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The Myatt-Duck-Jones Home, 304 West Green Street, built about 1845, is one of five homes on the Perry County Historical and Preservation Society's Christmas Tour Dec. 12. (Submitted photo)

Five homes, Methodist church on Christmas Tour Dec. 12

The Perry County Historical and Preservation Society's Christmas Tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, in Marion. Five homes and Marion Methodist Church are on this year's tour.

The homes are the Myatt-Knudsen Home, 308 West Green Street; the Myatt-Duck-Jones Home, 304 West Green Street; the Scott-Moore-VanCleave Home, 102 West Monroe Street; the Huntington-Locke-Baxley Home, 217 West Lafayette Street; and the Lockhart-Ham-Kalb Home, 404 West DeKalb Street. The church is at 110 Washington Street.

Tour headquarters is the Marion Female Seminary, 204 West Monroe Street, where ticket holders pick up wristbands.

Tickets are $20 for society members and $25 for nonmembers. Children under 12 are admitted free. Tickets may be bought at tour headquarters on the day of the tour with cash, credit card or check, and may also be bought in advance. No tickets will be sold at the private homes.

Classic cars from the Mountain Brook Driving Club will be parked on the Perry County Courthouse Square from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. the day of the tour. There is no charge to see them.

After the tour, the City of Marion's Christmas on the Square parade will begin at 5 p.m.

For more information, call 334-292-0319 or email krbecket@bellsouth.net.

Marion Community Bank and C.H.O.I.C.E. set Thanksgiving closings

All Marion Community Bank locations are closed Thursday, Nov. 26, and Friday, Nov. 27, for Thanksgiving. The bank will resume normal business hours Monday, Nov. 30.

C.H.O.I.C.E. in Uniontown is closed for Thanksgiving from Wednesday, Nov. 25, through Monday, Nov. 30. It will reopen at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1.



CARNIVAL EDITION

The Times-Standard

"HERE SHALL THE PRESS THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT MAINTAIN, UNAWED BY INFLUENCE AND UNBRIBED BY GAIN."

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F. D. R. VICTORY SMASHES THIRD TERM TRADITION

20,000 Expected To Attend Turkey Carnival

MRS. W. M. MILLER DIES WEDNESDAY OF HEART ATTACK

Child Injured While Waiting For School Bus

Ladies And Gentlemen, The Winner!

CANEBRAKE BIRD FOR ROOSEVELTS ON THANKSGIVING

The front page of the Marion Times-Standard's Carnival Edition, Nov. 7, 1940, four days before the first Uniontown Turkey Carnival. Story, Pages 4 and 5.

Water main leak interrupts service in part of Marion

A major water main leak along Highway 5 near Fike Ferry Access Road interrupted water service in part of Marion, the City of Marion said in a public notice Thursday night, Nov. 19.

The leak extended toward lower East Lafayette Street near the Bellemeade Apartments. The city's water department had isolated the leak and was making repairs, and residents and businesses in the area were to be without water while the work was underway, the notice said.

The Perry County Courthouse closed at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, because of water issues, the Perry County Commission announced.

Perry County Commission office closed for Thanksgiving

The Perry County Commission office will close at noon Wednesday, Nov. 25, for Thanksgiving and will remain closed Thursday, Nov. 26, and Friday, Nov. 27.

The office will reopen Monday, Nov. 30.

Prep scoreboard

Boys basketball
Tuesday, Nov. 17
Greensboro 79, R.C. Hatch 74
Friday, Nov. 20
Francis Marion 85, Dallas County 59
Keith 70, R.C. Hatch 63
Girls basketball
Tuesday, Nov. 17
Breakthrough Charter 41, Sumter Central 33
R.C. Hatch 76, Greensboro 36
Friday, Nov. 20
Francis Marion 66, Dallas County 8

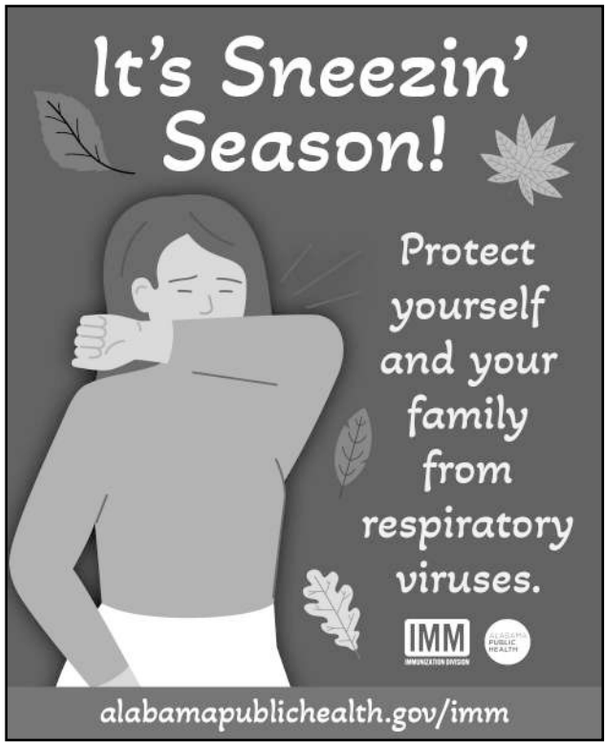
Hatch High food drive to help Perry County families

Robert C. Hatch High School will hold a Christmas food drive from Monday, Nov. 30, through Wednesday, Dec. 16.

21st Century, the Alfred G. Adams Jr. JOI Club of Perry County, the Bobcat Nation PTO and the R.C. Hatch SGA are asking the public to give food for families in Perry County.

Unexpired canned goods and other nonperishable foods may be brought to the school. All donations will go to the Perry County DHR Food Pantry in Marion.

The drive is a schoolwide event. The homeroom that donates the most will win an ice cream sundae party.



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Hospital suit moved to Marengo County

A Perry County woman's lawsuit seeking $500,000 from the authority that operates Whitfield Regional Hospital in Demopolis has been moved from Perry County Circuit Court to Marengo County Circuit Court under an order signed Nov. 12 by Circuit Judge Donald L. McMillan Jr., court records show.

Calliuna Arnold sued the Tombigbee Healthcare Authority, doing business as Whitfield Regional Hospital, on Aug. 6 in Perry County Circuit Court. Her complaint, filed by Marion attorney Robert H. Turner Sr., alleges that on or about Feb. 28, 2023, while she was a patient at the hospital after a stroke, a string and bell she had been told to use to call for help did not work, and she slipped on a wet floor when she tried to move on her own. The complaint states that she had to have a hip replacement.

The complaint's single count claims breach of an implied warranty of merchantability under the state's commercial code.

The authority filed a motion Sept. 9 asking the court to dismiss the suit or move it to Marengo County, arguing that Perry County was not a proper venue because the hospital is in Demopolis and does not do business by agent in Perry County. The authority had not filed an answer to the complaint's allegations when the case was transferred, court records show.

McMillan set the motion for a hearing Nov. 13. Arnold's attorney filed a consent to the change of venue Nov. 10, and the judge ordered the case transferred two days later.



Cooking in the Black Belt

By Casey Roberts

You don't need me to tell you that every major holiday is around the corner. Halloween was barely behind us before everyone started forging ahead with Christmas. No, I haven't had a moment to put up a tree or bring out the decorations, but I plan to after Thanksgiving. It was always a tradition in our family to decorate on Black Friday, which is a much better use of your time than fighting through lines of rabid shoppers. Wreaths on every door, twinkle lights everywhere, the world over is turning into one of those Hallmark movies that always put me to sleep. Heck, I've been seeing more menorahs than in years past.

A personal holiday that John and I celebrate every year before Thanksgiving is our anniversary. We're at eleven years now, for those of you keeping score. This anniversary fell at a rather busy intersection in our lives. Between preparing for a show in Atlanta, taking the lead on cooking a Thanksgiving feast, an out-of-town trip coming up, adding a newspaper, Friendsgiving, and the usual maintenance that comes with daily life, this holiday season is already shaping up to be a hectic one. Still, we must make time for the things that matter. All the hubbub can make it hard to see the forest through the trees. Especially when it feels as if every tree hits you on your way through said forest.

A week ago, we got the idea to make beef Wellington for John's parents, but they surprised us with some roast beef. That pushed the Wellington to this past Thursday night. A sort of pre-anniversary dinner, if you will. John revealed to me that beef Wellington has been a gift idea he's had in the coffers for a while. This particular dish has always evaded me for two reasons: one, its grandeur, and, two, where do you even get a whole beef tenderloin these days? I can tell you exactly one time I've laid eyes on a raw beef tenderloin and it was at Fresh Market. During the lead-up to the Thanksgiving holidays, no less. Since then, the best I've seen of one is your typical filet mignon. Well, not that a filet mignon is typical, but easier to find than a beef tenderloin to have cut to your specifications. To circle back around to the grandeur, this dish (if done traditionally) can feed a very hungry family and plenty of guests.

Yet John, being the clever man he is, planted the idea of individual beef wellingtons made from smaller filets and wrapped in puff pastry from the freezer. Thus, he set out to find a recipe and came back with quite impressive results. We had to bake the wellingtons long enough to have a thoroughly cooked crust, but that was just about the only hiccup we had. Going down the rabbit hole, there's quite a number of wellingtons with several degrees of fanciness between them. Gordon Ramsay's is perhaps the most cited, with its layers of prosciutto and wild mushrooms. The internet-famous Chef John of Food Wishes nixes the prosciutto in favor of a layer of truffle-flecked liver pate. To go ahead and spoil the surprise, we did neither of these things. Well, we did have mushrooms, but all the other layers seemed a bit like gilding the lily. Filets are already so rich, but when you wrap them in mushrooms and buttery pastry, you can run the risk of making things overrich.

Again, for those of you keeping score, I didn't do this one by myself. In fact, John did much of the heavy lifting. I popped in to brown the meat, to taste the sauce, to wrap the wellingtons. He'd say it was a team effort, and I have to say we make a pretty good team. I'm not denying that this is a rather extravagant dish, but some occasions just call for a little something extra.

Individual Beef Wellingtons

For the mushroom duxelles:

3 Tablespoons unsalted butter

10 large mushrooms, finely chopped

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 Tablespoons minced onion

Black pepper and cayenne to taste

3 Tablespoons white wine

For the Wellingtons:

4 filet mignon steaks

Salt and pepper to taste

2 Tablespoons salted butter

1 (17.25 ounce) package frozen puff pastry

2 Tablespoons dijon mustard

1 large egg, beaten

1 teaspoon of water

Melt the unsalted butter over medium-high heat. Add the mushrooms and salt, cooking until caramelized. At first, the mushrooms will be wet, but they will dry out.

Add the onions and cook until translucent. Add the black and cayenne pepper, and white wine. Stir until the wine evaporates, then remove from the heat and transfer to a bowl to cool to room temperature.

Generously season filets with salt and pepper. Melt the salted butter in the same pan used for the mushrooms over high heat. Sear, one at a time, in the hot pan until the sides and edges are browned. Transfer to a plate and place in the fridge until ready to assemble.

Remove the pastry and allow to thaw until workable. Cut four sheets to use for your filets. Placing one sheet on a lightly floured surface, spoon some of the mushrooms onto the center of the pastry sheet. Press this out until it is roughly the size of your filet. Spread about 1/2 Tablespoon of mustard atop one of the filets and place the filet mustard-side down on the sheet.

Gently stretch the dough over the shorter sides of the filet, followed by the longer sides to seal. Try to stretch the dough from the bottom, rather than putting too much stress on the sides. Don't worry if there's some holes in your seal. Flip the Wellington over and place seam-side down on a foil-lined, then parchment-lined baking sheet. Repeat with the remaining Wellingtons, transferring them to the fridge.

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Transfer the Wellingtons to the freezer for exactly 15 minutes. Beat the egg with water in a small bowl. Remove the wellingtons from the freezer and generously brush with the egg wash.

Bake on the center rack until the pastry is golden brown, puffed, and the filets are cooked through, about 25 minutes. Your meat should register 122 degrees Fahrenheit on a meat thermometer.

Immediately remove the wellingtons from the pan and transfer to a cutting board for at least five minutes. Cut the Wellingtons in half and serve.

Now, we did make a red wine sauce. All you have to do is take the same pan you browned the mushrooms and filets in and hit it with some red wine while it's hot. Using a wooden spoon, scrape at the fond in the bottom of the pan. Add some butter and a spoonful of flour, then season to taste once the flour has been cooked through. This makes a beautiful burgundy colored sauce to drizzle over the whole shebang. The original recipe for these wellingtons included a rather unnecessary step that included taking the rest of the puff pastry and making little plates for the wellingtons to be served on. If you feel you just can't ever get enough pastry, then don't let me stop you. The main thing you'll want to do is make sure that your pastry doesn't get too browned while cooking it all.

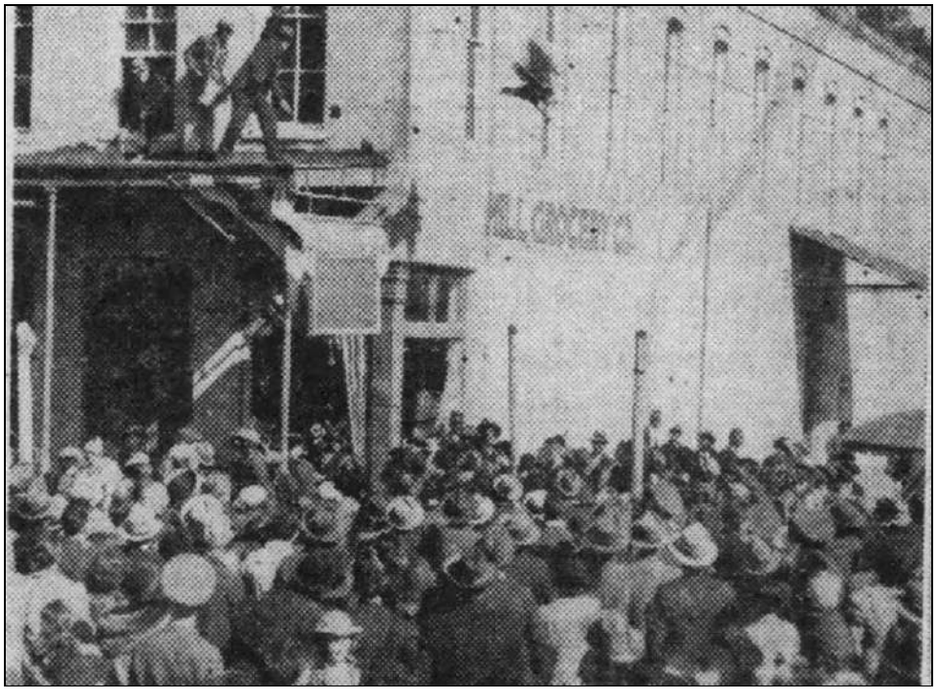
If you wanted to use pate, you'd combine it with the mushroom duxelles after they've been caramelized. This makes a nice paste to keep the filets in place while you seal them. If you have any leftover pastry that you'd feel bad about wasting, fear not. Of course, you can go with the puff pastry plates, but I'm rather fond of these wellingtons with leaves and other shapes put on with the excess dough. For those of you with greater confidence in your abilities, this would be quite a testament to your creativity.

As far as serving goes, keep it simple. A plate with some roasted carrots or maybe some fresh arugula would be a refreshing note to this otherwise rich dish. Don't think you'll be coming away from the dinner table feeling any lighter than when you got there. This is the savory dish to beat, in my opinion, if looks are the main factor. Plus, this is all stuff we can get pretty easily just popping over to the Piggly Wiggly. In fact, some of the best meat dishes I've had are when they're at their simplest. To me, the ingredients for this are rather simple, but it's when you put them all together that it becomes something rich, extraordinary.

Oh! One more thing (as our friend Rick would say)! If you want the halved wellingtons to sit upright, feel free to trim off the ends after they've been halved to make them sit nicely on your plate. Whether that plate is made of puff pastry or porcelain is up to you. Again, I understand beef prices aren't sparking joy right now, but if the cowboys ever get to corralling them back down, I think you'd love this. Well. If you eat meat, that is...and so long as you don't have Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Am I making you hungry now with all my tick disease talk? Yum, yum, professor.

The short-lived Uniontown Turkey Carnival

BY BRIAN CLEMENTS



A crowd fills the street in Uniontown for a turkey flight at the second Turkey Carnival, Nov. 11, 1941. (The Democrat-Reporter, Nov. 20, 1941, courtesy of the Birmingham News-Age-Herald)

In November 1940, the city of Uniontown held its first Turkey Carnival. Thousands of spectators flocked to the small town to enjoy the festival. The event featured a turkey trot, a large parade, a Turkey Ball, a heaviest turkey contest, block-long pens displaying thousands of birds, and a beauty pageant whose winner would be crowned Turkey Queen.

The carnival was the idea of the Uniontown Exchange Club, which set it for Armistice Day, Nov. 11. The program was "designed to pay tribute to one of this section's outstanding agricultural industries," the Marion Times-Standard reported April 4, 1940. Mason M. Paschall, a Uniontown farmer, was general chairman.

With Paschall on the general committee were Abe Cohen, Roy Heacock, Grady Hughes, Gus Spidle and J. W. McDonald. The Times-Standard's Carnival Edition of Nov. 7, 1940 named those in charge of the rest: John E. Miklos, finance; J. N. Fendley, decorations; S. B. Mitchell, concessions; W. C. Starnes, the parade; Walter McKee and T. E. Goodale, prizes; J. R. Eckstine, information; Oscar Cobb, the barbecue; McKnight Buck, the banquet; Val Taylor and J. T. Ellisor, speakers; Francis Hatch and T. A. Branyon, the street dance; O. Joachim, the Turkey Ball; J. S. Branyon and Cohen, the football game; Walter McCorkle and I. Banks, police; and McKee and Mrs. Martha Coleman, staff reception. T. G. Brabston of Birmingham was grand marshal of the parade.

Turkeys were "this section's No. 4 cash crop," the paper reported that fall, and from 10 to 600 birds were found on each farm. Abe Cohen, president of the Exchange Club, said the club intended to make Uniontown the turkey capital of the Deep South. Growers opened a campaign for the Birmingham market, where Paschall charged that cafe and restaurant chefs bought 80 percent of their birds from Texas.

Martha Brown, daughter of Mrs. S. L. Coleman, was chosen queen of the first carnival over 10 other girls in a contest at the local theater. Bessie Minge Cameron of Faunsdale and Jewel Yelverton of Uniontown, the runners-up, were named her attendants. Jan Garber and his orchestra were signed for the Turkey Ball, in a hall remodeled to hold 1,500 couples. Circuit Court in Marion did not meet on carnival day, a Monday, and Marion business houses closed. "20,000 Expected To Attend Turkey Carnival," the Times-Standard said across its front page Nov. 7, 1940.

The county's clubs were asked to help. At Sprott, the Community Club met Oct. 1 with Mrs. Trawick Ivey, and Miss Whatley, the home demonstration agent, explained the carnival "and what it means for Perry and adjoining counties," the club reported in the Times-Standard. Mrs. J. D. Wallace, the former agent, gave "some good pointers on entering a float." Mrs. Mattie Hughes was the club's newly elected president.

"Undaunted by a heavy rain that caused postponement of the parade until afternoon, thousands from all parts of the state Monday thronged to Uniontown's first annual Turkey Carnival," the paper reported Nov. 14, 1940. It called the carnival "indicative of a growing movement toward diversified farming in the Blackbelt and symbolizing the courage of its people who have come through three successive crop failures with chins up and ready to do something about it."



Martha Brown was queen of the first Uniontown Turkey Carnival in 1940. (The Marion Times-Standard, Nov. 7, 1940)



Lillian Wilcox of Uniontown, a student at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, reigned as queen of the second Uniontown Turkey Carnival in 1941. (Alabama Department of Archives and History)

In Greensboro, H. Graham Benners, a former editor of the Alabama Beacon, wrote in his Watchman column, "Benners' Diary," of an "Endless procession of folks bound for the Turkey Carnival at Uniontown" passing all day.

An estimated 5,000 watched a parade of four bands, "20-odd floats" and the Marion Institute cadet corps. Gov. Frank M. Dixon placed the crown on Brown's head. Ralston Long of Uniontown was king. The Linden Lions Club's float, a snow scene with Eula Torbert as its queen, won first prize in the community class, the Democrat-Reporter of Linden reported. The Demopolis Parent-Teacher Association's float, a church wedding, won first prize in the independent class. A second Demopolis float, built by Lewis Hamer and Pat Lewis, was a replica of Gaineswood, and Carolyn Compton represented Demopolis as a queen, the Demopolis Times reported.

Dixon hailed the carnival as emphasizing "another departure from our cotton economy," and said Alabama "is becoming more and more self sufficient."

In the turkey flight, the paper reported, "prize birds were pitched off the highest building, and the catcher was keeper." The champion of the turkey show, a 28-pound tom raised by W. G. Brockway of Panola, was bought by Mrs. F. T. Raiford, publisher of the Selma Times-Journal, and sent to President Franklin D. Roosevelt for his Thanksgiving dinner. More than 15,000 turkeys were sold that Monday and Tuesday at 14 and 16 cents a pound, the Demopolis Times reported.

Marion Institute defeated St. Bernard College, 26 to 6, in the afternoon football game. More than 1,200 couples danced at the ball that night, the Democrat-Reporter reported.

Among those attending the carnival, the Times-Standard reported Nov. 14, 1940, were Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Pegues and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed James, Mrs. W. H. Stewart and children, Mrs. Fleming Blackburn, Kathryn and Marjorie Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. Offa Nichols, Offa Nichols Jr., Lucy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lovelace, Mrs. Will Hudson, Mrs. H. G. Thigpen, Robert Breitling, Col. and Mrs. T. A. Wood, Jean Wood and John Marshall.

At the dance that evening were Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe

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Harris, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Suttles Jr., Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Moore Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Woodfin, Capt. and Mrs. J. T. Murfee, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Charles Glover, William Arbuthnot, Elizabeth Webb, D. K. Mason Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Balfour and Mr. and Mrs. Gray Thatcher. Mr. and Mrs. Hern Wilson and their son, Jimmy, came from Atlanta to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson, and to attend.

Lillian Wilcox of Uniontown, a student at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, was chosen as queen of the 1941 carnival.

Val Taylor was chairman of the 1941 executive committee, with Cohen, Heacock, Paschall, Walker McKee, A. E. Spidle and J. M. McDonald, the Times-Standard reported July 24, 1941. F. C. DeBray headed publicity, McKee and W. M. McKnight finance, and Fendley decorations, and Cohen and Joachim had the dance, bands and concessions.

The turkey crop that year was 50 percent larger than the year before, Roy Heacock, president of the Uniontown Turkey Carnival Association, told a planning meeting at the Canebrake Bank, the Times-Standard reported Oct. 23, 1941. Heacock spoke of the turkey as a money crop for "the rich blackland area where a changing economy from cotton to cattle has resulted in moving many families from the land." He said many Black farmers had turned to turkey raising.

Pens were to be built along the curb on Uniontown's main street so the birds could be auctioned downtown. A. E. Spidle, head of the barbecue committee, announced that 100 hogs would be bought in Linden and put in cold storage in Demopolis. Uniontown homes would be open to visitors wherever a flag was displayed. The Marion Community Club, Mrs. Chas. E. Logan president, voted Oct. 23 to take part.

Marion chose a queen of its own, Emily Henry, daughter of Mrs. H. B. Henry, to represent the city, with Mary Clark Sturdivant and Bessie Brock as maids. Out-of-town judges picked them at a "Personality Parade" in the Grammar School auditorium, put on by the Marion Recreation Council and the Marion Exchange Club, the Times-Standard reported Nov. 6, 1941. The contestants were Louise Bankster, Marjorie Blackburn, Bessie Brock, Lucy Davis, Mildred England, Ida Mae Hammond, Claire Jones, Emily Henry, Frances Locke, Virginia Oxford, Mary Catherine Shivers, Ellen Spencer, Katherine Stallworth, Mary Clark Sturdivant, Peggy Tidwell, Josephine Washburn, Jean Woodfin, Elizabeth Wright and Eileen Yeager.

Carolyn Jordan, Alice Jones, Anna Mae Reeves and Mary Binion Wheeler of Judson College and Cadets Henry Ingram and Stewart Harper of Marion Institute gave musical selections. The cadets presented a radio skit with the help of Maj. D. M. Miller of the Marion Institute faculty, Mrs. Thad Davis Jr. of Selma danced, and Capt. Eugene Dawson was master of ceremonies.

"An estimated 10,000 visitors turned out to look and listen Tuesday as Uniontown staged its second annual Turkey Carnival," the paper reported Nov. 13, 1941. The weather was ideal. Planners had spoken of 40 floats; the paper counted "30-odd." Col. Julian B. Haddon, commander of Craig Field at Selma, placed "a jeweled crown of gold" on the head of Wilcox, who reigned with the king, John James.

Linden, Selma and the Marion Exchange Club won the float prizes, in that order. The Linden float, entered by the Lions Club and the Parent-Teacher Association, was all in white, the Democrat-Reporter reported, with Fay Williams, queen of Linden High School, and her attendants, Helen Lewis and Jean Carter, holding the reins of two swans.

Julia Daniels won a turkey-picking contest and Robert Ethridge of Putnam the turkey-calling contest. A rodeo with bronco-busting, calf-roping, wild cow milking and mule races was staged at the Uniontown Airport, where spectators also saw a balloon ascension and a parachute leap, the Demopolis Times reported. Two blocks downtown were roped off for a street dance at 4 p.m., with music by the Bigbee Barons of Demopolis. A banquet was held at the school, and the Turkey Ball opened at 10 p.m. in a cotton warehouse.

Several hundred Demopolis people attended, the Times reported, and most of the town's Tuesday afternoon card clubs were postponed.

Greensboro was not represented in the parade. The town had been invited, Watchman Publisher W.E.W. Yerby wrote in an editorial Nov. 13, 1941, but "a few of our leaders blocked any participation," pleading that the money was needed for a dairy show. Merchants circulated a petition at the last minute, and the stores closed at noon so that people could go. Hundreds went, the Watchman said, to what it called "the biggest day which the Black Belt has seen in many a long year."

Unfortunately, the festival lasted only three years. The attack on Pearl Harbor came less than four weeks after the second Turkey Carnival, and the U.S.'s entry into World War II would bring about rationing and shifting priorities that would ultimately cause the carnival to be discontinued.

In March 1942, American Legion members and their families at a banquet at Hotel Marion were shown motion pictures of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and of the Uniontown Turkey Carnival, the Times-Standard reported. C. L. Williams was toastmaster, and the speakers included Judson Locke, Paschall and C. R. Wiant.

The third carnival was held Nov. 11, 1942. It would go on "as usual," the Times-Standard reported Nov. 5, 1942, but without "its parades, dances and traditional contests." Put aside "in deference to war economy demands" were the parade, the turkey derby, the turkey flight and turkey calling contests, the turkey shoot, the barbecue, the horse race, the football game and the street dance. Savings from the entertainments were to go to the war program, Cohen said. The only social event was a Turkey Ball at Uniontown High School.

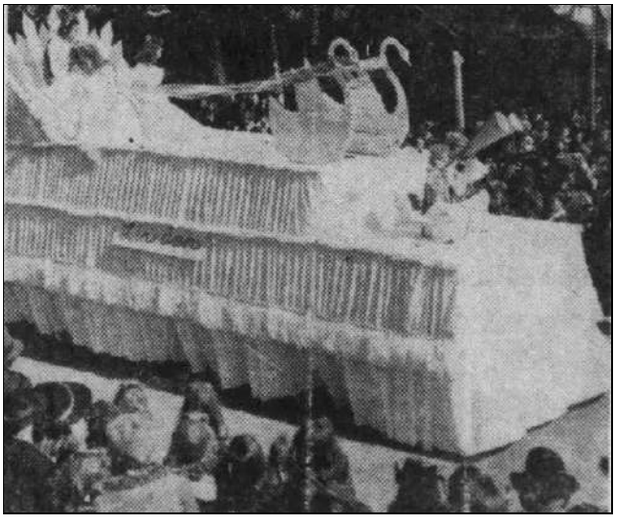
Turkey raisers in Hale, Marengo, Perry, Sumter and Dallas counties had at least 30 percent more birds than in 1941, Cohen said, and buyers were expected from Montgomery, Mobile, Chattanooga and Birmingham for an all-day auction.

Out-of-state buyers paid an estimated $80,000 for 20,000 birds, the Times-Standard reported Nov. 19, 1942. Group lots brought as much as 28 1/2 cents a pound, and the average was 25 cents. Production was up 40 percent over 1941 "despite the war and a 33 per cent labor shortage in the Black Belt," the paper reported, and Uniontown businessmen were discussing a cleaning and dressing plant for the county's turkeys. Heacock was president of the association that year, with Cohen and J. W. McDonald on publicity, Bob Jacobs, T. A. Branyon and James Pollard on the sales committee, and O. Joachim and Frank James on the dance committee.

In 1943 the Times-Standard reported only a sale. Buyers began arriving on a Monday, trucks holding 400 to 700 turkeys were lined up to haul the birds, and prices ran from 29 to 36 cents a pound on foot, prices the paper said Nov. 11, 1943 "topped all previous turkey sale rates." The sales brought $80,000, the paper reported that December.

The war took the carnival's workers and much of its crowd. Farms and factories turned to war production. Many who left the Black Belt for the service did not come back. Some died overseas. Others found better opportunities elsewhere, through the GI Bill or in the industrial North.

Farming changed as well. The diversified family farm, which might keep a flock of turkeys for market alongside its other livestock and crops, gave way in the years after the war to larger farms growing fewer things. Few people now living remember when thousands came to Uniontown on Armistice Day to see the turkeys.



The Linden Lions Club and Parent-Teacher Association float, with Fay Williams, queen of Linden High School, won first prize in the 1941 Turkey Carnival parade. (The Democrat-Reporter, Nov. 20, 1941, courtesy of the Birmingham News-Age-Herald)

Leona Nichols



Leona Nichols, 93, passed away on November 16.

She was born in 1933 in rural northwest Alabama to a hard-working farming family. As the 14th out of 15 children, she began doing chores to help the family from a very early age. Whether it was picking cotton, carrying water from the spring or washing clothes, there was always work to be done.

This industrious work ethic carried over to her adult life. She spent the first 24 years of her marriage to Paul Nichols taking care of her mother, Mary Davis, who lived with them. Later they also acted as caregivers for Paul's parents, Gordon and Roberta Nichols. She was faithful to serving God through the church. Over the years, she taught children and youth in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School at East Birmingham FWB, Huffman FWB, Centerpoint FWB and Mt Pleasant FWB.

She loved gardening, sewing, needlepoint, quilting, cooking, fishing, camping, taking care of her family and friends and many other activities. She loved children and over the years, she babysat numerous children in her home. She also worked at two daycares. In her retirement years, she volunteered with the Women's Auxiliary in Centreville, working as a "Pink Lady" in area hospitals. She thoroughly enjoyed helping people and encouraging the patients.

Most of all, she loved her family and wanted to see each of them come to Christ so that all could be together in Heaven. She prayed regularly for each member of her immediate and extended family.

She could also be a playful prankster. Growing up with a houseful of older brothers, it was probably inevitable. Wannetta remembers waking up one morning and heading straight to the bathroom not knowing that mom was hiding in the bathtub/shower. She jumped out and scared her so badly that she was clawing at the door.

Another time when David was a teenager and had begun working a part-time job, mom couldn't get him up out of bed for work. After exhausting other measures, she stood at the bottom of the stairs and began yelling, "The house is on fire! The house is on fire!" David didn't stir a muscle, but dad came running.

All of her children and grandchildren have fond memories of spending time with her and dad in Perry County playing in the woods, going fishing, riding the side by side, shooting guns, playing Christmas games and just being together.

Leona is preceded in death by her parents, Henry Augustus and Mary Jane Tidwell; grandparents, John Jeptha and Sarah Catherine Davis, and George and Vina Tidwell; sisters, Della Ruby Lee, Vina Evelena, Nancy Rettar, and Bessie Etta; brothers, Harley Houston, Marvin Foulton, Benjamin Franklin, Robbie Augustus, Jefferson Isaac, James Jeremiah, William Henry, John Roy, and Kenneth Ray.

She is survived by her spouse, Paul Nichols from Gardendale; daughter, Wannetta Beck (Kyle) from Centre; sons, Ken Brooks (Donna) from Calera, David Nichols (Nancy) from Glencoe, and Noel Nichols (Andrea) from Empire; grandchildren, Gavin Brooks (Leigh) from Montevallo, Rachael Beck from Atlanta, Ga., Jennifer Acker (Josh) from Maylene, Rebeccah Shady (Mike) from Charlotte, N.C., Nichole Zylstra (Matt) from Hoover, Melissa Haynes (Blake) from Odenville, Zach Nichols (Leah) from Kimberly, and Haley Booth (Bradley) from Mobile; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A visitation for Leona was held Saturday, November 21, at Mt. Pleasant Freewill Baptist Church in Sprott from 10 to 11 a.m., with the funeral service following at 11 a.m. Burial was in the adjoining cemetery.

Rockco Funeral Home of Centreville directed.

Patricia Holladay Barton



Patricia Holladay Barton passed away on November 19 at the age of 80. She was born July 19, 1946, in Perry County, and spent much of her working life as a seamstress.

To many of the friends who gathered around her family, Patricia was simply "Mama." It was a name that reflected the way she cared for people. Her kitchen regularly fed more than her own household, welcoming her sons' friends and others who came to know her country cooking and the care she put into a meal.

Her family will remember her turnip greens with fried fatback, her ham, and the chocolate cake she made in her mother's tradition. Even a saucer of crispy fried fatback became part of the family's stories, as they fondly remembered trying to claim a piece before it was gone. Those familiar foods will always hold memories of her kitchen and the people she fed.

Patricia also had a gift for growing things. A small piece of a plant brought home could become something she nurtured and enjoyed. She loved flowers, birds, butterflies, and dogwoods, and she had a particular fondness for the color purple.

Her care for others continued beyond her home. She was willing to prepare food and take it to someone who needed it, and she gave her time to older friends, sitting with them and offering companionship. She showed love through these everyday acts of kindness.

Patricia was preceded in death by a husband, Aubry "Buck" Ingram; a later husband, Earnest Ward Barton; a son, Taylor Crawford Ingram; and sister, Letha (Don) Hobson.

She is survived by her sons, Bruce (Ronda) Ingram and Michael (Paula) Holladay; daughter-in-law, Pamela (Greg) Sanchez; grandchildren, Cory (Tabitha) Ingram, Justin Taylor (Teagan) Ingram, Cassidy Ingram (Gary Allen) Davidson and Hunter Holladay; great-grandchildren, Brooks Ingram, Haisten Ingram, Bowan Davidson, Beck Davidson, Brewer Davidson and Amberlynn Ingram; great-granddaughter, Baylor Davidson; a great-granddaughter, Ansley Ingram, on the way; siblings, Nancy (Ray) Nichols, Jamie (Connie) Holladay and Luther (Tracey) Holladay; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She will be laid to rest at a private ceremony.

Lawrence Brown-Service Funeral Home of Selma is in charge of arrangements.

Joyce A. Craft



Joyce A. Craft, 78, passed away on November 19. She was born on July 2, 1948, in Cleveland.

To her children, she was the strongest person they had ever known. No matter what life placed in her path, she faced it with a strength and determination that inspired those around her. She was loved immensely, and her family was her greatest blessing. She had a special place in her heart for animals. She simply could not turn a stray away. Her compassion knew no bounds, whether for people or animals.

She also found great joy in planting and caring for her plants and flowers. Her flowers may have been beautiful, but the greatest thing she ever nurtured was the family she leaves behind.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Evelyn Simmons; siblings, Donnie Tidwell, Wayne Simmons, Phillip Simmons and Anita Martin; and daughter, Kelly Tucker.

Joyce is survived by her children, Brad Tucker (Charlene), Mary Riffe, Jackie Wideman (Denise), Kim McClendon (Mark) and Matthew Wideman (Tina); grandchildren, Bret Tucker (Morgan), Jordan Tucker (Sarah), Grace Tucker, Justin Wideman, Chad Riffe (Haley), Tyler Riffe (Samantha), Brittany Salmeron (Emerson), Jessica Brown (Jacob), Casie Wideman, Ty Beasley (Brentleigh), Justin Hill, Heath McClendon and Jordin Butts (John). She is also survived by 16 great-grandchildren; her sisters, Deborah Averette (David) and Nancy Campbell; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 24, at Charter Funeral Home in Calera. A visitation was held from 10 to 11 a.m., with the funeral service beginning at 11 a.m. She was laid to rest immediately following in Bethlehem Methodist Church Cemetery in Marion.

Charter Funeral Home of Calera directed.



The Alabama Military Hall of Honor plaque for the late Navy Capt. Hugh Barr Miller Jr. stands in the Marion Military Institute chapel at his induction Friday, Nov. 6. (Photo from Marion Military Institute)

State military hall of honor at MMI inducts late Navy captain

The Alabama Military Hall of Honor, on the campus of Marion Military Institute, inducted the late Navy Capt. Hugh Barr Miller Jr. on Friday, Nov. 6.

Miller, a Tuscaloosa native and former University of Alabama quarterback, survived 43 days behind enemy lines on Arundel Island after the destroyer USS Strong was sunk by a Japanese torpedo in July 1943. He was rescued from the jungle by a Marine floatplane and returned to Allied forces having accounted for 20 enemy dead.

For his heroism, Miller received numerous military decorations, including the Navy Cross, two Purple Hearts and the Meritorious Service Medal. He retired from the Navy as a captain in 1971.

MMI hosted the Miller family for the ceremony in the chapel, a pass in review and a luncheon in his honor.

Navy Lt. j.g. Scott Gold, an MMI alumnus, sponsored Miller for the Hall of Honor and shared his story.

Breakthrough book fair opens Nov. 30

Breakthrough Charter School will hold a Scholastic Book Fair from Monday, Nov. 30, through Monday, Dec. 14. Students will be able to browse the shelves and pick out books.

Students are bringing home a preview of the books and other items that will be available.

Families may set up a Book Fair eWallet so students can shop without cash, and family members may add funds. The books may be previewed at scholastic.com/bf/breakthroughcharterschool.





Savannah Rutledge (Submitted photo)

Marion student wins Advance Auto Parts scholarship

Savannah Rutledge of Marion has been awarded a $3,500 scholarship by the Advance Auto Parts Foundation.

Rutledge attends Marion Military Institute. She is one of 24 students to receive the foundation's scholarships this year.

The scholarships go to family members of Advance Auto Parts employees. The foundation said this year's recipients were chosen for academic achievement, leadership, community involvement, personal accomplishments and future goals.

"It meant that all my hard work paid off," Rutledge said.



Volunteers fill bags with nonperishable food for Sowing Seeds of Hope's Thanksgiving Project. (Photo from Sowing Seeds of Hope)

Sowing Seeds of Hope serves 357 seniors through Thanksgiving Project

Sowing Seeds of Hope served 357 seniors with bags of nonperishable food items through its Thanksgiving Project.

Volunteers, local churches and friends from across the state helped with the project.

This week's games

Boys basketball
Tuesday, Dec. 1
R.C. Hatch at Breakthrough Charter, 7:15 p.m. (1A Area 7)

Girls basketball
Tuesday, Dec. 1
R.C. Hatch at Breakthrough Charter, 6:15 p.m. (1A Area 7)

Legal Notice

Notice to Contractors
Federal Aid Project No.
NH-HSIP-FMGR-0008(617)
PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation,

Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on December 04, 2026 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Safety

Widening, Planing, Resurfacing (Scrub Seal), Bridge Guardrail Retrofit, Guardrail Installation, and Traffic Stripe on SR-8

(US-80) from the Marengo County Line to the Dallas County Line. Length 6.144 mi.

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her

qualification certificate.

The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Seventy-five (75) Working Days.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for $5.00. Plans may be purchased for $13.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are

available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110.

Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only

upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the

advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its

implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - $50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of

Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies

concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket

have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From $4,594,606 To $5,615,630 .

The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway

Act.

Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery,

Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only

to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day

previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama

Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42

U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of

The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued

pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to

this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this

invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in

consideration for an award.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER
Transportation Director
published 11/19; 11/26; 12/3/26

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MARION (MARION HOUSING AUTHORITY) 102 CAHABA HEIGHTS, MARION, AL 36756 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE Thursday, DECEMBER 10, 2026 10:00 A.M.

The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1996 requires all Public Housing Authorities to develop a Public Housing Agency Plan for (Five) 5 years and an Annual Plan beginning with the year 2000. The purpose of these plans is to advise the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, our residents and members of the general public of our overall mission, goals and objectives for serving the needs of low-income and very low-income families in the area. Modernization work performed is new kitchen cabinets, new floor tile throughout the units (2 and 3 bedrooms) at Lincoln Heights, new wiring, new Carbon Monoxide detectors, new bath retrofit (new bathtub), new lavatory, plumbing, new painting, etc.

The Housing Authority has adopted a NO SMOKING POLICY and MUST BE 25 FEET AWAY FROM HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTY.

The Five (5) year and Annual Agency Plan covering 2026-2031 is currently being developed and all relevant policies and pertinent planning materials are available for review at the Housing Authority Office located at 102 Cahaba Heights. This information is subject to public comment during regular business hours of the Housing Authority. You are invited to review this information and give your comments and suggestions. A public hearing on the plan will be held by the Board of Commissioners as referenced above. All public comments will be considered by the Commissioners for inclusion in the plan.

Brenda W. Teacher
Executive Director
published 11/19; 11/26/26

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PROJECT NO.: MKA-26-115

Sealed proposals for this project shall be received by Dr. Marcia A. Smiley, Superintendent, Perry County Schools, 200 W. Monroe Street, Marion, AL 36756; Phone: 334-683-6528, until 2:00 P.M. Central Time, Tuesday, December 8, 2026, then opened and read aloud.

All General Contractors bidding shall be required to visit the site and examine all existing conditions prior to submitting their proposal to be arranged by the contractor with the principal at the school.

The project shall be bid excluding taxes. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing for receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

A certified check or Bid Bond payable to Perry County Schools in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than $10,000.00 must accompany each bidder's sealed proposal. Performance and statutory labor and material payment bonds will be required at the signing of the Contract.

All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975 and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect. All bidders shall show such evidence by clearly displaying their current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered.

PDFs of the project can be reviewed by going to the Lathan McKee website at www.lathanmckee.com and under "Project Bid List" selecting "Montgomery". The documents may be viewed on-line and printed by General Contractors, SubContractors and Suppliers. Documents published through this procedure are the only documents endorsed by the Architect. The Architect is unable to monitor, confirm and maintain other websites that provide documents. Notices of Addenda being posted will be provided to entities that have CONFIRMED bidding for this particular project. The Architect retains ownership and copyrights of the documents. If bidders require printed sets, please submit request to the Architect at mckeeplans@gmail.com. Include your first & last name, company name, address, phone number and the project name and number. Print sets are to be returned in reusable condition within ten days after bid opening.

All RFIs and RFAs regarding the bid documents shall be sent and addressed through emails found on the RFI and RFA forms in the project manual. NOTE: ONLY THE RFI AND RFA FORMS IN THE PROJECT MANUAL WILL BE ACCEPTED. The Architect will not accept inquiries via telephone or fax.

Completion Times: See scope of work in Project Manual.

Supervision: Contractor to ensure proper supervision for all work.

Owner: Dr. Marcia A. Smiley, Perry County Schools, 200 W. Monroe Street, Marion, AL 36756; Phone | 334-683-6528

Architect: Lathan McKee Architects, 3500 Eastern Blvd., Suite 300, Montgomery, Alabama 36116, Phone | 334-834-9933

11/19/2026; 11/26/2026; 12/03/2026

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39 Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Paulk Construction, Inc. Contractor has completed the contract for the Modernization of Site #AL161-2, VI at Marion, AL for Marion Housing Authority Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Brenda Teacher 102 Cahaba Heights Marion, AL 36756

Paulk Construction, Inc.
390 N. Goldthwaite Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

11/19/2026; 11/26/2026; 12/03/2026; 12/10/2026

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

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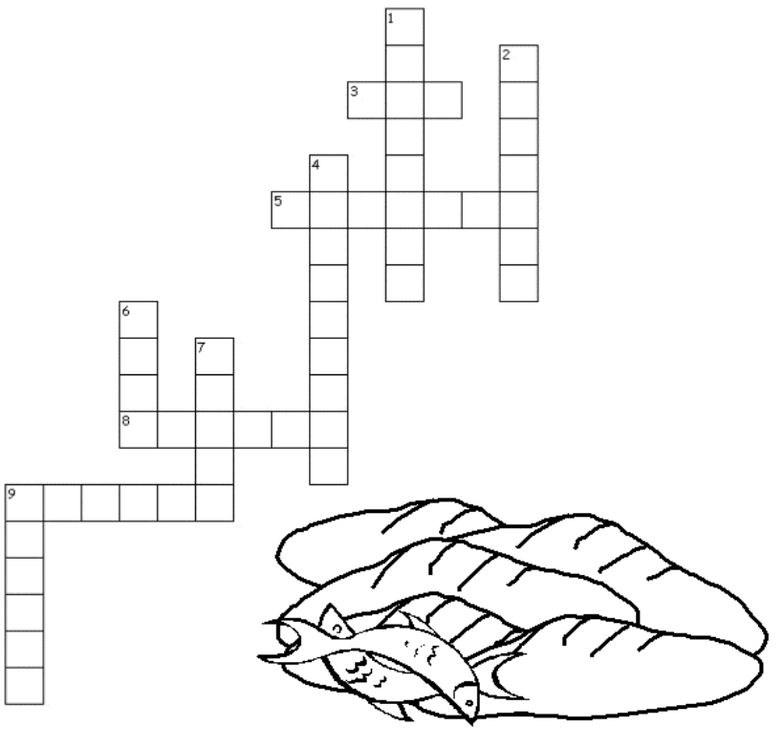

Across
3. Jesus used this persons small lunch to feed five thousand.
5. Jesus performed this on the boy's lunch and still does them today.
8. This is how many baskets of food were left over.
9. One of the other miracles Jesus did that day was that he ____ people.

Down
1. Five ____ people followed Jesus just to listen to Him and be healed.
2. Jesus filled enough of these to feed all the people.
4. The ____ doubted how they would feed all the people.
6. This was Jesus and the disciples' transportation that day.
7. The boy had 2 small fish and 5 pieces of ____ in his lunch.
9. Everyone was ____ that's why Jesus performed the miracle.

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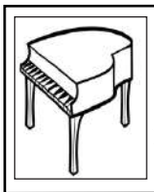
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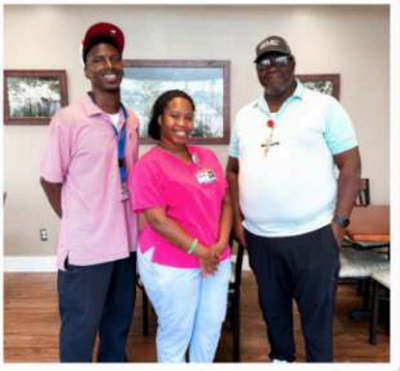

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11-12-3c

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. Citizens who 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.

11-5-4c

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA

FRANK JOE WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff,

v.

CASE NO: DR-2026-900006.00

MATTIE WILLIAMS,

Defendant.

TO: MATTIE WILLIAMS

Mattie Williams, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Frank Joe Williams's Complaint for Divorce and other relief by the 10th day of January, 2027, or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case No. DR-2026-900006.00, in the Circuit Court of Perry County, Alabama.

DONE this the 21st day of October, 2026.

Circuit Clerk of Perry County, Alabama

11/19/2026; 11/26/2026; 12/03/2026; 12/10/2026

Legal Notice

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given Gulf Coast Underground, LLC, 5655 Middle Road, Theodore, Alabama 36582 (Contractor) has completed the work on the MARION WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND COLLECTION SYSTEM UPGRADES CONTRACT NO. 4 - MARION MILITARY INSTITUTE EMERGENCY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT for the City of Marion, AL; CWSRF PROJECT NO. CS010962-01. Any person(s) having a claim against the project should notify Gulf Coast Underground, LLC (251) 725-0200 and/or Utility Engineering Consultants, LLC (205) 951-3838.

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