

Ethics Commission refers Marion mayor's case to district attorney

Aug. 5 vote found cause to hold Dexter Hinton violated the Ethics Act; a referral is not a charge

The Alabama Ethics Commission voted 5-0 Aug. 5 that "there exists cause to hold that Dexter Hinton has violated the Alabama Ethics Act" and that the Marion mayor's case be referred to a district attorney, according to the commission's minutes of that meeting, posted on its website.

The motion in Case No. 2025-0575 referred the case "for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit." The minutes do not name the circuit or the district attorney.

A finding of cause and a referral are not a criminal charge.

The minutes do not describe the conduct at issue, cite a section of the Ethics Act or give

any dollar amount.

Commission member David R. Pruet III made the motion, and Vice Chair George Pierce seconded it. All five members were present.

In a separate case, No. 2026-0016, the commission voted 5-0 that "there exists cause to hold that Kimberly Bell has committed a minor violation of the Alabama Ethics Act." The minutes list Bell as a Uniontown councilmember.

The commission voted that her case "be handled administratively and referred for review and appropriate legal action to the District Attorney of the appropriate Judicial Circuit." The minutes give no conduct, statute section or amount for that finding either.

The commission says on its website that when allegations have merit, a complaint may be referred to the attorney general or "the appropriate District Attorney for presentation to a grand jury for possible prosecution," or the commission may resolve it administratively with a fine. Administrative resolutions are limited to minor violations.

At the same meeting, the commission voted unanimously "to set aside the penalty and offense" on a civil penalty appeal by Perry County Commissioner Albert F. Turner Jr. under the Fair Campaign Practices Act, the minutes show.

The commission heard 23

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Haney named Perry Co. Extension director



John J.E. Haney is the new county Extension director for Perry County. Alabama Extension's West Central Region has asked people to welcome him to the county. He works from the Perry County Extension Office in Marion.

Senior property tax freeze, commission seat on Perry ballot

Stewart and Spencer in Senate District 23; four statewide amendments; polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 3

Perry County voters will settle two County Commission seats, a state Senate race and a state House race Tuesday, Nov. 3, and will decide a local amendment that would freeze property assessments for homeowners 65 and older, along with the statewide races and four statewide constitutional amendments.

In County Commission District 3, Commissioner Brett Harrison, a Republican, faces Democrat Donald Nichols of Marion, who has represented District 3 on the Perry County Board of Education for many years.

Donald Bennett, a Democrat, is the only name on the District 1 ballot. Bennett led Commissioner Albert Turner Jr.

398 to 397 after provisional ballots were counted in the May 19 Democratic primary, and Probate Judge Carlton Hogue certified him June 1. A July 9 recount ended 398 to 398, and Hogue, as county Democratic chairman, broke the tie for Bennett.

The state party's contest committee voted 5-0 on Aug. 21 to count a disputed ballot for Turner, putting him ahead 399 to 398, and ordered Hogue to certify Turner, which Hogue did not do. Turner said Sept. 11 that he will run as a write-in candidate.

Commissioner Anthony J. Long, a Democrat, is unopposed in District 2.

Sheriff Roy J. Fikes, a Democrat, ... see **Ballot**, page 3



The Rt. Rev. Richard T. Lawson III, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, celebrated the annual homecoming service at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Prairieville on Sunday, Oct. 18. Parishioners from more than nine Episcopal churches across the Black Belt filled the church to overflowing, the diocese said. One person was confirmed and another was received into the Episcopal Church during the service. The parishes represented included: St. John's, Forkland; St. Paul's, Greensboro; Trinity, Demopolis; St. Wilfrid's, Marion; St. Mark's, Boligee; St. Stephen's, Eutaw; Holy Cross/St. Michael's, Uniontown/Faunsdale; and St. Paul's, Carlowville. Lawson was consecrated in June as the 13th bishop of Alabama. St. Andrew's, built in 1853 and consecrated in 1858, is a National Historic Landmark and is used for occasional services.

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such appeals that day. It set aside the penalty and offense in 12 of them, Turner's included, each on an identical motion, and upheld fines in whole or in part in the other 11.

The minutes do not give the amount of the penalty or what it was for.

The commission met at the RSA Union Building in Montgomery. Its next meeting is Dec. 2.

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ocrat appointed to the office by Gov. Kay Ivey in April 2025, is unopposed for a full term, as are Democrats Rita Kynard Smith for revenue commissioner, Coroner Edward Terrell Jones and Vera Davis for District 5 on the Perry County Board of Education.

In state Senate District 23, Sen. Robert Stewart, a Democrat, faces Republican Thayer "Bear" Havard Spencer. In state House District 68, Rep. Thomas E. "Action" Jackson, a Democrat who has held the seat since 1994, faces Republican Fred Kelley, the Republican nominee in 2022. Rep. Prince Chestnut, a Democrat, is unopposed in House District 67.

In the 7th Congressional District, U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell, a Democrat, faces Republican Ammie Akin.

Local Amendment 1, which appears only on Perry County ballots, would let a homeowner

65 or older claim a senior property tax exemption on a single-family, owner-occupied home that has been the owner's principal residence for at least five years. The exemption freezes the assessed value of the property at its value for the year before the exemption is claimed.

Under the amendment, the homeowner keeps the exemption as long as the home remains the principal residence, and may still claim the homestead exemption and any other exemption allowed by law. The property stays subject to any change in millage rates, and the assessed value of any addition built after the exemption is claimed is added to the frozen value and taxed.

The exemption could first be claimed beginning Oct. 1, 2027, for the value of the property on Oct. 1, 2026, and must be claimed in writing with the Perry County revenue commissioner between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31.

The amendment was proposed by Act 2026-343, House Bill 573, sponsored by Jackson and Chestnut. The Governor's proclamation of the election on it has run in the Herald's legal notices for four weeks, ending with this edition.

At the top of the ballot, Democrat Doug Jones, a former U.S. senator, and Republican Tommy Tuberville, the state's senior U.S. senator, are running for governor to succeed Gov. Kay Ivey, who is term-limited. Democrat Phillip Ensler, a state representative from Montgomery, and Republican John Wahl, the

former state party chairman, are running for lieutenant governor, and Democrat Everett Wess, a Birmingham attorney, and U.S. Rep. Barry Moore, a Republican, for the Senate seat Tuberville is giving up.

Democrat Jeff McLaughlin and Republican Katherine Robertson are running for attorney general and Democrat Wayne Rogers and Republican Caroleene Dobson for secretary of state, both open seats. Democrat Rosilyn Houston faces State Treasurer Young Boozer, a Republican, and Democrat Violet Edwards faces State Auditor Andrew Sorrell, a Republican. Democrat Ron Sparks, who was commissioner of agriculture and industries from 2003 to 2011, and Republican Corey Hill, the mayor of Douglas, are running for that office.

On the Public Service Commission, where the incumbents in both places on the ballot lost Republican primaries this year, Democrat James O. Gordon and Republican Matt Gentry, the Cullman County sheriff, are running for Place 1 and Democrat Sheila D. McNeil and Republican Jim Zig Zeigler, the former state auditor, for Place 2.

Of the six appellate court seats on the ballot, only Supreme Court Place 8 is contested, between Democrat Ashleigh Meyer Dunham and Justice Greg Shaw, a Republican. Republicans Brad Mendheim for Supreme Court Place 7, Benjamin M. Bowden and

Matt Fridy for Places 4 and 5 on the Court of Civil Appeals, and Mary Windom and Riggs Walker for Places 4 and 5 on the Court of Criminal Appeals are unopposed.

Four proposed amendments to the Alabama Constitution are on every ballot in the state. The Fair Ballot Commission's statements on them, posted at AlabamaVotes.gov, say none of the four carries a cost or a tax. A yes vote changes the constitution; a no vote leaves it as it is.

Amendment 1 concerns the office of lieutenant governor. Under current law, if the office becomes vacant during a term, it generally stays vacant until the next regular election for it. The amendment would require an election to fill the office for the rest of the term if the vacancy comes more than 60 days before the next general election at which state officers are elected.

It would also let the Legislature set the pay of the lieutenant governor and of the officers of the House and Senate by joint resolution, and it would require that any spending of legislative funds on members' travel be approved by an officer elected by the full membership of that chamber. It was proposed by Act 2026-341, sponsored by Sen. Sam Givhan.

Amendment 2 would create a way for two or more neighboring county school boards to merge into one multi-county school system by formal res-

olution of each board.

Before a merger could take effect, the State Board of Education would have to study its effects on students, families, programs, transportation, finances, taxes and school operations, and publish the study. If 25 percent of the qualified voters in any of the affected county systems filed a written protest, the merger could go forward only if a majority of voters in each affected county, and a majority of all votes cast across the counties, approved it at the next general election. It was proposed by Act 2026-378, sponsored by Rep. Terri Collins.

Amendment 3 would require every local board of education to adopt a policy requiring each public K-12 school to conduct the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of each school day, with students given the chance to recite it voluntarily, and a policy allowing student-initiated, student-led prayer. No student could be required to take part in the prayer, and students could opt out of the pledge or the prayer on their own beliefs. Reported violations would go to the local superintendent. It was proposed by Act 2026-379, sponsored by Rep. Reed Ingram.

Amendment 4 would require local boards of education to adopt a policy requiring each public K-12 school to broadcast the first stanza of "The Star-Spangled Banner" at least once a week during school hours. A board could instead allow a school-approved band, choir, vocal group or vocalist to perform it, using the version archived by the Library of Congress. It was proposed by Act 2026-424, sponsored by Sen. Gerald Allen.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Voters must show a valid photo ID. The ballot offers a straight-party line for the Alabama Democratic Party and the Alabama Republican Party, and the offices that run by district appear only in the precincts they cover.

An absentee ballot returned by hand is due at the circuit clerk's office by 4:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, under the absentee election manager's notice. One returned by mail must arrive by noon on election day. Results will be posted at each polling place after the count and at AlabamaVotes.gov.

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Services were Oct. 22 for Warren Martin Swanson of Marion



Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars, Professional Development Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Kuwait Liberation Medals. Warren LOVED his country, ALL things military, his family, and his many dogs through the years. He also loved the outdoors, people (especially active and veteran military), boating, and Auburn football.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Cathy Williams Swanson; his parents, Earnest Martin Swanson and Annie Mauzell Edwards; bonus mom, Gerry Swanson Jones; bonus dad, Sidney Edwards; and "Uncle" Ralph Jones.

He is survived by daughters, Cynthia Lynn Parten (BJ), Rachael Swanson Weaver (Eddie), and Jennifer Swanson Byrd (Coley); grandchildren, Lauren Danielle Parten Corbitt (Christian), Sara Grace Byrd, Ellie Caroline Steward, and Olivia Kate Byrd; great-grandchildren, Gabriel Canaan Corbitt, Judah Wells Corbitt, and Theodore "Teddy" Jordan Corbitt; brother, Kevin Swanson (Sue); aunt, Kathryn Blan (Rusty); companion, Nancy Meadows Ammons and her family; also leaving behind many cousins and friends.

Graveside funeral services were held Thursday, October 22, at 11:45 a.m. at the Alabama National Cemetery, Memorial Park in Shelby County, 3133

Highway 119, Montevallo. Brother Bill Goodwin of Ocmulgee Baptist Church officiated.

Pallbearers were the United States Army Honor Guard.

The family would like to extend its deepest appreciation to the Birmingham VA and UAB Medical Center Cancer Departments, esp. to Dr. J. Bart Rose III, Dr. Brian Westbrook, and Susan Hill, NP. Also, to UAB Neuro Critical Care Unit (you guys were the BEST) and the UAB Palliative and Comfort Care Unit, Birmingham.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, the Wounded Warrior Project, or Operation Gratitude.

O'Bryant Chapel Funeral Home of Linden directed.

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.

To RSVP, call JoeAnn Tabb at 334-231-7019.

Lincolnite Club gets \$10,000 grant for Marion Nutrition Center repair work

The Ala-Tom Resource Conservation and Development Council has awarded the Lincolnite Club Inc. a \$10,000 reimbursement grant toward the second phase of interior renovations at the Marion Nutrition Center, the club announced Tuesday, Oct. 27.

The grant was awarded Oct. 5, according to the club's announcement. The center is in the Classroom Addition Building on the Lincoln Normal School campus, and the money will go toward interior painting, mold removal, plumbing and restroom repairs, replacement of floor and ceiling tiles, electrical repairs, repairs to doors

and windows, and replacement of appliances, lounge furniture, sinks and office supplies as needed.

The first phase of the project replaced the building's roof, the announcement said.

The center serves meals to senior citizens of all races on weekdays and delivers Meals on Wheels to seniors who cannot come to the center. The City of Marion manages and operates the center under a partnership agreement with the Lincolnite Club, which owns the property; the city uses the building in exchange for in-kind services to the club, the announcement said.

USDA drought designation covers Perry

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated nine Alabama counties, Perry and Bibb among them, as primary natural disaster areas because of recent drought, the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries announced last week.

Twenty more counties, including Hale, Jefferson and Marengo, were listed as contiguous disaster counties.

The designation lets eligible producers in those counties apply for USDA assistance programs, including emergency loans, to help recover from production losses and increased costs from the drought.

Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the designation to apply for emergency loans, the department said.

The primary counties are Autauga, Baldwin, Bibb, Chilton, Dallas, Perry, Pickens, Shelby and Tuscaloosa.

The contiguous counties are Clarke, Coosa, Elmore, Escambia, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Jefferson, Lamar, Lowndes, Marengo, Mobile, Monroe, Montgomery, St. Clair, Sumter, Talladega, Walker, Washington and Wilcox.

Producers should contact their local Farm Service Agency office for details on assistance, eligibility and deadlines.

The Perry County FSA office in Marion, 334-683-9017, serves Perry and Bibb counties. Service centers are listed at farmers.gov/working-with-us/service-center-locator.

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Cooking in the Black Belt

by Casey Roberts

If there's one thing I've learned over the course of writing this little column, it's that many of you perk up when I drop a new biscuit recipe. Not that I wouldn't mind being your go-to biscuit boy. It's just that there's quite a number of biscuit boys already out there in these vast Southern ponds. I'd be just a minnow among the catfish. Nevertheless, whenever I'm down, out comes the White Lily.

Between constantly sewing or bending over a pattern and the weekly rhythms of getting newspapers ready to mail, I stressed out my Achilles heel. Which, I thought, only Achilles had a problem with. When my grandfather tore his ACL, I thought that had something to do with his knee. Apparently, I need a refresher on human anatomy. At least, I'm not a doctor writing about all this.

As I was coming out of my umpteenth hot bath, I felt like having some cheesy biscuits. Time and again, my family would grab a box of Red Lobster Cheddar Bay Biscuit mix and proceed as directed. In fact, any other cheese biscuit recipe I've encountered just about is some form of drop biscuit. In the biscuit world, a drop biscuit is equivalent to a dump cake in the baking world: almost too easy.

Now I do make something that I call cheese "biscuits". Yes, you have to do the air quotes around biscuits when you serve these. Essentially, it's a pound of aged cheddar cheese, a half a pound of butter, some red pepper flakes, and enough flour to hold it all together. What results is a cheesy shortbread of sorts and something no one is going to have a problem with. Every time I've served these, they disappear. You can imagine why.

Still, these biscuits I made on a whim are one of those things that are hard to translate. I took some store-bought pimiento cheese in our fridge, some lard, some self-rising flour, a little extra baking powder, and cut it all

together. Make a well, add some buttermilk to moisten it and drop them on a greased baking pan with an ice cream scoop. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes or so and you have these impossibly pillowy creations. Sure, they're not as herbaceous as what you'd get at Red Lobster, but you can throw that in there. I'm almost positive it's just parsley and garlic powder.

If you must know, I had these biscuits with a bowl of chili, my guilty pleasure whenever autumn rears its breezy head. Y'all can hush, I know it hasn't been cool enough for all that, but I'm allowed to romanticize my little corner of the universe. So far, we're at two pots of chili, but the standard kind. We usually wait for the dead of winter to break out the big guns: a sweet potato and black bean chili. On Sunday, Dave was going through his roster of soup recipes...all three of them. It got me to thinking I don't have a stellar soup roster, myself. Chickpea and spinach soup, roasted tomato bisque, creamy potato, taco, Brunswick stew. It's at this point you can start to hear me trail off as I run out of recipes. Then again, this isn't really soup country until it's frigid, which is here and gone before you know it.

Sorry to get off on the soup tangent, which I've been meaning to save for a more appropriate issue. There, I'll ask such questions as "What do you put in your chili, both in preparation and serving?" I'm particularly concerned with the serving part. Nonetheless, I'm here to share with you the recipe I based these pimiento cheese biscuits off of: The Lady & Sons Restaurant's recipe. Yes, yes, we have a Savannah recipe this week. So, let me hush up and hop on over there for some cheese biscuits.

Cheese Biscuits

2 cups self-rising flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
1/3 cup shortening or lard
3/4 cups grated sharp

cheddar cheese
1 cup buttermilk
1/4 stick melted butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a bowl, whisk the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar together with a fork. Cut in the lard or shortening with the fork until it resembles cornmeal. Add in the cheese. Pour buttermilk in all at once and stir just until blended. Do not over stir.

Drop by Tablespoonfuls on to a greased baking pan. Brush dough with the melted butter. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes. Yields 16 to 20 biscuits.

Obviously, I halved this. Not that I doubt my capabilities to eat a pan of 16 to 20 biscuits, it's just that my years of eating such volumes should be in the rearview mirror by now. If you're wanting to do pimiento cheese biscuits like I did, I'd use a touch less lard and the same amount of pimiento cheese as is measured in the recipe. This may sound snobbish of me, but please use a nice pimiento cheese if it's store-bought. Seems like everyone has caught on to Palmetto Cheese, which is one of the better exports from South Carolina in recent memory. Use that, or some other niche local brand or your own! As a matter of fact, I'll always advocate for you to use your own pimiento cheese.

Paula Deen is one Southern cook whom I hesitate to admit has come to my rescue on a number of occasions. Back when I was a sophomore in high school, I had about three holiday parties in school to bring food for. One such party was for the yearbook staff, where my future English teacher, Mrs. Gibbs, brought tomato grits. I'd never heard of such a thing and promptly ate as much as was polite to in such a setting. A couple of years later, right before I was set to go to Montevallo in the fall, I'd ask Mrs. Gibbs to make me a pan of tomato grits one last time. It was when we were having dinner together that she revealed it was a Paula Deen recipe, one I could've col-

lected and had to myself all along.

Then, of course, there's the viral (in my opinion) Not Your Mama's Banana Pudding that relies on French Vanilla flavored Jell-O and Chessmen cookies. She promises it's a hit everywhere it goes and I don't doubt that. Paula struck out once again whenever I was searching for a tomato gravy recipe last minute. Since then, I've come across more tomato gravy recipes than I can count in our existing recipe books, but that's all hindsight.

Back to the biscuits. Brush 'em with herbed butter if you want that cheddar bay-style. Maybe this is just my sweet tooth talking, but some honey butter on these wouldn't be so bad either. Not too sweet, but just a touch. Obviously if you have bacon grease on hand, that would be a divine fat to use in these savory creations.

You know, I feel like somewhere along the way we got too spoiled for choice when it comes to quick foods. Used to be, if you wanted something filling and fast, you popped in a pan of biscuits and ate yourself silly. Now, you can just get a container of whatever out of the pantry and satisfy your cravings. Along the way, you lose the real value of a satisfying meal, however humble it may be. This is one argument I've been trying to make in favor of a homemade chicken pot pie, yet John still won't budge on that front. One of these days, though, I'm gonna change his perspective! Chicken pot pie can be just as delicious as any other chicken dish! Til then, I know I can sweeten him up with some pimiento cheese biscuits.

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 Association c/o Marcus Cochran, 211 Harborview Drive, Madison, AL 35758.

Ivey asks for federal disaster declaration for 23 counties hit by Isaias

Gov. Kay Ivey on Oct. 23 asked for a federal major disaster declaration for 23 Alabama counties hit by Hurricane Isaias, her office announced that evening.

The request asks the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help cover eligible hurricane-related costs for governments and certain non-profits, and it seeks individual assistance that, if approved, could help households affected by the storm, the governor's office said.

The counties in the request are Baldwin, Barbour, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Dallas, Escambia, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lowndes, Marengo, Monroe, Perry, Pike, Sumter, Washington and Wilcox. Perry, Marengo and Choctaw counties are on the list; Hale, Bibb and Jefferson counties are not.

Damage assessment is continuing, and other counties may be added to the request, the governor's office said.

As of Saturday, Oct. 24, the only federal declaration in place in Alabama for the storm was FEMA's Oct. 9 emergency declaration for Baldwin, Escambia and Mobile counties and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, FEMA's records show. It does not include individual assistance.

"Assessments indicated this hurricane certainly caused significant damage across communities in parts of Alabama," Ivey said in a statement. "We saw individual homes and public infrastructure impacted. Having support from FEMA is critical to states like Alabama, and I am hopeful this request will be fulfilled so we can get Alabamians quickly back on their feet."

On Oct. 14, Ivey extended the state of emergency she had declared for the storm through Oct. 28.

Services will be Oct. 30 in Newbern for Byron Watson, 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, and close friends Jimbo York and "Shorty" Jones. He was predeceased by his grandparents, parents, and brother, Bill.

A graveside celebration of Byron's life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, October 30, at Newbern Cemetery, where family and friends will gather to honor a life well-lived and a man deeply loved.

O'Bryant Chapel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Southern Academy building fund, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or 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.



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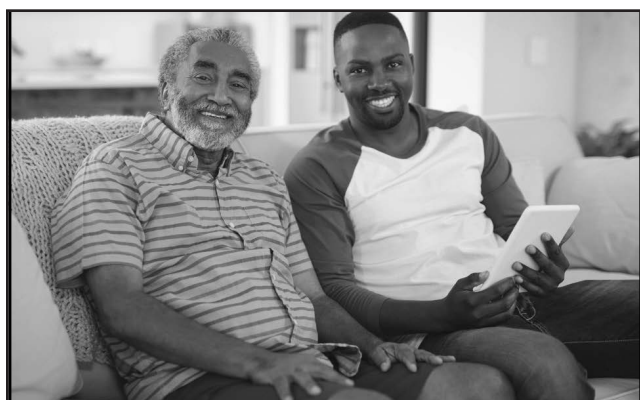
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STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2026 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2026-341 (SB271), Act No. 2026-378 (HB380), Act No. 2026-379 (HB511), and Act No. 2026-424 (SB5), proposing amendments to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022; WHEREAS, in conformity with Section 284 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, as

amended, the Legislature has ordered an election by the qualified electors of the state upon such proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendments, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, which shall be published once a week for at least four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election;

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

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2026-341

PART I.

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

"Section 127

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

(b) ~~If both a vacancy occurs in the office of the governor and the office of the lieutenant governor be removed from office, die or resign more than sixty (60) days prior to the next general election; at which any state officers are to be elected, a governor and lieutenant governor shall be elected at such election for the unexpired term, and in the event of a vacancy in the office, caused by the removal from office, death or resignation of the governor and lieutenant governor, pending~~

~~During such vacancy and until their successors shall be elected and qualified, the office of governor shall be held and administered by either the president pro tempore of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, attorney-general, state auditor, secretary of state, or state treasurer in the order herein named.~~

(c) ~~In case of the impeachment of the governor, his or her absence from the state for more than twenty days, unsoundness of mind, or other disability or incapacity to serve, the power and authority of the office shall, until the governor is acquitted, returns to the state, or is restored to his mind, or relieved from other disability no longer incapacitated, shall devolve in the order herein named, described in subsection (b) upon the lieutenant governor, president pro tempore of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, attorney-general, state auditor, secretary of~~

state, and state treasurer. If any of these officers be are under any of the disabilities herein specified, the office of the governor shall be administered in the order named by such of these officers as may be are free from such disability.

(d) ~~If the governor shall be is~~ absent from the state over twenty days, the secretary of state shall notify the lieutenant governor, who shall enter upon the duties of governor; if both the governor and lieutenant governor ~~shall be are~~ absent from the state over twenty days, the secretary of state shall notify the president pro ~~tem 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 tem tempore~~ of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the attorney-general, state auditor, secretary of state, and state treasurer, shall, in like manner, in the order named, administer the office until the governor-elect or lieutenant governor-elect qualifies.

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

PART II.

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

Notwithstanding any other provision of the constitution:

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

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

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 26-378

(a) Whenever two or more contiguous county boards of education deem it advisable to

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

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

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

(2) The consolidation shall become operative only if approved by a majority of the qualified electors who reside within the combined territory of the affected county school systems who vote in a referendum election to be held on the date of the next regularly scheduled general election. The order setting the election shall be entered by the judge of probate of each affected county within one month after the expiration of the 30-day time period provided in subdivision (1). Notice of the election shall be given by the judge of probate of each county, and the election shall be

held, conducted, and the results canvassed in the manner as other county elections. The ballots shall have printed at the top a statement of the purpose of the referendum election and directly underneath, in plain type and on different lines, the words, "For Consolidation," and "Against Consolidation." If a majority of the qualified electors voting in the combined territory of the affected county school systems vote to approve the consolidation, the consolidation shall be finalized as designated in the formal resolution.

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

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

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

ing 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 Legislature 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

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
P.O. Box 916
Marion, AL 36756
10-22-3c

Legal Notice

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: Case No.: 26-0037

THE ESTATE OF
JEWELL M. TUCKER
Deceased

Letters Testamentary of the deceased having been granted to

CHARLOTTE T. DOSS on this 13th day of October, 2026, by the Honorable Carlton L. Hogue, Judge of Probate Perry County, 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 forever.

CHARLOTTE T. DOSS is the Personal Representative of the Estate of JEWELL M. TUCKER.

Attorney for Personal Representative:

Kirtley W. Brown
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10-29-3c

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Breakthrough basketball opens Nov. 6 at home against i3 Academy

Breakthrough Charter School's JV and varsity basketball teams open the 2026-27 season at home against i3 Academy at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6.

The schedule for the JV boys, varsity girls and varsity boys runs through senior night against A.L. Johnson at home at 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, 2027.

Willie Shears Jr. is head coach.

The JV and varsity schedule:

Nov. 6, i3 Academy, home, 5 p.m.

Nov. 7, GHS, away, 4 p.m.

Nov. 9, Montevallo, away, 5 p.m.

Nov. 13, Marengo, away, 5 p.m.

Nov. 14, Aerospace, home, 1 p.m.

Nov. 17, Sumter, away, 5 p.m.

Nov. 19, Keith, away, 5 p.m.

Nov. 21, Greensboro, home, 4 p.m.

Nov. 24, i3 Academy, away, 5 p.m.

Nov. 30, Centreville, home, 5 p.m.

Dec. 1, Hatch, home, 5 p.m.

Dec. 4, Choctaw, home, 5 p.m.

Dec. 5, Aerospace, away, 1 p.m.

Dec. 8, Sumter, home, 5 p.m.

Dec. 10, Marengo, home,

5 p.m.

Dec. 14, Holy Family, away, 6 p.m.

Dec. 18, Linden, away, 5 p.m.

Dec. 19, Birmingham tournament, 9 a.m.

Dec. 21, Birmingham tournament, 8 a.m.

Dec. 29, Jackson Olin, home, 1 p.m.

Jan. 5, 2027, Hatch, away, 5 p.m.

Jan. 8, 2027, Shelby County, away, 5 p.m.

Jan. 11, 2027, University Charter, away, 5 p.m.

Jan. 15, 2027, Choctaw, away, 5 p.m.

Jan. 19, 2027, Linden, home, 5 p.m.

Jan. 21, 2027, University Charter, home, 5 p.m.

Jan. 25, 2027, Montevallo, home, 5 p.m.

Jan. 26, 2027, Hale County, away, 5 p.m.

Jan. 29, 2027, A.L. Johnson, home, 5 p.m. (senior night)

The middle school schedule has eight games. The last five are:

Oct. 29, Keith High School, home, 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 3, Centreville Middle School, away (at Bibb County High School), 5 p.m.

Nov. 5, Robert Brown, home, 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 19, Keith High School, away, 5 p.m.

Nov. 30, Centreville Middle School, home, 5 p.m.

Services were Oct. 24 for Christopher Emmit Hampton, 24

Christopher Emmit Hampton, 24, of Huntsville died October 15 in Huntsville.

He was born February 9, 2002.

The funeral service was held Saturday, October 24, at 2 p.m. at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Gal-

lion. Burial was the same day at Woodlawn Baptist Church in Uniontown.

Phillip White's Julia L. White Funeral Home of Decatur directed.



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.

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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

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

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(334) 683-8940
804 Washington Street, 36756

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

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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

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Highway 38, Marion, AL 36756

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(334) 683-8195
31820 Hwy 193, Marion, AL
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(334) 875-1496
County Road 45, Marion, AL
36756

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(334) 683-9622
601 Clay Street, Marion, AL
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20987 AL-183, Marion, AL
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Scott Station Rd, Marion, AL
36756

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Mt Olive Church Rd, Marion,
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800 Heiberger Loop Road,
Marion, AL 36756

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(334) 683-9877
950 Hickory Grove Baptist
Church Road, Marion, AL
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13411 M.L.K., Marion, AL
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17100 Coretta Scott King Hwy,
Marion, AL 36756

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Highway 5, Marion, AL 36756

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

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terian Church**
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55 Railroad St, Marion Junc-
tion, AL 36759

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502 Washington St, Marion, AL
36756-2526

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27177 Highway 14, Marion, AL
36756

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

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

Mount Sinai
(334) 683-4341
112 Centreville St, Marion, AL
36756

Mt. Nebo AME Zion Church
(334) 683-6311
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36756

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200 Jagger Rd, Marion, AL
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(334) 683-2992
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150 County Road 127, Marion,
AL 36756

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100 Hopkins Loop, Marion, AL
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142 Oak Grove Rd, Marion, AL
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301 CO RD 152, Marion, AL
36756

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29470 AL-14, Marion, AL
36756

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

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6420 Highway 14, Marion, AL
36756

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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,
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(334) 683-6562
104 Clements St, Marion, AL
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Trinity Baptist Church
(334) 683-4624
501 Carol St, Marion, AL
36756

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(334) 683-8345
16541 Coretta Scott King Hwy,

Marion, AL 36756

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(334) 683-4959
301 Pickens St, Marion, AL
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20 Cahaba Rd, Uniontown, AL
36786

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103 1/2 Church Street, Union-
town, AL 36786

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120 Central Mills Rd, Union-
town

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36786

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100 Franklin St, Uniontown, AL
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AL 36786

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36786

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AL 36786

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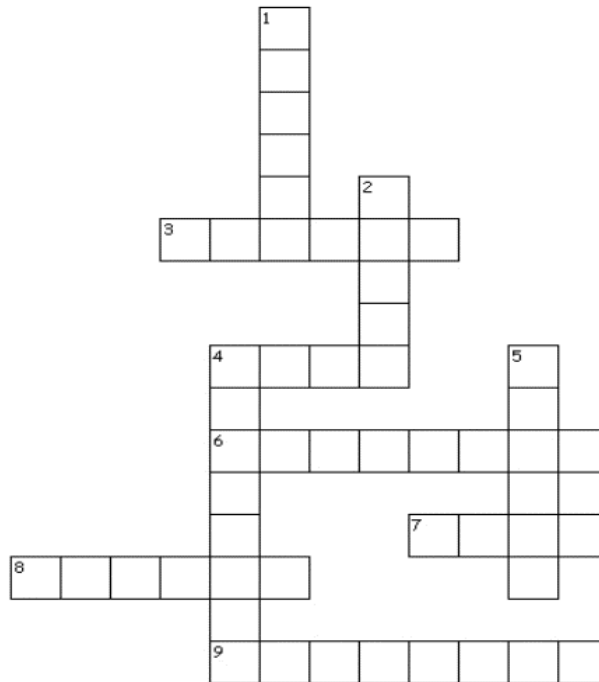
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Cain and Abel Crossword**Across**

3. Cain worked the soil, he was a _____.
4. God wants our _____ when we give to Him.
6. Abel knew this was important to God.
7. His offering was pleasing to God.
8. Cain did this when he killed his brother.
9. Abel watched the animals, he was this.

Down

1. Are you your brother's _____?
2. God didn't like Cain's attitude in his _____.
4. How were Cain and Abel related?
5. Part of Cain's punishment was that he would _____ the earth.



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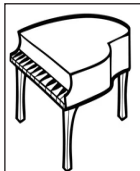


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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

PUMPKIN OATMEAL PANCAKES

Ingredients

Dry Ingredients

- 1½ cup rolled oats (not quick oats)
- 2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt

Wet Ingredients

- ½ cup pumpkin puree
- ¾ cup milk (more as needed)
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Instructions

1. Blend oats into a flour-like texture. Add remaining ingredients and blend until smooth. Let batter rest for 5 minutes.
2. Heat a greased nonstick skillet over medium-low heat. Pour ¼ cup batter per pancake.
3. Cook until bubbles form and edges look dry. Flip and cook another 2-4 minutes until golden brown. Repeat with remaining batter to make 8-10 pancakes.



The Robert C. Hatch High School Class of 1976 has given \$15,230 to the school's band program. The money comes through a grant awarded by the Ala-Tom Resource Conservation and Development Council and will help buy instruments for the marching and concert bands. The class presented a check dated Oct. 14 to the R.C. Hatch High School Band. Pictured Above: Members of the Robert C. Hatch High School Class of 1976 with the class's check to the school band.

IRS and state give storm-area taxpayers until Feb. 4 to file

Taxpayers who live or have a business in Perry County have until Thursday, Feb. 4, 2027, to file most federal tax returns and pay federal taxes that fall due on or after Oct. 7, when Hurricane Isaias began.

The Internal Revenue Service announced the relief Oct. 14 for Perry and 39 other Alabama counties, following the state's disaster declaration. The IRS said it identifies taxpayers in those counties automatically and applies the relief.

The Alabama Department of Revenue followed Oct. 15 with an automatic extension to Feb. 4 for state individual income tax returns that were due Oct. 15. No contact with the department is needed to get it, the department said.

Neither extension covers payments on 2025 individual returns, which were due April 15, the IRS and the department said.

The postponement applies to 2025 individual returns for people who had a valid extension to file, to quarterly payroll and certain excise tax returns normally due Monday, Nov. 2, and to estimated income tax payments due on or after Oct. 7. Estimated payments made by Feb. 4 will draw no penalty, the IRS said.

The extra time also applies to most other returns with an original or extended due date before Feb. 4, the IRS said, among them corporate, partnership, S corporation, estate and trust returns; estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer tax returns; annual returns of tax-exempt organizations; and employment and certain excise tax returns.

Employment and excise tax deposits, and information returns in the W-2, 1099 and related series, are not postponed unless the IRS lists them specifically.

A taxpayer who gets a late-filing or late-payment penalty notice for a deadline

inside the postponement period should call the number on the notice to have the penalty removed, the IRS said.

Affected taxpayers who live or have a business outside the 40 counties, such as those whose tax records are in the storm area, should call IRS Special Services at 866-562-5227 to ask for the relief.

Taxpayers on an IRS installment agreement or payment plan will keep getting reminder notices, and direct debits will continue. A payment missed during the postponement will not put the agreement in default, but interest and late-payment penalties keep adding up, the IRS said.

The IRS will also waive its fees for copies of past returns for affected taxpayers who write the declaration number, AL-0017-DR, in bold at the top of Form 4506 or Form 4506-T.

Taxpayers who need relief for other state tax filings, and those outside the 40 counties who have trouble filing on time because of the storm, may call the Department of Revenue to ask for relief case by case. The number for individual income tax is 334-353-0602.

The department's other numbers are 334-242-1200 for corporate income tax, 334-242-1033 for pass-through entities, 334-242-1490 for sales and use tax, 334-353-7923 for business privilege tax and 334-353-7680 for withholding tax.

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PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2026
PRELIMINARY

FUND TYPES & ACCOUNT GROUPS	GOVERNMENTAL				FIDUCIARY TRUST & AGENCY	EXHIBIT F-I-A ACCT GROUPS F/A & L/T DEBT
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS		
DESCRIPTION						
ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS:						
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,361,220.71	(89,245.47)	1,477,044.13	268,255.08	29,465.21	0.00
INVESTMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RECEIVABLES						
ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTERFUND RECEIVABLES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER RECEIVABLES	137,232.42	231,758.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INVENTORIES	0.00	29,366.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER ASSETS	27,100.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FIXED ASSETS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,147,656.70
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER DEBITS						
AMT AVAILABLE IN DEBT SVC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AMT PROV FOR PMT OF L-T DEBT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,643,662.24
OTHER DEBITS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	1,525,553.85	171,879.73	1,477,044.13	268,255.08	29,465.21	35,791,318.94
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY:						
LIABILITIES:						
SALARIES & BENEFITS PAYABLE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,350.36	0.00
PAYROLL W/H & DED PAYABLE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(8,317.51)	0.00
CLAIMS PAYABLE	19,981.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,670.82	0.00
OTHER PAYABLES						
INTERFUND PAYABLES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER PAYABLES	98,207.62	12,346.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER LIABILITIES	0.00	360.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,643,662.24
TOTAL LIABILITIES	118,188.70	12,706.36	0.00	0.00	(296.33)	3,643,662.24
FUND EQUITY:						
INVESTMENT IN FIXED ASSETS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,147,656.70
RETAINED EARNINGS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RESERVED FUND BALANCE	1,500.00	36,462.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	1,405,865.15	125,110.94	1,477,044.13	268,255.08	29,761.54	0.00
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	1,407,365.15	161,573.37	1,477,044.13	268,255.08	29,761.54	32,147,656.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	1,525,553.85	174,279.73	1,477,044.13	268,255.08	29,465.21	35,791,318.94

FY2025 Schedule of Debt

LEA Perry County 053

Part I

Original Amount	Year Borrowed	Anticipated Date of Liquidation	FY2026 Principal Paid	FY2026 Interest Paid	Balance remaining as of 9/30/26	Revenue and Fund Source used for payment	Description/Purpose of Debt	Lender	Interest Rate
\$1,023,806.64	2017	2026	114,214.85	\$5,463.41	0	Fleet Renewal 13-1320	School Buses	Marion Bank	3.25%
\$500,000.00	2025	2026	500,000.00	\$3,804.07	0	Loan 11-6001	Short Term Loan	West Alabama Bank	5.40%
\$2,195,000.00	2014	2029	\$205,000.00	\$22,120.00	\$560,000.00	6110/6001		Regions	2.60%
\$1,360,000.00	2019	2031	\$80,000.00	\$26,530.83	\$990,000.00	6110/6001		Regions	2.48%
\$610,968.00	2022	2031	\$57,530.94	\$16,717.99	\$409,657.17		School Buses	Governmental Capital	
\$5,689,774.64			956,745.79	\$74,636.30	\$1,959,657.17				

Part II

Total Line of Credit	Was Line of Credit Used in FY26	FY2026 Principal Paid	FY2026 Interest Paid	Revenue and Fund Source used for payment	Lender	Interest Rate			

Instructions:

If any balloon payments are scheduled, attach amortization schedule. Include both short term and long term obligations, even if obligation and repayment occurred within the same fiscal year.
Include all debt of the school system, including any local school debt.
If additional pages are needed, please copy as necessary.

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2026
PRELIMINARY

FUND TYPES DESCRIPTION	GOVERNMENTAL				FIDUCIARY EXPENDABLE TRUST	EXHIBIT F-II-A TOTAL (Memo Only)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS		
REVENUES						
STATE REVENUES	9,271,391.33	0.00	174,363.00	240,730.00	0.00	9,686,484.33
FEDERAL REVENUES		3,155,350.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,704,832.99
LOCAL REVENUES	3,241,558.06	310,156.55	3,520.12	0.00	0.00	1,493,880.17
OTHER REVENUES	566,184.53	10,861.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,555,234.73
TOTAL REVENUES	13,079,133.92	3,476,368.38	177,883.12	240,730.00	0.00	16,974,115.42
EXPENDITURES:						
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	5,369,203.90	1,243,674.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,612,878.09
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES	1,876,233.56	828,433.88	0.00	0.00	165.55	3,155,350.62
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	1,485,305.17	8,575.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,493,880.17
AUXILIARY SERVICES	1,226,105.77	1,149,945.25	10,465.73	128,205.00	0.00	2,514,721.75
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	1,109,400.20	325,634.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,435,034.45
CAPITAL OUTLAY	70,918.30	0.00	0.00	7,228.46	0.00	78,146.76
DEBT SERVICES						
PRINCIPLE	580,000.00	0.00	376,745.79	0.00	0.00	956,745.79
INTEREST	30,334.90	0.00	44,301.40	0.00	0.00	74,636.30
OTHER DEBT SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER EXPENDITURES	368,999.64	365,793.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	734,793.55
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	12,116,501.44	3,922,056.48	431,512.92	135,433.46	165.55	16,605,669.85
OTHER FUND SOURCES (USES):						
TRANSFERS IN	19,855.50	325,000.00	223,517.31	0.00	0.00	568,372.81
OTHER FUND SOURCES	74,463.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	74,463.24
TRANSFERS OUT	545,267.31	24,037.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	569,304.76
OTHER FUND USES	33,397.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,397.00
TOTAL OTHER FUND SOURCES (USES)	(484,345.57)	300,962.55	223,517.31	0.00	0.00	40,134.29
EXCESS REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES OVER(UNDER)EXPENDITURES & OTHER FUND USES	478,286.91	(144,725.55)	(30,112.49)	105,296.54	(165.55)	408,579.86
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE - OCT 1	929,078.24	306,298.92	1,507,156.62	162,958.54	30,102.09	2,935,594.41
ENDING FUND BALANCE - SEP 30	1,407,365.15	161,573.37	1,477,044.13	268,255.08	29,936.54	3,344,174.27

Perry County 2026 general election sample ballot

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☐ DONALD BENNETT
Democrat
☐ Write-in

FOR MEMBER, PERRY COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO. 2
(Vote for One)
☐ ANTHONY J LONG
Democrat
☐ Write-in

FOR MEMBER, PERRY COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO. 3
(Vote for One)
☐ DONALD NICHOLS
Democrat
☐ BRETT HARRISON
Republican
☐ Write-in

FOR MEMBER, PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 5
(Vote for One)
☐ VERA DAVIS
Democrat
☐ Write-in

This is a common ballot, however, some offices will appear only in certain precincts which will apply to your districts.

"Shall the following Amendments to the Constitution of Alabama be adopted?"

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT STATEWIDE

STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 1

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide for the election of a Lieutenant Governor if the Office of Lieutenant Governor becomes vacant during the first two years of a term, to authorize the Legislature to set the salary of the Lieutenant Governor and officers of the Legislature, and to require any expenditure of legislative funds for travel to be approved by a legislative officer. (Proposed by Act 2026-341)

☐ YES
☐ NO

STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 2

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide a process for the creation of a consolidated county school system by merging two or more contiguous county boards of education; to require the State Board of Education to conduct an impact study on the potential effects of the consolidation; to require publication of the impact study; to provide a procedure for protesting a proposed consolidation of two or more county school systems; and to require the State Board of Education to adopt rules. (Proposed by Act 2026-378)

☐ YES
☐ NO

STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 3

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to require local boards of education to adopt policies requiring each public K-12 school to recite The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag at the beginning of each school day; and to require local boards of education to adopt a policy authorizing student-initiated and student-led prayer. (Proposed by Act 2026-379)

☐ YES
☐ NO

STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 4

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to require local boards of education to adopt policies requiring each public K-12 school to broadcast or sanction the performance of the first stanza of The Star-Spangled Banner at least once per week during school hours. (Proposed by Act 2026-424)

☐ YES
☐ NO

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF LOCAL APPLICATION TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IN ONLY THE COUNTY OF APPLICATION

LOCAL AMENDMENT 1

Relating to Perry County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to authorize a qualified taxpayer 65 years of age or older to claim a senior property tax exemption for real property under certain conditions. (Proposed by Act 2026-343)

☐ YES
☐ NO

END OF BALLOT

Halloween events coming up this week in Perry County

A number of Halloween events are set in Perry County through Saturday, Oct. 31.

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.

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.

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."

Disability Rights & Resources provides free home modifications for older homeowners

Disability Rights & Resources provides free home modifications and repairs to help low-income older adults stay safely in their homes through its Older Adult

Home Modification Program.

The organization works with occupational therapists on low-cost modifications that reduce the risk of falls and improve safety and accessibility.

Under a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Older Adult Home Modification Grant,

the program is open to homeowners 62 or older with household income less than 80 percent of the area median income.

The organization's service area covers 20 counties, among them Bibb, Hale, Jefferson and Perry.

For details, contact christie.stanley@dradvocates.org or 205-815-6142.

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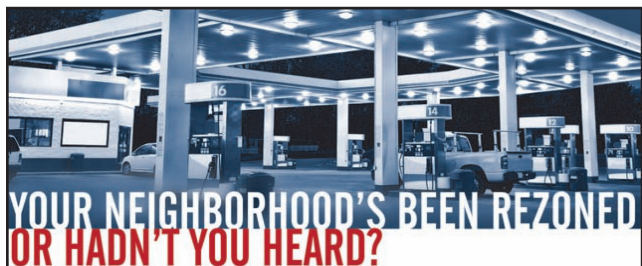
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SEWELL DELIVERS FOR THE BLACK BELT

✓ MORE JOBS

Sewell helped cut average unemployment in the district by two thirds since taking office. She hosted 15 annual job fairs and helped bring:

- 300 jobs for \$100 million investment at Golden Dragon in Clarke and Wilcox Counties
- \$2.4 million to support the Remote Air Traffic Control Academy at Craig Field in Selma
- \$388 million expansion at Hyundai Motor Manufacturing, creating 50 new jobs
- \$4.4 million grant in 2024 from the Department of Labor for job skill training in Alabama including the counties of Hale, Greene, Marengo, Sumter, and Pickens
- \$7.9 million for Stillman College to construct a new research facility, creating jobs and economic growth in West Alabama
- \$500,000 to the University of West Alabama to spur entrepreneurship in the Black Belt

✓ HEALTHCARE

Sewell has fought to expand access to quality affordable healthcare in the Black Belt:

- Capped insulin costs at \$35/month and out-of-pocket drug costs at \$2,000/year for seniors
- Secured \$186+ million for Alabama's rural hospitals and \$36.9 million for community health centers in Alabama's 7th District since taking office
- Secured a combined \$5.2 million in community project funding for the Hale County Hospital, Thomasville Regional Medical Center, Hill Hospital, Greene County Hospital, J. Paul Jones Hospital, and Rural Health Medical Program
- Secured \$1 million for improvements to the Uniontown Health Center
- Secured \$600,000 to expand mental health and substance use services in the Black Belt
- Secured \$803,000 to construct the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences in Demopolis in FY27 appropriations bill
- Passed legislation to make cancer screenings more affordable for seniors
- Sponsored and passed legislation to bring more health professionals to underserved communities
- Sponsored the Save Rural Hospitals Act and led efforts to boost Medicare reimbursement rates for hospitals in AL-07
- Introduced the Protecting Access to Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act to ensure communities have access to lifesaving medical transportation

✓ LOWER COSTS

Sewell has fought to tackle the affordability crisis and put more money in your pockets:

- Helped constituents recover \$30+ million in federal benefits since taking office
- Passed the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act to bring down housing costs
- Secured \$383 million in USDA assistance to Alabama farmers who have faced discrimination
- Sponsored legislation to end Trump's tariffs and voted twice to stop the Iran war

✓ INFRASTRUCTURE

- Brought billions to Alabama from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law:
 - \$1.4 billion to expand broadband
 - \$780+ million for water & sewer improvements
- Secured \$5.8 million from the Delta Regional Authority for disaster recovery in the Black Belt, benefiting the cities of Selma and York
- Secured \$1.6 million to revitalize Alabama Avenue in Selma
- Secured \$42.8 million to improve rail infrastructure in the Black Belt, benefiting Monroeville, Pine Hill, Linden, Demopolis, Boligee, and Pickensville
- Secured \$1.25 million for new community centers in Sumter County and Marion
- Secured \$1 million for a new joint police and volunteer fire station in Aliceville
- Secured \$511,000 for new storm shelters in Hale County
- Secured \$1 million for new community center in Choctaw County

✓ VOTING RIGHTS

- Leading the fight to restore the Voting Rights Act as the author and lead sponsor of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act which passed the House twice
- Secured \$30+ million in grants to preserve historic civil rights sites in Alabama
- Fighting back against Trump's voter suppression agenda as the top Democrat on the Elections Subcommittee
- Sponsored and passed the Congressional Gold Medal bill honoring the Four Little Girls killed in the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing
- Sponsored and passed the Congressional Gold Medal bill honoring the Foot Soldiers of the 1965 Marches from Selma to Montgomery
- Sponsored the Rosa Parks Day Act to make December 1st a new federal holiday

VOTE: Tuesday, November 3rd

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