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**BEVILL STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE** 

**Bevill State** moving forward with traditional learning plan

By NICOLE SMITH Daily Mountain Eagle

Traditional learning will resume, as scheduled, at Bevill State Community College campuses next week.

The college sent out a press release Tuesday morning to relay that nothing had changed regarding the college's plan



for traditional learning and that in-person learning would resume on Monday, Jan. 25. "Bevill State Administration

will continue to carefully monitor the situation and will be prepared to take any necessary precautions based on published guidance issued by the Alabama Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Office of the Governor of the State of Alabama, and the Alabama Community College System Chancellor," the press release read.

The release continued, "Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, dates, events, and locations may change. The col-

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**WALKER COUNTY SCHOOLS** 

# County BOE provides construction updates

By NICOLE SMITH Daily Mountain Eagle

Construction projects planned by the Walker County Board of Education are moving

forward. Interim Superintendent Dr. Dennis Willingham gave board members an update on all of the projects at the school board's regular meeting

last week. While many projects are still in the planning phases, work has been noticeable at Oakman and Carbon Hill high schools.

A portion of land has been cleared behind the Oakman High School gym to make way for a larger stu-

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WALKER COUNTY COMMISSION

# Grant accepted for courthouse security

By JAMES PHILLIPS Daily Mountain Eagle

The Walker County Commission recently received \$30,000 in grant funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to be used for security at the Walker County Courthouse.

Commissioners approved accepting the money during their meeting Tuesday morning.

County administrator Robbie Dickerson told commissioners this funding would be placed with other funding that had already been set aside for better securing the courthouse, an issue the county has been working on for some

time.

"I make a motion we accept \$30,000," District 4 Commission Steven Aderholt happily said. The motion carried unanimously.

In other action from the meeting, the commission:

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Joe Biden is sworn in as the 46th president of the United States by Chief Justice John Roberts as Jill Biden holds the Bible during the 59th Presidential Inauguration at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, as their children Ash-

# **Democracy** has prevailed'

# Joe Biden takes the helm as 46th president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Joe Biden was sworn in as the 46th president of the United States on Wednesday, summoning American resilience to confront a historic confluence of crises and urging people to come together to end an "uncivil war" in a nation deeply divided after four tumultuous years

Declaring that "democracy has prevailed," Biden took the oath at a U.S. Capitol that had been battered by an insurrectionist siege just two weeks earlier.

On a chill Washington morning dotted with snow flurries, the quadrennial ceremony unfolded within a circle of security forces evocative of a war zone and devoid of crowds because of the coronavirus pandemic. Instead, Biden gazed out over 200,000 American flags planted on the National Mall to symbolize those who could not attend in person.

"The will of the people has been heard, and the will of the people has been heeded. We've learned again that democracy is precious and democracy is fragile. At this hour, my friends, democracy has prevailed," Biden said. "This is America's day. This is democracy's day. A day in history and hope, of renewal and resolve."

Biden never mentioned his predecessor, who defied tradition and left town ahead of the ceremony, but his speech was an implicit

"We have much to do in this winter of peril, and significant possibilities.

... Few people in our nation's history have been more challenged. or found a time more challenging or difficult than the time we're in now."

- President Joe Biden

rebuke of Donald Trump. The new president denounced "lies told for power and for profit" and was blunt about the challenges ahead.

Central among them: the surging virus that has claimed more than 400,000 lives in the United States, as well as economic strains and a national reckoning over race.

"We have much to do in this winter of peril, and significant possibilities. Much to repair,

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SUMITON CITY COUNCIL

# Sumiton looking at first water increase in 12 years

By ED HOWELL Daily Mountain Eagle

SUMITON — The Sumiton City Council could vote in two weeks on a water and sewer rate increase — the first for water in about a dozen years — as water customers who only use 2,000 gallons a month would see their bill go up about \$2.50 a month, and with no increase for sewer

An effective date for a possible increase, which was discussed at Tuesday's council meeting, has not been determined.

City employees and media watched the proceedings, but no interested citizens were present. Due to the pandemic, Sumiton City Hall is still closed until Jan. 25.

Engineer Robert Nelson gave a verbal and written report to the council concerning the proposal. At the end of the meeting, Mayor Petey Ellis suggested the council review it. The next meeting is Feb. 2, at which time Ellis said the council could be prepared to "bite the bullet and do what has to be done."

Ellis declined to release the city-paid written report, saying the city would wait to release it until after it takes a vote.

The report is based on a 2019 audit, Nelson said.

During the meeting, Nelson said 2009 was the last rate increase he was aware of, although the city has absorbed several rate increases from Jasper.

"I can only remember two or three times in the last 12 years they did not go up," he said.

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#### **DEATHS**

Kenneth "Ken" Allen Wilson, 81, Texas James Earl "Jim" Franks, 50, Haleyville Henry Lewis Barnes, 86, Carbon Hill Carolyn Sue Durham, 72, Jasper Melinda Faye Harrison, 48, Jasper

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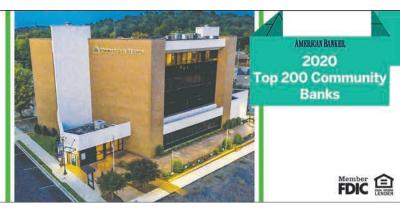
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Land has been cleared to make way for a larger parking lot and an access road to connect the high school and middle schools.

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dent parking lot and an access road to connect Oakman High and Oakman Middle schools. For years, students have had to park along Highway 69 in a small parking lot behind the school's gym, and school board leaders have previously said a larger parking lot will help eliminate a number of safety concerns.

"It's very impressive," Willingham said of the land clearing that has occurred, "and we're really excited about the plans there in Oakman."

A timeline has not been announced for when the parking lot and access road will be completed.

Roughly 24 miles away at Carbon Hill High School, dugouts are nearly complete at the school's ball fields, and work on the backstop will be next. There was damage to the school's ball fields last year during storms that occurred on Easter Sunday, which prompted the need for repairs.

Willingham said a restroom area will also be constructed in the coming months at the school's ball fields. The restrooms will reportedly be connected to the concession stand area.

Restrooms and a concession stand area will also be constructed on the visitor's side of the Carbon Hill High football field.

Plans are currently being drawn for the proposed gym/auditorium project at Sumiton Elementary School.

"We're really excited for those kids over there at Sumiton," Willingham said. "As has been mentioned before, they do not have an area at Sumiton Elementary School to have an assembly for all the kids, so we're hoping this will alleviate that.'

Plans are also being drawn for a new roof at Curry Middle School, and the installation of bleachers and light poles at Curry High School is in the planning phase.

Dora High School is also set to receive gym bleachers and new football field lights. Planning for both projects is underway.

Lastly, a bid is expected to take place on Feb. 4 for constructing a field house at Cordova High School.

#### Bevill

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lege will update this information as needed. For the most current information on Bevill State Community College's response to coronavirus (COVID-19), go to www.bscc.edu/coronavirus."

Bevill State President Dr. Joel Hagood previously stated in early January that the college and its instructors are prepared should students need to resume virtual learning at any time.

"This is a fluid situation and the leadership of BSCC will be continually monitoring the situation," Hagood said. "We appreciate the support and understanding of our students and the communities we serve as we are faced with making these difficult decisions."

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# **Obituaries**

#### Kenneth 'Ken' Allen Wilson

Kenneth "Ken" Allen Wilson, of Cut-n-Shoot, Texas, was born Sept. 23, 1939, to Carl and Lois Wilson in

Walker County, Jasper, Alabama, and went to be with his Lord and Savior Jan. 16, 2021, in Tomball, Texas at the age of 81.

After graduating from Curry High School, Class of 1957, Ken proudly served four years as a radio operator in the United States Marine Corps, Company C, 2nd Marine division, where he achieved the rank of Lance Corporal and earned

two accommodations. Shortly after relocating to the Houston area, Ken attended Local Houston Plumbers Union No. 68 trade school, where he earned his master plumber license, which he held for more than 50 years. In 1985, Ken incorporated Wilson Services Inc. where he was able to serve the greater Houston/ Conroe community, retiring in 2013.

A true follower of Christ, Ken was a faithful and long standing member of MIMS Baptist Church of Conroe, Texas. He was devout, steadfast in his faith, and took every opportunity to share Christ with

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Lois Wilson; brothers, Carl Travis Wilson and Samuel Bruce Wilson; as well as his daughter, Reba Sue Wilson.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia Liebsch Wilson, of 32 years who he married on Sept. 3, 1988; three sons, Timothy Allen Wilson and wife, Diane, of Montgomery, Texas, Daniel Ray Wilson of Lowell, Ark., Nathan Wilson and his wife, Brenda, of O' Fallon, Mo.; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held at Magnolia Funeral Home, 811 South Magnolia Blvd, Magnolia, TX 77355, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, from 1:30 until 3 p.m. Graveside memorial services and burial will follow at Boldo Cemetery in Walker County, Alabama at a later date.

> Magnolia Funeral Home, Magnolia, Texas; 281-356-3363

#### James Earl 'Jim' Franks

November 2, 1970-January 17, 2021 James Earl "Jim" Franks, 50, of Haleyville, passed away Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021, at Northwest Alabama Medical Center.

The family will receive friends today, Jan. 21, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Collins-Burke Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at noon in the Collins-Burke Chapel. Burial will be at Oakwood Memorial Gardens in Gardendale. Joseph Martin will officiate.

Mr. Franks was preceded in death by his father, William "Bill" Franks; sister-in-law, Tracy Franks; grandfather, Hollis Franks; grandmother, Kathlene Franks; grandfather, Jack Kizzire; and grandmother, Vaudell Kizzire.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Franks; mother, Geneva Franks; daughter, Chelsy Young (Adam); son, Jared Bailey; brothers, Mike Franks and Ricky Franks (Sebrina Kirkpatrick); and grandson, James Riley Ramsey.

Pallbearers will be Ricky Franks, Mike Franks, Jared Bailey, Adam Young, Eric Raynor and Allen Franks.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

#### **Henry Lewis Barnes**

Henry Lewis Barnes, 86, of Carbon Hill, passed away Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, at Walker Batist Medical Center in Jasper.

He was preceded in death by his parents, E.J. "Pete" Barnes and Sarah Myrtle Barnes; brother, Bill Barnes; grandson, Keith Gregory Mullins; and wives, Faye Nell Barnes and Jeanette Barnes.

He is survived by his daughters, Donna Faye Garrett (Randall) and Rhonda Jean Posey (Ricky) of Carbon Hill; son, Tommy Lewis Barnes (Paulette) of Parrish; grandchildren, April Frazier of Jasper, Brittany Day of Oakman, Jeffery Mullins of Saragossa, Jennifer Faye Barnes of Parrish, Micah Posey of Carbon Hill; great-grandchildren, Chloe Frazier and Carson Woodard of Jasper, Braylyn Day of Oakman, and Anna Mullins of Saragossa.

There will be no funeral service at this time.

#### Carolyn Sue Durham

October 3, 1948-January 16, 2021 Carolyn Sue Durham, 72, of Jasper, passed away Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, at her residence.

The family will receive friends Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, at 12:30 p.m. at Collins-Burke Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. in the Collins-Burke Chapel. Burial will be at Boldo Memorial Cemetery. Andy Wood and Thomas Curtis will officiate.

Mrs. Durham was preceded in death by her parents, Norman and Bessie Murray, and brothers, Jerry Murray and Terry Murray.

She is survived by her husband, James M. Durham of Jasper; sons, Shane Gilliland and Shannon Gilliland, both of Jasper; sister, Vera Marie Banks (Johnny Ray) of Jasper; brothers, Larry Murray (Judy), Perry Murray and Garry Murray (Karen), all of Jasper; three grandsons and one granddaughter.

Pallbearers will be Shannon Gilliland, Dalton Gilliland, Micheal Gilliland, PJ Murray, David Murray, Darrin Murray and Marcus Banks.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

#### James Lewis Green

James Lewis Green, 61, of Jasper, passed away Jan. 16, 2021, at Walker Baptist Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced later by Kilgore-Green Funeral Home.

Kilgore-Green Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-9503

## Melinda Faye Harrison

August 14, 1972-January 18, 2021 Melinda Faye Harrison, 48, of Jasper, passed away Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, at St. Vincent's East.

Graveside services will be held Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery. J.D. Dickerson will officiate.

Mrs. Harrison was preceded in death by her nana, Lada Faye Rogers, and pawpaw, Ellis-LeRoy White

She is survived by her mother, Debra White of Jasper; father, Donald Mooney of Jasper; and son, Jordan Harrison of Jasper.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

## **Brenda Dunagan Ragsdale**

Brenda Dunagan Ragsdale, 70, of Vinemont, passed away Monday, Jan. 18, 2021.

Brenda was born April 8, 1950 in Tuscaloosa County to Jack and Pauline Tyree Dunagan.

She is survived by daughter, Amy (Tommy) Ferster; grandchildren, Nathanael, William, Thomas Ferster; sister, Elenda (Gordon) Nichols; brother, Jimmy (VaRhonda) Dunagan; nephews, Justin (Lydia) Nichols, Derrick Reed, Devin (Robin) Reed; nieces, Christian (Josh McNatt) Wilson, Hanna Wilson; a host of great nieces and nephews and one who was like a daughter, Kita Grace Gurganus.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 14 years, Robert Dobson, and her loving parents.

A celebration of life graveside service will be held Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Old Herman Baptist Church Cemetery in Curry.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the family.

Moss Service Funeral Home, Cullman; 256-734-1821

#### Ronald Gene Burttram Sr.

June 19, 1940-January 17, 2021 Ronald Gene Burttram Sr., 80, of Nauvoo, passed away Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021, at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Walker Memory Gardens. Scott Stewart will officiate.

On May 19, 1974, Ronald became a founding member of the Saragossa Fire Department. On July 1, 1982, Ronald was elected to the board of directors, where he served until his passing. He was also elected assistant chief on this same date. On December 2, 1985, Ronald was elected chief of this department. He was still called "Chief" by everyone here, it's a hard habit to break, considering he was chief for 30 years.

Mr. Burttram was preceded in death by his wife, Norma Franks Burttram; parents, Oscar Lee and Imogene McGough Burttram Sr.; and brothers, Oscar Lee Burttram Jr. and Conway Lee Burttram.

He is survived by his daughters, Rhonda Dailey (Tony) and Tammy Sargent (Butch); son, Ronald G. Burttram, Jr. (Wendy); brothers, Ottis Burttram (Sandra) and Ken Burttram (Lanette); sister-in-law, Frances Burttram; grandchildren, Tessa Dailey and fiancé Bryant Foster, Rob Dailey, Owen Sargent, Olivia Sargent, Tina Elliott (Brandon); and great-grandkids, Hayden, Lexi, Jordyn, Fisher, Camp

Pallbearers will be Rob Dailey, Owen Sargent, Walker Kimbrell, Richard Dutton, Scott Barker, Mark Smith, Al Burttram and Calvin Kluesner.

Honorary pallbearers will be the members of the Saragossa Volunteer Fire Department.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to SVFD, 2440 Saragossa Road, Nauvoo, AL, 35578 in his memory.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

#### Patricia Terrell Austin

Patricia Terrell Austin, 78, of Sumiton, passed away Monday, Jan. 18, 2021.

She served at Jasper Police Department as a patrol officer and was retired from Hendrix Health Care in Double Springs. She was a loyal and dedicated member of Clover Hill Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by the late Alfred Austin Sr. (the father of her three children); her daughter, Oraletha Shai Austin: along with a host of other beloved family members.

She is survived by her son, Alfred Austin Jr.; son, Cedrick Austin Sr. (Wanda); a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Graveside services were held at noon Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, at Sipsey Community Cemetery. Otis Grayson officiated.

"To be absent from the body is to be present with the

Bell Funeral Home, Sumiton; 205-648-6611

#### Fred E. Easterwood Jr.

Fred E. Easterwood Jr., 84, of Jasper, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, at Ridgewood Health Services. Arrangements will be announced later by Kilgore-Green Funeral Home.

Kilgore-Green Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-9503

#### James Woods

James Woods, 72, of Jasper, passed away Jan. 19, 2021, at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Arrangements will be announced later by Kilgore-Green Funeral Home.

Kilgore-Green Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-9503

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# States reporting vaccine shortages, cancel appointments

NEW YORK (AP) -The push to inoculate Americans against the coronavirus is hitting a roadblock: A number of states are reporting they are running out of vaccine, and tens of thousands of people who managed to get appointments for a first dose are seeing them canceled.

The full explanation for the apparent mismatch between supply and demand was unclear, but last week the U.S. Health and Human Services Department suggested that states had unrealistic expectations for how much vaccine was on the way.

The shortages are coming as states dramatically ramp up their vaccination drives, at the direction of the federal government, to reach people 65 and older, along with other groups deemed essential

or at high risk. More than federal government have 400,000 deaths in the U.S. have been blamed on the virus.

First-grade teacher Karen Stachowiak spent almost five hours on the New York state hot line and website to land an appointment set for Wednesday, only to have it canceled. The Buffalo-area resident and her parents were among several thousand people with canceled appointments in Erie County because of supply problems.

"It's stressful because I was so close. And my other friends that are teachers, they were able to book appointments for last Saturday," Stachowiak said. "So many people are getting theirs in and then it's like, 'Nope, I've got to wait."

About half of the 31 million doses distributed to the states by the

Dr. Rochelle

Walensky

been administered so far, though only about 2 million people have received the two doses needed for maximum protection against COVID-19, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Countries across Europe are also having problems getting enough doses to provide protection against a virus that is now appearing in new, more contagious variants around the globe.

Pfizer said last week it would temporarily reduce deliveries of its vaccine to Europe and Canada while it upgrades capacity at its plant in Belgium, which supplies all shots delivered outside the United States. In the U.S., Pfizer has a plant in Michigan.

In the U.S., some states have suggested they may run out of vaccine by



Kareem Elgazzar/The Cincinnati Enquirer via AP

In this Jan. 19 photo, licensed practical nurse Tami Arnold prepares to administer a COVID-19 vaccine at Atrium Medical Center in Middletown, Ohio. The push to inoculate Americans against the coronavirus is hitting a roadblock: A number of states are reporting they are running out of vaccine, and tens of thousands of people who managed to get appointments for a first dose are seeing them canceled.

Thursday and are unclear when new doses will arrive.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio said Wednesday that the city had to cancel 23,000 appointments for people awaiting their first dose this week because of inadequate supply. The mayor, who has been

sounding the alarm about

days, said the situation was compounded by a delay in this week's delivery of Moderna vaccine to the city.

vaccine shortages for

"So we already were feeling the stress of a shortage of the vaccine," he said. "Now the situation has been made even worse. We need to think

differently in this moment."

City Health Commissioner Dr. Dave Chokshi said the 103,400 Moderna doses that were scheduled for delivery Tuesday — 54,200 first doses and 49,200 second doses - were now expected Wednesday and Thursday.

# New CDC director takes over beleaguered agency

NEW YORK (AP) — As the coronavirus swept across the globe last year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention sank into the shadows,

undermined by some of its own mistakes and stifled by an administration bent on downplaying the nation's suffering.

Now a new CDC director is arriving to a mammoth task: reasserting the agency while the pandemic is in its deadliest phase yet and the nation's largest-ever vaccination campaign is wracked by confusion and delays.

"I don't know if the CDC is broken or just temporarily injured," but something must be done to bring it back to health, said Tim-

othy Westmoreland, a Georgetown University law professor focused on public health.

The task falls to Dr. Rochelle Walensky, 51, an infectious-diseases specialist at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital, who is expected to become CDC director this week — a time when the virus's U.S. death toll has eclipsed

400,000 and continues to accelerate. While the agency has retained some of its top sci-

entific talent, public health experts say, it has a long list of needs, including new protection from political influence, a comprehensive review of its missteps during the pandemic and more money to beef up basic functions like disease tracking and genetic analysis.

Walensky has said one of her top priorities will be to improve the CDC's communications with the public to rebuild trust. Inside the agency, she wants to raise morale, in large part by restoring the primacy of science and setting politics to the side.

The speed at which she is assuming the job is unusual. In the past, the position has generally been unfilled until a new secretary of health and human services is confirmed, and that official names a CDC director. But this time, the Biden transition team named Walensky in advance, so she could take the agency's reins even before her boss is in place.

# U.S. virus death toll tops 400K in Trump's final hours

By The Associated Press

The U.S. death toll from the coronavirus eclipsed 400,000 on Tuesday in the waning hours in office for President Donald Trump, whose handling of the crisis has been judged by public health experts a singular failure.

The running total of lives lost, as compiled by Johns Hopkins University, is nearly equal to the number of Americans killed in World II. It is about the population of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Tampa, Florida; or New Orleans. It is equivalent to the sea of humanity that was at Woodstock in 1969.

It is just short of the estimated 409,000 Americans who died in 2019 of strokes, Alzheimer's, diabetes, flu and pneumonia combined.

And the virus isn't finished with the U.S. by any means, even with the arrival of the vaccines that could finally vanquish the outbreak: A widely cited model by the University of Washington projects the death toll will reach nearly 567,000 by May 1.

While the Trump administration has been credited with Operation Warp Speed, the crash program to develop and distribute coronavirus vaccines, Trump has repeatedly downplayed the threat, mocked masks, railed against lockdowns, promoted unproven and unsafe treatments, undercut scientific experts and expressed scant compassion for the victims.

Even his own bout with COVID-19 seemed to leave him unchanged. The White House

defended the administra-

"We grieve every single life lost to this pandemic, and thanks to the president's leadership, Operation Warp Speed has led to the development of multiple safe and effective vaccines in record time.

something many said would never happen," said White House spokesman Judd Deere.

President-elect Joe Biden takes office on Wednesday.

The nation reached the 400,000 milestone in just under a year.

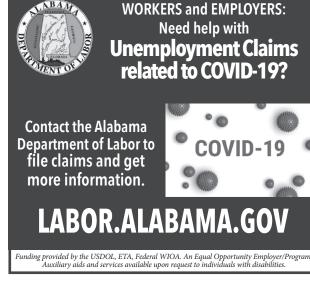




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If you have a veteran family member or a friend that served please recognize them for their service.

Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021, marks the 30th anniversary of Operation Desert Storm. The operation lasted 43 days from Jan. 17 -Feb. 28, 1991, and involved several hundred thousand service members. The VFW and its Auxiliary members will always be thankful for the service and sacrifice of all veterans who served during the Gulf War.

We will be sending care packages out to our troops who are overseas this month that belong to the 877th National Guard unit, as well as helping other veterans and their families in need.

If you and your family in our community are Veterans in need, whether you are a member of ours or not, do not hesitate to contact us.

Here is to wishing you and yours a great new year and we are looking forward to you joining our Organization, the VFW and/or the Auxiliary. Lounge operations are back to normal. Security will be provided ongoing. Bingo will be Mondays only.





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# Take the vaccine when given the opportunity

COVID-19 vaccines are now available in Walker County with at least two pharmacies and the hospital receiving doses of the Moderna shot. While supplies are currently low, more shipments are expected soon, and the Daily Mountain Eagle is urging local citizens to take the vaccine when their time to receive it comes up.

Representatives with Sam Glover Drugs in downtown Jasper said Wednesday its supply of 500 shots is basically gone. Brooklere Pharmacy also reported having vaccines earlier in the week. The hospital also received a shipment that has been used for hospital employees and first responders.

Since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, Walker County has been a hot spot for the virus much of the time. We were slow to accept staying at home, slow to accept wearing mask, and at times even slow to accept there was a pandemic happening all around us. Let's not be slow to fight COVID-19 with a vaccine. Let's be on the frontline of fighting this thing for once.

While finding out when and where to get the vaccine has been difficult at times, the best place to turn is the COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline, which is 1-855-566-5333.

The *Eagle* has been in touch with several more local pharmacies, as well as medical facilities such as Capstone Clinic. All are expecting to receive the vaccine in the near future. Our suggestion would to be anyone who is interesting in getting the vaccine to contact your local pharmacy or healthcare provider to find out when and where the vaccine will be available for you.

The current vaccines are the culmination of months and months of work to push back against COVID-19. This is what we've been waiting for, and when your turn comes up, take the vaccine. Do it because it is smart, because it is brave and because it is simply the right thing to do.

We urge people to take the shot for themselves, but also for the people you love. Take the vaccine for your neighbors, friends and coworkers. Many of your family members, loved ones and friends won't be able to take the vaccine, but they will still be open to contract the coronavirus. Our best defense is tamping down the disease's spread overall. We can do that by taking the vaccine.

This silent killer has left more than 400,000 Americans dead so far. The only way to the other side is to pull together and to think about what is best for everyone.

Do what is needed. Take the vaccine when you can.

# Biden's timid plan to fight COVID-19

As COVID-19 mutates, it's becoming more contagious than the virus that invaded the U.S. about a year ago. A trip to

the grocery with a mask on, which used to be low risk, is becoming riskier.

As cases and deaths increase rapidly, people are scared and upset. They're spending hours on websites and



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hotlines struggling unsuccessfully to get vaccine appointments.

President-elect Joe Biden's vaccine distribution plan, which he announced Friday, doesn't offer them much hope. Biden said he'll open 100 federal vaccine sites in school gyms, community centers and stadiums the first month. That's for the entire nation.

We're in a war with a deadly disease. Biden's plan is like fighting back with a peashooter.

Almost as many Americans have died from COVID-19 in the last year as were killed in all the years of World War II. It's time to mount a D-Day scale response.

The U.S. needs to vaccinate 1.8 million people a day to achieve herd immunity by July. That's far more than Biden's goal of 1 million shots a day. Dodger Stadium can host 12,000 vaccinations a day. So 150 stadium-size sites are needed, vaccinating round the clock.

To accommodate the elderly, many venues should be first come, first served. Asking 70- and 80-year-olds to navigate complicat-

ed websites to make appointments is preposterously impractical.

To fight COVID-19, Biden also needs to defy the open borders flank of his party and make it clear that caravans of Central American migrants will not be allowed into the U.S. Last week, a Biden transition official said it, but Biden himself needs to say it forcefully enough to be heard below the Rio Grande. A caravan is pushing northward right now, posing a public health threat.

Air travelers to the U.S. have to show a negative COVID-19 test before boarding, quarantine on arrival and then get retested. Why should migrants be an exception?

Biden made fighting COVID-19 the centerpiece of his campaign, yet even as he takes office, he's short on details. The virus isn't waiting.

"Ominous" is how Dr. Anthony Fauci describes the emerging strains. A newly identified variant in Brazil can reinfect people who have already had COVID. The U.K. is so fearful that it blocked all flights from South America last

Meanwhile, a British strain that spreads fast because it causes more virus in the nose has invaded the U.S. Eighteen cases have been detected in New York. It's 50 to 70% more contagious than the original virus, and it will become the dominant strain by March, predicts the CDC. A highly infectious, homegrown U.S. strain is also causing cases to surge, reports Southern Illinois University researchers. The enemy is growing fiercer.

The good news is the U.S. has

adequate vaccines in the pipeline. The federal government purchased 400 million doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, enough to vaccinate 200 million people. Both vaccines require two shots. Johnson & Johnson will seek FDA authorization for its vaccine by March. And a vaccine by AstraZeneca isn't far behind. Fauci has indicated there will be enough.

The problem is political bungling. CDC figures show about 60% of doses already sent to the states are still unused, including in New York. Yet Gov. Andrew Cuomo claims he's "moved heaven and earth" and is "getting shots in arms as quickly and efficiently as possible." Who is he kidding?

New York is opening a handful of mass vaccination sites now, after weeks of inaction, but seniors are still frantically trying to score appointments.

Meanwhile, Cuomo wants a "New York Arts Revival" this spring with 100 performances in venues such as the Park Avenue Armory. Sorry, Governor, but saving lives comes first. Turn the Armory into a vaccine megasite. Then when New Yorkers are safe, they can resume celebrating the arts.

Cuomo's lopsided priorities are an example of why the buck now stops with Biden. The new president needs to see the urgency, think big and act quickly.

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# Today In **History**

Today is Thursday, Jan. 21, the 21st day of 2021. There are 344 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in **History:** 

On Jan. 21, 2020, the U.S. reported its first known case of the new virus circulating in China, saying a Washington state resident who had returned the previous week from the outbreak's epicenter was hospitalized near Seattle; U.S. officials stressed that they believed the overall risk of the virus to the American public remained low.

On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

In 1915, the first Kiwanis Club, dedicated to community service, was founded in Detroit. In 1942, pinball ma-

chines were banned in New York City after a court ruled they were gambling devices that relied on chance rather than skill (the ban was lifted in 1976).

In 1976, British Airways and Air France inaugurated scheduled passenger service on the supersonic Concorde jet.

In 1977, on his first full day in office, President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

In 2003, the Census Bureau announced that Hispanics had surpassed blacks as America's largest minority group.

**Today's Birthdays:** World Golf Hall of Famer Jack Nicklaus is 81. Opera singer-conductor Placido Domingo is 80. Actor Jill Eikenberry is 74. Former U.S. Attornev General Eric Holder is 70. Actor-director Robby Benson is 65. Actor Geena Davis is 65. Basketball Hall of Famer Hakeem Olajuwon is 58. Singer Emma Bunton (Spice Girls) is 45. Actor Feliz Ramirez is 29.



# Reflections on 28 years in ministry

Today is my birthday! The middle forties (46 to be exact but who's counting?) is an **Scott** 

interesting age to be; you are too old to be young and yet too young to be





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old. I reckon you are not over the hill but you're not exactly climbing up the front side like a young buck either. I suppose in the middle forties one is standing firmly on the summit of that hill, not quite ready for the downward journey.

This year will also mark 28 years in ministry for me. I can still remember preaching that first sermon on July 5, 1992. I wore a three piece suit and had ten pages of notes. Once I stepped into the pulpit of that little church at the Tuscaloosa/ Fayette County line on that hot summer day, it only took ten minutes and twenty buckets of sweat for me to be finished. Oh, how much I didn't know about ministry back then.

I had no idea the amazing feeling of watching God use me in a preaching setting to draw people to Him in repentance and brokenness. I had no context for the excitement and thrill of mission work, watching God work in people's lives because He was using my witness and service for His glory. No one could have helped me fully appreciate the exhilaration and delight of seeing people go from death to life in salvation. I had no way to calculate the incredible believers I would meet along the vay who have supported encouraged, and challenged me. How could I explain to that young whippersnapper about the gift of a new vehicle and the incredible generosity of God's people? I don't know how I could explain to that younger Scott how much I have grown to love my faith family I have served almost 14 years. Truthfully, I easily could continue listing the many blessings I have received by being one of God's called ministers.

But I could also not comprehend the sadness I would experience when I

was deeply hurt by people I trusted. I could have never described to that young preacher in 1992 the awful pain that he would one day endure watching people he had invested so much in fall away from the faith, totally rejecting the Gospel. I had no way to know the sense of angst and frustration watching people destroy their marriages, judge each other, live so comfortably with hard feelings, and embrace hypocritical lives. I had no way to prepare my younger self for pastoring, comforting, and leading in a pandemic and a time of severe political division and upheaval. There's simply no way I could have prepared my younger self for the number of tears I have shed over people. Once again, I could easily continue listing the hardships I have experienced being one of God's ministers. Many ministers I

went to university and seminary with and have known for these almost three decades are out of the ministry. And I fully understand why. Believe it or not, this is tough stuff. You often don't have enough income, you truly don't know who you can trust, you carry such a burden for people's hurt and loss, and you don't know when you will be out of a job. In addition, the enemy is constantly targeting the pastor and staff members, ever searching for ways to destroy them and their families as well as the faith and trust of those they serve. That's a heavy burden to live with on a daily basis.

Some pastors serve in very troubled churches where people are more focused on themselves than the Lord and they love their own comfort more than God's call. In some of these churches, the pastor is more of a target for haters than a teacher for hearers.

As I look ahead to the next 28 or more years of ministry, I want to finish well. I want to continue with a great passion for the work of God, a growing excitement about the resurrection of Jesus, a genuine humility before the cross of Jesus, and a heavy burden for the unsaved of this world. I want to preach like that sermon could be my

last, share the Gospel like someone's eternity depended on it, pray like heaven had opened up before me, and serve like God Himself was cheering me on. I want to end like Paul: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

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I want to be like my friend Amy in North Carolina who was a nominal church member until she experienced the horrors of breast cancer several vears ago. Once God healed her, she promised to serve God faithfully and wholeheartedly every single day of her life and she has absolutely done that. Her faith in and love for Jesus is strong and infectious even to this day.

I want to be like my friends James and Tracey who have such a burden for the lost that they left the comforts of America as well as the hugs and kisses of their precious, little grandchildren to serve Jesus in South Asia, taking the Gospel to unreached people groups on the frontlines of ministry. Their work is hard and dangerous but they have seen piles of people respond to the Gospel!

I want to be like my friend Jeri who is in heaven now. She survived and thrived on this earth for over 15 years with an extremely aggressive form of cancer but was the most Gospel focused, full of faith, Spirit-filled, generous person I think I have ever met even though that disease disrupted her life constantly. Out of her love for Jesus, she did more for the Lord while she was constantly sick than most do fully healthy.

I never want to get over the fact that Jesus saved me from a devil's hell, God's just wrath, and my awful sin. I never want my children to look at me or my ministry and hate the Lord and the Church because of my actions or inaction. I never want to bring great shame on my Lord and His work because of selfish, sinful, and sordid choices. I want to finish well for my Lord! What about you,

preacher? How about

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# March for Life organizers asking supporters to stay home this year

By DAVID CRARY AP National Writer

Organizers of the March for Life, the anti-abortion movement's preeminent annual event, are asking their supporters nationwide not to gather in Washington this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic and political unrest.

Instead, a small group of invited anti-abortion leaders will march Jan. 29, and the event will be livestreamed, March for Life's president, Jeanne Mancini, announced Friday.

"Since we are in the midst of a pandemic which may be peaking, and in view of the heightened pressures that law enforcement officers and others are currently facing in and around the Capitol, this year's March for Life will look different," she said. "The annual rally will take place virtually and we are asking all participants to stay home and to join the March virtually.'

Tim Tebow, the football star, is still scheduled to make a keynote speech at a virtual gala taking place after the

downsized march, Mancini said. Mancini said she looks forward to holding the event in person next year.

The march has been held annually since 1974, one year after the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion across in the United Even blizzards in 1987 and 2016 did

not force cancellation, although turnouts were smaller than usual.

Local March for Life events also have been affected this year. State marches in Arkansas and Oregon have been indefinitely postponed, while a march planned in Tucson, Arizona, was converted into a car caravan dubbed the Road Rally for Life.

The annual National Prayer Vigil for Life, usually held the night before the national march at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, will instead be a livestreamed event, with bishops participating virtually from across the

A year ago, President Donald Trump became the first sitting U.S. president to address the March for Life. Trump became a hero to many anti-abortion activists for appointing Supreme Court justices and other federal judges viewed as open to the possibility of repealing or weakening the Roe v. Wade ruling.

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# City council discusses concerns about city park

By RON HARRIS Daily Mountain Eagle

Jasper City Council members met for less than 30 minutes Tuesday morning to handle several items of business.

Among things briefly discussed was the continued concerns of some residents who live adjacent to the city park on 12th Avenue Northeast.

Residents have previously complained of people being inside the park long after it closes each night.

The city placed a gate at the entrance to the park after residents first complained, and additional lighting was later added.

Jasper police have also increased patrols around the area.

The council agreed to look into further ways to ease concerns about the park from nearby residents. In other business, council members:

•approved travel for Jasper Police Chief J.C. Poe to attend the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police winter conference, which will be held Feb. 15-18 in Montgomery.

•agreed to accept a \$1,000 grant from Walmart for the Jasper Police Department. Poe said the grant, which has been received in the past, is normally used by his department to help fund programs for students in Jasper City schools.

•approved request from city purchasing agent Derleda Abroms to renew the contract for grease, oil and lubricants with McPherson Oil Co., which is based in Trussville.

•adopted an amendment to the city's budget to provide additional funding for equipment for the Jasper Police Department, and to assist in increasing the salary of the city's municipal judge.

•approved a resolution to set costs for three properties that previously fell under the city's nuisance abatement ordinance.

The council also agreed to place two properties under the ordinance after they were deemed unsafe.

 introduced an ordinance to rezone a 63-acre property on 20th Avenue East from AG (agricultural) to R-4 (urban dwelling) in order to allow the property owner to build single family and patio

•adopted an ordinance to rezone a 3.8-acre property at 1400 19th Street West from R-2 (single family residential) to B-1 (neighborhood business) in order to allow a health clinic to operate inside the property. The property is the former West Jasper Elementary School, which now houses the Jasper Area Family Services Center.

The health clinic will be operated by Capstone Rural Health Care.

•approved an ordinance to change the intersection at 25th Street and Delaware and the intersection at 25th Street and Florida Avenue from twoway stops to four-way stops.

#### Jasper police announce two separate arrests

A Jasper man has been arrested and charged with a robbery that happened four

months ago in west Jasper. Isaiah DeUndre Dickerson

19, of Jasper, was charged with first-degree robbery and second-degree theft of property for the crime that happened in September 2020.

Dickerson was taken into custody by Brookside police after a traffic stop on Jan. 13.

Dickerson, who had been held on a \$75,000 property bond but was released after posting bond, also faces charges in Brookside after a stolen handgun was found in his vehicle during the traffic

In a separate arrest, a Jasper man was taken into custody Jan. 12 and charged with two counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance.

Police held arrest warrants for Derrick Lindsey Brown, 34, who was taken into custody at a home on Calumet Road in Jasper.



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A \$60,000 property bond was set for Brown's release from jail.

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•heard from two residents of Hoover Road in District 4. They were concerned about the condition of the roadway. It marks the second meeting in a row where residents on that road have voiced their concerns. There are questions about whether or not the road can be maintained by the county, because it was used in surface mining and was not returned to its original location when mining operations ceased. Aderholt told

investigating the issue. "I would love to be able to take care of that road, but right now due to ethics laws, I cannot do that, because I cannot prove it is a county road," he said. "We are looking into that at this time and will do everything we can to help the residents

the residents that he is

who live there."

County engineer Mike Short said he has reached out to the company who mined the area for more information.

 appointed Jacob Gordon to the East Walker Sewer Board to finish the term of David Box.

approved a COVID pay resolution, which would provide county employees suffering from COVID with up to 80 hours of pay that doesn't affect their sick or vacation time. "There was a gap between Dec. 31 and today, and we want to be sure those employees who may have missed time during that gap would be covered," District 1 Commissioner

The commission passed the resolution that will now expire on March 1.

Keith Davis said.

# Trump bids farewell to Washington, hints of comeback

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — His presidencv over, Donald Trump bid farewell to Washington on Wednesday but also hinted at a comeback despite a legacy of chaos, tumult and bitter division in the country he led for four years.

"Goodbye. We love you. We will be back in some form," Trump told supporters at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland where he received a 21-gun salute as part of a military send-off before boarding Air Force One for his last time as president.

Trump was already in Florida, at his private Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach, by the time Joe Biden was sworn in just before noon as the 46th president of the United States.

Trump was the first

president in modern history to boycott his successor's inauguration. He also refused to participate in many other symbolic passingof-the-torch traditions surrounding the peaceful transition of power as he continued to stew about his election loss — though he did leave behind a note for Biden. Biden declined to say what Trump had written, but described it as a "very generous letter.'

Trump has maintained the election Biden won decisively was stolen from him, even though Republican officials in several critical states, members of his own administration and a wide swath of judges, including those appointed by Trump, have rejected those arguments.



AP Photo/Alex Brandon

President Donald Trump gestures as he boards Marine One on the South Lawn of the White House Wednesday in Washington. Trump is en route to his Mar-a-Lago Florida Resort.

After painting a dire picture of "American carnage" on his own Inauguration Day in 2017, Trump departed on Wednesday as the only president ever to be impeached twice, with millions more out of work than when he was sworn in and 400,000 dead from the coronavirus. Under his watch, Republicans lost the presidency and both chambers of Congress.

He will be forever remembered for inciting an insurrection at the Capitol two weeks before Biden's swearing-in that left five dead, including a Capitol Police officer, sent lawmakers scrambling for safety and horrified the nation.

Trump orchestrated an elaborate farewell that included a red carpet and color guard, as well as his usual campaign soundtrack.

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# Biden

much to restore, much to heal, much to build and much to gain," Biden said. "Few people in our nation's history have been more challenged, or found a time more challenging or difficult than the time we're in now."

Biden was eager to go big early, with an ambitious first 100 days that includes a push to speed up the distribution of COVID-19 vaccinations to anxious Americans and pass a \$1.9 trillion virus relief package. On Day One, he planned a series of executive actions to roll back Trump administration initiatives and also planned to send an immigration proposal to Capitol Hill that would create an eight-year path to citizenship for immigrants living in the country illegally.

The absence of Biden's predecessor from the inaugural ceremony, a break from tradition, underscored the rift to be healed.

But a bipartisan trio of three former presidents — Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama — were there to witness the ceremonial transfer of power. Trump, awaiting his second impeachment trial, was at his Florida resort by the time the swearing-in took place.

Biden, in his third run for the presidency, staked his candidacy less on any distinctive political ideology than on galvanizing a broad coalition of voters around the notion that Trump posed an existential threat to American democracy. Biden did not mention Trump by name but alluded to the

rifts his predecessor had helped create. "I know the forces that

divide us are deep and they are real. But I also know they are not new. Our history has been a constant struggle between the American ideal that we all are created equal and the harsh, ugly reality of racism, nativism, fear, demonization that have long torn us apart," Biden said. "This is our historic moment of crisis and challenge, and unity is the path forward and we must meet this moment as the United

Biden came to office with a well of empathy and resolve born by personal tragedy as well as a depth of experience forged from more than four decades in Washington. At age 78, he was the oldest

States of America."

president inaugurated.

More history was made at his side, as Kamala Harris became the first woman to be vice president.

The former U.S. senator from California is also the first Black person and the first person of South Asian descent elected to the vice presidency and the highest-ranking woman ever to serve in government.

The two were sworn in during an inauguration ceremony with few parallels. Tens of thousands of troops were on the streets to provide security precisely two weeks after a violent mob of Trump supporters, incited by the Republican president, stormed the Capitol in an attempt to prevent the certification of Biden's victory.

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## **Sumiton**

Jasper sells water to about 90 percent of Walker County, Nelson

He said Sumiton is level in rates with other neighboring cities, not being extremely high or low, but somewhere in the middle. Nelson said the rates were "very good for the service you provide," considering the number of customers and distribution. The city has no wholesale customers.

He said that standing compared to other cities would not change with a rate increase.

"Overall, the system has been well managed and well taken care of," he said. "But the bottom line is you've gone 12 years without a rate increase"

He determined the city needed a 33 to 34 percent increase to meet operation and management costs, as well as the debt service.

A large segment of the water customers use 3,000 gallons or less, Nelson said. While Sumiton has a minimum usage of 3,000 gallons, many systems are using 2,000 gallons or less.

"You probably have about 28 or 29 percent of your residential users that use 2,000 gallons or less," he said. "Typically I would think that is probably your senior adults and maybe single head of household families, which you want to try to keep those rates as reasonable as possible. What I am proposing is you drop your minimum bill to 2,000 gallons a month."

The minimum water bill currently is \$19.50 for 3,000 gallons or less, he said. "What we are proposing is going

to \$22 a minimum for the first 2,000, and then anything over 2,000, it would go up to \$7.85 versus \$6.95," Nelson said. The net increase for anyone who uses 2,000 gallons or less would only be \$2.50 a month. "If they use 3,000 gallons a

month, their net increase is going to be \$10 a month," he said and would go up the more water they use. At 5,000 gallons, it could be a \$12 a month increase.

Nelson said the city started its sewer service and billing in 2012 and no rate increase has been adopted since then, despite needed equipment that has been installed since. While there is only one rate

for all water customers, a business rate is set up for the sewer, he said.

Although Ellis thought the sewer rate structure was based on a percentage of the water bill, Nelson said it was not. The sewer system is financed on U.S. Department of Agriculture loans, so the system needs to stand on its own for revenue, he said.

"Current rates — the first 3,000 - is \$16.75," he said. "I dropped it to 2,000 gallons, but I kept it at \$16.75, so there is zero increase for those minimal users." He said the rate could go from \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$6, "which is very reasonable for right now for sewage treatment per 1,000 gallons."

Commercial for sewage will drop to 2,000 gallons for simpler billing, but its minimum would be raised from \$41.50 to \$47.50, and would then go to \$6 per \$1,000.

Councilman Kenneth Russell said, "What we don't want to affect here is our senior citizens for sure, on a fixed income." Ellis noted that group is the largest part of those with minimum use.

In answering a question from Russell, Nelson did not have a breakdown of how many seniors would use 2,000 gallons minimum for water versus 3,000 gallons minimum. Nelson said the city has 858 minimum users, based on 3,000 gallons, or 44 percent of the residential customers. Of those, 313 of those were between 2,000 and 3,000 gallons, leaving 545 users at 2,000 gallons or less, or about 28 percent of the customer base most of which he felt were seniors or single head of households.

Ellis suggested perhaps if the wholesale rate to the city goes up, then it should pass along the increase. Nelson suggested annually reviewing the rates. "And if Jasper goes up, then I

think, unfortunately, you have to consider going up," he said. "In the worst case, I would do it every two years anyway. That way, instead of \$10 a month (in increases), those upper-level water users might be looking at \$2 a month." He suggested the minimum bill could stay the

"As y'all know as well as I do, with these uncertain times that are coming up, especially next year, I think maybe you are prob-

ably going to have to sit down and look at this, because every time I pass a gas station, I see the signs changing," Nelson said. "The cost of goods and services are probably going to have to go up next year, unfortunately. Maybe not, hopefully not."

In answer to a question from councilman Micah Harrison, Nelson indicated the system is not intended to show a profit.

Nelson said he and Tim Deveto, the city's water and gas supervisor, are trying to look at funds that could be applied for by the end of February to obtain in order to paint and service water tanks.

He said the tanks are "past due" for work, especially the tank at Bevill State, which was built in 2002. He said the hope is to repaint the tanks in the next year or two.

Nelson indicated the cost estimate for a loan to refurbish the Bevill tank will be \$650,000, "That Bevill tank is going to be quite expensive to refurbish inside it," he said.

Deveto said the increase could also help go to the eventual replacement of water meters, which happened last time about six years ago. Some of the meters replaced then were 30 to 40 years old.

He noted 18 to 20 years of life can be seen in a meter, but they eventually have to be replaced. By the time meters are paid off, it is usually time to replace them again. A fund might could be paid into over time to defray the cost, he said. Only half the cost might have to be borrowed next time as a

In other business, the council passed the annual resolution to mow medians on the public rightof-way on Highway 5 (formerly Highway 78) in Sumiton. The state, under an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation, reimburses the city. Dora recently passed a similar agreement for the highway.

Ellis also noted the city's paving project will probably be completed this week, saving for final stripping to be done in a couple of

Work on the ballparks continue, and should be ready to play on by the middle of February, Deveto said.



# **Sports**

#### **NFL**

#### Lions agree to terms with Saints' Dan Campbell to be coach

The Detroit Lions have agreed to terms with Dan Campbell to be their coach.

The Lions announced the agreement with the New Orleans Saints tight ends coach on Wednesday, one day after formally introducing Brad Holmes as their general manager.

He was 5-7 as interim coach of the Miami Dolphins in 2015.

#### **MLB**

#### Tommy Lasorda memorialized at Dodger Stadium service

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda was memorialized during a private service at Dodger Stadium before his burial on Tuesday.

Lasorda died Jan. 7 after a heart attack at age 93.

His casket, covered with a huge assortment of blue and white flowers, was placed on the pitcher's mound with a blue 2, signifying Lasorda's jersey number, on the back of the mound

Lasorda's wife of 70 years, Jo. attended in a wheelchair, along with their daughter, Laura.

The mourners stood socially distanced around the mound.

Former Dodgers catcher and Los Angeles Angels manager Mike Scioscia, retired player and major league manager Bobby Valentine, retired Dodgers first baseman Eric Karros, retired player and coach Mickey Hatcher, former Dodgers pitcher Charlie Hough, and former NBA coach Mike Fratello were among the 10 pallbearers. Each wore jerseys with Lasorda's No. 2 on the back.

The national anthem was sung and Lasorda's image was projected on the stadium's videoboards.

#### PREP BASKETBALL

# Yellow Jacket squads advance

By W. BRIAN HALE **Eagle Sports Writer** 

The Curry Yellow Jacket boys overcame an early deficit and stood tall in overtime to beat the Oakman Wildcats, while the Lady Yellow Jackets turned away a third period surge from the Cordova Blue Devils to prevail 47-28 on opening day of the Walker County Basketball Tournament at Dora.

Both teams will advance to Friday's games, with the Lady Yellow Jackets facing the top-seed Dora Bulldogs at 4 p.m., while the Curry boys take on top-seed Carbon Hill at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday games feature the second-seed Oakman Lady Wildcats against the third-seed Carbon Hill Bulldogs at 4 p.m. and the second-seed Cordova Blue Devil boys against the third-seed Dora Bulldogs.

#### **BOYS** No. 5 Curry 64, No. 4 Oakman 60 OT

The Yellow Jackets capitalized on a three-point buzzer beater shot to send the game into overtime and came up with clutch plays at the free throw shots to beat the Wildcats, 64-60, in overtime.

Luke Smith led Curry with 21 points and three steals, while Weston Horton turned in a double-double performance of 18 points and 12 rebounds.

For Oakman, Denzel Chatman led the scoring with 14 points, while A.J. Odom had a double-double

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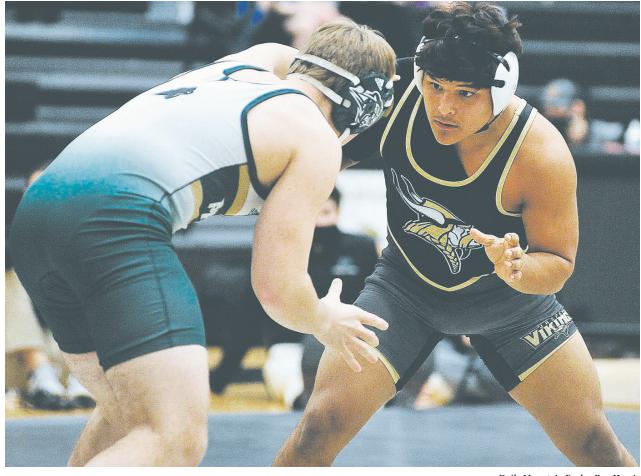


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The fifth-seed Curry Yellow Jackets boys posted a 64-60 overtime victory over the fourth-seed Oakman Wildcats on Tuesday night at Dora.

**JASPER WRESTLING** 

# Vikings beat Tuscaloosa Co., falls to Homewood, Pelham



Daily Mountain Eagle - Ron Harris

Jasper's Moises Sanchez wrestles against Pelham in Tuesday night's 182-pound match. Sanchez won via 6-2 decision and won two other matches during the meet.

By W. BRIAN HALE

**Eagle Sports Writer** 

The Jasper Vikings wrestling team posted a 48-34 victory over Tuscaloosa County, but fell Pelham 57-18 and Homewood 37-30 on Tuesday at Carl Cannon

Against Tuscaloosa County, Jaylen Martinez (138 pounds), Moises Sanchez (182 pounds) Cole Carter (195 pounds), Ross McWalters (220 pounds) and Colin Langley all won by pinfall.

In the loss to Homewood, Maney Havis (132 pounds) won by pinfall, Cooper Brooks (138 pounds) won by 1-0 decision, Sanchez won by 6-0 decision.

Against Pelham, Antonio Nash (126 pounds) and McWalters won by pinfall, Reed won by 6-1 decision and Sanchez recorded a 6-2 decision victory.

The Vikings return to action today against Clay-Chalkville and Leeds at Pelham.

# **Opinion: No** question, **Brady** is the

By JAMES PHILLIPS Eagle Publisher

In the sports world, there are often arguments over who is the "Greatest Of All Time (GOAT)" in each sport. Last weekend, Tom Brady should have proved to everyone that he is the GOAT in the National Football League.

Brady, at 43-years-old, led his Tampa Bay Buccaneers to a 30-20 victory over another all-time great, Drew Brees, and his New Orleans Saints to put Tampa Bay in the NFC championship game, one step away from the Super Bowl.

Before this postseason, the Buccaneers had not won a playoff game since winning the Super Bowl in 2002. The team had only made the playoffs twice in that span. Since the team started in 1976, it has only made the playoffs 10 times.

Before joining the Bucs this season, Brady had almost as many Super Bowl appearances (nine) as Tampa Bay had playoff appearances. He is 6-3 in his nine Super Bowls. That stat alone should

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#### **COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

#### AP sources: Saints' Nielsen passes on LSU job, stays in NFL

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - New Orleans Saints defensive line coach Ryan Nielsen informed LSU on Tuesday that he will not take the Tigers' defensive coordinator job after initially agreeing in principle to do to so, two people familiar with the situation said.

The people spoke to The Associated Press Tuesday on condition on anonymity because negotiations have not been made public by LSU or the Saints. A person told the AP on Monday that Nielsen had agreed in principle to take the LSU position, but that some outstanding contract issues still needed to be resolved

Another person told the AP on Tuesday that the Saints have promoted Nielsen to assistant head coach.

LSU will continue its search for its third defensive coordinator in three seasons.

#### **NBA**

#### Blazers guard CJ McCollum has fracture in left foot

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Trail Blazers guard CJ McCollum has a hairline fracture in his left foot, the

McCollum will wear a walking boot and be reevaluated in four weeks.

He was injured Saturday during a game against the Atlanta Hawks. McCollum was averaging a career-best 26.7 points,

as well as five assists, per game when he got injured. McCollum's injury is the latest to befall the Blazers. Center Jusuf Nurkic fractured his wrist during a game last week against the Indiana Pacers and is out indefinitely.

In his eighth NBA season, McCollum was first thought to have a sprain but the team said additional imaging showed a hairline fracture to the lateral cune-

#### LeVert, Pacers await test results before plotting next move

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Caris LeVert said Tuesday he was awaiting additional test results on a small mass in his left kidney before establishing a treatment plan or a timeline for his Indiana Pacers debut.

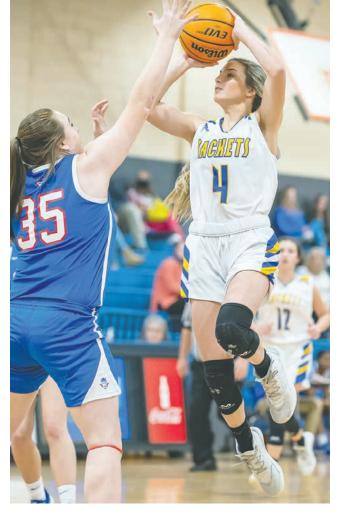
Team doctors found the growth during a routine post-trade physical late last week.

LeVert said he doesn't yet know if the mass is

Indiana acquired LeVert as part of a four-team, blockbuster trade that sent All-Star James Harden from Houston to Brooklyn.

The Rockets sent the 6-foot-6 guard to the Pacers in exchange for Victor Oladipo.

Pacers president of basketball operations Kevin Pritchard announced the results of the physical Saturday.





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Left, Curry's Alayna Key goes for a shot while Cordova's Lillian Werling defends. Right, Oakman's A.J. Odom and Curry's Ryan George battle during a basket.

# Prep

of 10 points and 16 rebounds. Dawson Crowell added 10 points.

The Wildcats controlled the opening period, posting a 18-8 lead before Curry battled-back throughout the second period, outscoring Oakman 18-10 to cut the scoring edge to two at the half, 28-26.

Curry took command midway through the third period 34-32, and outscored Oakman 14-10 overall to lead 40-39 heading into the fourth period.

With Oakman leading 52-49, Curry's Brayden Newton connected on a three-point shot at the buzzer to tie the contest at 52-52 and force overtime.

The Yellow Jackets were able to connected on key free-throw shots in the final minute of overtime to secure the 64-60 win.

**GIRLS** 

Curry dominated the first half and used solid defense in the fourth period to post a 47-28 win over Cordova.

Emma Martin led the Yellow Jackets with 13 points, nine rebounds and four steals, while Alayna Key posted a double-double of 11 points and 14 rebounds.

Allie Downs scored 10 points. Shyla Armistad led Cordova with sic points, while Lillian Werling had a great night on the boards with 12 rebounds.

Curry pulled ahead in the first period, 12-5, then outscored Cordova 14-2 in the second period to remain on top, 26-7 at halftime.

The scoring edge went to Cordova in the third period, 14-9, to cut the Yellow Jackets' lead to 14,

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by outscoring the Blue Devils 12-7 en route to the 47-28 final.

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**TUESDAY SCORES** Carbon Hill girls 54, Tarrant

Hanceville girls 56, Curry 36\*

Carbon Hill boys 51, Tarrant Sumiton Christian girls 36, Victory Christian 35\*

Sumiton Christian boys 58, Victory Christian 47\* \*Individual results were not

## **GOAT**

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already have him considered as the greatest player in NFL history.

Brady has thrown for nearly 80,000 yards in his 21 years in the NFL. He has also thrown for 581 touchdowns compared to only 191 interceptions. This season alone, he has threw for 4,633 yards and 40 touchdowns. Remember, he is 43 years old. That's one year older than this guy, who could barely throw a Nerf football a few times without getting tired.

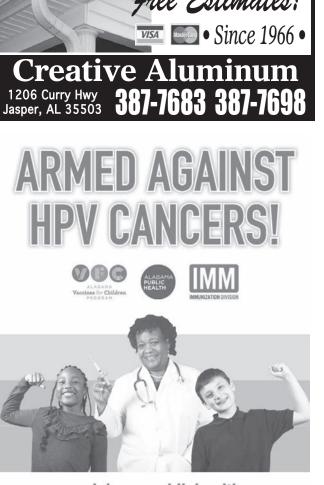
The one-year turnaround of the Tampa Bay franchise may be Brady's biggest accomplishment. Many people expected and hoped he would fail in his only year away from New England. Brady's confidence can rub people the wrong way. He is a good looking dude who is married to a supermodel. He seems to have the perfect life, and he is a winner. That makes a lot of people jealous and brings out many, many haters.

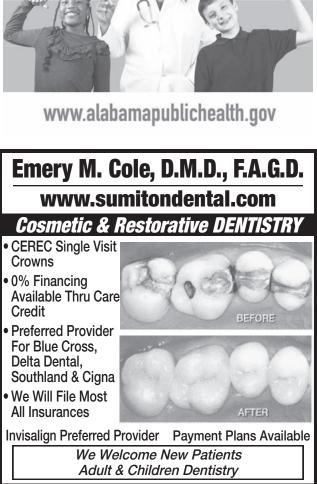
Anyone who is truly successful drowns out those kinds of people by focusing on themselves and focusing on being the best at what they do. Tom Brady has done that for 21 years in the NFL. He is the best that has ever played the game, and he is everything most people want to be, but they sure do not want to admit it.

Whether the Buccaneers can defeat the Green Bay Packers this weekend or not, Brady has cemented that he is the NFL's GOAT. If somehow Tampa Bay does pull of the win and goes on to win the Super Bowl, Brady will have solidified that spot forever. We will never see another winning quarterback like him.









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# **Obituaries**

#### **Charlotte Braden Dozier**

March 6, 1951-January 19, 2021 Charlotte Braden Dozier, 69, of Jasper, went to her

heavenly home Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021. A private service will be held Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, at Oak Hill Cemetery. David Byrd will officiate.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Tallie Braden, and brothers, Bill Braden and Hulin Braden.

She is survived by her daughters, Stephanie Martin (Terrell) of Jasper and Sharron Taylor (John) of Jasper; grandsons, Graham Martin of Montgomery. Drew Martin of Jasper and Evan Taylor of Jasper; sister, Shirley Shedd (Ronald) of Jasper; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Ms. Charlotte loved singing gospel hymns, playing card games and making arts and crafts for everyone she met. She loved the Lord, her family and friends and will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her memory to Gideons International.

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#### Jackie H. Herron

April 12, 1939-January 18, 2021 Jackie H. Herron, son of William and Verla Herron, passed away Jan. 18, 2021, of Alzheimer's. He was 81

He received his degree in Education from the University of Alabama. He taught at Cordova for two years, was principal at Lynn High School for two years and principal at Geraldine High School for three years. He worked as a high school principal, elementary principal and superintendent of education in Winston County. He retired after 36 years.

He is survived by Sheilah, his wife of 58 years. They have two children, Scott Herron of Tuscaloosa and Amanda Herron Johnigan (Fred) of Hoover. Their Tuscaloosa grandchildren are Kristin Smallwood, Josh Herron, Jon and Emily Herron, Amelia Johnigan, Olivia Johnigan and Ian Johnigan from Hoover.

He is also survived by his niece, Donna Brown from Huntsville; nephew, Dr. David Brown (Kim) from Florence, and their boys, Wesley, Andrew and Grant.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Verla Herron, and sisters, Peggy Herron and Jean Brown.

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## Joe Wesley Staggs

November 27, 1937-January 18, 2021 Joe Wesley Staggs, 83, of Oakman, passed away Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, at Walker Baptist Medical Center.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021, at 10 a.m. at New Hope Church of Christ. George Barrera will officiate.

Mr. Staggs was preceded in death by his father, Edgar Staggs; mother, Gertrude Staggs; and brother, John Staggs.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey (Marty) Staggs of Oakman; daughter, Trina Vest (John) of Logan; son, Eddy Staggs of Oakman; sister, Barbara Lynn of Alexander City; brother, Cordell Staggs of Oakman; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Bryne Diehl, Jeremy Jones, Jimmy Jones, Phillip Pate and Michael Davis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's, Childhaven or the youth group Woodland Church of Christ.

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#### Maryetta H. Miller

October 1, 1934-January 20, 2021 Marvetta H. Miller, 86, of Jasper, went to her eternal home in heaven Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, at Ridgeview Nursing Home.

Maryetta was preceded in death by her parents. Dick and Pauline Hawkins; husband, Clifford F. Miller; son, Timothy Joe Miller; and grandson, Joshua

She is survived by her daughters, Sandra Rigsby (Mike); sons, Ken Miller (Karen) and Frank Miller (Connie); brother, Richard Hawkins; sister, Judy Welborn; grandchildren, Todd Rigsby (Alisha), Eric Rigsby (Brianna), Amy Roquemore (Dustin), Adam Miller (Candace) and Mistie Gilliland; and 11 great-grand-

The family will receive friends Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, at 10 a.m. at Collins-Burke Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. in the Collins-Burke Chapel. Dr. Adam Brewer of Glory Fellowship Baptist Church will officiate. The family requests that mask be worn and social distancing being observed. Burial will be at Walker Memory Gardens. No graveside services will be held.

Maryetta worked for Dr. W.E. Birdsong at Family Health Associates for 33 years. She loved her job and the people she worked with.

Maryetta had a giving heart and wanted to support any worthy mission or charity. With that, the family requests in lieu of flowers donations be made to the mission or charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank the staff at Ridgeview Nursing Home and Southern Care New Beacon Hospice for the loving and compassionate care they provided.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

#### James R. Windham

James R. Windham, 73, of Columbiana, passed away Jan. 19, 2021.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, at Bolton Funeral Home. A private graveside service will follow. Bolton Funeral Home is directing.

He was born May 12, 1947, and was the son of the late Albert T. and Vivian Estelle Myers Windham of Jasper. He was the husband of Jane Isbell Windham for 53 years.

James attended Walker County High School in Jasper, graduating in 1965. After graduation, he was employed at Alabama Power's E.C. Gaston Generating Plant for 39 years. He was a member of Riverchase Church of Christ.

James was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was also an awesome caregiver to his wife. He loved working in the yard.

He will be greatly missed by his wife; son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan and Beverly Windham of Sylacauga; son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Amy Windham of Alabaster; granddaughters, Marlee, Layla Grace, and Lilly Joy Windham of Alabaster; "special great-grandchildren," Chloe Woodruff of Vincent and Jordan Tyler of Sylacauga; "special grandchildren," Hanna, Harrison and Hadley Hyche of Pell City; sister, Betty Daniel of Forestdale; sisters, Nelda Windham and Ann Myers (Carl) of Jasper; brother, Bruce Windham (Sheila) of Jasper; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Max Conrad, Billy Joe, and Kenneth Windham; and a granddaughter, Halle Scott Windham of Alabaster.

Please sign online condolences at www.boltonfuneralhome.com.

Bolton Funeral Home, Columbiana; 205-669-3179 April 29, 1939-January 19, 2021

#### **Donald Dominic Bieda**

Donald Dominic Bieda, 81, of Nauvoo, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, at Walker Baptist Medical Center.

The family will receive friends Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Collins-Burke Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at noon in the Collins-Burke Chapel. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery. Adam Smith will officiate.

Mr. Bieda was preceded in death by his son, James Karlton Williams; daughter, Sarah Denise Williams; along with his brothers, sister and parents.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah Geraldine Bieda; daughters, Rita Williams, Debbie Hudson, Kimberly Kennedy (Frankie) and Karen Burkett (Stoney); sons. Jackie Williams (Sue), Johnathan Williams and Barry Williams (Kelly); 17 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers will be Brandon Poston, Broedy Poston, Logan Camp, Corey Smith, Aaron Kennedy and Barry

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

#### Lavanda Gayle Vickery

Lavanda Gayle Vickery, 53, of Nauvoo, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, at Walker Baptist Medical

Arrangements will be announced later by Collins-Burke Funeral Home.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

#### John Wayne Tubbs Sr.

John Wayne Tubbs Sr., 72, of Jasper, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, at the VA Hospital in Birmingham.

Arrangements will be announced later by Collins-Burke Funeral Home.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

#### Lois Lee Hampton

Lois Lee Hampton, 86, of Oakman, passed away Jan. 18, 2021.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, from noon to 2 p.m. at Faith Chapel Funeral Home, immediately followed by graveside services at Oakman Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Arrangements will be announced later by Faith Chapel Funeral Home.

Faith Chapel Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-9680

## Tony L. Rowe

Tony L. Rowe, 73, of Jasper, passed away Jan. 20,

Arrangements will be announced later by Kilgore-Green Funeral Home.

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2016 Honda Civic EX w/Turbo \$ Turbo and Sensing, Super Sharp, Sunroof, Loaded! Stk#P2554	1 <b>799 I</b>
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2019 Honda Odyssey EXL I Owner, Loaded, Power Doors & Hatch, Must See! Stk#H209	
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2017 Honda Pilot Touring \$2999 I 37,000 Miles, I Owner, Loaded, DVD, Navigation! Stk#P2570
2019 Honda Pilot EX\$29991 I Owner, 9,000 Mlles, Cutomer Trades Every Year, You Save! Stk#H21285A
2019 Honda Pilot EXL\$30991 I Owner, Loaded, Sunroof, DVD, Sharp! Stk#H21293A
2018 Honda Pilot Touring\$31991 I Owner, 31,000 Miles, Dealer Serviced, Seating for 8! Stk#H21222A
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<b>2014 Dodge Durango</b> \$ <b>1549</b> Full Size Sport Utility, Good Miles, Drives Great! Stk#P2539	2
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<b>2018 GMC Sierra 1500</b> \$43991 27,000 Miles, Lots of Extras, 4x4, Loaded! Stk#H20495H

#### Son may be hasty *CROSSWORD* in plan to sign up for fatherhood

DEAR ABBY: My 25-yearold son has been dating a girl for tw or three months. She seems very nice. She has two



Dear Abby By Abigail

children and is pregnant with her third child. She's due in three months. The child is not my son's. I was told by some friends of my son that he's planning to sign the birth certificate as the father. He understands the implications. How do I convince him that, although he feels like he and this girl will be together for the long haul, this is a poor decision to make, especially because of the short length of time they have been dating? -- TOO MUCH, TOO SOON

DEAR TOO MUCH, TOO SOON: Although it can be difficult to convince someone in the throes of new love, you and your son's friends should urge him to discuss this with a lawyer before signing ANYTHING. He needs input from someone who is not emotionally involved and can explain the legal ramifications of what he's considering. Not all romances have storybook endings, but if this relationship leads to marriage in the future, he can always adopt or provide financially for the child if he wishes. I sincerely hope you and the others who care about him can get through to your son.

DEAR ABBY: My college-aged granddaughter is no longer speaking to me, answering my phone calls or allowing her other grandmother (who raised her) to post anything on Facebook where I can see what she is doing. My granddaughter came to live with me last summer because she worked a summer job here. I asked her if she was gay, not because I think she is but as a prelude to a conversation about not allowing other girls to recruit her into a samesex relationship as I saw in college and while teaching public school. Although I tried to explain, things have grown progressively worse. My son and her mother married when she was 7 and divorced when she was 13. Over the years, I worked hard to develop and maintain a relationship with her. Now, she has told the other grandmother that she will never speak to me again. Was what I did so bad, and what should I do now?

-- OTHER GRANDMOTHER

**DEAR OTHER: What** you said wasn't "bad," but it was misinformed and heavy-handed. While same-sex relationships do happen in high school and college, young people don't usually indulge unless they are already at least bi-curious. Even then, straight people don't suddenly "turn gay." Your granddaughter may still be trying to figure out her sexual orientation, which could be why she has reacted so strongly. If you are wise, you will allow her the time she needs to sort it out, rather than push or panic.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter and I have a wonderful relationship. But I am very upset because she listens in on the speaker phone to every conversation I have with my 11-year-old grandson. I really believe we should have privacy, and I think it's strange that she does this. Is she justified, since she knows I'm disturbed by speakerphones in general?

- CONCERNED NANA IN THE EAST

**DEAR CONCERNED:** You wrote that you have a wonderful relationship with your daughter. Have you asked her why she feels monitoring your calls to your grandson is justified? From my perspective, her behavior may be hypervigilant, but whether it is justified isn't a question that someone who isn't familiar with your family dynamics can answer.

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# By THOMAS JOSEPH

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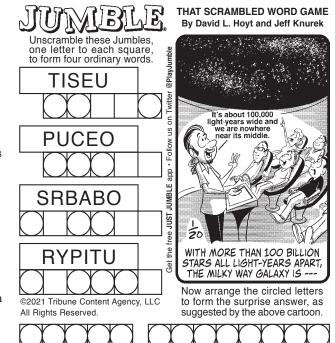
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(Answers tomorrow) PROVEN CHUBBY Jumbles: DECAY **THANK** Yesterday's Answer: The expensive walnuts didn't taste right and weren't what they were - CRACKED UP TO BE

# **HOROSCOPES**

By Eugenia Last

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Skeet Ulrich, 51; Rainn Wilson, 55; Bill Maher, 65; David Lynch, 75.

Happy Birthday: Keep in mind who you are dealing with this year and how best to use your skills, knowledge and insight to

reach your goal.
ARIES (March **21-April 19):** Pay close attention to what's going on around you. Distance yourself from situations that appear risky, manip-

ulative or underhanded. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make a sound decision, not a snap decision. Indecisiveness regarding your work, position, status or what to do with your life will result in confusion and worry. Time is on your side; explore your options, and don't feel pressured to act prematurely.

**GEMINI (May 21-**June 20): Listen carefully, take notes and ask questions. What you learn today will help you get ahead in life, love or at

work. **CANCER (June 21-**July 22): Reach out to people who share your beliefs and interests.

LEO (July 23-Aug. **22):** An offer will have a hidden agenda. Go over the fine print, make adjustments and refuse to let anyone cause problems for you at work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. **22):** A change of pace will give you a chance to evaluate a confusing situation. A partnership will encourage you to look at the positive, deal with the negative and proceed with

confidence. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Trust what you know, despite opposition. Work you can do from home will give insight into an alternative way to earn more

money SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A problem with a colleague, friend or relative will surface if you procrastinate or change your mind. Be careful how you approach situations that depend on others.

SAGİTTARIUS (Nov. **22-Dec. 21):** Keep your life simple. Avoid overspending and excessive-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Set reasonable goals, and stick to your plans. Refuse to let trivial matters interfere.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Speak up, and share your thoughts and intentions. Don't fold under pressure or make an abrupt change because someone else does.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Let go of the past. Take care of your health and physical well-being. Don't take unnecessary risks or make hasty decisions that might result in illness or injury.

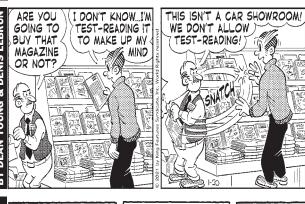
Birthday Baby: You are forceful, innovative and just. You are demonstrative and complex.

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#### **WEDNESDAYS COMICS**



















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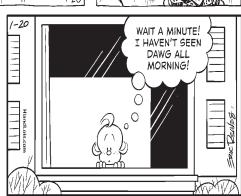


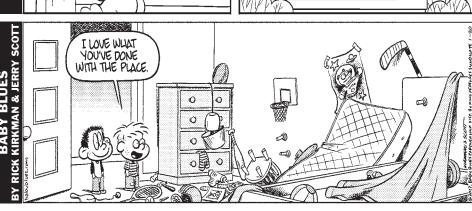


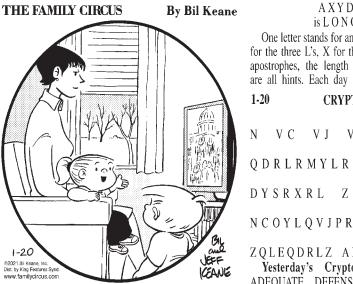












is gonna be sworn at."

"Come and watch, Billy! The president

#### AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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**CRYPTOQUOTE** 

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THERE IS NO ADEQUATE DEFENSE, EXCEPT STUPIDITY, AGAINST THE IMPACT OF A NEW IDEA. — P.W. BRIDGMAN

#### Colleague refuses *CROSSWORD* payment for help above and beyond

**DEAR** ABBY: My colleague and I were recently notified that our company is closing next month. Mv work



By Abigail Van Buren

partner and I have collaborated closely for four years, and he's an expert at the software I need to know to get a job in my field. When I asked if he would give me a couple of lessons via Zoom, I was thinking it'd be about a three-hour commitment for him. But he was enthusiastic and designed a 20-plus-hour curriculum for me. He keeps saying he doesn't want me to pay him, but I want to find an appropriate way to express my gratitude. What would be an appropriate amount to compensate him without getting too steep (which is why I didn't do the fullprice software training in the first place. It was \$2K)? Thanks for any advice.

**DEAR THANKFUL: If** you know of any interests, hobbies, a sport, etc. your partner has outside the workplace, consider going online to see if you can find something connected to that activity he would enjoy that's within your budget.

-- THANKFUL IN IL

DEAR ABBY: Every year on Facebook's "National Daughter's Day," my daughter's mother-in-law professes her love, respect and admiration for her own daughter, but never acknowledges her daughterin-law (my daughter). Yet on "National Son's Day," she posts glowing tributes not only to her sons, but also to her son-in-law. We all live within miles of each other, and this recurring slight makes it difficult to act like everything is fine when, in truth, this is hurtful to my daughter and to our family. Should I address this issue with the mother-in-law or continue to bite my tongue? DISMISSED IN TX

**DEAR DISMISSED: If** vou are smart, rather than address the issue with your daughter's mother-in-law, who either has the emotional intelligence of an oyster or really doesn't care for your daughter, mention it to your sonin-law and point out to him that being slighted is hurtful. There may be a better result if HE brings it up to his moth-

DEAR ABBY: I battle with a double chin, and I loathe it. My chin hides itself only if I am under 126 pounds. Anything over that and it's there. I'm not overweight, but my double chin makes me feel that way. I have read that dermal fillers in the chin can discreetly get rid of this issue. The problem? My husband. He's against any type of plastic surgery. He doesn't like my double chin either, but he wants me to only get rid of it "naturally." Normally I would agree. I have been exercising (running four times a week) without success. I don't feel comfortable looking this way. I think I deserve this shortcut. Should I get the filler without my husband's blessing, or should I continue this struggle?

-- TAKING IT ON THE

CHIN **DEAR TAKING IT:** You are an adult, and it's your body. You do not need permission to do something that will help you feel better about yourself. If your husband is against any type of plastic surgery (and by the way, fillers do not qualify as plastic surgery), HE should forgo having it when his frown lines begin to look like tractor furrows and he develops a wattle.

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# By THOMAS JOSEPH

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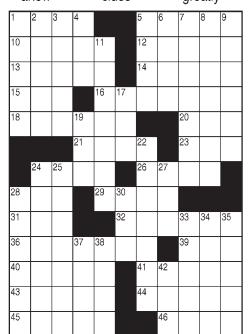
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square to form four ordinary words **ELHVA** GNSIE **PRUTIN** THE MOBILE LIVING QUARTERS TBINTE SEEN ON THE TV SHOW "M\*A\*S\*H" WERE HOME TO ow arrange the circled letters ©2021 Tribune Content Agency, LLC to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. All Rights Reserved

(Answers tomorrow) Yesterday's Jumbles: SUITE COUPE ABSORB PURITY Answer: With more than 100 billion stars all light-years apart, the Milky Way Galaxy is - OUTER SPACIOUS

## **HOROSCOPES**

By Eugenia Last

**CELEBRITIES BORN** ON THIS DAY: Booboo Stewart, 27; Ashton Eaton, 33; Emma Bunton, 45; Geena Davis, 65.

**Happy Birthday:** Be secretive until you have figured out exactly what you want to do next. Sharing too much information will lead to

interference. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Reach out to those you have a good rapport with, and you'll

get the help you need.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep personal matters to yourself. Separate work and personal issues to avoid giving someone the upper hand.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Stick to the truth. You don't have to sugarcoat or exaggerate to get what you want. Intelligence will be all you need to persuade others to see things your way.

**CANCER** (June 21-**July 22):** Avoid joint ventures, investments or letting someone talk you into something risky or costly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take one step at a time. Consider every angle before you commit to anything. Uncertainty will mount as the day unfolds, and you'll be glad you opted not to react too quickly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Express your feelings, and it will help you make better decisions regarding social events and what you

decide to pursue emotionally and physically.

LIBŘA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Concentrate on letting go of the past and moving forward with greater optimism and less stress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-**Nov. 21):** Question everyone and everything. You want to be positive you are making the right decisions before you proceed.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Turn something you enjoy doing into a lucrative endeavor. Put a value on the services and skills you have to offer instead of letting others take advantage of you and your attributes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. **22-Jan. 19):** Let your intuition lead the way. Focus on what you know and do best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Rethink your strategy, and consider your motives. A change someone makes will give you a reason to reconsider your relationship.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Offer help for the right reason. Ulterior motives will lead to trouble. Be open about your expectations; rewards for your honesty will come your way.

Birthday Baby: You are unpredictable, sensitive and passionate. You are smart and trendy.

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#### THURSDAYS COMICS MEEOW! BARK! GEE, I WONDER MEOW! MEOWR! WHO'S GETTING VOTED OFF THE ISLAND



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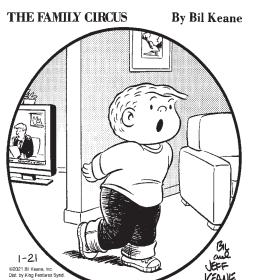












"The first lady's name is Jill?

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1-21 **CRYPTOQUOTE** 

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I AM AN AMERICAN AND THEREFORE WHAT I DO, HOWEVER SMALL, IS OF IMPORTANCE. - MAXWELL STRUTHERS BURT

# Wall Street hits records as hopes build for more stimulus

By STAN CHOE, **DAMIAN J. TROISE** and ALEX VEIGA AP Business Writers

Wall Street marked the dawn of President Joe Biden's administration with stocks rallying to record highs as hopes build that new leadership in Washington will mean more support for the struggling U.S. economy.

The S&P 500 rose 1.4%, topping its previous alltime high set earlier this month. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, Nasdaq composite and Russell 2000 index of smaller companies also notched record highs, powered by gains in technology, communications, health care and most other sectors.

Biden, now the nation's 46th president, has a flurry of executive actions at the ready. Of primary interest to the stock market, he has also pitched a plan to pump \$1.9 trillion more into the struggling economy, hoping to act quickly as his Democratic party takes control of the White House and both houses of Congress.

The hope on Wall Street is that such stimulus will help carry the economy until later this year, when more widespread COVID-19 vaccinations get daily life closer to normal. Such hopes have helped stocks and Treasury yields rise, even as the worsening pandemic digs a deeper hole for the economy. Spiraling coronavirus counts and deaths have more workers applying for unemployment benefits

and shoppers feeling less confident.

"Most of Wall Street is assuming that the second half (of 2021) is when we will see pent-up demand start to show up in the economy, and that will push economic indicators higher and will likely cause a ramp up in earnings projections," said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at CFRA.

The S&P 500 rose 52.94 points to 3,851.85. The Dow gained 257.86 points, or 0.8%, to 31,188.38. The Nasdaq climbed 260.07 points, or 2%, to 13,457.25. The Russell 2000 picked up 9.48 points, or 0.4%, to 2,160.62.

A better-than-expected start to earnings reporting season also helped lift the market Wednesday. Analysts came in with low expectations, forecasting the big companies in the S&P 500 will report a fourth straight drop in earnings per share because of the damage from the pandemic. But the vast majority of the earliest reports have managed to top forecasts.

Netflix jumped 16.9% for the S&P 500's biggest gain after it said it ended last year with more than 200 million subscribers. It also said it made more in revenue during the end of 2020 than analysts expected, though its earnings fell short of forecasts. Business is good enough for the company that it says it likely doesn't need to borrow anymore to cover its day-to-day operations.

The S&P 500's gain was the best on any Inauguration Day since the start of Ronald Reagan's second term, according to LPL Financial. Biden's predecessor, Donald Trump, often pointed to the stock market's level as validation of his work — and did so again Wednesday in the final hours of his presidency.

Trump's preferred measure is often the Dow Jones Industrial Average, even though the S&P 500is much more important to most workers' 401(k) accounts.

Under Trump, the Dow had an a annualized return of 11.8% from his inauguration until his last day in office, according to Ryan Detrick, chief market strategist for LPL Financial. That's better than any Republican president since Calvin Coolidge during the roaring 1920s, but it's not as good as the returns for Bill Clinton or Barack Obama.

Trump preferred to take credit for the stock market's gains, starting with his election in November 2016. The market got a "Trump bump" back then on anticipation of lower tax rates, less

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In this Nov. 2020 file photo, a sign for Wall Street is carved in the side of a building. U.S. stocks rose again Wednesday, climbing toward records on stronger-than-expected earnings reports and continued optimism that an economic recovery is on the way.

regulation on companies and faster economic growth. Much of that did come to fruition, but the COVID-19 pandemic and the government's response to it upended everything in 2020.

Gains for stocks have also been accelerating since Biden's election on enthusiasm about COVID-19 vaccines and hopes that he and Congress can deliver more stimulus for the economy. The bump for stocks between the most recent Election Day and Biden's inauguration was 14.3%, bigger than the 4.8% boost for the market before Trump's inauguration.

Stovall noted that since World War II, the S&P 500 has risen an average of 3.5% in the first 100 days of a Democratic president's administra-

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tion, versus an average gain of 0.5% when a Republican was in the White House.

Janet Yellen, Biden's nominee to be Treasury secretary, told the Senate Finance Committee during her confirmation hearing on Tuesday that the incoming administration would focus on winning quick passage of its \$1.9 trillion plan.

"More must be done," Yellen said. "Without further action, we risk

a longer, more painful recession now — and long-term scarring of the economy later."

Analysts have been expressing concerns about pricey stock values heading into the latest round of corporate earnings, but they look more reasonable amid the backdrop of historically low interest rates, said Solita Marcelli, chief investment officer, Americas, at UBS Global Wealth Management.

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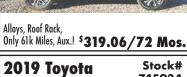
















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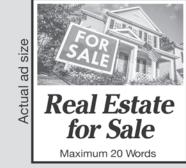
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#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WALKER COUNTY **ALABAMA**

CASE NO. DR-2020-900142.00 **NOTICE OF CUSTODY ACTION** 

The Unknown Father of the minor child, M.M.M., born 3/22/11, is placed on notice that Sharon Mullins has filed for custody of the minor child. The Unknown Father must answer Sharon Mullins petition within 30 days after the last publication of this notice or a default judgment may be entered against him.

DONE this 19th day of October, 2020. GREGORY M. WILLIAMS CIRCUIT JUDGE SUSAN ODOM CLERK OF COURT WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA \*Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 2021

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WALKER COUNTY **ALABAMA**

CASE NO. DR-2020-900147.00 **NOTICE OF CUSTODY ACTION** 

The Unknown Father of the child, C.N.J., minor born 3/19/06, is placed on notice that Candie McDonald has filed for custody of the minor child. The Unknown Father must answer Candie McDonald's petition within 30 days after the last publication of this notice or a default judgment may be entered against him.

DONE this 19th day of October, 2020. GREGORY M. WILLIAMS CIRCUIT JUDGE SUSAN ODOM CLERK OF COURT WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA \*Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 2021

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WALKER COUNTY, **ALABAMA** Sonia Elizabeth Perez Lopez,

Plaintiff.

Julio Cesar Gomez Serrano Defendant. CASE NO.: 64-DR-2020-900170

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DONE this 15th day of January, 2021. SUSAN ODOM CIRCUIT CLERK of Walker County, Alabama \*Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 2021

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Pursuant to Section 9-16-70 et seq., Alabama Code, 1975, McWane, Inc., Burton Bend Mine, hereby gives notice that it has filed a Phase II & III bond release application with the Alabama Surface Mining Commission for release of performance bond for Permit P-3753-64-21-S, Increment No. 4 and a Phase I bond release application for Increment No. 5. The areas of land for which bond releases are requested consists of 127.0 acres in Increment 4 and 67 acres in Increment 5, all located in:

The SE/SW, SW/SW, NW/SW, & SW/NW of Section 17; SE/SE of Section 18; NE/NE, SE/NE, & NE/SE of Section 19; NE/NW, SE/NW, SW/NW, & NW/NW of Section 20; Township 14 South, Range 5 West, all in Walker County, Alabama.

The permittee maintains that as of December 1, 2020 all requirements involving replacing all topsoil or its approved substitute, regrading, planting, and growing times of the area in Increment No. 4 has been completed in compliance with State Law and Regulations and the approved reclamation plan. The permittee also maintains that as of December 14, 2020 all requirements involving all backfilling, re-grading, and drainage control of the area in Increment No. 5 has been completed in compliance with State Law and Regulations and the approved reclamation plan. The permittee. therefore, is requesting release of \$234,529.00 of the performance bond \$234,529.00 for Increment 4 and \$175,432.20 of the performance bond \$292,387.00 for Increment 5. Any objections to the release or request for informal conference must be sent in writing to: Alabama Surface Mining Commission

P. O. Box 2390 Jasper, Alabama 35502-2390 Such requests must be received no later than February 27, 2021. \*January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Pursuant to Section 9-16-70 et seq., Alabama Code, 1975, McWane, Inc., Empire Haul Road, hereby gives notice that it has filed a Phase I, II & III, bond release application with the Alabama Surface Mining Commission for release of performance bond for Permit P-3218-64-18-S. Increment No. 1. The area of land for which bond release is requested consists of 4.0 acres in Increment 1, all located in: SW/NE, SE/NW & NW/SE of Section 22, Township 14 South, Range 5 West, all in Walker County, AL.

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The permittee maintains that as of 01/05/2021 all requirements including replacing all topsoil or its approved substitute, re-grading, drainage control, planting, and growing times of the area has been completed in compliance with State Law and Regulations and the approved reclamation plan. The permittee, therefore, is requesting release of \$10,000.00 of the performance bond \$10,000.00 for Increment 1.

Any objections to the release or request for informal conference must be sent in writing to: Alabama Surface Mining Commission

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Pursuant to Section 9-16-70 et seq., Alabama Code, 1975, McWane, Inc., Empire Town Creek Mine, hereby gives notice that it has filed a Phase III, bond release application with the Alabama Surface Mining Commission for release of performance bond for Permit P-3219-64-18-S, Increment No. 12. The area of land for which bond release is requested consists of 126.0 acres in Increment 12, all located in:

The SE/SW, SW/SE & SW/SW of Section 14; the NE/NE, SE/ NE, SW/NE, NE/SE, SE/SE, SW/SE & NW/SE of Section 22; the NE/NE, SE/NE, SW/NE, NW/NE, NE/NW, SE/NW, SW/ NW & NW/NW of Section 23; the SW/NW & NW/SW of Section 24; the NE/NE & NW/NE of Section 27, Township 14 South, Range 5 West, all in Walker County, Alabama.

The permittee maintains that as of 1/05/2021 all requirements including re-grading, planting & growing times of the area has been completed in compliance with State Law and Regulations and the approved reclamation plan. The permittee, therefore, is requesting release of \$63,000.00 of the performance bond \$63,000.00 for Increment

Any objections to the release or request for informal conference must be sent in writing to: Alabama Surface Mining

Commission P. O. Box 2390

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## **LEGAL NOTICE**

Pursuant to Section 9-16-70 et seq., Alabama Code, 1975, Cedar Lake Mining, Inc., Reese's Branch Mine, hereby gives notice that it has filed a

Phase III. bond release application with the Alabama Surface Mining Commission for release of performance bond for Permit P-3881-64-21-S, Increment No. 1. The area of land for which bond release is requested consists of 254.0 acres in Increment 1, all located in:

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## **MORTGAGE**

**FORECLOSURE SALE** Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Rebecca Lovett, a single person, on September 9, 2010, to Mutual Savings Credit Union, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama, in Book 2238, Page 85, Record of Mortgages, the undersigned, Mutual Savings Credit Union, as mortgagee, 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 Walker County Courthouse, Jasper, Alabama, on February 19th, 2021. during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Walker County, Alabama, to-wit:

A parcel of land situated in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 15 South, Range 7 West, Walker County, Alabama being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 23 and run on a bearing of South 88 degrees 28 minutes 54 seconds East a distance of 871.98 feet to a point on the East Boundary of a county road right of way; thence run a bearing of South 88 degrees 28 minutes 55 seconds East a distance of 446.95 feet to the point of beginning of the herein described parcel; thence proceed North 00 degrees 06 minutes 01 seconds East for a distance of 40 feet to a point; thence North 88 degrees 29 minutes 03 seconds West a distance of 110.00 feet to a point; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 24 seconds East a distance of 145.00 feet to a point; thence South 88 degrees 34 minutes 55 seconds East a distance of 165.84 feet to a point: thence North 13 degrees 07 minutes 04 seconds West a distance of 169.47 feet to a point; thence North 73 degrees 49 minutes 15 seconds West a distance of 143.41 feet to a point; thence North 54 degrees 15 minutes 43 seconds West a distance of 165.63 feet to a point: thence South 81 degrees 39 minutes 58 seconds West 93 feet to a point; thence South 70 degrees 23 minutes 10 seconds West 257.42 feet to a point on the east boundary line of a county road right of way; thence South 20 degrees 49 minutes 22 seconds East along east boundary line of road right of way a distance of 399.94 feet to a point: thence South 88 degrees 28 minutes 55 seconds East 446.95 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein conveyed; being situated in

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\*January 7, 14, 21, 2021

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#### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE **FORECLOSURE SALE** STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF WALKER

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Wm F. Elliott A Single Man to Green Tree Financial Corp - Alabama dated October 21, 1999; said mortgage being recorded on October 1999, in Book 1651, Page 488 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 2000-3 to be recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker

County, Alabama. The undersigned, U.S. Bank National Association, Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 2000-3, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Walker County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 24th day of February, 2021 the following property, situated in Walker County, Alabama, to-wit:

Part of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 16 South, Range 6 West, Walker County, Alabama, described as follows: From the Northwest corner of said NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, run along the 1/4-1/4 section line, S 88 degrees 58' 40' E, 280.41 feet; thence S 12 degrees 24' 50' E, 35.46 feet to the south right-of-way of Cane Creek Lane; thence S 12 degrees 43' 10' E, 390.10 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said point run S 29 degrees 19' 10' E, 489.07 feet; thence N 86 degrees 00' 00' W, 350.48 feet to the east rightof-way of Boat Launch Road; thence along said right-of-way, N 13 degrees 37' 30' W, 313.98 feet, thence along a curve to left with radius 1025.00 feet and chord bearing N 15 degrees 44' 00' W, 75.39 feet, for an arc distance of 75.41 feet; thence leaving said road, run N 83 degrees 14' 00' E, 205.97 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said property is commonly known as 161 Boat Launch Rd, Quinton, AL 35130

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal de-

scription will control. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the abovenamed or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSO-CIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING SENIOR/SUB-CONTRACT ORDINATE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE TRUST 2000-3 as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Two North Twentieth

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#### **NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS INVITATION FOR BIDS**

\*January 14, 21, 28, 2021

Sealed Bids will be received by the Water Works Gas Board of the City of Cordova, 20 Mill Street Cordova, AL 35550 until February 4, 2021, at 2:00 P. M., local time, for furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment and doing the

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work of constructing, according to Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents on file in the office of the Owner, the improvements hereinafter described. No bids will be received after the time set forth hereinabove, and the Bids will be publicly opened and read.

The work of constructing Well Test Drilling - DWSRF PROJ-ECT NO. FS010260-01 will be let under one Contract. The principal items of work are detailed herein below

Principal Work: 1. Drill Two (2) Test Wells 2. Seventy (70) Hour Pump Test

for Each Well Plans. Specifications and Contract Documents are open to public inspection at the office of Owner, Water Works Gas Board of the City of Cordova, 20 Mill Street, Cordova, AL 35550 or may be obtained from the office of the Engineers, Utility Engineering Consultants, LLC, 130 Southcrest Drive, Suite 100, Homewood, AL 35209 upon deposit of \$50.00 per set, the actual cost of printing, reproducing, handling and distribution for each set of documents. No refunds will be made except to Prime Contractor Bidders, which shall be refunded for one bid

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid, and to accept any bid considered advantageous to the Owner.

The successful bidder must furnish a Performance Bond for one hundred (100%) percent of the bid amount and a Payment Bond for one hundred (100%) percent of the bid amount, and must secure his bond from a bonding company's representative or agent in the State of Al-

The Contractor shall obtain and pay for all licenses and permits required by the State, County, and City authorities having jurisdiction over the various phases of the Work.

The Contractor is hereby advised that TIME IS OF THE ES-SENCE on this project and that the contract time of 90 consecutive calendar days and noted restrictions shall be strictly observed. LIQUIDATED DAM-AGES WILL BE ASSESSED IF THE CONTRACT TIME IS EX-CEEDED. The Contractor may apply for an extension of time in accordance with the provisions of the contract; however, such an extension must be approved prior to the contract completion date to avoid the imposition of liquidated damages.

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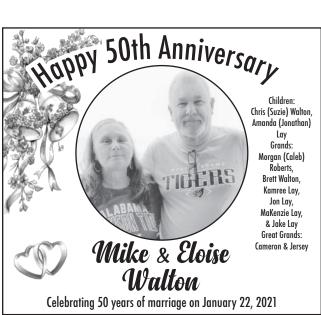
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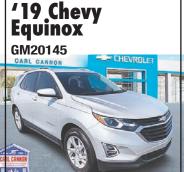


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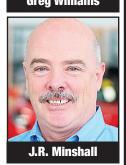


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