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Perry County tract named federal Opportunity Zone

Tract takes in Uniontown and Hamburg; designation begins Jan. 1 and lasts 10 years

A Perry County census tract is among 141 in Alabama approved as Opportunity Zones under the new version of the federal program, Gov. Kay Ivey announced Friday, Nov. 6.

The U.S. Treasury Department's list of the new zones shows Perry County's census tract 6871, classed as rural. The designations take effect Jan. 1, 2027, and last 10 years.

Census Bureau maps show the tract is the southern end of the county, including all of Uniontown and the Hamburg community. None of Marion is in it.

The tract covers 217 square miles and had 3,089 residents in the 2020 census, more than a third of the county's 8,511.

The program offers tax incentives to encourage long-term private investment in economically distressed communities. Alabama's new zones are 65 rural and 76 non-rural census tracts in 66 counties, according to the governor's office.

"This updated version of the Opportunity Zones Program will provide greater possibility for private investment within 141 census tracts in Alabama," Ivey said.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs submitted the state's nominations in September after gathering local recommendations for zones in the counties, the governor's office said.

Hale, Marengo and Bibb counties each have one tract on the list.



Marion Military Institute cadets in the V.E.T.S. club at Alabama National Cemetery, where they placed flags for Veterans Day. (Photo from Marion Military Institute)

Marion police arrest driver after Oct. 30 street pursuit



Lionel Hinkle. (Photo from the Marion Police Department)

Lionel Hinkle was arrested after a vehicle pursuit through Marion streets the night of Friday, Oct. 30, the Marion Police Department said.

About 10:30 p.m., an officer saw a vehicle traveling at an excessive speed on the wrong side of Washington Street, the department said.

When the officer tried to make a traffic stop, the driver did not comply and led law enforcement on a pursuit through several city streets, disregarding several traffic control devices, the department said.

The pursuit ended on Hubbard Drive, where Hinkle was taken into custody, the department said.

The department listed criminal charges of attempting to elude law enforcement, driving while impaired, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and public lewdness.

It also listed traffic citations for four stop-sign violations, driving on the wrong side of the highway, improper passing, failure to wear a safety belt, two open-container violations and reckless driving.

"All individuals are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law," the department said.

Marion council meeting postponed until Nov. 16

The Marion City Council's meeting set for Monday, Nov. 2, was postponed until the council's regular meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, in the council chambers of Marion City Hall, 123 E. Jefferson St.

A budget work session will begin at 5 p.m. that day, and the council meeting will follow immediately.

Meetings of the council at which a quorum is present and official business is conducted are open to the public. Seating in the chambers is limited, and the meeting will also be shown on Zoom.

Agendas will be posted at least 24 hours before each meeting.

The council meets at 6 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month.

County trash routes run a day late after Veterans Day

Perry County did not collect trash Wednesday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day, and the Wednesday and Thursday routes are running a day behind.

Wednesday's route is collected Thursday, Nov. 12, and Thursday's route Friday, Nov. 13. Collection Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 9 and 10, was on the regular schedule.

Trash should be bagged and cans set near the roadside.

In Uniontown, the city's Streets and Sanitation Department collected the Monday and Tuesday routes Tuesday, Nov. 10, and collects the Wednesday and Thursday routes Thursday, Nov. 12. All garbage must be in bags; loose garbage in bins will not be collected. Uniontown City Hall, closed Nov. 9 and 11, is open Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Perry County Courthouse was closed Monday, Nov. 9, for Obama Day and Wednesday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day. The Perry County Extension Office closed both days, and the Perry County Sheriff's Office closed Monday.

Extension office hosts cattle webinar watch party Nov. 18

The Perry County Extension Office will hold a watch party for beef producers from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the office, 1710 S. Washington St. in Marion.

The group will watch the Alabama Cooperative Extension System's Managing for Profit webinar "More Calves, More Profit: Reproduction," a lunch and learn on management strategies to improve herd productivity and profitability. The office will provide snacks and refreshments.

It is free and open to all beef producers. Register at aub.ie/WatchPartyPerry26 or call the office at 334-683-6888.

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Uniontown sets Christmas on the Square and parade for Dec. 19

Uniontown's Christmas on the Square will be Saturday, Dec. 19, at City Hall Square, 200 Front St. Activities begin at noon, with vendors, games, door prizes and giveaways, and the Twilight and Twinkle Christmas Parade starts at 5 p.m.

The city is looking for parade entries, vendors, donors and sponsors. Decorated floats and vehicles, churches, businesses, schools, organizations, dance teams and marching groups may enter the parade. Food vendors, small businesses and crafters may set up for the day.

The city is asking businesses, organizations, churches and individuals to give money, toys, candy, decorations, door prizes and giveaways.

Businesses in the downtown district are asked to decorate their windows, doors and entrances, and to enter a float in the parade if they can.

To take part or for more information, call City Hall at 334-628-2011 or email cityofuniontown@gmail.com .



A bin of hygiene supplies donated by First Baptist Church of Uniontown to the Hygiene Closet at Robert C. Hatch High School. (Photo from Robert C. Hatch High School)

Uniontown church gives supplies to Hatch hygiene closet

First Baptist Church of Uniontown has donated supplies to the Hygiene Closet at Robert C. Hatch High School.

The closet is run by the school's HOSA and Peer Helpers students. It gives soap, toothpaste, deodorant and other personal care items, free and in private, to students who need them.

The school thanked the church for the gift Friday, Nov. 6.

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Cooking in the Black Belt

By Casey Roberts

You thought we were done frying? Think again. This is the South, honey. When all else fails, deep fry it. Now, for those of you paying attention, it was quite a red letter day when I successfully fried up a batch of chicken legs. Well, I thought our weekly Sunday dinners down the road should be a real Liz Taylor special. Fun fact, the violet-eyed star really went all out on Sundays: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, cornbread. No wonder she could win over so many men; a menu like that would get me running over to her place with a diamond necklace, for sure. So, I went to the Pig and got 12 pieces of all dark meat chicken, a beautiful bunch of turnip greens, some ham hocks, and went to work.

Now, I won't be boring you with the ins-and-outs of frying chicken again. Mostly because I'm no connoisseur myself. Sure, I'd like to be, but practice makes perfect and fried chicken is something I feel I could practice my whole life and never get it quite right. Call it the Mark of Cain for Southerners. Have no fear, though, because the South is rich with possibilities for honing your culinary craft. Maybe this past Sunday I was feeling especially adventurous. Not only did I deign to attempt a large batch of fried chicken and two bundles of turnip greens, I also decided to try my hand at baking a cake.

If you've ever been to one of the many workshops hosted at Sumac Cottage that I've attended, chances are you may have been there when I've brought a pound cake. Within the canon of Southern pastries and confections, I think pound cake is my preferred sweet. Substantial, humble, just sweet enough (well, depending on the pound cake). Layer cakes, though well within my field of vision, still intimidate me with their height and various points of failure. The cakes could fall, they could get stuck to the pans, they could get overbaked or underbaked. If you have to slice a cake in half to make two layers, what if you cut it unevenly? Then the fillings and frostings are a whole different beast of burden. You want something that complements, but isn't cloying or obtrusive. Even pound cake is burdened with the conundrum of glazes and powdering. It all feels like watching my mother spend three hours making herself up meticulously, examining every detail before she stepped foot out of the house. Getting ready was about the only thing that would make my mother forgo her afternoon cigarette break.

One year, for her birthday, my grandmother gifted my mother a key lime layer cake, in a trendy pink polka dot box from a now-defunct bakery from god-knows-where. My mother asked her why she chose that cake specifically.

"Oh it was new, so I wanted to try it," was what my grandmother responded.

I took one bite and my face screwed up at the overwhelming sourness behind this mountain of cream cheese and crushed graham crackers. Not to mention its atomic green color that, much like a Christmas goose, just repeats on you (as the English would say). My mother had much the same reaction and it wasn't until my grandmother left that my mother promptly threw the whole thing into the trash.

Say what you will, but it was a rather formative cake memory. One that, in my opinion, drove home the gravity a cake can carry. Of course they're for special occasions, but they should be something special for everyone, not just you. This was also my definitive "I can't stand cream cheese frosting" moment. Say what you will, but the South's favorite frosting is perhaps my least favorite of the bunch. I get it, it tastes so good to y'all, but do we have to put it on everything? All I'm saying is that in the vast annals of icings, I think we can all afford to be a little more adventurous. Which brings me to this week's adventure: my first ever red devil's food cake.

Mother Farr's Red Devil's Food Cake

1 stick unsalted butter, room temperature
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
2 large eggs
1/4 cup hot coffee
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon red food coloring
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup buttermilk

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees with a rack in the middle. Grease and flour two 8-inch round cake pans.

Place the butter and sugar in a large bowl and beat until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Scrape down the sides of the bowl.

Pour the coffee into a small bowl and stir in the cocoa, food coloring, and vanilla until smooth. Pour into the bowl with the butter mixture and beat until just blended, about 30 seconds.

Whisk together the flour, baking soda, and salt and add to the butter mixture alternately with the buttermilk, beating until just combined. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and stir to combine one final time. Divide the batter evenly between the prepared pans and place into the oven.

Bake until the cakes spring back when lightly touched and begin to pull away from the sides of the pan, about 35 to 40 minutes. Remove the pans to a wire rack to cool for 15 minutes. Then run a knife around the edges of the pans, giving them a shake to loosen the cakes. Then, inverting the cakes once, invert them another time onto the wire rack to cool right side up.

Once cooled completely, place one cake layer on a cake plate. Spread about 3/4 cup frosting evenly to the edges. Place the second layer on top. Spread a thin layer of frosting around the sides and top of the cake, called a crumb coat. Place the cake into the fridge to chill for 15 minutes or so to seal the crumbs for the final layer of frosting.

Remove the cake from the fridge and frost the top and sides of the cake generously. Slice and serve. Serves 10-12.

Ermine Frosting

5 Tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 cup cold whole milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Pinch of salt
2 sticks unsalted butter, at room temperature
1 cup granulated sugar

Whisk together the flour and milk in a small saucepan and cook over medium heat until thick and pudding-like, about 5 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and whisk in the vanilla and salt. Pour the mixture into a small heatproof bowl. Cover the surface with plastic wrap and chill for 1 hour.

Place the butter and sugar in a large bowl and beat until light and fluffy, about 4 minutes. Remove the milk and flour mixture from the fridge and slowly add it to the butter and sugar while mixing. Continue to beat until the mixture is light and fluffy, resembling whipped cream, about 2 minutes.

Who is Mother Farr? She's the mother-in-law of the Appalachian writer Sidney Saylor Farr, someone who understood the value of the Southern table. Her recipe only mentioned the cake, so the frosting is left rather open-ended. Now that the holidays are coming up, a rather colorful option would be a crushed peppermint buttercream, for a little mint chocolate combination. That's always a hit with John. What I like about this recipe is that it is more reminiscent of the origins of red velvet cake, a chocolate cake batter that undergoes a chemical reaction to make it red. That being said, don't expect this to come out looking like a fire hydrant like my grandmother's red velvet cake. For her recipe, just take a boxed white cake mix and dump half a bottle of red food coloring in there. Maybe this tradition, of just doctoring up a cake mix to look and taste like Red 40, is what turned me off to red velvet cake for so long.

To be totally honest with you, I don't own more than one eight inch round cake pan, and I couldn't tell you where to find one if I tried. All I ever see are nine-inch rounds, which I guess must be the new standard. The worst thing that'll happen is you end up with a cake that has a slightly larger circumference and slightly thinner layers. Also, when I was removing the cakes from their pans, one of them lost a little bit of the bottom. No problem! You can either puzzle piece it back in once it's cooled with a little frosting, or fill in the cavity with extra frosting. If worse comes to worst, you can always make cake pops, which were such a craze over a decade ago now.

Ermine frosting may very well be my favorite frosting I've encountered so far. Buttery, structural, not-too-sweet. It has a much silkier texture than the granular American buttercream and doesn't have that bite of raw sugar. Plus, I threw in some extra vanilla bean paste, so you can see those beautiful beads of vanilla throughout. Not saying this is a hard and fast rule, but if there's hot coffee in your chocolate cake recipe, you pretty much know what you're doing. For those uninitiated folks, hot coffee activates the cocoa, so to speak. It also contributes to the liquid content of the batter itself, which helps with moisture retention in something like a cocoa-based batter. Otherwise, you might end up with one of those sadly dry chocolate cakes. The only trouble with chocolate cakes this decadent, is they can be a bit fragile to handle. These feathery layers can't be dealt with like a pound cake. I found myself taking on this painterly lightness when frosting the whole number. Who says you can't practice your art in the kitchen?

One last note, for authenticity's sake. Appalachian bakers, and heck, bakers down in the Black Belt, would be more apt to use Crisco in lieu of the butter in this recipe. If you are one such baker, then 1/2 cup of shortening will get you there. I've already sung Crisco's praises, including their repackaging, in the past. So I'll spare you the fanfare here. For my first try at making some red devil's food, I have to say, I can finally see what all the fuss is about. At least, I can do that easier now that we've moved beyond the red velvet craze of the 2010s. It still makes me shudder when I think of red velvet Oreos. Consider this cake the antidote.

Eugenia Lee Morgan Campbell



Eugenia Lee Morgan Campbell, 82, died November 3.

She was born November 27, 1943, to the late James Elliott Morgan and Mae Bruner Lewis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Wesley Campbell, Jr.

She is survived by her daughter, Adrienne (Dexter) DeRamus of Valley Grande; daughter, Cathy (Gene) Atkins of Pensacola, Fla.; daughter, Lyn Nelson of Huttonsville, W.Va.; grandsons, Wesley (Cristina) Atkins of Kingman, Ariz., and Ethan Atkins of Kingman, Ariz.; granddaughter, Hannah (Juston) Carter of Selma; granddaughter, Emma (Devin) Pierson of Valley Grande; great-granddaughters, Harper and Amara Atkins of Kingman, Ariz., and Amelia Carter of Selma; brothers, Elliott (Linda) Morgan and Jimmy (Linda) Morgan; sister, Meredyth Horlbeck; sister-in-law, Hermoine (Scott) Hardenbergh of Centreville; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation began at 10 a.m., prior to the service. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 7, at 11 a.m. at Ocmulgee Baptist Church, with Bro. Danny Summerlin officiating. Interment followed in the church graveyard.

Pallbearers were Wesley Atkins, Ethan Atkins, Juston Carter, Devin Pierson, Eric Morgan and Sidney DeRamus. Honorary pallbearers were Brian Hardenbergh, Chris Tsigalas, Tommy Morgan and Bruce Thornell.

Lawrence Brown-Service Funeral Home of Selma directed.

Gladys Patrick Johnson



Gladys Patrick Johnson, 71, died November 2. She was born March 29, 1955.

Public viewing will be Friday, November 13, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Glen White Memorial Funeral Home in Uniontown. The funeral will be Saturday, November 14, at 11 a.m. at St. Peter Primitive Baptist Church in Uniontown. Burial will follow at 12:30 p.m. at Goldman Hill Cemetery in Uniontown.

Glen White Memorial Funeral Home of Uniontown is in charge of arrangements.

Harriett "Happy" Lewis



Harriett "Happy" Lewis, 72, died November 1. She was born March 5, 1954.

Public viewing will be Friday, November 13, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Glen White Memorial Funeral Home in Uniontown. The funeral will be Saturday, November 14, at 1:30 p.m. at First Missionary Baptist Church in Uniontown. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. at Little Canaan Primitive Baptist Church in Safford.

Glen White Memorial Funeral Home of Uniontown is in charge of arrangements.



Breakthrough Charter School's Lady Broncos basketball team. (Photo by Edwards Photography, from Breakthrough Charter School)

Lady Broncos open with 52-18 win over i3 Academy

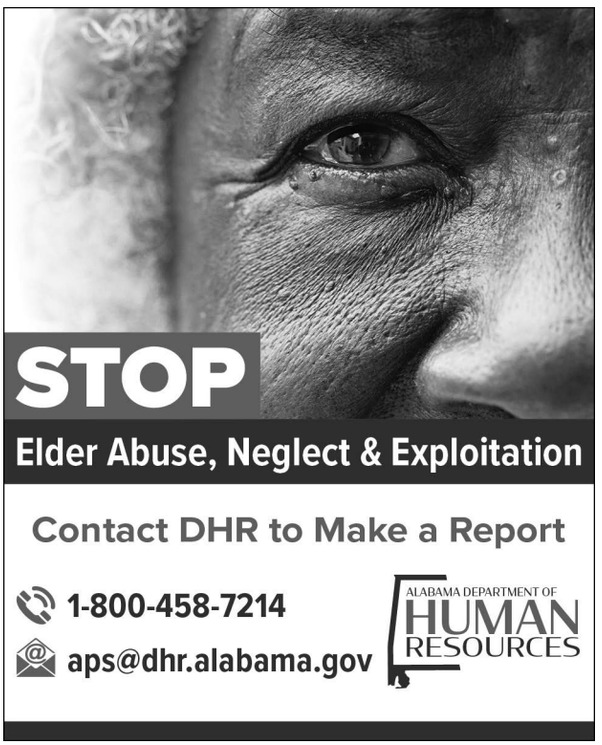
Breakthrough Charter School's varsity girls basketball team opened its season with a 52-18 win over i3 Academy on Friday, Nov. 6, at Breakthrough.

The Broncos' middle school teams swept Robert Brown Middle School the night before in the Breakthrough gymnasium. The girls won 32-6, and the boys won 23-21.

Breakthrough middle school girls beat Centreville 43-4

Breakthrough Charter School's middle school girls basketball team beat Centreville Middle School 43-4 Tuesday, Nov. 3, at Bibb County High School.

The Broncos' middle school boys also played Centreville that night.



Hatch holds literacy and math night for parents Nov. 12

Robert C. Hatch High School will hold a Literacy and Math Information Night for parents from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, in the school's elementary building in Uniontown.

Topics include reading, writing, phonics and comprehension, and addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, measurement and geometry.

Cattlemen's convention registration opens

Registration is open for the Alabama Cattlemen's Association's 84th annual convention and trade show, Feb. 19 and 20 at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in Montgomery.

The convention includes what the association calls the state's largest cattle industry trade show, along with a junior cattlemen contest. For more information, visit www.bamabeef.org.



Breakthrough Charter School pre-K students at a table of pumpkins, baking soda and vinegar during the school's October science activities. (Photo from Breakthrough Charter School)

Cottage food safety training in Selma Nov. 16

Alabama Extension will hold a Cottage Food Safety Training from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, in the Vaughn Room of the Selma-Dallas County Public Library, 1103 Selma Avenue, Selma.

The training covers Alabama's cottage food law, where cottage foods can be sold, labeling requirements and basic food safety practices. The certification fee is $25. Register at www.aces.edu/go/cottagelawbusiness.

For more information, call Alice Moore at 334-216-0738. Anyone with an accessibility need should call Moore by Nov. 10.

Walker and Burks named MMI's Tigers of the week

Marion Military Institute named Nyema Walker of the cross country team and Daylen Burks of the men's basketball team its Tigers of the week Nov. 3.

Walker ran the 5K in 22:55.

Burks had 24 points, three rebounds and two assists. He shot 52.94 percent from the field and 80 percent from the free-throw line.



A basket of yellow flowers hangs from a lamppost in downtown Marion. Main Street Marion has begun the next design phase of its strategic plan by hanging baskets of flowers downtown. Councilwoman Ann LeCroy donated the flowers. (Photo from Main Street Marion)

Perry County's November jury term canceled

Perry County's Nov. 2 jury trial term was canceled, and jurors summoned for it did not need to appear, the Perry County Circuit Clerk's office announced the week before.

Jurors should already have received letters of the cancellation for their employers, the clerk's office said. A new summons will be mailed in 2027.

The clerk's office did not give a reason for the cancellation.



Visitors from Montgomery, from left, Stephanie, Melinda and Katie, at the Marion-Perry County Library. (Photo from Marion-Perry County Library)

Thanksgiving meal costs up about 10 percent, Extension economist says

The estimated cost of a traditional Thanksgiving meal basket rose from about $68.38 last year to $75.08 this year, about 10 percent, according to Wendiam Sawadgo, an Alabama Cooperative Extension System economist.

Sawadgo used the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service's Grocery Store Feature Reports to gauge grocery prices going into the holidays.

Sawadgo said shoppers can lower costs by shopping the ads, using store apps to find deals and buying sale items that will keep until Thanksgiving. He said households that swap a few higher-priced fresh items for lower-cost ones, use advertised specials and buy store brands may be able to make up for this year's increase.

For those shopping for a food drive, Alabama Extension suggests whole grains, lean proteins, canned vegetables with less sodium and fruit with no added sugar, and checking first with the pantry or the drive's organizer to see what it needs most.

For more information, visit www.aces.edu/go/ThanksgivingTips.





Legal Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Takasha Stevenson, a single woman, to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, on July 22, 2008, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Perry County, Alabama, on July 22, 2008 at Book 612, at Page 394. United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, the current holder, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Perry County Courthouse, in Marion, Alabama, on December 14, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Perry County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commencing at the southwest corner of Section 10, T-19-N, R-7-E, Perry County, Alabama; thence N00 00' 00"E, 2786.23 feet to an iron rod found on the north margin of Perry County Highway #24(80'ROW); thence along a curve to the left [LC=486.71'/R=2367.93'] with a chord bearing of N63 19'10"E, 485.86 feet along the north margin of said highway to an iron rod found; thence N57 29'40"E, 146.44 feet along the north margin of said road to an iron rod found; thence N42 39'16"W, 178.37 feet to an iron rod found (22702); thence N31 48'57"E, 278.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence S66 43'17"E, 221.87 feet; thence N25 21'52"E, 203.76 feet to an iron rod found on the south margin of Alabama Highway #14(80'ROW); thence N64 58'37"W, 197.91 feet along the south margin of said highway to an iron rod found; thence S31 48'57"W, 212.00 feet to the point of beginning

Said parcel of land lying in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 10, T-19-N, R-7-E, Perry County, Alabama and containing [1] acre more of less.

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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

215 Washington Street

Marion, AL 36756

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Perry County Board of Education is now accepting bids to provide for substitute positions until 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 13, 2026.

For more information, contact Dr. Marcia A. Smiley at 334-683-6528, extension 53001

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Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Perry County Water Authority (PCWA) is considering making applications to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program Loan for improvements within the water system.

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2026, at 6:00pm at PCWA's Office, located at 108 West Monroe Street, Marion, AL 36756. This meeting will be to inform the citizens of Perry County of the components of the application. An Environmental Information Document will be available for public review at the PCWA office during business hours. Citizens will be informed at the meeting of the nature and extent of proposed activities, amount of funding available and time frames for the program. Every citizen in attendance will be afforded the opportunity to express their views of the program and needs of the community.

PCWA will be accepting comments on the applications for the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's DWSRF Loan Funds for the purpose of the Water System Improvements. Citizenswho wish, may submit their comments in writing to:

Earl Ford

Chairman

Perry County Water Authority

108 West Monroe Street

Marion, AL 36756

All comments must be submitted prior to Wednesday, December 2, 2026. Any interested party that may require special assistance in attending the hearing, or the need for an interpreter, may contact PCWA at (334) 683-8798.

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A crowd gathered for the third annual Doe Rodeo at Cornwallis 1828 in Braggs. (Blake Bell photo)

Doe Rodeo aims to feed 40,000 with donated venison

Cornwallis 1828, a nonprofit in Braggs in Lowndes County, holds its fourth annual Doe Rodeo, a deer-donation program, Nov. 28 through Jan. 31, 2027. Under the motto "Hunters Giving Back," hunters, hunting clubs, deer processors, sponsors and volunteers provide venison to food banks.

The goal is 250 donated does, to help feed an estimated 40,000 people. Last year's rodeo collected 202 does and helped feed about 28,000 people, Cornwallis 1828 said.

The governor presented the group a proclamation recognizing "Hunters Giving Back" and the contributions hunters make to their communities.

Doe Rodeo Celebration Day, recognizing everyone who takes part, is 11 a.m. Dec. 13 in Braggs.

Hunters and hunting clubs are invited to join. Processors who want to be an official "Doe Drop Off" location, and businesses or people interested in sponsoring or volunteering, may call Demp Bell at 251-593-1770.



Marion-Perry County Library has new cookbooks for all ages

The Marion-Perry County Library has a new selection of cookbooks ready for checkout.

The cookbooks are for all ages and include a variety of recipes. The library invites readers to come by and see them.

St. Wilfrid's annual soup luncheon is Nov. 12

St. Wilfrid's will hold its annual soup luncheon Thursday, Nov. 12.

Sewell's offices taking applications for spring internships

U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell's Washington and district offices are accepting applications for spring 2027 internships, her office announced Oct. 29. The program is open to college students and recent graduates interested in government and public service.

Interns research legislation, draft letters, compile media clips, answer constituent calls and attend hearings, briefings and seminars. Students with Alabama connections who will complete their senior year by May 2027 are encouraged to apply.

"As a former congressional intern myself, I know firsthand how these experiences can open doors, build confidence, and inspire a lifelong commitment to public service," Sewell said.

The deadline to apply is 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 30. For more information or to apply, visit sewell.house.gov/internship-opportunities.

Levitt Family Foundation offers up to $5,000 for free outdoor festivals

The Levitt Family Foundation is taking applications for grants of up to $5,000 for nonprofits that present free outdoor music festivals in 2027.

Applications for the foundation's 2027 Festival Grants are due by 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 (3 p.m. Eastern), and must be completed online at levitt.org/festivals/application/.

Applicants must be U.S.-based 501(c)(3) nonprofits or apply through a fiscal sponsor. Cities and towns cannot apply, but they may partner with a nonprofit that applies and receives the grant.

Festivals must be held outdoors in a public space and be free, with no tickets, set entry donations, pay-what-you-can entry, pre-registration or RSVPs required.

Each festival must run at least four hours, have a theme or focus with live music and performance as a major part, and pay professional musicians for their performances.

Summer concert series, First Friday events and standalone concerts are not eligible, and neither are current Levitt Music Series grantees and Levitt venues.

An organization may submit one application a year. A grant may not exceed 30 percent of the festival's total expenses, and in-kind donations do not count toward the other 70 percent.

Recipients will be announced Monday, Feb. 1, 2027. For more information, email festivals@levitt.org.

Ag Credit awards $50,000 to five beginning farmers, one in Bibb County

Alabama Ag Credit has awarded $50,000 to five beginning farming operations through its 2026 JumpStart Grant Program, including John Dickson of Bibb County, who is developing a cattle and hog operation along the Cahaba River for direct-to-consumer meat sales and will use his $10,000 grant to buy breeding heifers.

The program awards five $10,000 grants a year to people who have started farming within the past two years or plan to begin within the next year, judged on their business plans and the proposed use of the money. Applications have grown from 35 in its first year, 2022, to 103 this year, and the program's total investment in beginning farmers now stands at $250,000, the lender said.

The other 2026 recipients are Ethan Fisher of T.F. Farms in Barbour County, Benjamin and Rebecca Knuckles of Mount Zion Acres in Elmore County, Josh McGowan of Double E Farm in Pike County, and Braxton and Jessica Smith of Azalea Acres in Baldwin County.

Alabama Ag Credit, a member of the Farm Credit System, finances farms, timber and rural property in 40 counties in central and south Alabama, with offices including Demopolis, Selma and Tuscaloosa. For more information, visit AlabamaAgCredit.com.

Pop-up shop of local vendors set for Nov. 14 at the Marion Depot

The Pop-In Pop-Up Shop, a market of local vendors, will be Saturday, Nov. 14, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Marion Depot.

Featured vendors include My Place Catering, Leon Famous BBQ, Marion Print Shop, Cakes & Co and Crafts to Love.

Shelton State sets three November events on its Martin Campus

Shelton State Community College has three events this month on its Martin Campus in Tuscaloosa.

The college's dance program will present its fall concert at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, in the Bean-Brown Theatre. Kevin Guy directs the concert, in which dance students perform in a variety of styles and techniques. Admission is free.

The college's concert band, West Alabama Winds, will play its fall concert, "The Music of Disney," at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, in the Bean-Brown Theatre. The program is music from Disney's stage and screen productions, and the band's players are students and people from the community. Admission is free. For more information, call Lillian Wesley at 205-391-2399 or email lwesley@sheltonstate.edu.

Shelton State will hold Preview Night on Thursday, Nov. 19. Check-in begins at 5:30 p.m., and the event begins at 6 p.m. Visitors can explore the college's programs in technical and health services, workforce development, fine arts and academics and its student organizations, meet faculty, staff and students, hear a panel discussion and tour the college.

For more information, visit sheltonstate.edu or call the college's Media and Communication office at 205-391-2959.

Alabama joins FTC suit accusing Dollar General of overcharging at the register

Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall has joined the Federal Trade Commission and 19 other states in a lawsuit accusing Dollar General Corp. of routinely charging customers more at the register than the prices shown on its shelves, price tags and advertisements, his office announced Tuesday, Oct. 27.

The complaint alleges that the chain has mislabeled prices and overcharged customers for years, that it received tens of thousands of complaints from customers who said it did not honor advertised prices, and that it failed to fix the problem, according to the attorney general's release. The states and the FTC say the practices violate the FTC Act, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act and the states' consumer protection laws, including Alabama's Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

"The price on the shelf is supposed to be the price you pay," Marshall said in the release. "We believe that Dollar General advertised one price and charged another at the register, and Alabama families who count every dollar were the ones who paid for it."

The other states in the suit are Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah and Wisconsin.

Alabama Power Foundation offers $2,500 scholarships to seniors

The Alabama Power Foundation is awarding scholarships of $2,500 to high school seniors who live within Alabama Power's service territory.

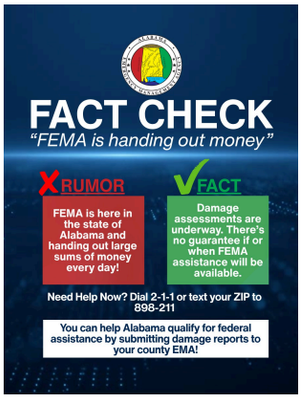
Applications are due Monday, Dec. 7. The application is online at scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/apfcommunity.

Bull sale set for Nov. 13 in Uniontown

The Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association will hold its Fall Round Up Bull Sale at noon Friday, Nov. 13, at Alabama Livestock Auction in Uniontown.

Angus, Beefmaster and SimAngus bulls 18 months to 2 years old will be sold.

The sale catalog is at www.albcia.com. For more information, call Michelle Elmore at 205-287-1080.



FEMA is not handing out money, state emergency agency says

The Alabama Emergency Management Agency says the claim that FEMA is in Alabama handing out large sums of money every day is a rumor.

Damage assessments from Hurricane Isaias are underway, but there is no guarantee if or when FEMA assistance will be available, the agency said Oct. 21.

Federal assistance "takes weeks if you're lucky, months if you aren't," it said.

Residents can help the state qualify for federal assistance by reporting storm damage to their county emergency management agency. The Perry County Emergency Management Agency's number is 334-683-2236.

People who need help now can dial 2-1-1 or text a ZIP code to 898-211.

SBA offers drought disaster loans to businesses in 29 Alabama counties

Small businesses and private nonprofit organizations hurt by the drought that began April 21 may apply for low-interest federal disaster loans for economic injury, the U.S. Small Business Administration said Monday, Nov. 2.

The counties include Hale, Perry, Bibb, Jefferson, Marengo, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, Greene, Sumter, Dallas, Wilcox, Lowndes, Clarke, Washington, Monroe, Chilton, Autauga, Elmore, Montgomery, Coosa, Talladega, St. Clair, Walker, Fayette, Lamar, Pickens, Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia, along with Escambia County, Fla., and Lowndes and Noxubee counties in Mississippi.

The loans are for economic injury, and the deadline to apply is June 21, 2027. Applications are taken online at sba.gov/disaster. For more information, call the SBA at 866-SBA-HELP or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Group collecting thank-you letters for troops and veterans through Dec. 31

America's Adopt A Soldier, a nonprofit that supports service members, veterans and their families, is collecting handwritten thank-you cards and letters for deployed service members and for veterans in veterans homes and hospitals.

The group's 2026 National Care Letter Campaign aims to collect more than 300,000 cards and letters. Mary Keeser, the group's founder, said more than 200,000 care letters have been shared each year, and that 300,000 would let the group send at least four letters to every veteran in a veterans home or veterans hospital as well as to deployed service members.

Notes of thanks, handmade cards and drawings will be accepted through Dec. 31. Mail them to America's Adopt A Soldier, 5240 Port Royal Road, Suite 204, Springfield, VA 22151.

For more information, visit americasadoptasoldier.org, email CareLetters@AmericasAdoptASoldier.org or call 703-278-3718.

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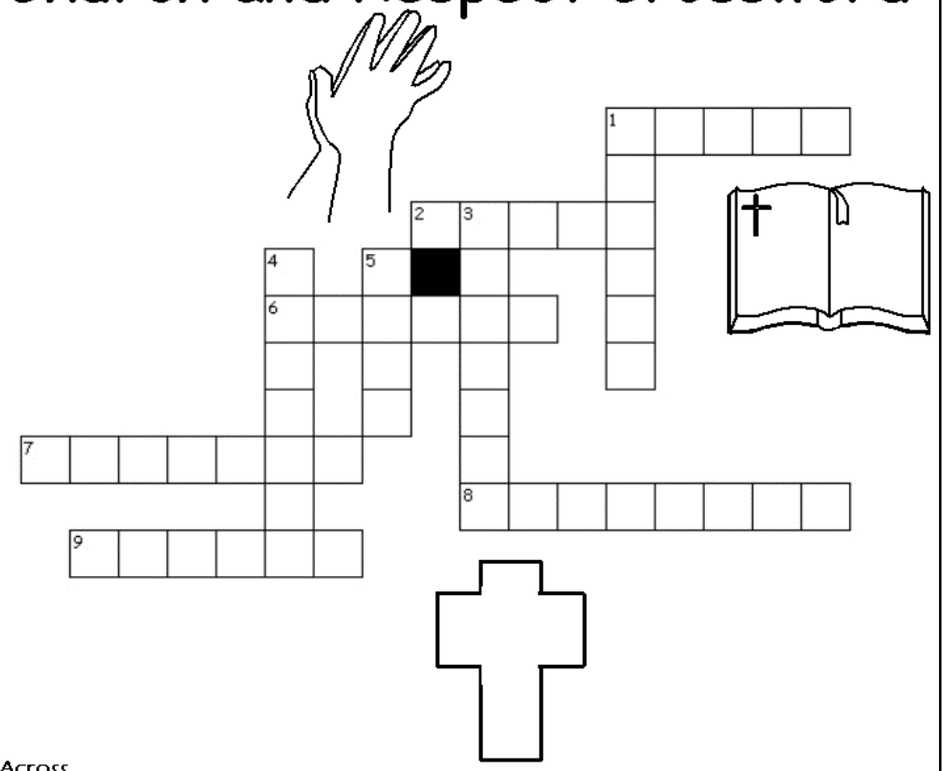
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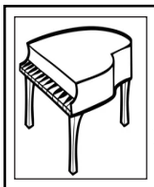


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1. At church we meet with others to worship and also to study or ____ about God.
2. The way we ____ can show respect on the outside of us.
6. When we ____ God we are telling him how much appreciate and love him.
7. When we sing and pray to God this is the way we do this for God.
8. These people care about you and spend time preparing a lesson for you to learn.
9. The church isn't about where we meet but about the ____ we meet with there.

Down
1. It's important to do this to hear what the people at church are trying to teach you.
3. Treating others the way we would like to be treated can be called this.
4. Church is a ____ place to worship God together no matter where it is.
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Smokey Bear visited, and the students saw a fire truck and firefighters.



Smokey Bear with Breakthrough Charter School pre-K students and adults under a Fire Prevention Week banner at the school. (Photo from Breakthrough Charter School)



Smokey Bear greets two pre-K students in front of the school. (Photo from Breakthrough Charter School)

Uniontown's trunk or treat fills the street with costumes and families

The City of Uniontown's trunk or treat brought out Woody, Spider-Man, the Hulk and a street full of costumes.



Trick-or-treaters and families along the street at the City of Uniontown's trunk or treat. (Photo from the City of Uniontown)



Four trick-or-treaters, two of them as Spider-Man and the Hulk, with their bags at the trunk or treat. (Photo from the City of Uniontown)

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Friday, Nov. 6
i3 Academy 73, Breakthrough Charter 71
Monday, Nov. 9
Breakthrough Charter 57, Montevallo 49

Girls basketball
Friday, Nov. 6
Breakthrough Charter 52, i3 Academy 18
Monday, Nov. 9
Breakthrough Charter 43, Montevallo 32

This week's games

Boys basketball
Friday, Nov. 13
Breakthrough Charter at Marengo, 7 p.m.
Greensboro at Francis Marion, 7:30 p.m.
Wilcox Central at R.C. Hatch, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 14
Alabama Aerospace & Aviation at Breakthrough Charter, 1 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 16
Francis Marion at Central-Tuscaloosa, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 17
Greensboro at R.C. Hatch, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 18
Breakthrough Charter at Sumter Central, 6:30 p.m.

Girls basketball
Friday, Nov. 13
Breakthrough Charter at Marengo, 6 p.m.
Greensboro at Francis Marion, 6:15 p.m.
Wilcox Central at R.C. Hatch, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 16
Francis Marion at Central-Tuscaloosa, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 17
Greensboro at R.C. Hatch, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 18
Breakthrough Charter at Sumter Central, 5:30 p.m.

West Alabama Christmas Parade marks 50 years Dec. 7

The 50th West Alabama Christmas Parade is Monday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m. in downtown Tuscaloosa, after the tree lighting at the Tuscaloosa County Courthouse at 5:30 p.m.

The Tuscaloosa County Park and Recreation Authority has run the parade since 1976. Paul "Bear" Bryant was the first grand marshal.

Community groups, churches, schools, businesses and marching bands may register to take part through Monday, Nov. 16. The route is unchanged. For more information, email Amber Pope at apope@tcpara.org.



Ulman and Whitney stand at either end of the library's new November display of cookbooks. (Photo from the Marion-Perry County Library)

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