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Bennett wins District 1 by 30 votes over write-ins; Harrison keeps District 3

Senior property tax freeze passes 2,470 to 714; county votes no on two of the four statewide amendments

Donald J. Bennett Sr. won the District 1 seat on the Perry County Commission Tuesday, 590 votes to 560 write-in votes, in unofficial returns with all 13 Perry County boxes reported, closing a contest with Commissioner Albert Turner Jr. that began with the May 19 Democratic primary.

The returns, reported by Probate Judge Carlton L. Hogue's office, were posted by the Secretary of State at 9:40 p.m. Tuesday. They are unofficial until the county canvassing board certifies them.

Turner, who has held the seat since 2000, ran as a write-in candidate after the ballot was printed with Bennett's name alone. The Secretary of State's returns report write-in votes as a single total and do not say for whom they were cast. Under state law, the canvassing board determines the number of write-in votes cast for each office after the election and posts whether they are to be counted by name.

The 30-vote margin is the widest between the two men this year. Bennett led Turner 398 to 397 in the primary after provisional ballots were counted May 26, and Hogue certified him June 1. A July 9 recount ordered by the state party ended 398 to 398, and Hogue, as chairman of the Perry County Democratic Executive Committee, broke the tie for Bennett.

The state party's contest committee voted 5-0 on Aug. 21 to count a disputed ballot for Turner, putting him ahead 399 to 398, and ordered Hogue to certify Turner by noon Aug. 24. Hogue did not, holding that the party's power to change the nominee had ended Aug. 5. Montgomery County Circuit Judge Monet Gaines dismissed Turner's suit against Hogue on Sept. 1, and Turner said Sept. 11 that he would run as a write-in.

No Republican qualified for the seat. Voters in the District 1 race Tuesday cast 1,150 votes, against 805 in the primary.

Bennett, a Marion businessman, has been chairman of the Perry County Airport and Industrial Development Authority and led the Main Street Marion program. Turner was appointed to the commission in 2000 to fill his father's term after the death of Albert Turner Sr. and had won election four times. He was chairman until June 9, when the commission elected Commissioner Carlton Lewis chairman.

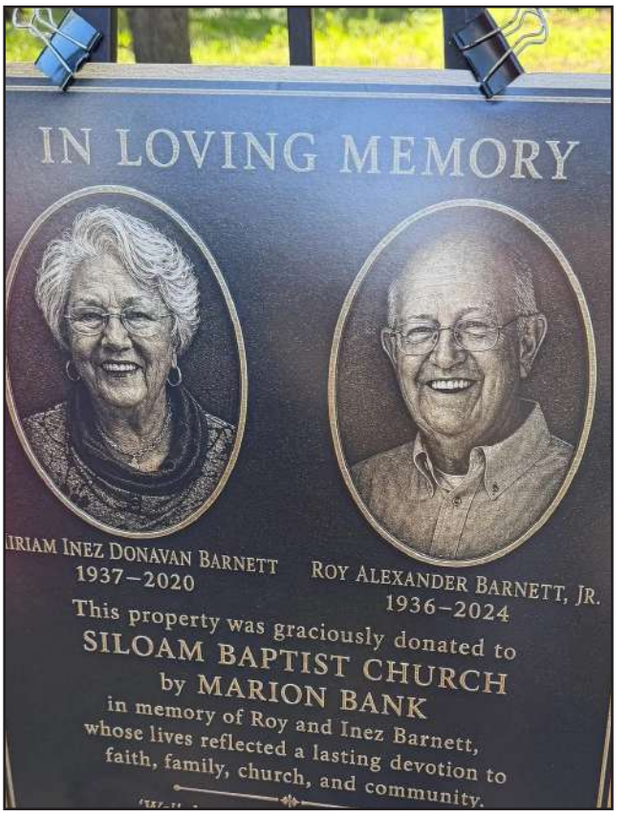
In District 3, Commissioner Brett Harrison, a Republican, held his seat over Democrat Donald Nichols, 501 to 319. Nichols, of Marion, was elected to District 3 on the Perry County Board of Education in 2022.

Bennett will take Turner's seat on a commission that has split 3-2 this year, with

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Marion Community Bank gives 'The Grove' to Siloam Baptist in memory of Inez & Roy Barnett



The memorial plaque for Roy and Inez Barnett at the Oct. 18 dedication of The Grove.

Marion Community Bank joined the Barnett family Sunday, Oct. 18, for the dedication of The Grove, a property the bank donated to Siloam Baptist Church in memory of Roy and Inez Barnett.

A memorial plaque at the dedication carries portraits of Miriam Inez Donavan Barnett, 1937-2020, and Roy Alexander Barnett Jr., 1936-2024. It says the property was donated "in memory of Roy and Inez Barnett, whose lives reflected a lasting devotion to faith, family, church, and community."

Roy Barnett served for years on the bank's board of directors, Marion Community Bank said in its Oct. 19 announcement of the dedication.

He was a pharmacist, served on the Marion City Council from 1988 to 1992 and was a deacon emeritus at Siloam. He died April 26, 2024, at 87.



Blackbelt Hardware and Outdoors in Marion. (Photo from Blackbelt Hardware and Outdoors)

Blackbelt Hardware and Outdoors is for sale, staying open

Blackbelt Hardware and Outdoors in Marion is for sale but is not closing, the store said Monday, Oct. 12.

The business, its buildings and its property are on the market, and the store is operating as usual in the meantime.

The store said it is looking for a buyer who will keep the business going or expand it.

Anyone interested in buying the property and business is asked to call Tim at 334-431-2746.

Burn permit issued for piles at old Judson College campus

A burn permit took effect Thursday, Oct. 22, for multiple burn piles at the old Judson College campus in Marion.

The permit will be renewed as weather allows until the piles are consumed.

Personnel on site are tending the piles and are in direct contact with the Marion Fire Department if they need help. E911 dispatch is monitoring along with the fire department.

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Selma man charged with breaking window at PREP Center

A Selma man was arrested on a warrant Oct. 29 on a felony charge of destroying state property as an inmate, accused of breaking a window at a state facility near Uniontown, according to Perry County District Court records.

Devin J. Craig, 28, of Selma is charged with destruction of state property by an inmate, a Class C felony. A sworn complaint filed by a Perry County Sheriff's Office investigator alleges that on or about Oct. 13, Craig, while an inmate, willfully or maliciously injured or destroyed state property worth more than $25. The complaint states that Craig "reportedly broke a window inside the jail."

A Perry County Sheriff's Office incident report filed in the case puts the incident at the address of the state facility on U.S. Highway 80 near Uniontown that houses the Perry County PREP Center, the Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Paroles' reentry program at the former Perry County Correctional Facility, and lists the victim type as government.

The complaint was sworn Oct. 21 and filed Oct. 29 with an arrest warrant, court records show. Bond was set at $2,500, and court records dated Nov. 2 listed Craig as jailed. No hearing date had been set as of that record.



Inside Signature Stitches in Marion. (Photo from Main Street Marion)

Signature Stitches to open in Marion

Wesley and Lawanda Lewis will soon open Signature Stitches in Marion, between Camilla Ridge Furniture and the Horseshoe Farm community center.

The shop will do reupholstery and sell fabrics of all kinds.



Dogwood Lane after the slag-and-tar work. (Photo from the City of Marion)

Marion finishes slag-and-tar work on Dogwood Lane

The City of Marion has finished rehabilitating Dogwood Lane with the slag-and-tar method, the city said in an announcement Oct. 14.

The Perry County Commission and the Perry County Highway Department helped with the work, the city said.

The city has approved the same treatment for the lower part of West Cornelius Street as its next project.

The city said it will keep prioritizing road rehabilitation projects through the Rebuild Alabama Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Tax Program, under its approved Transportation Plan, as money allows.

At the council's Sept. 21 meeting, Councilwoman Ann Hereford LeCroy asked about repairs to Dogwood Lane, and Mayor Dexter Hinton said tar and slag were still needed for lasting repairs.



Three men pose at Robert C. Hatch High School, two of them shaking hands over an envelope. (Photo from Robert C. Hatch High School)

Hatch High thanks Rep. Thomas Jackson for donation

Robert C. Hatch High School has thanked state Rep. Thomas Jackson for what it called a generous donation to the school.

The school also thanked him for his "continued support of our students and school community."

First annual Valley Christmas set for Dec. 12

The first annual Valley Christmas is set for 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, for Pleasant Valley friends and family.

Cooking in the Black Belt

By Casey Roberts

Frankly, I've been in a bit of a slump. Maybe all this pressure is finally catching up with me. Last week, it seemed like everything that could go wrong, did. We ran out of supplies to finish last week's print runs and I woke up naively thinking that last Wednesday would be like any other Wednesday. I got up, prepared the pocketbook roll dough, washed the dishes, and set down to write a Marion City Council story. By 10:30 that morning, I was driving the truck to New Albany, Mississippi to meet a man from a little place called Pocahontas, Arkansas for toner and drum cartridges. The truck, in case you're wondering how much bad luck has fallen on us, is now in the driveway with a flat tire, a twisted nail sticking out of it. As our friend Tim says, "What a time to be alive!"

This northeastern corner of Mississippi is only a stone's throw away from glorious Memphis, Tennessee, as well as being the tail-end of the Black Belt region. No wonder the landscape felt so familiar. Unlike Kentucky, the landscape is unmolested by data centers and strip mall developments, with the exception of these Main Street Mississippi communities. These towns brandished a reflective green sign to such effect for all the highway traffic to see.

Shamefully, I must admit, I have spent little time in Mississippi, or as our friend Brian calls it, 'Backwards Alabama.' Aside from past visits to see my aunt or stopping for Ward's on the way to or from New Orleans, I foolishly wrote off Mississippi as a land beneath my interests. As of late, I've come around to the idea that we really aren't so different after all, just in our perceptions of each other. This past week was a big one with political ads in just about every paper, a Perry County Historical Society Banquet, our friends' annual Wig-O-Ween party. If we haven't been printing, we've been cooking. If we haven't been cooking, we've been going out and about. Sleeping? At this point, it's a thing of the past in the newspaper world.

Despite my contributions of yeast rolls and champagne punch, I still thought I ought to bring a dessert of some kind, but when could I find the stamina to undertake such a task? That's when I remembered reading about a gas station in Mississippi that sold caramel cakes, which apparently is a cake the Mississippians do exceptionally well. Caramel cake is one that I have yet to master, but have always revered since the glory days of "Chug" Pruitt and her 8-layer caramel cakes I'd buy whole from The Mustard Seed in Demopolis. So, I put John to the task of finding us a caramel cake dealer while I drove us further north, further west. Conveniently enough he found a place called Sugaree Bakery a block away from Latham's Hamburger Inn where we were headed for lunch. Both being in New Albany, we'd be killing three birds with one stone in the shape of a Toyota Tacoma.

Before New Albany, I had grand plans of sharing the champagne punch recipe, which I still might do one of these days. After New Albany, I wanted to share with you the lunch we had which we haven't stopped talking about since last week. We finally got to try a northeastern Mississippi delicacy: the dough burger. A dough burger, or slug burger, is a unique contribution to the burger canon. A product of wartime scarcity compounded by a Great Depression, cooks would stretch their ground beef with flour, cornmeal, potato starch, etc. then flatten these patties out before frying them to crisp perfection. Slap some grilled onions, yellow mustard and pickles on top and you've got an evergreen classic on your hands. We sat in the truck scarfing down our double dough burgers in front of an acupuncturist's clinic, when out walked an Amish family, bonnets, beards, and all. As it turns out, there's a pocket of Amish country in that northeastern corner of Mississippi. Who knew?

So, on Sunday, John found a recipe and I watched as he put it all together so that I could relay the recipe to you, dear reader. And now with the onset of Impossible and Beyond meat as vegetarian alternatives, this is a recipe I can imagine anyone enjoying. Although, I'd be curious how the imitation meat holds up to all the handling. Just be warned, this isn't anything meant for high company, unless the high company is just really into greasy spoons.

Dough Burger, or Slug Burger

1.25 to 1.5 pounds ground beef (ideally 75 to 25 fat ratio)

3/4 cups all-purpose flour

1/4 cup whole milk

1 egg

Seasoning salt and black pepper, to taste

Combine all ingredients thoroughly in a bowl. Fill a large, cast iron frying pan with a neutral frying oil over medium-high heat. Peanut or corn oil works best for this. Line a work surface with parchment paper, then tear another equal size piece of parchment paper. Set aside. Working with the hamburger meat mixture, form a small ball, no larger than a tennis ball. Place the ball onto the parchment-lined work surface, top with the additional parchment paper, then flatten the ball with your hands into a patty. Remove the top layer of paper and, using a spatula, remove the patty and slide into the hot frying oil. Fry roughly three minutes on each side or until there is a deep, browned crust on both sides. Remove to a paper towel-lined plate or baking sheet. Continue with the remaining patties. Yields about one dozen patties.

You'll want a high fat ratio for this burger for the starch to have something to absorb. One thing I'd be curious to try would be white cornmeal mixed in and fried in corn oil. That just sounds magnificent to me. This one, though, has no downsides. Well, aside from its health factor, I suppose, but who ever went to a diner looking for health food?

In the way of seasoning salt, may I point you to our latest obsession, which is the Conecuh brand seasonings. There's one for pork and poultry and another for steaks and hamburgers. Really, I can't see how you could go wrong with either in your arsenal. To be quite frank, way more seasoning went into ours. Onion and garlic powder, smoked paprika, some cayenne. It's a blank canvas, so experiment with what you like.

To serve, we toasted up some potato buns, had some onions grilling in a second pan, and pulled some 14-Day Pickles out of the fridge with the Heinz Yellow Mustard, just like we had them Wednesday. Yet, again, treat this as a free pass to play around with what you want on your buns.

For those of you wondering why it's also called a slug burger, it's really a clever one. Some of you may remember folks referring to fake nickels as slugs, but would you say that this is a fake burger? I certainly wouldn't. Sure, it's quite novel to deep fry a patty rather than grilling it, but the crust you get is phenomenal. Plus, I've seen those grotesque videos of cheeseburgers dipped in funnel cake batter and deep fried. Overkill? Sure. It's still a burger, though. Speaking of things named after money, for Wig-O-Ween I brought a papermached, lopsided Furby costume and something called Cheese Wads. A wad of cheese is something I feel like I heard from James Cagney in The Public Enemy or some such 1930s gangster movie. Cheese wads, though, are quite interesting. Something between a Rice Krispie treat and a cheese coin; otherwise known as a cheater's cheese straw. Maybe that'll be next week's contribution. We'll see where the wind takes me! Oh, and how it's been windy! I'm surprised it hasn't blown half the cats away. Maybe if I eat enough dough burgers I'll be sufficiently anchored to the earth to be a pillar for windswept creatures for miles around. At least, that's how heavy I felt after two rounds of double dough burgers midday on Sunday. Someone tell Hilary Duff to stop shilling this Ladder app to me. I get it, I need to work out! I don't need Lizzie McGuire making me feel more like a couch potato than I already do. Oh well, guess it's time to dust off the aerobics tapes again. Now where are my leg warmers?

Field day at Marion Junction covers soil, weed science and hay quality



The Alabama Cooperative Extension System held its 2026 Beef and Forage Field Day Friday, Oct. 16, at the Black Belt Research and Extension Center in Marion Junction.

Court Green-Johnson, Extension agent for animal sciences and forages, led the day. Topics included nutrient management, soil, weed science and hay quality.

Producers, business and industry leaders and Auburn University faculty and staff attended to share best practices and hear the latest research findings, the Extension's West Central Region said.

Francis Marion's Annette Scott selected for Nick's Kids teacher award

Annette Scott of Francis Marion School has been selected for the 2026 Nick's Kids Foundation Teacher Excellence Award.

She will represent the school at the 15th annual Teacher Excellence Awards Luncheon at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at Tuscaloosa River Market.

Obituaries

Hester C. Hoggle



Hester C. Hoggle, 94, of Alexander City, formerly of Selma, died Tuesday, October 6.

She was born in Bibb County to Gary and Gracie Smitherman. Hester was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her sons, Barry Church and Glenn Church; sisters, Mary Lou Pierce and Maggie Mae Cyree; and brothers, Bill Smitherman, L.B. Smitherman, Joseph Dean Smitherman and Willard Alison Smitherman.

She is survived by her children, Wendell (Bernadine) Church, Walter (Toni) Church, Lolita (Roger) Still and Crystal (Leroy) Humphrey; 14 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Arlene Thrower and Madelyn Davis; and brothers, James Alison Smitherman and Bobby Gene Smitherman.

Visitation was held Monday, October 12, from 10 to 10:45 a.m. in the chapel of Lawrence Brown-Service Funeral Home in Selma. Graveside services followed at 11 a.m. at Pineview Memory Gardens. Pallbearers were family and friends.

Lawrence Brown-Service Funeral Home of Selma directed.

James Harold Perkins

James Harold Perkins, 83, of Fultondale, passed away on Saturday, October 24. He will be remembered with love by his family and all whose lives he touched.

He was born March 28, 1943.

He is survived by his son, Roger (Crystal) Perkins; grandsons Christian (Caitlin) Perkins and James Luke Perkins; step-grandsons Eathen Patterson and Easton Patterson; and great-granddaughter Harleigh Elizabeth Perkins.

Visitation was held Monday, November 2, from noon to 2 p.m. at Johns-Ridout's Mortuary-Elmwood Chapel, 800 Dennison Avenue SW, Birmingham. A graveside service followed at 2 p.m. at Elmwood Cemetery, with Pastor Erron Price officiating.

Johns-Ridout's Mortuary-Elmwood Chapel of Birmingham directed.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor Harold's memory with a donation to your favorite local youth athletic team in his name. This special tribute will help his memory live on through the support of young athletes and the communities they represent.

Emily Colburn Shows Thornton



Emily Colburn Shows Thornton, 84, of Marion, died October 28 at Bibb County Nursing Home.

She was a loving mother and devoted Christian. She spent 25 years taking care of patients at Princeton Hospital. She will be missed by her family.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Thomas Shows and Joe Thornton; her sons, Richard and Robert Shows; her parents, Earline and Della Colburn; and her brother, Waymon Colburn.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews, Paul "Benji" Colburn, Elizabeth "Beth" Millwood and Christopher Colburn; and many cousins.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, November 4, at 10 a.m. at Pondville Methodist Church Cemetery, with the Rev. Jim Lavender officiating.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Shows, Milton Aultman, Roy Glenn Aultman, Jimmy Breland, Benji Colburn and Wade Smith.

Magnolia Chapel South directed.

Robert "Ted" Witherspoon

Robert "Ted" Witherspoon, 74, died October 22.

He was born February 14, 1952.



A public viewing was held October 30 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Glen White Memorial Funeral Home, 255 Franklin Street, Uniontown. Funeral services were held October 31 at 1 p.m. at First Missionary Baptist Church on Cahaba Road in Uniontown. Interment followed at 2:15 p.m. at First Missionary Baptist Church in Faunsdale.

Glen White Memorial Funeral Home directed.

Matthew "Blue" Williams Sr.



Matthew "Blue" Williams Sr., 95, died August 24.

He was born September 18, 1930.

Visitation was held Friday, September 4, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Glen White Memorial Funeral Home in Uniontown. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 5, at noon at First Missionary Baptist Church in Uniontown. Interment followed at 1 p.m. at El Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Uniontown.

Glen White Memorial Funeral Home of Uniontown directed.

Mykeia S. Dunkin



Mykeia S. Dunkin, 28, died Saturday, October 31. She was born August 28, 1998.

A viewing will be held Friday, November 6, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Melvin Miller Funeral Service, 302 Pickens Street, Marion. The funeral service will be held Saturday, November 7, at noon at Melvin Miller Funeral Service, with burial to follow in Simpson Cemetery, 1804 Crenshaw Springs Road, Marion.

Melvin Miller Funeral Service of Marion is directing.

R.C. Hatch basketball opens Nov. 5

R.C. Hatch High School's girls open the 2026-27 basketball season against Monroe County at the ARCU Performance Showcase, away, at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5.

The schedule covers the boys and girls teams. Kris Hood is head boys coach, Zannetta Whitt is head girls coach and Melissa Jones is athletic director.

The schedule:

Nov. 5, ARCU Performance Showcase vs. Monroe County (girls), away, 5 p.m.

Nov. 7, Girls Tip-Off Classic, home, 3 p.m.

Nov. 13, Wilcox Central, home, 5 p.m.

Nov. 17, Greensboro, home, 5 p.m.

Nov. 19, Selma High, home, 5 p.m.

Nov. 20, Keith, away, 5 p.m.

Nov. 23 and 24, Highland Home Girls Turkey Day Classic, away, time to be announced

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

Dec. 4, University Charter (area), home, 5 p.m.

Dec. 11, Francis Marion, home, 5 p.m.

Dec. 15, Wilcox Central, away, 5 p.m.

Dec. 17, Keith, home, 5 p.m.

Dec. 19, Wilcox Christmas Tournament (girls), away, time to be announced

Dec. 22, Greensboro, away, 2 p.m.

Dec. 26, Amelia Love Johnson (area), away, 5 p.m.

Dec. 31, Selma High, away, time to be announced

Jan. 5, 2027, Breakthrough, home, 2 p.m.

Jan. 8, 2027, Linden, away, 5 p.m.

Jan. 9, 2027, Amelia Love Johnson (area), home, 5 p.m.

Jan. 12, 2027, Demopolis, home, 5 p.m.

Jan. 15, 2027, Francis Marion, away, 5 p.m.

Jan. 18, 2027, Demopolis Classic, away, 5 p.m.

Jan. 19, 2027, Hale County, away, 5 p.m.

Jan. 22, 2027, Linden, home, 5 p.m.

Jan. 26, 2027, University Charter (area), away, 5 p.m.

Jan. 28, 2027, Demopolis, away, 5 p.m.

Jan. 29, 2027, Hale County, home, 5 p.m.

The girls and boys area and sub-regional tournaments are in February. The regional tournament is in Montgomery and the state finals at the BJCC, also in February.

Project GRACE holds Pretty in Pink ball

Project GRACE Central Alabama held its Pretty in Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Ball in October.

Lashandra Walter Davis, CNP, shared information about breast cancer, the importance of early detection and breast health awareness.

The evening honored those affected by breast cancer.

Francis Marion's Ke'Lashia Shelton receives first college flag football offer

Ke'Lashia Shelton has received her first college offer to play flag football, a first in Rams history, Francis Marion School said.

Obituaries

Albert Lee Woods



Albert Lee Woods, 66, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died October 28 in Chattanooga.

He was a native of Uniontown. Phillip White's Julia L. White Funeral Home of Uniontown will announce the arrangements.

Mae B. Johnson



Mae B. Johnson, 90, of Uniontown, died November 1 at her residence.

Phillip White's Julia L. White Funeral Home of Uniontown will announce the arrangements.



The cast of the Canebrake Players' production of "The Color Purple," which opens Nov. 13 at the Old School in Demopolis.

Canebrake Players stage 'The Color Purple' in Demopolis Nov. 13 to 16

The Canebrake Players present "The Color Purple," the musical, Nov. 13 to 16 at the Old School on Main Avenue in Demopolis. Susanna Smith directs, and Margie Jackson, the musical director, plays Shug Avery.

The Two Rivers Arts Council, the production's sponsor, invites guests to a reception at 6 p.m. on opening night, Friday, Nov. 13, in the Burnquetta Johnson Community Classroom at the Old School, with an exhibit of Gee's Bend quilts.

Tickets are at canebrake.ludus.com and may be available at the door while they last.



Cadets march with a color guard and band in an earlier parade. (Photo from Marion Military Institute)

MMI cadets to hold Veterans Day parade Nov. 9

Marion Military Institute's Corps of Cadets will hold a full-dress parade in downtown Marion at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, to commemorate Veterans Day.

The marching units will be the corps, the color guard, the band, the MMI Knights and first responders.

The parade will leave campus on Wilkerson Street at 1:20 p.m. and proceed down Washington Street, passing the reviewing stand in front of the courthouse.

It will turn right onto Green Street (Highway 14), right onto Pickens Street and right onto Dekalb Street, crossing Washington Street, then left onto Perry Street and back to the quad.

The public is invited to line the streets, and there will be reserved seating at the courthouse for local veterans.

Legal notices are posted online at alabamapublicnotices.com.



Marion Military Institute cadets in Halloween costumes, among them two Men in Black agents, Shaggy and Scooby-Doo. (Photo from Marion Military Institute)

MMI cadets dress up for Halloween

Marion Military Institute's Corps of Cadets dressed in costume for Halloween.



Three cadets in matching flame shirts, white wigs and sunglasses. (Photo from Marion Military Institute)



A visitor holds one of the ball pythons for Breakthrough Charter School kindergartners. (Photo from Breakthrough Charter School)

Ball pythons visit Breakthrough kindergarten classes

Stephen and Caitlin Dwiggins visited the kindergarten classes at Breakthrough Charter School recently with a pair of ball pythons, Alfalfa and Darla.



Two cadets dressed as a grandmother and as Wednesday Addams. (Photo from Marion Military Institute)



Volunteers with a finished bed frame outside on the Oct. 16 build day. (Photo from the Perry County School District)

Bed project puts about 150 beds in Perry County homes

About 150 beds, with mattresses, pillows, sheets and comforters, were built and delivered to children across Perry County on Oct. 16 through the No Perry County Child Without a Bed Project, the Perry County School District said.

The project was supported by the Alabama Coalition for Healthy Mothers and Children, the Perry County Board of Education and other organizations and volunteers, who unloaded supplies, assembled the beds, organized bedding and coordinated deliveries, the district said in a post Tuesday.

Historical society presents preservation awards



The Perry County Historical and Preservation Society held its Preservation Awards Dinner Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Marion Female Seminary building.

Lynn and Susan Reid were honored for Fairhope (1854), and Ethel and Kenneth Waite for Talbird-Moore-Waite, Jemimah's Place (1852).

Perry County education retirees plan Retired Teachers' Day events

The Perry County Education Retirees Association is planning events for Retired Teachers' Day, Tuesday, Nov. 17, Velma Essex, the association's president, said Oct. 22.

Plans include a broadcast on a local radio station, a contribution to the local public library and recognition at church sanctuaries.

The Alabama Legislature passed Act No. 90-183 to honor the state's education retirees for their contributions. The joint resolution sets aside the Tuesday of American Education Week each year for recognition of retired education personnel.

The Perry County association is one of more than 75 local units of the Alabama Education Retirees Association, which represents more than 20,000 retired educators.

"Everyone's life has been enriched by a retired educator," Essex said.

Even in retirement, she said, retired educators continue to touch the lives of those around them by volunteering in the community.

For more information, call Velma Essex at 205-394-3084.

Keep Marion Beautiful plant and seed swap set for Nov. 14

Keep Marion Beautiful's fall Marion Community Plant and Seed Swap is Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon at Siloam Baptist Church.

The group is looking for sponsors to provide plants, seeds, water, starter kits, supplies and door prizes, and asks anyone who would like to sponsor to message the Marion Community Plant & Seed Swap page on Facebook.

Supporters so far are Johnson's Gardens, Gifts & Interiors of Duncanville, the Perry County Extension Office, College City Drugs and Gifts, the Marion Military Institute golf course, Siloam Baptist Church, the Marion-Perry County Library, Main Street Marion, Project Horseshoe Farm, Hoggle's and Blackbelt Hardware and Outdoors.

Christmas on the Spectrum set for Dec. 19 in Marion

The second annual Christmas on the Spectrum, a sensory-friendly Christmas event for neurodivergent children, is at noon Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Francis Marion High School gymnasium, 401 Hubbard Drive, Marion.

There will be games, pictures with Santa, activities and crafts, food, hot cocoa and cookies, and giveaways.

The Children's Policy Council of Perry County sponsors it.

Send us your news

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The Marengo County Schools college fair flyer.

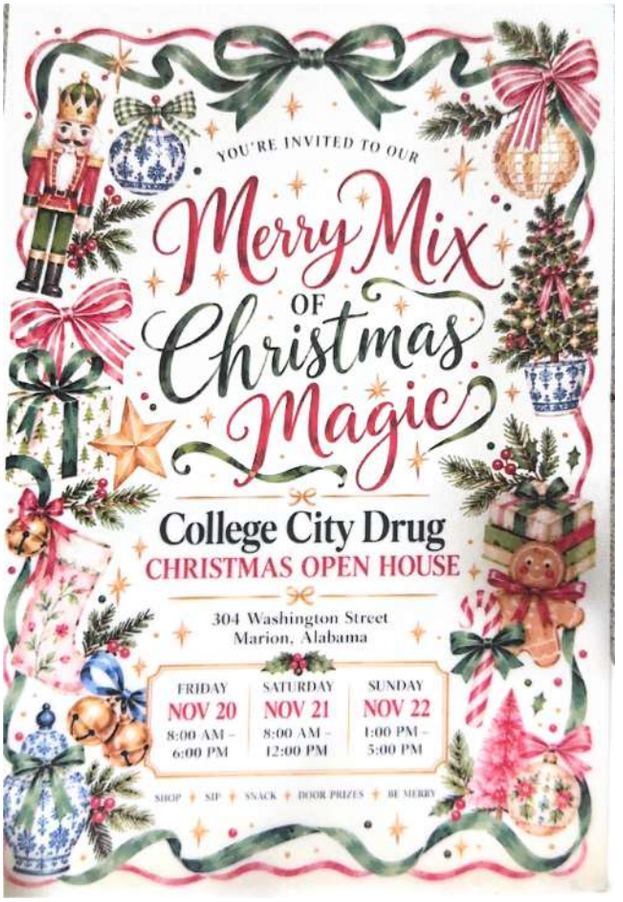
Marengo County Schools college fair set for Nov. 19 at A.L. Johnson High

Marengo County Schools will hold a college fair for 11th- and 12th-grade students and their parents from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, in the A.L. Johnson High School gymnasium, 201 Coats Avenue, Thomaston.

Students from Linden, R.C. Hatch, Wilcox Central, Demopolis and other surrounding high schools are invited, with their parents or guardians. Marengo County Schools students will attend in assigned time slots.

Parents or guardians outside the Marengo County School System who would like to bring their child can call the system's career coach at 334-295-4123 to be scheduled between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.

All Alabama colleges and others are invited. A food truck will be there.



Legal Notice

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STATE OF ALABAMA, PERRY COUNTY

PROBATE COURT, CASE NO. 26-0038

Estate of Hugh Edwards. Jr., Deceased

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

Hugh Edwards, III

Personal Representative of the Estate of Hugh Edwards, III

Attorney for Personal Representative:

Jefferson K. Nail

P.O. Box 916

Marion, AL 36756

10-22-3c

Legal Notice

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: Case No.: 26-0037

THE ESTATE OF

JEWELL M. TUCKER

Deceased

Letters Testamentary of the deceased having been granted to CHARLOTTE T. DOSS on this 13th day of October, 2026, by the Honorable Carlton L. Hogue, Judge of Probate Perry County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred forever.

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

Attorney for Personal Representative:

Kirtley W. Brown

215 Washington Street

Marion, AL 36756

10-29-3c

Legal Notice

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

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.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re: The Estate of WALTA MAE KENNIE, Deceased.

Case No.: 20-0020

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Tommy Kennie on June 30, 2026, and that 30 days after the publication hereof and pursuant to law, the Court shall enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of Walta Mae Kennie, deceased May 10, 2026.

/s/ Robert H. Turner, Sr.

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Marion police list three arrests, 22 reports for September

The following arrests and reports are from the City of Marion Police Department's monthly activity report for September, posted on the department's Facebook page Oct. 2.

Arrests

September 3, 2026

Roderick Tubbs was arrested for disorderly conduct. Shaquayla England was arrested for disorderly conduct. Demorya Turner was arrested for possession of marijuana, second degree.

Reports

September 1, 2026

Theft of property, second degree, was reported on Bibb Street.

September 3, 2026

Disorderly conduct was reported in Lincoln Heights. An illegal narcotics report was taken on Highway 5.

September 4, 2026

Harassment was reported on West Cornelia Street.

September 12, 2026

Domestic violence was reported at Marion Manor.

September 13, 2026

A child abuse complaint was taken on Washington Street.

September 14, 2026

Criminal mischief was reported on Highway 5. Criminal trespass was reported on Thompson Loop.

September 15, 2026

Leaving the scene of an accident was reported on Centreville Street.

September 17, 2026

Criminal trespass was reported on Murfee Street. Counterfeit currency was reported on Highway 5.

September 19, 2026

Assault, third degree, was reported on Lincoln Park Road.

September 20, 2026

Sexual abuse was reported on Thompson Street.

September 21, 2026

A domestic violence incident was reported in Lincoln Heights. Criminal mischief was reported at Marion Manor.

September 23, 2026

Theft of property was reported on Highway 5. A harassing communications report was taken on Pickens Street. An assault involving a minor was reported on Green Street.

September 25, 2026

Animal cruelty was reported on Eutaw Street. Burglary, third degree, was reported on Lincoln Park Road.

September 26, 2026

Harassment was reported on Magnolia Street.

September 28, 2026

Criminal trespass was reported on Thompson Circle.

The department also reported two accidents and 43 citations for the month.

Source: City of Marion Police Department

Alfa scholarship applications open through Feb. 1

Applications for the Alfa Foundation's $1,000 scholarships and the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation's $2,000 scholarships are open online at AlfaFarmers.org/ Scholarships through Feb. 1, 2027.

The Alfa Foundation will award 100 scholarships of $1,000 to students planning to attend Alabama colleges, universities and technical schools next fall.

Applicants for the Alfa Foundation scholarships must hold a current Alabama Farmers Federation membership issued in their own name and be in good standing with the Federation. Alfa Mutual Insurance employees and their dependent children are eligible to apply.

Students majoring in agriculture or forestry at Auburn University, Tuskegee University or Alabama A&M University can also apply for an Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation scholarship. The foundation will award up to 67 scholarships of $2,000 each, open to Federation members and their children.



From left are Chairperson Shirley McClurkin of District 68 and Representatives Richmond Chaney of District 65, Gerry Burford of District 69 and Josephine Blackwell of District 71, who represented the Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission's region at the Alabama Silver Haired Legislature's Oct. 5 to 7 session in Montgomery.

Silver Haired Legislature picks five resolutions to send to governor, lawmakers

The Alabama Silver Haired Legislature met Oct. 5 to 7 in Montgomery and passed a series of resolutions on issues affecting older adults, the Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission said Oct. 20. The top five, as voted by the body, will go to the governor and the Alabama Legislature for consideration as potential legislation.

The Silver Haired Legislature represents seniors throughout the state and informs the Alabama Legislature of the needs and concerns of constituents in their districts, the commission said.

The top five are:

Support a Stand-Alone Lottery for Alabama

Legalize and Regulate Gambling in the State of Alabama

Repeal the CHOOSE Act

Maintain the Department of Senior Services of the State of Alabama as an Independent Department as Currently Defined

Allow the State to Participate in the Medicaid Expansion of the Affordable Care Act

Representing the commission's region at the session were Chairperson Shirley McClurkin of District 68 and Representatives Josephine Blackwell of District 71, Gerry Burford of District 69 and Richmond Chaney of District 65.



Ivey's Chapel in Sprott. (Photo from David Ivey)

Ivey's Chapel sets 173rd homecoming for Nov. 7

Ivey's Chapel in Sprott will hold its 173rd homecoming service at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, celebrating 173 years since the church was established.

Patrick Ivey, youth pastor for Revive Youth Ministries, will lead the service. The Three Fold will lead music and worship.

Dinner on the grounds follows the service. Those attending may bring a favorite dish if they like.



Alabama Extension's flyer for the Nov. 5 lunch and learn on cattle facilities.

Extension lunch and learn on cattle facilities set for Nov. 5

Alabama Extension's Managing for Profit lunch and learn, "Working Smarter, Not Harder: Facilities & Handling," is from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Tuscaloosa County Commission Auditorium, 2513 Seventh St., Tuscaloosa, and online by Zoom.

The session covers ways to improve cattle handling, save labor and increase safety, and how to decide which facility improvements are worth the investment.

Kent Stanford will lead the technical discussion and Ken Kelley and Max Runge the economic discussion.

It is free, but registration is required. Lunch is provided for those who attend in person.

Register at aub.ie/TuscaloosaLunchandLearn to attend in person or at aub.ie/TuscaloosaLunchandLearnZoom to join online. For more information, call the Perry County Extension Office at 334-683-6888.

Smurfit Westrock holds hiring event at Demopolis mill Nov. 12

Smurfit Westrock will hold a hiring event for its Demopolis mill from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at the mill, 28270 U.S. 80, Demopolis.

Representatives from human resources and operating departments will be on hand to talk with applicants about jobs at the mill. The company lists an approximate entry-level starting pay of $24.51 an hour, 13 paid holidays, floating holidays, bereavement leave and Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance.

From U.S. 80, drive toward the paper mill about two-tenths of a mile to the first building on the right with a blue top, park behind the building and enter through the glass doors.

Hatch's El'Lagenay Jones selected for Nick's Kids teacher award

El'Lagenay Jones, STEM leader at Robert C. Hatch High School, has been selected for the 2026 Nick's Kids Foundation Teacher Excellence Award.

The foundation's award recognizes teachers for dedication to students, education and community impact. Recipients will be honored at the 15th annual Nick's Kids Teacher Excellence Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Tuscaloosa River Market.

Jones is the second Perry County teacher named this year. Annette Scott of Francis Marion School was also selected.

Perry County Church Directory

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115 Apostolic Way, Marion, AL 36756

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804 Washington Street, 36756

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7834 AL-5, Marion, AL 36756

Bethlehem Methodist Church
2600 Co Rd 162, Marion, AL 36756

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7800 Coretta Scott King Hwy, Marion, AL 36756

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Highway 38, Marion, AL 36756

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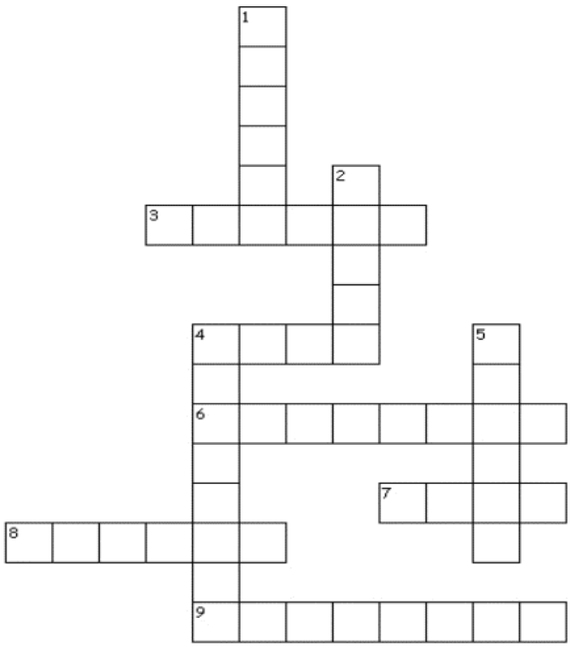
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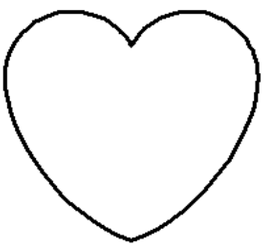
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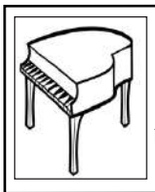
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3. Cain worked the soil, he was a_____.
4. God wants our ____ when we give to Him.
6. Abel knew this was important to God.
7. His offering was pleasing to God.
8. Cain did this when he killed his brother.
9. Abel watched the animals, he was this.

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2. God didn't like Cain's attitude in his _____.
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Commission votes 3-2 to seek shift of $500,000 grant to new armory purchase

Marengo County ends jail contract at $25 a day; Perry inmates stay at $60

The Perry County Commission voted 3-2 on Oct. 27 to ask the U.S. Department of Agriculture to let the county redirect a $500,000 federal appropriation from repairs to the old National Guard armory to the purchase of the new armory, over the objection of Commissioner Albert Turner Jr., who said he would fight the request in Washington.

Chairman Carlton Lewis told the commission the county's $350,000 bid for the new armory had been accepted and that he was notified Oct. 16. The building is about 21,000 square feet on about 28 acres, Lewis said, and the seller asked only for a timetable for closing.

The $500,000 is a direct appropriation obtained through U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell for rehabilitating the old armory, the Barnett-King Community Center on Highway 14. Lewis said an architect who looked at the building found the money would cover only a roof and windows.

"Instead of wasting $2 million in a building that you can barely walk into, if you put $2 million into this building, we will have a multi-purpose building," Lewis said. "You will have a ball field and everything else."

Put toward the new armory, Lewis said, the grant would leave about $150,000 for an activity center inside the building, and the county may be in line for another $500,000 appropriation in 2027. The new building would carry the Barnett-King name, he said.

Turner said the money could not be redirected.

"You're not going to be able to go in and re-request money that's already been appropriated," Turner said. "That budget has already passed for that. You have to send in a request for an additional $500,000 for that particular purpose."

"I'm going to oppose this letter, and will oppose it in D.C.," he said.

"That's your choice," Lewis said. "I want you to know that I have done my homework. I have been in contact with USDA, I've been in contact with the grant writers, I've been in contact with one of Congresswoman Sewell's aides."

Commissioner Brett Harrison moved to send the letter and Commissioner Tony Long seconded. On a roll call by district, Turner and Commissioner Barbara Howze voted no; Long, Harrison and Lewis voted yes.

Lewis also told the commission that Marengo County has terminated its contract to house Perry County inmates at $25 a day per inmate, effective Nov. 15. A letter from the Marengo County Commission, received through County Attorney Prince Chestnut's office, says Marengo will continue to hold Perry County inmates after that date at $60 a day, Lewis said.

About 16 Perry County inmates are in the Marengo County Detention Center. The Perry County Jail has been out of use since the escape attempt there last year.

"I have been working with the sheriff. We're trying to find new housing locations," Lewis said. "That's very difficult."

Commissioners also questioned the county's payments to Marengo. Lewis said the last two invoices together came to about $20,000, that the October invoice had been paid, and that Marengo had been unclear about whom in the county to bill.

The commission took no action on the letter. Lewis asked the attorney's office to respond to Marengo County.

In other business, the commission accepted County Engineer Deandrae Kimbrough's recommendations on the annual materials and fuel bids, on a motion by Turner seconded by Long. Vulcan Materials was low bidder on class 1 and class 2 riprap, Asphalt Contractors on asphalt leveling at $90 a ton picked up at the plant, Central Alabama Asphalt on recycled asphalt at $20 a ton and Petroleum Traders on fuel. Kimbrough said the manufacturer of the county's cold patch agreed to hold last year's price for two more years.

Lewis said staffing is keeping an ambulance out of Uniontown. He said he has asked the ambulance service for coverage in Uniontown at least three days a week, even for part of each day, and that the service has one ambulance running and needs two. A countywide job posting is to go out through the city, county and community pages, and Lewis said he would give the effort two weeks before bringing a motion to the commission.

Turner said the shortage is statewide and not unique to Perry County, and that Greene County's ambulance service had to shut down for lack of staff before reopening.

Commissioner Harrison raised the weekend water outage, when the county handed out donated water after a pump motor failed. He said the county has no water in reserve and asked that the Emergency Management Agency director be allowed to buy at least three pallets to keep on hand. Lewis said the water authority, which collects the water bills, should be supplying water during an outage, with the county helping, and directed the EMA director to work out a plan and a reserve fund with the authority. Water was handed out at Heiberger on Sunday and at Sprott on Monday.

The commission accepted the resignation of county employee Collins effective Sept. 11, on a motion by Turner seconded by Long, and approved payment of the month's claims while holding several invoices with questions.

The commission removed item 8 from its agenda without discussion. The commission next meets Nov. 10.

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Turner and Commissioner Barbara Howze on the short side of the vote that removed Turner as chairman and of the Oct. 27 vote to ask that a $500,000 federal appropriation be shifted to the purchase of the new armory.

Perry County voters approved Local Amendment 1, which appeared only on the county's ballots, 2,470 to 714. The amendment lets a homeowner 65 or older who has lived in a single-family home for at least five years freeze its assessed value for county property taxes at the value for the year before the exemption is claimed. The exemption can first be claimed beginning Oct. 1, 2027, in writing with the revenue commissioner's office between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31. It was sponsored by Rep. Thomas E. "Action" Jackson and Rep. Prince Chestnut.

Commissioner Anthony J. Long, unopposed in District 2, received 538 votes. Sheriff Roy J. Fikes, unopposed for a full term after his appointment to the office in April 2025, received 3,490. Rita Kynard Smith, unopposed for revenue commissioner, received 3,350; Coroner Edward Terrell Jones 3,349; and Vera Davis, District 5 on the Perry County Board of Education, 733.

Sen. Robert Stewart carried the county over Republican Thayer "Bear" Havard Spencer in Senate District 23, 3,173 to 875. Jackson led Republican Fred Kelley 749 to 17 in the Perry County precincts of House District 68, and Chestnut, unopposed in House District 67, received 2,534 votes. U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell took 3,124 votes in the county to 967 for Republican Ammie Akin in the 7th Congressional District.

Perry County voters cast 4,129 ballots, 56 percent of the county's 7,377 registered voters.

In the statewide races, the county went to the Democratic candidate in every contest. Democrat Doug Jones carried the county over Republican Tommy Tuberville in the governor's race, 3,183 to 912, or 78 percent. For the U.S. Senate seat Tuberville is giving up, Democrat Everett Wess led U.S. Rep. Barry Moore in the county 3,099 to 943. Democrat Phillip Ensler led Republican John Wahl for lieutenant governor, 3,133 to 913.

The rest of the ticket split the county about the same way: Democrat Jeff McLaughlin over Republican Katherine Robertson for attorney general, 3,114 to 925; Democrat Wayne Rogers over Republican Caroleene Dobson for secretary of state, 3,105 to 919; Democrat Rosilyn Houston over State Treasurer Young Boozer, 3,110 to 916; Democrat Violet Edwards over State Auditor Andrew Sorrell, 3,117 to 907; Democrat Ron Sparks over Republican Corey Hill for commissioner of agriculture and industries, 3,156 to 884; Democrat James O. Gordon over Republican Matt Gentry for Public Service Commission Place 1, 3,107 to 906; Democrat Sheila D. McNeil over Republican Jim Zig Zeigler for Place 2, 3,107 to 907; and Democrat AshLeigh Meyer Dunham over Justice Greg Shaw for Supreme Court Place 8, 3,112 to 897.

Perry County voted for Amendment 1, on filling a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor, 1,902 to 945, and against Amendment 2, which would let neighboring county school boards merge into one system, 1,611 to 1,201.

Amendment 3, requiring school boards to adopt policies on the Pledge of Allegiance and student-led prayer, carried the county by 78 votes, 1,484 to 1,406. Amendment 4, requiring schools to play "The Star-Spangled Banner" at least once a week, failed in the county by 130 votes, 1,498 to 1,368.

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