

Six state rural health grants name Perry County

Six of the 34 rural health grants Gov. Kay Ivey announced Thursday, Oct. 1, name Perry County among the counties they will serve, three of them awarded to Cahaba Medical Care Foundation.

The grants, nearly \$55 million in all, are the second round of the Alabama Rural Health Transformation Program this year, the governor's office said. The money comes from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs administers the program.

Cahaba Medical Care Foundation received three

grants: \$266,486 for Project LOOP, which is to expand cervical cancer detection, follow-up and treatment for women in Bibb, Chilton, Perry and Wilcox counties; \$161,580 for a digital system that lets patients in the same four counties fill out intake forms, schedule appointments and pay online; and \$125,055 for mobile, hands-on training for rural health care workers and emergency medical personnel in Bibb, Perry and Wilcox counties.

The University of Alabama received \$1.76 million to supply emergency medical services in 13 counties, Perry among them, with portable telemedicine equip-

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Sewell with Marion Military Institute cadets at the session.

Sewell hosts service academy information session at MMI

U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell hosted an information session at Marion Military Institute on Tuesday evening, Sept. 29, for students interested in attending the na-

tion's military service academies.

"Serving our country is one of the highest callings," Sewell said afterward, sharing photos from the evening.

Sewell pointed students to her website for the academy nomination process, sewell.house.gov/service-academy.



Southern Academy's 2026 homecoming court. Back row, from left: Machaela Bovis, ninth grade maid; Laiken Swindal, eighth grade maid; Addie Grace Rogers, seventh grade maid; Taylor Kyser, 11th grade maid; Macie Sluder, 10th grade maid; and Milly Leys, 12th grade maid. Seated: Hayden Harrison, queen, and JB Bishop, king.

Voter registration closes Oct. 19 for the Nov. 3 general election

The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 3 general election is Monday, Oct. 19, Secretary of State Wes Allen said in a release Oct. 5.

Voters can register online at sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/register-to-vote, or deliver a paper registration form in person or by mail to the county Board of Registrars. Registration status can be checked at myinfo.alabama-votes.gov/VoterView.

To vote in Alabama, a person must be a U.S. citizen, live in Alabama and be at least 18 on or before Election Day, and must not be barred from voting by a disqualifying felony conviction or have been judged "mentally incompetent" by a court.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. Voters must show valid photo identification at the polls or when vot-

ing by absentee ballot.

Questions go to the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 334-242-7210 or to the county Board of Registrars.

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.

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ment, training and treatment protocols so that crews can care for some patients where they are instead of taking them to an emergency room.

The university's project also sets up a demonstration in Lamar, Perry and Pickens counties that connects ambulance crews with physicians during calls to guide treatment, referrals, follow-up care and decisions about transport.

UAB St. Vincent's Chilton received \$618,000 for a mobile prostate cancer screening program in eight counties: Bibb, Chilton, Dallas, Hale, Lowndes, Marengo, Perry and Wilcox.

Greene County Health System received \$308,694 for a network to coordinate how patients with suspected strokes, major trauma and other time-sensitive emergencies are identified, stabilized and transferred in 14 counties, including Perry.

Among the statewide grants, the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences, the residential high school in Demopolis, received \$7.27 million, and the Alabama Community College System received \$20.6 million to expand health care job training at rural community colleges.

The first round, announced in late August, awarded more than \$144 million through 138 grants.

Orrville man charged with second-degree rape, sodomy involving minor



Antonious Johnson

An 18-year-old Orrville man is charged with second-degree rape and sodomy involving a minor, according to Perry County District Court records.

Antonious Johnson, 18, of Orrville is charged with rape in the second degree and sodomy in the second degree, each a Class B felony, and with possession of a pistol by a certain person forbidden, a Class A misdemeanor.

A sworn complaint filed by a Marion police officer alleges that on or about Sept. 20 in Perry County, Johnson engaged in sexual intercourse and sodomy with a minor who was at least 12 but younger than 16 and at least two years younger than he was. The complaint also alleges that Johnson, being a minor, had a pistol in his possession.

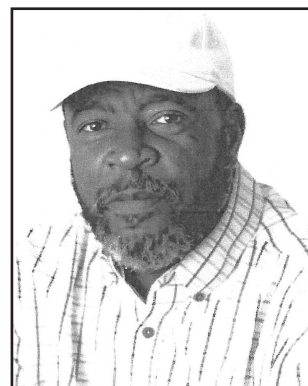
Johnson was arrested Oct. 1, the Marion Police Department said in a Facebook post Oct. 5, and the complaint was filed in district court Oct. 2. Bond was set at \$33,000, and as of Oct. 2, court records listed Johnson's status as jailed. The police department's post said he was being held in the Marengo County Detention Center.

Antioch plans fall celebration Oct. 11

Antioch Baptist Church, 929 County Road 3 in Greensboro, will hold its fall celebration at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, with singing by Southern Gospel Sound and lunch after the service. The Rev. Arthur Thomas is pastor.

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Services were Oct. 3 for Sylvester 'Rick' Faddis, 65



Sylvester "Rick" Faddis, 65, died September 17. He was born November 9, 1960, to the late James and Josephine Faddis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Willie James Faddis, Woodrow Faddis and Leo Faddis.

He is survived by his daughter, Kimberly Faddis-Hicks (Kendrick); two grandchildren, Shemaya Faddis and Nicholis Pelt Jr.; two brothers, Nelson Faddis (Isabelle) of Uniontown and Tyrone Faddis (Deborah) of Greensboro; three uncles, Charlie Green (Joyce), Arthur Green (Marva Lean) and Melvin Green (Deborah); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins,

friends and coworkers.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 3, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 296 Beech Street, Newbern, with the Rev. Dr. Bryan O. McCullough officiating.

Washington & Paige Mortuary of Greensboro directed.

Services will be Oct. 10 for Gregory Larkins of Uniontown, 66



Gregory Larkins, 66, of Uniontown entered into eternal rest October 1 at Vaughan Regional Medical Center in Selma.

He was born August 2, 1960.

Visitation will be held Friday, October 9, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at Larkin and Scott Mortuary in Demopolis. Graveside services will be held Saturday, October 10, at 10 a.m. at Cedar Grove Baptist Church Cemetery on County Road 59 in Faunsdale.

Larkin and Scott Mortuary of Demopolis is entrusted with arrangements.

Services were Oct. 3 for Rosa Mae Johnson of Uniontown, 74

Rosa Mae Johnson, 74, died September 24. She was born April 16, 1952.

A public viewing was held Friday, October 2, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Glen White Memorial Funeral Home, 255 Franklin Street, Uniontown.

The funeral service was held Saturday, October 3, at 1 p.m. at Saint Peter Primitive Baptist Church, South Street, Uniontown, with interment following in Goldman Hill Cemetery on Village Avenue.

Glen White Memorial Funeral Home of Uniontown directed.

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Services will be Oct. 10 at Marion Methodist for the Rev. Dr. Mike Pearson



The Rev. Dr. Charles Michael "Mike" Pearson, 67, went to be with Jesus on Friday, September 25.

Mike was born to James and Evelyn Pearson on October 31, 1958. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of West Alabama and his Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary. He went on to earn his Doctor of Ministry and then earned his Ph.D. in organizational leadership. He served 34 years in pastoral ministry.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Jimmy Pearson; and his father-in-law, Joe Day.

He is survived by his wife

of 43 years, Lisa Day Pearson; daughter and son-in-law, India and Payton Linder; grandchildren, Pearson and Ezra Linder; brother, Joe Pearson; mother-in-law, Linda Day; and nieces, Rishay and Allen Morgan and Jamie and Bruce Shelton, and their children.

A memorial service will be held at his home church, Marion Methodist, 110 Washington Street, Marion, on Saturday, October 10. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m., followed by the service at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Beef and Forage Field Day set Oct. 16 at Black Belt research center

Livestock and forage producers are invited to the annual Beef and Forage Field Day on Friday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Black Belt Research and Extension Center, 60 County Road 944, Marion Junction.

The field day gives producers a chance to get out in the field, see demonstrations firsthand and learn about current research, forage management and practical farming techniques. The program is free and is provided by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

Register at aub.ie/BBFieldDay26. For questions, contact Court Green-Johnson at 205-659-6796 or

ADEM finds eight significant deficiencies at Uniontown water system

Report calls for a corrective action report within 30 days and puts the system's water loss at 38.8 percent

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management found eight significant deficiencies in the Uniontown Water Works & Sewer Board's drinking water system at an Aug. 27 inspection, according to ADEM's annual inspection report on the system.

Seven of the eight fall under the report's first finding: "Not all deficiencies from the previous annual inspection or the previous sanitary survey have been addressed."

The report calls for the board to "submit to the Department a corrective action report addressing the concerns described above" within 30 days. It says chlorine cylinders that were examined at the last inspection are still lying on the grass behind the wellhouse and "need to be removed immediately."

The cover letter, dated Sept. 28, is addressed to board chairman Clarence Black and signed by Brett Newton of ADEM's Drinking Water Branch. "Please review the report and correct any deficiencies noted," the letter says.

The system serves 3,600 people through 1,147 service connections, according to ADEM's inspection checklist, which lists one well, the James Avenue Well, and one tank, the James Avenue Tank, a 500,000-gallon elevated tank.

The daily amount of phosphate used for corrosion control is not being reported on the system's monthly operational reports, the report says, and logbooks need to be set up and kept for verifying and calibrating colorimeters and other testing equipment.

A tank maintenance plan is in the state database, but the system does not have it on file. A source water assessment is being done and is to be filed with the system's other plans when it is finished.

Trees and other vegetation have overgrown two legs of the James Avenue Tank, "making them completely inaccessible." The fence at the well and tank site is knocked down in multiple places, with no gate and no

signs.

The eighth significant deficiency was unchained chlorine cylinders in a small storage building behind the wellhouse.

ADEM's May 29, 2025, inspection listed the phosphate reporting, the logbooks, a tank maintenance plan and an updated source water assessment as significant deficiencies.

The phosphate reporting was the only significant deficiency in ADEM's Sept. 16, 2024, sanitary survey, which told the board to begin reporting phosphate feed rates on its monthly reports in December 2024.

This year's report also lists seven minor deficiencies and calls for the same 30-day corrective action report on them.

The chlorine exhaust fan at the James Avenue Well was not working at the time of the inspection, and there is no chlorine gas leak detector or appropriate protective equipment on site, the report says. The system has no standard operating procedures and needs to create and carry out a formal leak detection program.

The tank shows signs of coating failure and needs to be cleaned and painted. There was exposed, loose wiring in the wellhouse, running from an outlet to metering equipment on the pipe from the well.

"There is not adequate security at the wellhouse," the report says. "The fence is down in multiple locations and chlorine cylinders are exposed, unchained, and visible from the road."

Under its recommendations, the report puts the system's unaccounted-for water loss for the past year at 38.8 percent. "The Department recommends no more than a 15% water loss," it says.

ADEM's figure was 29.4 percent in its Sept. 16, 2024, sanitary survey and 33.7 percent on the checklist from its May 29, 2025, inspection.

The report also recommends an updated system map showing the locations of all valves, hydrants and master meters. It says the system cannot isolate

sections of its distribution system to repair a leak without causing water outages to customers.

The wellhouse needs repair, and the report notes that the work "will be completed in an upcoming rehab project." Rusted piping in the wellhouse should be painted, it says.

Services will be Oct. 9 for Aaron Harrell of Uniontown



Aaron Harrell, 68, of Uniontown entered into eternal transition on Saturday, September 26, at his home. He was born September 15, 1958.

A viewing will be held Friday, October 9, from 1 to 6 p.m. at Phillip White's Julia L. White Funeral Home, 322 North Street, Uniontown. Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 10, at 1 p.m. at St. Mark Baptist Church on Alabama Highway 5 in Marion Junction. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Phillip White's Julia L. White Funeral Home of Uniontown is in charge of arrangements.

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Cooking in the Black Belt

by Casey Roberts

Before I get too far along in this week's recipe, I want to give a sort of editor's note to last week's tirade. A thought that had been gestating in my mind for a while was put to the test once and for all: polenta in cornbread. I found myself referencing historian Shelby Foote's cornbread recipe, which calls for sizzling lard as a final ingredient in this stoneground cornbread. We happened to have a bag of Bob's Red Mill Polenta sitting in our pantry and I thought, "Why not?" It was a smashing success, I must say. The texture is perfect, the corn flavor intact, and guess what? It has sugar in it! Another point on my personal validation board. So, if you have some stoneground polenta lying around, try it in your next cornbread recipe. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised with the results. Now, back to this week's programming.

I had breakfast twice on Sunday. When John woke up that morning, I was in the mood for pancakes. Graciously, John obliged me in this craving. Pancakes on Sundays has long been a tradition in my family, if you will. We'd have little bowls of chocolate chips, blueberries, pecans, a shaker of cinnamon, a smattering of syrups. It felt like a true luxury to plug in a countertop griddle and have pancakes made to your specifications. Of course I was partial to the chocolate chip variety in my youth, but I've grown to appreciate the blueberry in all its virtues. Especially in pancakes.

So, I started flipping through Cotton Country Cooking, brought to you by the Junior League of Morgan County, Alabama. Then it got me wondering if Morgan County even qualified as cotton country. To save you some research, it is...who knew?! Anyway, in the "Breads" section, there was a recipe called Oven Pancake for Two. Its ingredients were quite plain, with direct instructions, and a cute recommendation to serve this as a late breakfast or a quick dessert for date nights. Appar-

ently it was supposed to puff up in the oven without any leavening, but who am I to be skeptical? Besides, we had everything to make it. I tossed it all together, sifting and mixing, and heating the pan like I was making cornbread. I poured my batter and 20 minutes later, I was gasping at what I surely thought was a disaster. The sides were peaking up from the sides of the pan, all the butter pooled on top of a custardy center. My immediate thought was that I had royally messed this oven pancake up. Drizzling some honey on it, I thought a little jam or marmalade might save it. The recipe called for confectioners sugar, but I didn't feel like having a funnel cake for breakfast. To my surprise, we both rather enjoyed it. John even remarked, "It looks like a Dutch baby." A what? Well, apparently it's a thing and it's exactly what I made.

These high sides make a delicate bowl that reminds me of puff pastry, with a center that reminds me of bread pudding. I snuck a little cinnamon in mine and a pinch of sugar, but you can sweeten this up with all kinds of fixings. Farm-fresh berries, macerated or not, would be perfect to pile high in the center. Not to mention it would make an impressive addition to your brunch spread without being overly sweet. Dot the inside with some sliced brie or camembert in the last five minutes or so, smear a little fig preserves here and there, and you've got a halfway savory variation of this. Maybe add some bacon, prosciutto, some chives or parsley.

Here, then, is a good way to start your day, no matter what you have at hand.

Oven Pancake for Two

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
1/2 cup sifted all purpose flour
1/2 cup milk
2 eggs
Dash of nutmeg

Optional: confectioners sugar, juice of half a lemon

Melt butter in heavy 8-inch iron skillet in 400 degree oven, being careful not to

burn it.

In mixing bowl, stir slightly the flour and milk. In measuring cup beat the eggs with a fork. Add to the flour mixture and add nutmeg. Stir until blended but not smooth; batter should still be a little lumpy.

Pour batter into skillet with melted butter. Bake in 400 to 425 degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes until puffy and lightly browned.

Optional: Sprinkle with confectioners sugar and lemon juice. Serve hot with marmalade, jelly, or syrup.

In fact, Mrs. Robert H. Hosey, who contributed this recipe, notes that this is a cross between an omelet, a pancake, and a chess pie. I happen to agree with that assessment. Now, I'll tell you how I did it, and I think it has a better flow. I went ahead and made my batter before I even put the butter in the pan. The pan was preheating with the oven before the butter went in, but I wanted to make sure I could keep an eye on everything. This way, all you have to do is wait for the butter to be popping and sizzling, then you're in the money.

Make sure your pan isn't too close to your heating element. Otherwise, you might risk burning the top edge of your Dutch baby, which does nothing for a baby's constitution. If calling it a Dutch baby seems too much of a stretch for some of you, feel free to call this dish by its equally confusing nickname: German pancake. I didn't spot any lederhosen or copies of the Complete Works of Goethe in my pancake from Sunday, but maybe I wasn't looking hard enough. For that matter, I didn't see any tulips or windmills in my pancake either. Now, I just feel robbed.

On a less silly note, it's not too often I come across a recipe that is quite simple in construction, but impressive in results. This truly looks like something in a magazine made for gourmards, but can be thrown together as quickly as any other quick bread we hold near and dear. It's also the first time I haven't felt tremendous guilt over Pancake Sundays, because the proportions are perfect for two hun-

gry people. Really, this is a main dish in and of itself. However, you could also stack it with scrambled eggs and bacon or some such meat for an all-in-one dish. That's typically how I eat my breakfast anyway, no matter how slovenly that may appear. My grandmother always ate her breakfast with a spoon, no matter what was on the menu. I can't really judge, because I had an affinity for eating all my meals with a cake fork. We all have our eccentricities. Still, this is one that I beg you to try and tell me it isn't the easiest breakfast bread you've thrown together. Once in a while, getting out of the recipe rut can yield some exciting discoveries in the kitchen. I didn't wake up on Sunday expecting to learn about Dutch babies and their fascinating variations, but I also didn't close myself off from that possibility either. As always, I'm always going to urge you to try it out. Believe me, I pay attention to everyone who comes up to me and tells me they've tried my recipes. I don't take that responsibility lightly. Coming into your kitchens, even in this small way, makes me feel like we're all eating at one big table. All of us, enjoying something as intimate and familiar as Pancake Sundays, even if we hardly know each other. So, I hope you start contemplating pancakes on Sundays, like I do, and I hope this pancake is worthy of your weekly rotation.

Throw & Go contest offers Magic City Classic tickets

The Black Belt Community Foundation's Throw & Go contest is open, with the winner receiving two tickets to the Magic City Classic football game between Alabama A&M and Alabama State in Birmingham, plus a two-night stay at a Birmingham hotel.

Entries are \$5 each, with bonus entries for donations of \$20 or more. Proceeds support the foundation's community grants in its 12 Black Belt service counties. The last day to buy entries is Thursday, Oct. 15, at noon, and the drawing is Friday, Oct. 16. Enter at blackbelt-found.org/throwandgo.

Services were Oct. 2 for Regenia Bennett Williams, 64



Regenia Bennett Williams, 64, died September 23. She was born December 14, 1961.

A public viewing was held Friday, October 2, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Glen White Memorial Funeral Home, 255 Franklin Street, Uniontown. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 3, at 11 a.m. at Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 3087 R.L. Flowers Road, Uniontown. Interment followed at noon at the church.

Glen White Memorial Funeral Home of Uniontown directed.

Erica King memorial trail ride for breast cancer

awareness set for Oct. 17 at East Perry park

The Ride for a Cause, a breast cancer awareness trail ride and event in memory of Erica King, is set for Saturday, Oct. 17, at East Perry Community Park and Recreation Center, 5689 County Road 64, Marion, according to the flyer for the ride.

Gates open at noon and the ride starts at 3 p.m. Admission is \$15, and the flyer says a donation will be made to the Breast Cancer Society; other donations are welcome.

Mason Street mobile home request returns to Marion council Thursday

The Marion City Council meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, in the council chambers at City Hall, 123 E. Jefferson St., after a 5:45 p.m. public hearing on a request for a variance to place a mobile home at 102 Mason Street.

The request, by Johnny Stevenson, is also on the council's agenda for a second reading under old business.

No one attended a public hearing on the same request before the council's Sept. 21 meeting, Mayor Dexter Hinton reported that night. No motion was made to approve

the request; Councilman Willie Jackson moved to table it until the next meeting, and Councilman Stanley Kennie seconded.

Under new business, the council is to set a new date for a budget meeting. The agenda proposes 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, or 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19.

Also on the agenda are approval of the Sept. 21 minutes, a proposal for repairs to Davis Street, animal control concerns brought by Dr. Anthony and Dr. Cathy Trimble, and a follow-up to previous questions.

The agenda also lists monthly department reports and a proposed yearly holiday calendar, with monthly expenditures, a revenue and expenditure report and a brief budget analysis. Public comments are limited to three minutes per speaker.

The hearing and meeting will also be on Zoom, meeting ID 285 802 9880, passcode 918364, according to the city's notice. Seating in the council chambers is limited, the notice says.

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 Pernel 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."

Kids and Kin classes for relative caregivers set at Marion library through Dec.

The Family Guidance Center of Alabama's Kids and Kin program has scheduled free classes for grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives raising children at the Marion-Perry County Public Library, 202 Washington St., through the end of the year.

The schedule: A Guide to Safe Sleep for Infants, Tuesday, Oct. 13; Peer Pressure, From Toddlers to Teens, Monday, Oct. 26; How to Potty Train Children with Special Needs, Monday, Nov. 9; Financial Literacy 101: Curriculum for Kids and Teens, Monday, Nov. 23; APT, Multisensory Learning Techniques: What Is It?, Monday, Dec. 7; and Laughter is the Best Medicine, Monday, Dec. 14.

Kids and Kin offers two trainings a month, in person and online. Relative caregivers who enroll in its Voluntary Certification Program receive a free health and safety item, earn \$50 in toys and educational materials for completing six trainings plus CPR and first aid, and earn

\$100 more for six additional trainings, according to the program's flyer.

Information: Rebecca Dye, 334-465-0049 or rdye@familyguidance-center.org.

County solid waste customers can now pay online or by phone

Perry County Solid Waste customers can pay their bills online, sign up for autopay, e-billing and paperless billing, or pay by phone at 844-516-1082 through a new payment system that went live Wednesday, Sept. 16, the Perry County Commission announced.

Customers whose account number is currently listed as their name will need to contact the solid waste office to have it changed to a numeric account number before using the automated pay-by-phone system, the commission said.

Questions go to the Perry County Solid Waste Department at 334-683-2200, ext. 4, or solidwaste@perrycountyal.gov.

Project GRACE sets Pretty in Pink Ball Oct. 10 at Lincoln Auditorium

Project GRACE Central Alabama will hold its Pretty in Pink Ball at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Lincoln Auditorium in Marion, an evening in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month honoring those fighting the disease, survivors, caregivers and supporters, and remembering those no longer here.

Ticket donations are \$15 for one ticket or \$25 for two. The evening promises music, food and drinks, door prizes and memories, according to the flyer, which invites everyone out to support the cause.

Anyone who would like to sponsor or donate to the event can contact Kim at 334-292-5608.

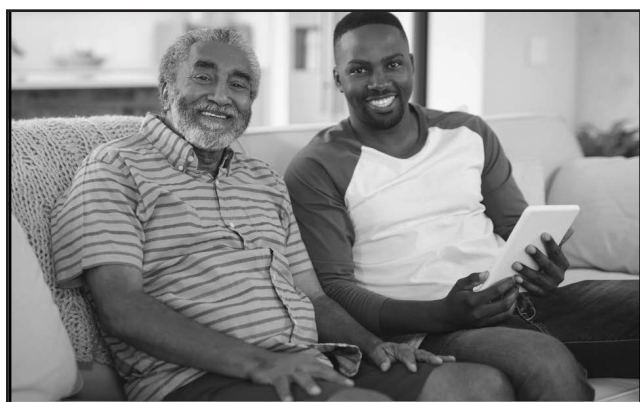
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CASE NO. 26-0030

Letters of Administration were granted to Lisa Osborne, as Personal Representative of the Estate of John H. Walker, deceased, on the _____ day of _____, 2026. All persons having claims against the Estate must present them within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Lisa Osborne, Personal Representative
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SHELTON, DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
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CASE NO. 26-0022

Letters of Administration were granted to Alteisha Beal and Travis Beal, as Co-Administrators of the Estate of Cindy Beal Shelton, deceased, on the _____ day of _____, 2026. All persons having claims against the Estate must present them within the time allowed by law or be forever barred.

Alteisha Beal, Co-Administrator
Travis Beal, Co-Administrator
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Legal Notice

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 ~~tem~~ 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 ~~tem~~ 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 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 superin-

tendent of education. The local superintendent of education shall reverse 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 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 PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re: The Estate of LINDA RAYNETTE MCKENZIE, Deceased.

Case No.: 26-0034

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution having been filed by Linda J. McKenzie on September 14, 2026, and that 30 days after the publication thereof and pursuant to law, the Court shall enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

JUDGE OF PROBATE
PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA
10-8-1c

Legal Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE FOR THE UPCOMING
GENERAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION TO BE HELD
NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

Pursuant to Section 17-9-5 Code of Alabama 1975, I, CARLTON L.

HOGUE, JUDGE OF PROBATE for Perry County Alabama, and by virtue of power vested in me as Judge of Probate of Perry County Alabama, do hereby give notice of the upcoming, General and Constitutional Amendment Election, to be held November 3, 2026, between the legal hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm in Perry County Alabama.

OFFICES TO BE VOTED ON:

FOR GOVERNOR

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, 7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

FOR STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT NO. 23

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, PLACE 7

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, PLACE 8

FOR COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 4

FOR COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 5

FOR COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 4

FOR COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 5

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR STATE TREASURER

FOR STATE AUDITOR

FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES

FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 1

FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 2

FOR PERRY COUNTY SHERIFF

FOR PERRY COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER

FOR PERRY COUNTY CORONER

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 67

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 68

FOR MEMBER, PERRY COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO. 1

FOR MEMBER, PERRY COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO. 2

FOR MEMBER, PERRY COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO. 3

FOR MEMBER, PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 5

FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NO. 1

FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NO. 2

FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NO. 3

FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NO. 4

FOR LOCAL AMENDMENT NO. 1

Given under my hand this 5th day of October 2026

Honorable Carlton L. Hogue
Judge of Probate, Perry County

10-8-1c

Legal Notice

MACHINE TEST FOR THE UPCOMING GENERAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 In keeping with the Code of Alabama 17-24-9, the automatic tabulating equipment to be used during the upcoming General and Constitutional Amendment Election, to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2026, is required to be tested for accuracy prior to this election.

The testing of such equipment will be conducted on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 10:00 am (Private) and at 1:00 pm (Public) at the wooden building adjacent to the JAMES HOOD DETENTION CENTER, aka the PERRY COUNTY JAIL. Election officials will certify the accuracy of the equipment at that time. The County Chair of the Democratic and Republican Party are invited to attend, and the public is also invited to attend.

Done the 5th day of October 2026
Honorable Carlton L. Hogue
Judge of Probate, Perry County

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Sumac Cottage to screen Gee's Bend quilt documentary Friday



Sumac Cottage will host a free screening of "The Quilt at the End of the World," a short documentary by filmmaker Amelia Ray, on Friday, Oct. 9.

The film chronicles how a community of Black Southern women in rural Gee's Bend transformed the domestic tradition of quilt-making into an instrument for liberation.

Gee's Bend, a community once defined by its plantations and isolation, bears the weight of American history unlike anywhere else. The generation of quilters profiled in the film shares stories spanning Jim Crow,

the Civil Rights Movement and the sudden global interest in their lives and craft. Their resilience tells a story about carving out joy within oppressive power structures, and how that joy creates paths to liberation.

The film was made possible through support from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the Verdant Fund.

Doors open at 6 p.m., with the screening set to begin around sunset at 6:30. The film runs about 20 minutes.

Sumac Cottage is located at 1107 South Street in downtown Greensboro.

Saint Mary P.B. to observe anniversary Oct. 11

Saint Mary Primitive Baptist Church on County Road 177, St. Mary's Road, in Uniontown will hold its church anniversary observance Sunday, Oct. 11, at noon.

The theme is "God Welcomes Us Back Home," from Romans 15:7: "Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us, to the glory of God."

The Rev. Dr. Mack E. Page Sr., pastor of Thankful Missionary Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee, will be the guest minister. Elder Thomas Harris Sr. is pastor. Deacon William Gunn Sr. of New Liberty Baptist Church in Tyler will be master of ceremony, Deacon Jency Warren is chairman and Sister Mildred Carter is secretary.

Dinner will be served. The church color is black or gold.

Donate to help with maintenance at Marion Cemetery

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.

R.C. Hatch homecoming parade set for Oct. 16 in Uniontown; entries free

Robert C. Hatch High School's homecoming parade will roll through Uniontown at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, and any individual, group, business or nonprofit organization may enter at no charge, the school announced.

Entry forms are due by Oct. 13 so the homecoming committee can prepare and

send out the line-up information. The form is online at forms.gle/Hb8VZkE29K1v8YDn8 and through the QR code on the school's flyer. This year's theme is "Lights, Camera, Hatch!"

Tailgating spots for the homecoming game are \$100 each through GoFan until Oct. 15, the school said.

Academy and homeschool families are eligible.

Register at forms.gle/m3r98524UgDVPycq6.

Veterans support group meets monthly in Marion

A veterans support group meets at Sowing Seeds of Hope, 1728 Washington St. in Marion, at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. All veterans are welcome. For more information, call 334-683-4666.

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.

Stephens Memorial to install Pastor Johnson Oct. 18

Stephens Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Uniontown will hold the installation of Pastor McArthur Johnson and First Lady Shemeco Johnson on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 1:30 p.m. at the church, 1530 Stephens Memorial Road, Uniontown.

The service theme is Acts 20:28: "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers."

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7834 AL-5, Marion, AL 36756

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7800 Coretta Scott King Hwy,
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ion, AL 36756

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tion, AL 36759

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1604 AL-5, Marion, AL 36756

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ion, AL 36756 / 1804 Cren-
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394 Front St, Uniontown, AL
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394 Front St, Uniontown, AL
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(334) 628-6477
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Shady Grove Baptist Church
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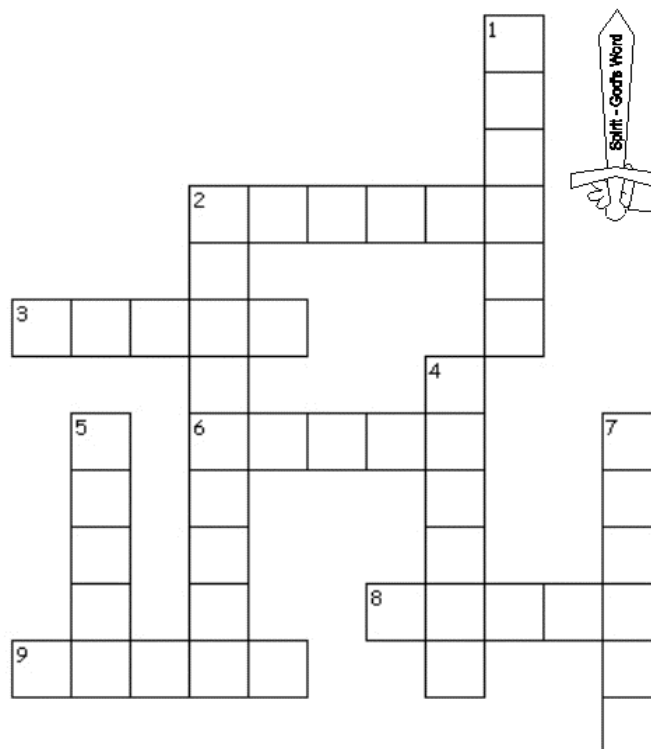
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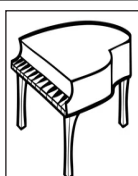


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McMillan receives ALFA scholarship



Hardy McMillan of Perry County, second from left, received a \$2,000 scholarship from the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation and the Perry County Farmers Federation on Sept. 21 in Auburn. From left are Alabama Farmers Federation President Jimmy Parnell, McMillan, Federation District 8 Director Stewart Koon and Federation Southwest Area Vice President Hope Cassebaum.

Perry County native Hardy McMillan, a junior at Auburn University, has received a \$2,000 scholarship from the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation and the Perry County Farmers Federation.

McMillan, who is studying wildlife enterprise manage-

ment, was recognized Sept. 21 at the Alabama Farmers Federation's scholarship reception at Lazenby Farms in Auburn.

He was one of 79 students honored. The foundation and county Farmers Federations awarded almost \$140,000 in

scholarships to Auburn undergraduates preparing for careers in agriculture and forestry, the Federation said.

Applications for the next scholarships open Nov. 1 at AlfaFarmers.org/scholarships. The deadline to apply is Feb. 1, 2027.

Salvation Army takes Angel Tree applications through Oct. 16

Angel Tree application packets are available at the Salvation Army's Demopolis Service Center, which serves families in Perry County and in Choctaw, Dallas, Lowndes, Marengo and Wilcox counties, the Salvation Army said in an

Oct. 4 post.

Completed packets are due back by Friday, Oct. 16, "no exceptions," according to the Salvation Army's flyer.

Packets have been available since Wednesday, Sept. 16. They are limited and given out

on a first-come, first-served basis. The service center is at 900 U.S. Highway 80 East in Demopolis, and its phone number is 334-289-6090. The Salvation Army said more information will be shared on its Facebook page.

Francis Marion School holds Grandparents Day lunch, senior portraits Friday

Francis Marion School will hold a Grandparents Day lunch and take Class of 2027 senior portraits on Friday, Oct. 9.

Grandparents are invited to a special lunch with their grandchildren at the school. Lunch is \$6, the school said in a post.

Lunch times by grade, according to the school's flyer, are grades 7 through 9, 10:40 to 11:05 a.m.; grades 4 through 6, 11 to 11:25 a.m.; kindergarten through third grade, 11:20 to 11:45 a.m.;

and grades 10 through 12, 11:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Senior portraits begin at 9 a.m., according to the school's reminder post.

Seniors will be photographed in formal drape and tuxedo and in cap and gown. The sitting fee is \$50, payable in cash, by debit card or through Cash App, the flyer says.

The announcement asks ladies to bring a spaghetti-strap tank top and gentlemen a white button-down shirt.

Shelton Singers and Jazz Combo at the Opera House Friday, Oct. 9

The Shelton State Community College Singers and Jazz Combo will perform at the Greensboro Opera House at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, with a reception to follow. Admission is free.

The Shelton Singers, an auditioned mixed choir of students from many academic areas, has been performing for more than 40 years, with concerts across the Tuscaloosa County area and as far away as Hawaii, and has sung several times at Carnegie Hall in New York with Manhattan Concert Productions.

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