on, in case of such absence, he or she shall notify each of the other officers named in their the order of succession herein provided, who shall discharge the duties of the office until the governor or other officer entitled to administer the office in succession to the governor returns.

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

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

PART II.

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

Notwithstanding any other provision of the constitution:

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

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

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 26-378

(a) Whenever two or more contiguous county boards of education deem it advisable to consolidate the administration of their respective county school systems under one remaining controlling multi-county board of education, each county board of education shall adopt and record within the minutes of each board an agreement providing for the consolidation. A formal resolution adopted by all members of the agreeing boards shall detail and provide for the payment of their respective indebtedness, specify how the consolidation will take place, identify how the remaining controlling multi-county board of education will operate, provide for the roles and duties of the resulting multi-county board members, and designate the time frame during which the consolidation will be implemented. Subject to subsection (c), the consolidation shall be final-

ized as designated in the formal resolution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2026-379

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

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

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

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

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

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

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2026-424

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

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

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

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

10-8-4c

Legal Notice

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION BY THE
GOVERNOR
WHEREAS the Alabama Legis-

lature at its 2026 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2026-343 (HB573), which ordered an election to be held on a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022 relating to Perry County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendment, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, to be published once a week for four successive weeks preceding the date appointed for the election in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in the county affected; **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, an election will be held in Perry County, Alabama, in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

**AMENDMENT PROPOSED
BY ACT NO. 2026-343**

(a) In Perry County, an individual 65 years of age or older may claim a senior property tax exemption for ad valorem tax purposes on real property located in the county which is owned by the individual, classified as single-family owner-occupied residential property, and used as the principal place of residence of the individual for not less than five years immediately prior to the tax year for which the individual first claims the senior property tax exemption. The senior property tax exemption shall freeze the assessed value of the property for the year immediately prior to claiming the exemption.

(b) The following provisions shall apply to the individual claiming the senior property tax exemption:

(1) The taxpayer shall continue to receive the senior property tax exemption as long as the taxpayer continues to use the property as his or her principal place of residence.
(2) The individual shall continue to be eligible to claim a homestead exemption and any other exemption authorized by law on the property.
(3) The property shall continue to be subject to any millage rate changes on the property.
(4) The assessed value of any additions to the property after claiming the senior property tax exemption shall be added to the assessed value of the property and subject to ad valorem tax based on the increase in the assessed value of the addition after the taxpayer claims the senior property tax exemption.
(5) This exemption may be claimed beginning October 1, 2027, for the value of the property on October 1, 2026.
(6) This exemption must be claimed in writing with the Perry County Revenue Commissioner between October 1 and December 31.

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in each newspaper qualified

to run legal notices in Perry County, Alabama.
10-8-4c

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: The Estate of Kelvin W. Gibson, Deceased.

Case No.: 26-0035
TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Brian O. Gibson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Kelvin W. Gibson, on October 2, 2026, by the Probate Court of Perry, Alabama.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Brian O. Gibson
Administrator of the Estate of
Kelvin W. Gibson
10-15-3c

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF ALABAMA, PERRY
COUNTY
PROBATE COURT, CASE NO.
26-0036

Estate of Elaine Edwards, Deceased
Letters Testamentary upon the last Will and Testament of the decedent, having been granted to the undersigned, on the 8th day of October, 2026, by the Honorable Probate Court of Perry County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of the claim in the office of the Judge of Probate within six months from above date or the claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Hugh Edwards, III
Personal Representatives of the
Elaine Edwards
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Jefferson K. Nail
P.O. Box 916
Marion, AL 36756
10-15-3c

Legal Notice

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call (334) 887-0334.
10-15-2c

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF ALABAMA, PERRY
COUNTY
PROBATE COURT, CASE NO.
26-0038

Estate of Hugh Edwards, Jr., Deceased

Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed having been granted to the undersigned, on the 16th day of October, 2026, by the Honorable Probate Court of Perry County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of the claim in the office of the Judge of Probate within six months from above date or the claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Hugh Edwards, III
Personal Representative of the Estate of Hugh Edwards, III
Attorney for Personal Representative:

Jefferson K. Nail
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10-22-3c

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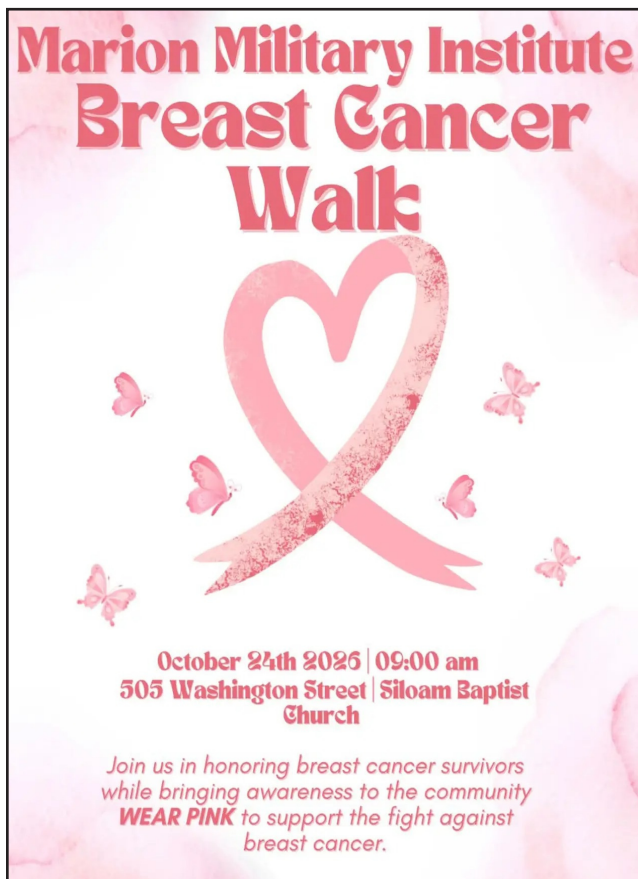
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Breast cancer walk set for Oct. 24 at Siloam Baptist



**Marion Military Institute
Breast Cancer
Walk**

October 24th 2026 | 09:00 am
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Join us in honoring breast cancer survivors while bringing awareness to the community
WEAR PINK to support the fight against breast cancer.

The Marion Military Institute Breast Cancer Walk is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Siloam Baptist Church, 505 Washington St., Marion. The walk will honor breast cancer survivors and bring awareness to the community. Walkers are asked to wear pink.

Heiberger Tent Revival set for Oct. 22 to 24 on Jericho Road

A tent revival planned in Heiberger, "The Outpouring," will be held Thursday, Oct. 22, through Saturday, Oct. 24, at 2781 Jericho Road, Marion, according to the revival's flyer.

Services begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and at 3 p.m. Saturday.

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Public Notice

PRESS RELEASE

ABSENTEE VOTING:

November 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Last Day to Register to Voter:

October 19, 2026

ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS:

- Last Day to Return Absentee Applications by MAIL to the Absentee Election Manager is October 27, 2026.
- Last Day to Return Absentee Applications by HAND (by the voter only): October 29, 2026.

BALLOTS:

- If delivering by HAND, the absentee ballot must be returned to the Absentee Election Manager no later than the close of business day (4:30 pm) on November 2, 2026, by the voter.
- Absentee ballots being returned by MAIL to the Absentee Election Manager must be received no later than Noon on Election Day – November 3, 2026.

- Applications for absentee voting are available at the absentee election manager's office in the Perry County Courthouse, Suite 110, Marion, Alabama 36756, and the Secretary of State's web page (www.alabamavotes.gov).
- Completed absentee applications **must** provide the Alabama residence where the voter is registered to vote, even if the ballot is to be mailed to another address where the applicant/voter regularly receives mail. It is up to the voter to specify on the application where the ballot is to be mailed!! If you have moved and have not updated your polling place by October 19th, 2026, you will likely receive a Provisional Ballot. If you are in **Inactive** status, you must return the update form along with your ballot.
- Any completed application must be returned by the voter in person or be sent by U.S. Mail. No one, **not even a family member**, can return another person's application. Multiple applications **cannot** be mailed in the same envelope.

Please remember:

VOTERS MUST COMPLETE **ALL** THE INFORMATION ON THE AFFIDAVIT OF THE ABSENTEE VOTER ENVELOPE.

IF THE VOTER'S AFFIDAVIT DOES NOT STATE THE REASON FOR VOTING ABSENTEE, IS NOT SIGNED (OR MARKED), AND IF THE AFFIDAVIT IS NOT WITNESSED BY TWO WITNESSES 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, OR A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ACKNOWLEDGE OATHS, PRIOR TO BEING DELIVERED OR MAILED TO THE ABSENTEE ELECTION MANAGER, THE BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

For more information about absentee voting, you may contact:

Mia Jacobs-Turner, Absentee Election Manager
Post Office Box 508
300 Washington Street, Suite 110
Marion, AL 36756-0508
Phone: 334.683.6106

Mia Jacobs-Turner
Absentee Election Manager

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36756

Apostolic United Pentecostal Church
(205) 926-5547
115 Apostolic Way, Marion, AL
36756

Berean Baptist Church
(334) 683-8940
804 Washington Street, 36756

Bethel Church
(334) 627-3502
7834 AL-5, Marion, AL 36756

Bethlehem Methodist Church
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2600 Co Rd 162, Marion, AL
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Calvary Baptist Church
(334) 683-6601
7800 Coretta Scott King Hwy,
Marion, AL 36756

Eagle Grove Baptist Church
(334) 683-0520
Highway 38, Marion, AL 36756

Ephesus Baptist Church
(334) 683-8195
31820 Hwy 193, Marion, AL
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206 Washington St, Marion, AL
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Scott Station Rd, Marion, AL
36756

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Mt Olive Church Rd, Marion,
AL 36756

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800 Heiberger Loop Road,
Marion, AL 36756

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950 Hickory Grove Baptist
Church Road, Marion, AL
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(334) 683-6965
13411 M.L.K., Marion, AL
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17100 Coretta Scott King Hwy,
Marion, AL 36756

Little Rock Baptist Church
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Highway 5, Marion, AL 36756

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(334) 624-3568
157 Marietta Church Rd, Mar-
ion, AL 36756

Marion Methodist Church
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110 Washington Street, 36756

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(334) 875-4141
55 Railroad St, Marion Junc-
tion, AL 36759

Marion Kingdom Hall
(334) 683-9867
Hamburg Rd, Marion, AL
36756

Marion Presbyterian Church
(205) 632-8104
502 Washington St, Marion, AL
36756-2526

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27177 Highway 14, Marion, AL
36756

Mount Moriah
(334) 683-8060
106 Graham Cir, Marion, AL
36756

Mount Pilgrim Church
(334) 683-4341
272 Mt. Pilgrim Church Rd, AL
36756

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112 Centreville St, Marion, AL
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Mt. Nebo AME Zion Church
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Mt. Olive Baptist Church
(334) 683-9528
200 Jagger Rd, Marion, AL
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Mt. Tabor AME Zion Church
(334) 683-2992
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Hwy, Marion, AL 36756

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(334) 683-4080
332 Centreville St, Marion, AL
36756

New Canaan Holiness Church
(334) 683-4080
Co Rd 23, Marion, AL 36756

New Oak Grove Baptist Church
(334) 683-9116
150 County Road 127, Marion,
AL 36756

North Perry Church - Our Lord
(205) 926-4706
100 Hopkins Loop, Marion, AL
36756

North Perry Holiness Church
(334) 683-5855
3761 County Rd 23, Marion,
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Oak Grove Baptist Church
(334) 289-1951
142 Oak Grove Rd, Marion, AL
36756

Pine Grove Baptist Church
(334) 412-4907
301 CO RD 152, Marion, AL
36756

Pineview Assembly of God
(334) 683-4486
29470 AL-14, Marion, AL
36756

Providence Baptist Church
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206 AL-14, Marion, AL 36756

Saint James Church
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6420 Highway 14, Marion, AL
36756

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(334) 683-6311
588 Sardis Church Road, Mar-
ion, AL 36756

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1604 AL-5, Marion, AL 36756

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505 Washington Street, 36756

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1419 E Catherine Drive, Mar-
ion, AL 36756 / 1804 Cren-
shaw Springs Road, Marion,
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(334) 683-4666
1728 Washington St, Marion,
AL 36756

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(334) 683-6562
104 Clements St, Marion, AL
36756

Trinity Baptist Church
(334) 683-4624
501 Carol St, Marion, AL
36756

Waycross Bible Methodist Church
(334) 683-8345
16541 Coretta Scott King Hwy,

Marion, AL 36756

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(334) 683-4959
301 Pickens St, Marion, AL
36756

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104 Hwy 14E, Marion, AL
36756

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20 Cahaba Rd, Uniontown, AL
36786

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town, AL 36786

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(334) 628-5536
120 Central Mills Rd, Union-
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(334) 289-3363
5097 US-80, Uniontown, AL
36786

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(334) 628-3911
100 Franklin St, Uniontown, AL
36786

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(334) 628-3722

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(334) 628-6700
631 Highway 80, Uniontown,
AL 36786

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(334) 628-9040
Freetown Road, Uniontown, AL
36786

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23277 Co Rd 53, Uniontown,
AL 36786

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(334) 628-3722
394 Front St, Uniontown, AL
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Quinn Chapel AME Church
(334) 628-3722
394 Front St, Uniontown, AL
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Rock Chapel AME
(334) 628-4483
394 Front St, Uniontown, AL
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Second Baptist Church

(334) 628-6477
414 Yelverton St, Uniontown,
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(334) 628-3019
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St. Michael's Church
(334) 289-3363
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(334) 628-5900
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town, AL 36786

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30 Star Bethel Rd, Uniontown,
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1530 Stephens Memorial
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36786

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36786

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1400 Ephesus Loop, Sprott, AL
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County Hwy 27

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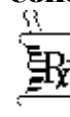
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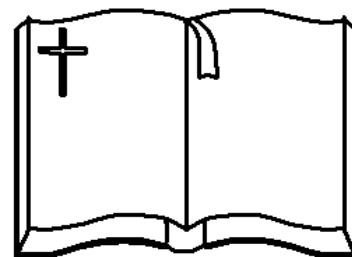
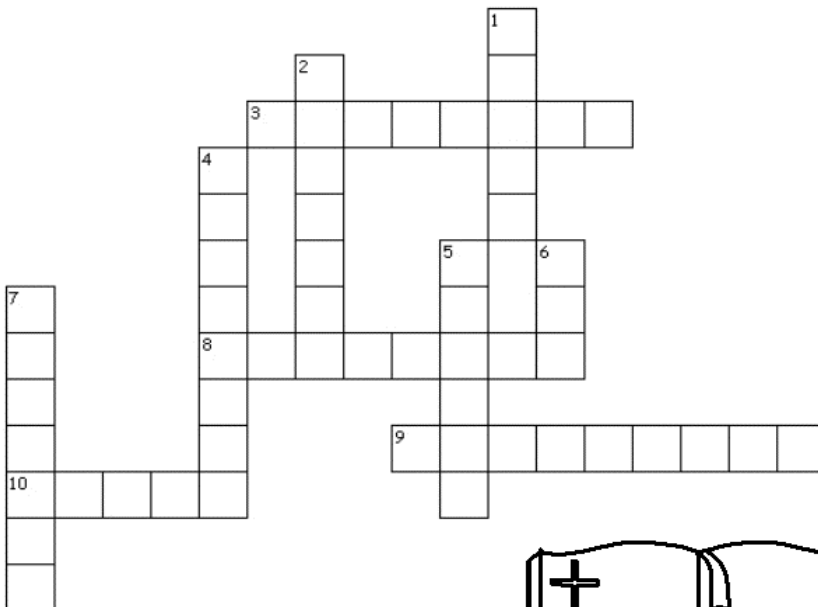
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9. The Bible is separated into the old and new ____.
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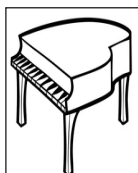


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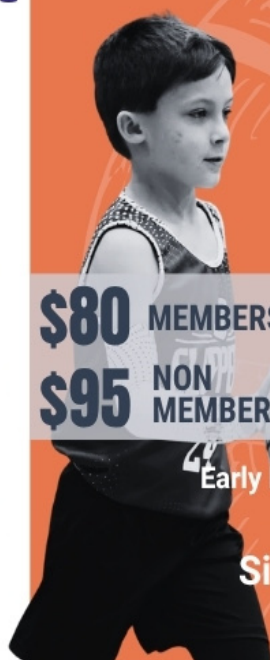
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New Pete the Cat books at the Marion Perry County Library



Shaiel and Rayah spent time at the Marion Perry County Library on Wednesday, Oct. 14, looking over its new collection of Pete the Cat books. The library also has new books for all ages and invites readers to come by and see them.

Five Halloween events set in Marion from Oct. 22 to 31

Five Halloween events are set in Marion from Thursday, Oct. 22, through Saturday, Oct. 31: a carnival, two trunk or treats and two parties.

Diversicare of Marion will hold a Halloween Carnival from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at 505 E. Lafayette St., the former Perry County Nursing Home.

Admission is \$1, with game tickets sold separately and food for sale. There will be bingo, a cake walk, face painting, a ring toss to win drinks and Go Fish.

The City of Marion's annual Trunk or Treat, Halloween on the Square, begins at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, on Jefferson Street in front of City Hall and the Marion Volunteer Fire Department. It is free, with candy, games, a cake walk, fishing, food trucks, a hay ride and face painting.

Businesses, churches and others who want to give

away candy, toys or books must sign up free at City Hall or by calling 334-683-6545. Vendors can get details and fees at the same number.

The fourth annual Marion Community Halloween Party is the same afternoon, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at 105 Centreville St., in front of Kirk Brown Funeral Home. The party has moved across the street from where it was held the past three years.

It will have free hamburgers and hot dogs catered by Tasty Tee's, free new books, candy and yard games with prizes. Families can stop by on their way to the trunk or treat.

Berean Baptist Church will hold a Trunk or Treat from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Berean Baptist Life Center, 704 Washington St. Children are asked to come in costume and bring a candy bag.

An Edgar Allan Poe Halloween party is set for 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at As Time Goes By, 418

Washington St.

The party will have free drinks, candy and snacks, free Bloody Marys, a costume contest with prizes of \$50 for first place and \$25 for second, and a recital of "The Raven."

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Main Street Marion to present economic development plan Oct. 22

Main Street Marion will present its Economic Development Strategic Plan at a public meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Harris Technology Hub, 401 Washington St.

The organization calls the plan a roadmap for growing jobs, supporting local businesses, strengthening down-

town and expanding opportunities for young people.

Those who come are invited to learn what is in the plan, ask questions and say what they want to see for Marion and Perry County.

People who cannot attend can send feedback by email to mainstreetmarional@gmail.com.



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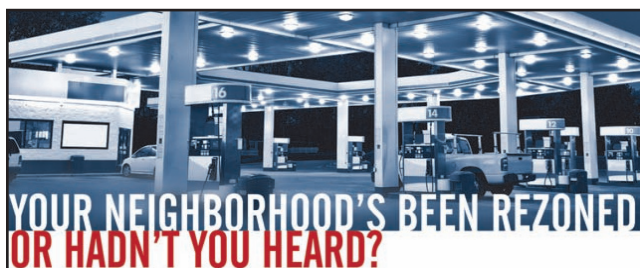
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Sumac Cottage's third holiday open house set Dec. 13

Sumac Cottage will hold its third annual holiday open house on Sunday, Dec. 13, the same day as the Porches and Parlors tour of homes, with a pop-up shop of artwork and handmade gifts by regional artists and makers, an artist ornament sale, live music, refreshments and make-and-take art activities, the art space announced.

Participating artists and hours are to be announced. Sumac Cottage is at 1107 South St. in Greensboro.



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