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TRICKY WORK: Chambley's owner George Chambley Jr. works on a compound bow.

Chambley's has changed a lot over the years

BY STEVEN THOMAS
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VALLEY — Things change as time goes on and this concept is exemplified at Chambley's in Valley.

Opened in 1983 by George Chambley Sr., this outdoor store started out selling fireworks.

"We sold fireworks until about 12 to 15 years," said George Chambley Jr., the current owner. "We stopped

when the big stores opened up."

Taking over the business sometime between 1987-88, Chambley has seen the store expand from fireworks to fishing bait and novelty items to a full-fledged outdoor emporium.

Currently the big seller is archery equipment and services. Chambley recalled getting into the archery business

SEE CHAMBLEY 2

Lanett BOE hears report on cyber security

BY WAYNE CLARK
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LANETT — On Thursday afternoon, the Lanett City Board of Education heard a report on cyber security in the classroom and how the system is trying to stay ahead of the game and to prevent students from falling victim to online predators.

Technology Director Katrina Goss had a power point presentation on the threats presented by phishing and what can be done about it.

People have to be extra careful these days with both computers and smart phones. "Don't open unwanted emails. You can be hacked that way," she said.

On the national level, the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000 protects children from would-be offenders.

"Work stations are monitored in the schools," Goss said. "We have an acceptable use policy when it comes to the internet. The internet opens all kinds new worlds, but kids need to be web wise and

SEE LANETT 2

This place Chambers County: Its earliest trails and roads

BY WAYNE CLARK
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VALLEY — The spring general membership meeting of the Chattahoochee Valley Historical Society will take place at 3 p.m. EDT Sunday, April 15th in the Lanier Room of H. Grady Bradshaw-Chambers County Library. The general public is invited to witness an outstanding presentation on the history of Chambers County.

Dr. Horace McLean "Mac" Holderfield will have a power point program presenting rarely seen historical maps and other visuals portraying the physical history of the area that became Chambers County in the 1830s. Some of the maps he will be

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A REALLY CLOSE UP INSPECTION: Cobb Memorial Archives in Valley received a visit from photo conservator Monique Fischer on Thursday. Above, archivist Robin Brown shows her the six Margaret Bourke-White photo murals it has. They were taken in the local mills in the late 1930s by the famed photojournalist. Fischer has done some extensive research on Bourke-White at Syracuse University, which has an extensive Bourke-White collection. During her Thursday visit, Fischer conducted a workshop, offering advice on the care and preservation of photographs.

Historic photos getting examined

Photo conservator looks over Margaret Bourke-White works

BY WAYNE CLARK
TIMES-NEWS

VALLEY — On Thursday, Monique Fischer had the chance to see some large photo murals she had read about while doing research on the works of Margaret Bourke-White at Syracuse University.

Cobb Memorial Archives has six such murals. They are four-and-a-half-foot wide and eight feet tall. They are huge enlargements of photographs taken by Bourke-White on a tour of Chattahoochee Valley textile plants in 1937.

A Massachusetts resident, Fischer is a photo conservator whose visit to Bradshaw-Chambers County Library was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"It's quite a piece of history the archives has here," she said.

For the most part, the photo murals are in pretty good shape, given that they are more than 80 years old and for many years weren't kept in the best of conditions. Some of them bear some damage.

Fischer said that it might not be a bad idea to digitize the originals to make some reproductions for display.

"The originals need to be put away for safe keeping," she said.

For many years, the photo murals were attached to the walls of the West Point Manufacturing Company Testing Lab near Shawmut Mill.

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safe,”
Media specialists are trained to be skilled in Internet safety.
Teachers are kept up to date no how they need to be careful when using the Internet.
The board presented Lanett High head football coach Clifford Story a plaque in recognition for his Panthers being the 2017 Class 2A state champions.

“He not only can coach football, he also does a great job of keeping a bus fleet in good shape,” Superintendent Phillip Johnson said, referencing a letter the school system recently received from Chad Carpenter, transportation administrator with the State Department of Education.

Lanett had 12 school buses to go through a routine inspection.
“No buses were found to have any major deficiencies,” Carpenter wrote. “We want to thank you and your maintenance staff for their continued efforts to provide safe buses for the students in Lanett City Schools.”
In addition to being the head football coach, Story is also the system’s athletic director and transportation director.

In his report to the board, Johnson said that he anticipated having to hire to more elementary teachers next year based on growth at W.O. Lance Elementary School.
“As of today, there are 605 students in pre-k through the sixth grade,” Johnson said.

On March 31, the system had an ending balance of a little over \$1.4 million. Total revenues have increased from this time last year by close to \$55,000.

Johnson said he was pleased for a ring ceremony to have taken place at Lanett High on Thursday. Members of the varsity football team got rings as a reward for having won the 2017 2A state title. It was the school’s first state title in football since 1963 and the fourth one overall.

Since 2010, Lanett High has won three state titles in boys basketball, two in track and one in football.



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AWARD FROM THE BOARD: While Lanett High football players were getting state championship rings on Thursday, head coach Clifford Story (at center) received a plaque for the Lanett City Board of Education. On the left are Superintendent Johnson and Board Members Gail Holley and Gwen Harris-Brooks; at right are Board Members David Gagnon, Tony Edmondson and Katie Walton.

Johnson reported that some Lanett High students recently visited Auburn University, Clark-Atlanta University and AUM.

“This is the season for college shopping, and we are providing as many opportunities as we can for students to tour post-secondary schools,” he said.

Educators who will be retiring at the end of the current school year will be honored at the May board meeting. This year’s Lanett High Prom will be taking place at West Point Depot on Saturday, April 21. This year’s baccalaureate service will take place on May 20 and graduation on May 25.

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During her visit, Fischer conducted a workshop, offering advice on how to care for and preserve photographs.

Bourke-White’s visit to the Valley was arranged by Carlton Richmond of the Wellington Sears Company in Boston. She took photos in Lanett, Shawmut, Langdale and Fairfax mills. Carl Gaither of the WPMC Research Department was her guide. He showed her all the local mills before she decided which scenes to shoot.

To get the right angle, she would climb tall ladders where she could look down on men who were at work on such machines as looms, slashers, slubbers and a jacquard loom making Martex towels.

Bourke-White took photographs over a two-day peri-

od, Gaither offered a helping hand with the lighting. She chose six images for reproduction in the huge murals.

Several weeks after she’d left, a messenger from New York came to the Valley to deliver the pictures.

At the time, they were only around two feet by three feet, but with some rubbing and stretching done by the messenger, they were extended to their full size of four-and-a-half by eight and with breathtaking detail.

Bourke-White (1904-1971) is best known as the first foreign photographer to take pictures of the Soviet five-year plan. She was also allowed to photograph Joseph Stalin. She was the first female war photojournalist, taking pictures of Russian’s defense against the Nazi invasion 1941.

Her photo of the Fort Peck Dam appeared on the front cover of *Life* magazine on Nov. 23, 1936.

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showing are from the University of Alabama collection. They show Indian trails, Indian names for creeks and villages and the first settler roads. He will also present images showing the rural locations of homes and buildings that appear on the first aerial photographs of the county taken by the federal government by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the 1930s.

“The content of Dr. Mac’s presentation may be helpful for anyone studying rural family history and wanting to develop a sense of house location for family ancestors and neighbors,” said Malinda Powers, CVHS president.

Holderfield said that he was born into farm families composed of many elderly relatives who were the last non-mechanized farmers in Chambers County and nearby Heard County, Ga. “They treasured their farm land,” he said. “They all but worshiped it. Their fields had names as simple as the Gray Field, where Indians had lived, and disturbing names such as the Devil’s Half Acre,” he said. “Stories were told about the animals, branches and creeks and about the trees and the woods. No one ever boasted about how much wealth they had accumulated by the end of the year. They did have pride in how well they’d built and maintained. They had grown plants and animals appropriate to the land of the era while struggling to survive the vagaries of decades of eco-

mic change, weather and bugs.”

Holderfield adds that his ancestors did not perceive the land, nor their labor, as commodities. “They possessed many self sufficiency skills which contributed to their sense of self-worth and independence,” he said. “I absorbed my ancestors’ attachment to the earth at my birthplace on Stroud Creek in Chambers County. I was motivated to understand the land’s physical elements as well as the societies of the people who lived there.”

In the pre-electronic past, rural farm families spent much time sharing stories across generations inhabiting a household. Among Holderfield’s families, an oral tradition of storytelling about the olden times was maintained. His curiosity about his families’ historical experiences stimulated an interest in local history from childhood and led to him earning two degrees in history from Auburn University and having a year as a Fulbright Fellow studying medieval history in Germany. He then taught history for six years before seeking to further his education. As a Kellogg Fellow, Holderfield earned a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Florida State University.

He retired following 25 years of employment with the South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, 18 years of which he’d served as the associate executive director of instruction. He and wife Linda then returned to the family farm along Stroud Creek in 1998.

FINAL NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission has recommended to the City Council of Valley, Alabama that the existing zoning ordinance be amended to classify property designated as Valley Industrial Park, located at Valley Industrial Boulevard, Valley, Alabama to M-2.

As required by Section 11-52-77, Code of Alabama, 1975, the proposed change is to be considered for adoption by the City Council on April 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. eastern time at the City Hall Complex at 20 Fob James Drive, Valley, Alabama.

A copy of the existing zoning map is on file in the office of the Clerk of the City of Valley, Alabama, 20 Fob James Drive, Valley, Alabama, this map being available for inspection during normal operating hours of the Valley City Hall Complex.

Any persons wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of the proposed ordinance may appear at the above time and place.

Kathy Snowden
City Clerk/Treasurer
City of Valley, Alabama

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back in 1987.

“We sell a lot of archery equipment,” he said. “We also work on bows. We do a lot of that.”

Chambley noted there is a novelty to his store. If one were to drive past it, they would usually assume it to be nothing more than an old gas station.

“Not a day goes by that someone doesn’t walk and be surprised by the merchandise we carry,” he said. “The clothing options are the biggest surprise.”

Visitors to the store can pick up a variety of items, including fishing supplies, hunting gear, propane, kerosene, clothing and boots, alongside normal convenience store wares.

When it comes to adding items to sell, Chambley has certain criteria in mind.

“I like to get something that people can’t get in a big box store,” he said. “More niche items. It gives us an edge. Archery was kind of like that.”

Currently Chambley has four people working for him: a full-time employee and three part-timers.

He also receives help from his wife, Susie, and son, George Chambley III.

He also has two daughters, Abby and Hannah. Both are expected to graduation from the Auburn University this year.

“George helps out every now and then,” Chambley said. “We try to focus on the fact we are a family owned business and that we give back to the community.”

Anyone interested can visit Chambley’s at 3750 20th Avenue, Valley. They can also call at 334-768-2662. They are open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. EDT.

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LANETT REPORTS

LANETT — Seven people were arrested in Lanett on Wednesday. According to Lanett Police Department reports, ▶ Raigahn Twana Lashae Stiggers, 21, of Lanett has been charged with possession of a forged instrument, third degree, and theft of property, third degree; ▶ TyMichael Antonio Mitchell, 27, of Lanett has been charged with failure to pay; ▶ Christopher Stephen Abney, 47, of Lanett has been charged with a probation violation; ▶ Jonathan Desmond Vinley Tomlin, 39, of Five Points, Ala. has been charged with a probation violation. ▶ Mandie C. Smith, 42, of Lanett has been charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia;

▶ Brandon Jarrod Cobb, 29, of Auburn, Ala. has been charged with two counts of failure to appear in court to answer traffic charges, and ▶ Ashleigh Robin McCoy, 38, of Gardendale, Ala. has been charged with theft of property, fourth degree. In incidents being investigated by Lanett officers, harassment and disorderly conduct were reported on the 1300 block of South 8th Avenue; criminal trespassing, third degree, was reported on the 1600 block of 23rd Avenue SW; criminal trespassing, third degree, was reported on the 5000 block of 38th Street SW; theft of property, fourth degree, was reported on the 1400 block of South Gilmer Avenue and domestic violence, third degree, was reported on the 1900 block of 23rd Avenue SW.

VALLEY REPORTS

VALLEY — Three people were arrested in Valley on Wednesday. According to Valley Police Department reports, ▶ Zaquarria Yarbrough, 25, of Lanett has been charged with theft of property, fourth degree; ▶ Brianna N. Poole, 22, of Lanett has been charged with theft of property, fourth degree, and ▶ Regina Moore, 39, of Valley has been charged with allowing dogs to run at large. In incidents being investigated by Valley police officers, theft of property, third degree, and the fraudulent use of a debit card was reported on the 100 block of Kelly Lane; harassing communications was reported on the 2800 block of 20th Avenue; theft of property, fourth degree, was reported on the 2600 block of 18th Place; theft

of property, fourth degree, was reported on the 3500 block of 20th Avenue; criminal mischief, third degree, was reported on 1200 block of 20th Avenue; criminal mischief, third degree, was reported on the 1200 block of 30th Street, and harassment was reported on the 200 block of 61st Street.

drug paraphernalia, and ▶ Bobbie Jo Finley, 49, of Lanett has been charged with the unlawful distribution of a controlled substance. There were 157 inmates in the Chambers County jail on Thursday morning.

person was arrested in West Point on Wednesday. According to West Point Police Department reports,

▶ Kevin Bell of LaGrange, Ga. has been charged with a probation violation.

In incidents being investigated by West Point police officers, a hit and run was reported on West 10th Street.

WEST POINT REPORTS

WEST POINT — One

SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTS

LaFAYETTE — Three people were arrested in Chambers County on Wednesday. According to Chambers County Sheriff's Office reports,

▶ Montavious Demetrel Dawson, 19, of Opelika has been charged with carrying a pistol without a permit;

▶ Robert Shaw, 48, of Atlanta has been charged with FTA — possession of a controlled substance and FTA — possession of

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Church, Salem, AL invites and welcomes all churches to the Pastor's Anniversary, April 15, at 2:30 PM EST.. Special Guest: Rev. Edward Lane and The Rising Star Baptist Church. Theme: "A Vessel for the Lord"- Acts 9:15. Pastor Rev. Harrison Ford (762)-822-2197.



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HAVE A good week.

WE PAUSED to extend condolences to the bereaved families. Our hearts were broken to hear of the passing of Mr. Elbert Coker, a beloved native of River View. The community will miss Mr. Coker, we are praying for the families' strength.

PRAY FOR the sick and shut ins. May all of you have speedy recoveries.

PLEASANT GROVE Baptist Church and Rev. George McCulloh will be guest at St. Stephens CME Church for Missionary Day, Sunday, April 22, at 3:00 PM.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to: Angela Hollis, Tate, McCulloh, April 13; Kent Frazier, April 14; Lisa Baker, Charles Davis, Tillburn Coker, Thomas Williams, Charterion Lane, Lashae Smith, April 15; Derrick Henderson, Chip Ray, Saban Chambers, April 16; Jean Calloway, Shawanna Cooper, April 17; Betty Jo Hamil, Don Dowell, April 18; Silvia Scaife, Demarius Booker,

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- The Valley Times-News and its employees strive for the following:
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 - ▶ To edit and publish with integrity and with the best interests of our community in mind
 - ▶ To take an active leadership role in our community
 - ▶ To do what we say we will do
 - ▶ To bend over backwards to meet the needs of our advertisers
 - ▶ To operate at a profit level that allows us to fairly compensate our employees, reinvest in our organization and stand independent from outside influences
 - ▶ And, above all, to treat our readers, advertisers and employees as we would like to be treated ourselves.

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Articles generally should be 500 words or less, though we will consider longer pieces in special circumstances.

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Any questions about articles or photo submissions should be directed to news@valleytimes-news.com, or by calling (334) 644-1101 and ask for the newsroom.

OUR HISTORY

A history of serving our communities

The Valley Times-News started publication as a daily newspaper March 2, 1950 as the result of combining three weekly newspapers, The Chattahoochee Valley Times, The Valley Tribune and The West Point News.

Come out and visit the Expo

Event is a great way of learning about local businesses

This Friday, the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce will present the 2nd annual Business Expo & Luncheon at the Valley Community Center.

According to Chamber Executive Director Ashley Crane, the event will feature 35 businesses looking to show off what they have to offer.

Everyone that can should stop by and take a look around.

If you are a current or prospective entrepreneur, stop by and see if any local

businesses might have something to offer you.

All should stop by and take a look at all the businesses available in the area. There might be something you didn't know was here.

If you've been here for some time, this is a good excuse to get to know some of the newer businesses better. If you are new, then it's the perfect way to learn.

No matter who you are, there should be something for you to see. And really, that's the whole point.

As citizens of the Valley area, we should all be aware of what is in our backyard.

The Greater Valley Area has been slowly getting more active over the past few years and that trend looks to continue and even speed up as the years go on.

So, let's go out tomorrow and spend some time learning about local businesses.

Anyone interested in visiting the Expo can do so at the Valley Community Center on Friday, April 13 from 10:30 a.m. EDT until noon.

There is no cost to attend.



PLEASE FIX: There's a rough spot on River Road across from Fairfax Depot. The curb was torn up as well, but that has been repaired. Some asphalt needs to go in to make for a smoother ride. That should be done in a few weeks when River Road is resurfaced from Trammell Block to the intersection with Columbus Road. Paving will proceed across the intersection and along California Road, toward School Street.

How we can make our schools safer

Education is the most important service our government provides, and one of the top issues impacting education is school safety.

Unfortunately, it seems like every conversation about school safety always turns into a debate about guns, and nothing ever gets done.

But there are a lot of things we can – and should – be doing to make our schools safer without even getting into the gun issue. In fact, mass shootings are only one threat to our schools. Kidnappings, sexual assaults, fights and bomb threats are also concerns, and none of those have anything to do with guns.

First, there should be a trained resource officer or law enforcement officer in every school.

Yes, this would cost money that some school systems might not have, which means the state would have to help pay the bill.

Plus, resource officers can't be everywhere at once. And as we saw with the school shooting in Florida, just because a resource officer is there doesn't always mean that officer will do what they are supposed to do.

But having a resource officer in a school could make the difference in a mass-shooting situation. And having an officer on each campus could be a deterrent to potential kidnappers, sexual predators and students who might get into a fight.

Aside from resource officers, there are other common sense measures we can take to keep our schools safe. And we can start by applying the lessons we learned from the shooting that took place at Huffman High School in Birmingham last month.

In that case, according to

Superintendent Lisa Herring, the school had 43 entry points, and those entry points were not appropriately monitored. Also, their metal detectors were not working.

First, there should only be one or two places where someone can enter a school. There can be multiple exits for emergencies, but those exits need to be one-way doors so that people can go out but not come in.

Second, no person who isn't a faculty member should ever be able to walk into a school without having to check-in at the main office. And I would consider supporting legislation that would make it a crime to enter a school without registering with the main office except in emergency situations.

Third, every school entrance and exit point ought to be monitored with video surveillance cameras, and all entrance points ought to have functioning metal detectors. At the very least, our state government needs to look into funding a grant program that would help local schools be able to afford these kinds of metal detectors and surveillance systems.

Along these lines, the state should consider using technology funds to help put computerized visitor management systems in our schools. Front office staff can use these systems to check visitors against a national sex offender database by scanning their driver's license or other government issued identification. These systems also allow staff to flag visitors and cross check their system with larger databases at the state and federal levels.

Schools should also have perimeter fences to deter trespassers and limit an intruder's access to school

grounds.

Fourth, all school entrance points should have a double entry door system where the second door is locked and can only be unlocked from within the main office. This way, even if a person comes in with a gun they cannot get past the second door unless the front office staff lets them in. And there should be at least one panic button in the front office.

Because of the cost of some of these security measures, I wouldn't want to make them a mandate on existing schools. But I do believe we need legislation mandating that all future school construction take these guidelines into consideration when designing the layout of a new school. And we need to look at using state funding to match local investments in these kinds of security measures for existing schools.

Other things we can be doing to help school safety and public safety would be to better fund mental health care and do a better job of enforcing the gun laws we already have (too many shooters, including the shooter in Florida, were known to be threats but the system failed to stop them).

There are a lot of things we can be doing to make our schools safer, and doing these things can not only help stop a potential shooter but also prevent other threats such as kidnappings and sexual assaults. School safety is not just a gun issue, and continuing to do nothing is not an acceptable option.

Craig Ford represents Gadsden and Etowah County in the Alabama House of Representatives. He is currently running for the State Senate in District 10 as an Independent.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

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According to The Daily News in Galveston, Texas, a sister publication of the Times-Journal, more than 60 organizations with stakes in the future availability and price of paper have formed a coalition to fight back against these unnecessary and harmful impediments to free trade.

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BRIEFLY TOLD

Briefly Told items may be emailed to news@valleytimes-news.com.

▶ Do you have an item in good condition that you would like to donate to the **Hike/Bike/Run Auction** for Valley Haven School? Your donation is tax deductible, and you will be helping the area's babies, toddlers and adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. For more information, please call (334) 756-2868 or (334) 756-7801. The auction will be taking place at Valley Community Center on Friday, April 27th.

▶ The 21st annual **LaFayette Day** for Valley Haven School will be taking place in downtown LaFayette from 8 a.m. till 3 p.m. CDT (9-4 Eastern time) on Saturday, April 14th. There will be live entertainment all day, a volunteer firefighter's competition, a car show, motorcycle ride, activities for kids, craft booths, lots of food and fun for everyone.

▶ An **electronics clean up** is scheduled for Friday, April 13th and Saturday, April 14th at the Valley Farmers' Market pavilion. Unwanted electronic items such as old computers and TVs will be accepted each day from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. EDT. There is no cost to do this;

▶ **GriefShare**, a special help seminar and small group support for people experiencing grief and loss, will be held on Sunday evenings at The Bridge Church beginning March 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. CDT for 13 weeks excluding Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day.

▶ Beginning April 6, Bradshaw Library will offer a 4-week course, "**Lifting the Veil: Tuskegee's Important Role in History**" with Dana Chandler, Director of Archives at Tuskegee University. Lectures include: Booker T. Washington, Extension in Tuskegee, Clinton J. Callo-way and the Development of the Rosendwald Schools and G. L. Washington and the Founding of the Tuskegee Airmen. Call (334) 768-2161 to register.

▶ The Chambers County Commission's **Human Resources Committee** will meet at 1:30 p.m. CDT on Monday, April 16, 2018 in the Commission Office in the Courthouse in downtown LaFayette. The Planning & Development Committee will meet at 2 p.m. on the same day.

▶ The **Fabulous Fabs** will meet at 5:30 p.m. EDT on Friday, April 13th at Sunny's Restaurant in Valley. This is for men and women who worked at Fairfax Mill, Martex Towel Department or Fairfax Fabrication. For more information, call (334) 644-2837.

▶ A **fish fry and bake sale** will be held in Standing Rock, Ala. from noon till 7 p.m. EDT on Saturday, April 21. Plates will be \$10 each and will include catfish filets, cole slaw, hushpuppies, and French fries. For tickets, call (706) 586-0252. Proceeds will go to the Standing Rock Community Building Project. Drive-through pick-ups will be available at the Dodgen home, located on a hill off County Road 278 on the east side of Standing Rock.

▶ The **Rehobeth High School Class of 1970** will meet at Fairfax Kindergarten at 4 p.m. EDT on Saturday, May 19, 2018. All class members are invited to attend. For more information and to confirm you will attend, email to: elsie,huguley@gmail.com or ecoleman@charter.net.

▶ Bradshaw Library will host a **Lunch N Learn program**, "The Great Depression in Alabama Photographs," with Frances Robb, a Road Scholars speaker with the Alabama Humanities Foundation on April 24 at 12 noon. Call (334) 768-2161 by April 23 to make your FREE lunch reservation.

OBITUARIES

For information and policies on publishing obituaries, email news@valleytimes-news.com.

MR. HENRY ALVIES 1939-2018

DADEVILLE, Ala. — Mr. Henry Alvies, 78 of Dadeville, Ala. passed away on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at his residence.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018, 2 p.m. CDT at Sardis Missionary Baptist Church in Dadeville, Rev. William Perry, pastor, and Rev. G.H. Pulliam, eulogist, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Lockhart Cemetery in Dadeville.

Mr. Alvies is survived by his wife, Eva Mae Alvies; his five loving children, Freddie Bailey, Rodney (Tracie) Alvies, LuCrestia Lewis, Susie Alvies and Carolyn Alvies; one sister, Mary Cole of Bronx N.Y.; eleven grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

To sign the online guest book and express condolences please visit www.silmonseroyerfh.com.

Silmon-Seroyer Funeral Home in LaFayette, Ala., is handling the arrangements.

MRS. ANNIE LUCILLE BOWSER

LANETT — Mrs. Annie Lucille Bowser, a resident of Lanett, Ala., died Friday, April 8, 2018 at the East Alabama Medical Center, Opelika, Ala. Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 1 p.m.

EDT from St. John Baptist Church, 820 Cherry Drive, Lanett, with Pastor Charles E. Trammell, Sr. as eulogist and overseer and Gary Fanning, officiant. Interment will follow in Concord Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Salem, Ala. Davis Memorial Mortuary of Valley is directing.

Public viewing is scheduled for Friday, April 13, 2018 from 1 p.m. till 2 p.m. at Davis Memorial Mortuary Chapel.

Mrs. Bowser was born in Hamilton, Ga. to the late Everunice Brooks and Willie Ned Copeland. She was affectionately called "Pearlie" by her family and close friends. Her memories will forever be engraved in the hearts of her loved ones: her soulmate, Willie James Reed, Lanett, two caring sons, Malcolm (Paris) Copeland, LaGrange, Ga. and Chaka Bowser, Columbus, Ga.; six loving daughters, Zillery (Stanley) Dunn and Alexandria (Eric, Sr.) Darden, Lanett, Tammi (Ernest) Caldwell, Konika (Joshua) Carter and Kandricka Walker, all of Valley, Ala. and Tamara (Randall) Brock, Phenix City, Ala.; four daughters by heart, Denise Hornbuckle, Regina (Lamar) Crowell, Sheila Harvey and Vonetta (Toussant) Jackson, Atlanta, Ga.; a dear mother in love, Juanita Hicks, Lanett; five sisters, Shenita (Michael) Brooks, Phenix City, Bertha Hodge, Cusseta, Ala., Geraldine (Carl) Lee, Lanett; Paula (Donald) Little, Talladega, Ala. and Elnora (Kenneth) Copeland, Valley; four brothers, Willie (Charlene) Coleman, Columbus,



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Ga., Sidney (Latosha) Brooks, Phenix City, Willie (Mary) Hicks, Sr. and Paul (Tasha) Hicks, both of Lanett; 23 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren. one great-aunt, Mildred Moore, Valley; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Online condolences can be expressed at www.davismemorialmortuary.com.

MS. MARIE "SUSIE" BUCKNER 1956-2018

WEST POINT — Ms. Marie D. "Susie" Buckner, 61, of West Point, Ga. passed away on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at EAMC-Lanier Hospital in Valley, Ala. Ms. Buckner was born on November 6, 1956 in Troup County, Ga.

"Susie", as she was known to many, received her education in the West Point City School System. She was a member of the 1975 graduating class of West Point High.

She was a member of the Keeney Memorial United Methodist Church, where she served as an usher. Susie was a very loving and caring person. She was the glue that held her family together.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents, Leon and Annie Carol Buckner; a sister, Debra Buckner; maternal grandparents, Cal and A.C. Smith; paternal grandparents, Otis and Sarah Buckner; aunts, Sarah Mae Frazier, Lucile Milton, Lorene Buckner; uncles, Billie Joe Buckner, Edward Buckner, and Dan Buckner.

Marie leaves to cherish her memories: a son, Tabias (Samantha Finley) Buckner; a daughter, Renata (Douglas) Dowdell; three beautiful grandkids, Serenity Buckner, Tayln Buckner, and Alannah Buckner, all of West Point; siblings, Patricia Williams, Leon Buckner, Sarah Johnson, Brenda Buckner, Wanda Buckner, Keith Buckner, Melissa Buckner all of West Point; David (Maurice) Buckner, Valley, Ala. and Kenneth (LaTonya) Buckner, Newnan, Ga.; aunts Delores Smith and Bernice Smith, Bronx, N.Y., Geraldine Buckner, Camp Hill, Ala. and Diane Buckner, Alexander City, Ala.; uncles, Kelvin Smith, Harlem, N.Y., Willie C. Buckner, Saginaw, Mich. and Lewis Buckner, Grand Rapids, Mich.; a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and friends; a very dear and special friend, William "Bubba" Cumberlander.

A celebration of the life of Ms. Buckner will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 2 p.m. EDT at the Keeney Memorial United Methodist Church with Rev. Brenda Rhodes, pastor, Rev. Ralph Thompson, eulogist, Elder Caterrius Tucker, Evg. Stephanie Davenport, and Ms. Michele Winston, officiating.

The remains will lie in state at the church on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 1 p.m. EDT until the funeral hour.

To sign the guest register and to express online condolences, please visit our website at www.mwleemortuary.com

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to M. W. Lee Mortuary of

West Point, GA.

MR. JOHNNY H. FLANAGIN 1939-2018

CUSSETA, Ala. — Mr. Johnny H. Flanagin, 78 of Cusseta, Ala. passed away on Friday, April 6, 2018 at the East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, Ala.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. EDT on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Atchley's Seymour Chapel, 122 Peacock Court, Seymour, Tenn. with the Rev. Conny Kelly officiating. Interment will follow at Highland South Memorial Park, Knoxville, Tenn.

The family will receive friends from noon until 1 p.m. prior to the service.

Mr. Flanagin is survived by his wife, Joyce Flanagin; children: Deniece Harris, Greg Flanagin and Alecia Flanagin; grandchildren, Johnathan Harris, Ashley Flanagin, Matthew Flanagin, Christian Smallen, and Stacy Flanagin-Parker; and seven great-grandchildren.

To sign the online guest book and express condolences please visit www.silmonseroyerfh.com.

Silmon-Seroyer Funeral Home in LaFayette, Ala. is handling the arrangements.

MRS. JEAN HOWELL 1942-2018

VALLEY — Mrs. Jean Howell, 75, of Valley, Ala. passed away on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at the East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, Ala. She was born on May 3, 1942 in Clay County, Ala.

Mrs. Howell is survived by her six children, James (Elizabeth Cartee) Hanner, Lloyd (Nina) Hanner, Sandra (Gary) Mitchell, Jerry (Dianne) Hanner, Christy (Don) Williams, and Eric Hanner; her three siblings, Clifford (Eulamae) Heath, Bill (Glenda) Heath, and Hilton Heath; ten grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a grandson, and four siblings.

Mrs. Howell loved her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was a member of Three Pines Baptist Church in Lanett, Ala. where she was the church pianist for many years. She enjoyed watching her hummingbirds, visiting with friends and family, and playing the piano.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 11 a.m. EDT at the Johnson Brown-Service Funeral Home Chapel in Valley with the Rev. Ron Williams officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday evening from 6 until 8 p.m. EDT at the Johnson Brown-Service Funeral Home in Valley.

Please visit our website at www.johnsonbrownservicefh.com to leave a condolence for the family, to share a memory of Mrs. Howell, or to light a Remembrance Candle in her memory.

Johnson Brown-Service Funeral Home of Valley is directing.

NEWS BRIEFS

Associated Press reports from Alabama, Georgia and other points of interest.

Russia says Syrian government now in control of rebel town

BEIRUT (AP) — The Russian military announced on Thursday that the Syrian government is now in full control of the last rebel-held town on the outskirts of Damascus that was the site of a suspected chemical attack over the weekend.

The development would mark a major victory for the Syrian President Bashar Assad as the United States and allies consider punitive military attacks against Syria following the suspected chemical attack that killed 40 people.

However, there was no official announcement by Damascus, and no indication that Syrian government forces had entered the town of Douma on

Thursday. One government flag was raised in the town, a war monitoring group said.

Syrian TV stations showed civilians in vehicles carrying the Syrian flag crossing from Damascus into Douma.

Douma and the enclave of eastern Ghouta, just east of Damascus, was a significant rebel stronghold during Syria's civil war, now in its eighth year. Its effective surrender to government forces comes after years of siege by Assad's troops and a months-long, intense military offensive.

\$30,000 rumor? Tabloid paid for, spiked, salacious Trump tip

NEW YORK (AP) — Eight months

before the company that owns the National Enquirer paid \$150,000 to a former Playboy Playmate who claimed she'd had an affair with Donald Trump, the tabloid's parent made a \$30,000 payment to a less famous individual: a former doorman at one of the real estate mogul's New York City buildings.

As it did with the ex-Playmate, the Enquirer signed the ex-doorman to a contract that effectively prevented him from going public with a juicy tale that might hurt Trump's campaign for president.

The payout to the former Playmate, Karen McDougal, stayed a secret until the Wall Street Journal published a story about it days before Election Day.

Email your church news, photos and service times to: news@valleytimes-news.com. They will only be accepted in email form.

OUR RISEN LORD: To celebrate the day of Our Risen Lord, "Friends and Family" gathered at the home of Pete and Joyce Milner. The day was spent rehashing old memories while making new ones. After enjoying a wonderful buffet meal, every one joined the young ones, (along with visiting family dogs), in the annual egg hunt. Those joining Mr. & Mrs. Milner in this celebration were; Julie & Alan Fowlkes of Lumberton N.C., Anna Fowlkes & Alec Marcheterre of Orlando, Fla., Tina Coppock of Melbourn Beach, Fla., Christi Brock & John Martins of Gray Court, S.C., Becca, Noah, Casey & Lisa Hines of Duluth, Ga., Bernard & America Maldonado of Deland, Fla., Roy and Toni Hines, Mona & James Waldrep, Ana & Robert Williams, and Wilma Thompson all of Valley Al.



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WORSHIP DAY: LTM had another successful worship day with Apostle Hamlet Barnes, Jr. and the Mustard Seed Faith Center, April 8th 2018 also featured is little baby Lambert Perry with Minister Tibbs her future music student. LTM would also like to thank the Friendship Male Chorus and Pastor Jones. Minister Linda Tibbs.



CHURCH BRIEFS

PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

The Pastoral 25th Anniversary of Rev. Jackie D. and First Lady Banks will be held Sunday, April 22, at 2:30 p.m. EDT, from New Zion Baptist Church, 1516 44th Ave. SW. You are all invited to come help celebrate.

SPRING REVIVAL

A Spring Revival will be held at Sweet Hope CME Church, 5123 County Road 389, Cusseta, Rev. Jimmy Carlisle, Pastor, on April 16-18 at 6:30 p.m. CDT and 7:30 p.m. EDT nightly. Guest evangelist: presiding elder Rev. James Q. Smith.

GOSPEL SINGING

Osanippa Baptist Church, 1420 County Road 299, Lanett, will hold a Gospel Singing on Saturday, April 28 at 6 p.m. EDT. Featured group will be Reunion. Everybody is welcome.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The Pilgrim Baptist Church will host a Christian Education Conference on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guest speakers include Rev. Justin Freeman of New Canaan Baptist Church, Campbell, AL and Rev. O. D. Culliver of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Selma, AL.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Everyone is invited to come out to New Zion Baptist Church on Sunday, April 22, 2018 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Rev. Jackie D. Banks being the pastor at the church. The church is located at 1516 44th Avenue in Lanett. The morning service will start at 11 a.m. EDT. The guest pastor will be Rev. Willie J. Morgan Jr. of the First Baptist Church in Elmore, Ala. The anniversary hour service will begin at 2:30 p.m. EDT. The Rev. Timothy L. Maddox Sr. of the Mountain Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Hamilton, Ga. will be the guest pastor. The theme of the day is taken from II Timothy 4:2: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine."

TEA & FASHION SHOW

2nd Annual Tea & Fashion show to be held Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 2 p.m. To be held in the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$20.00. Tea and Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Come out and support MCBC Missionary Society.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study every Wednesday at noon at Community Chapel Church of God 708 South 8th Ave. Lanett. Rev. Janice M. Clark, Bible Teacher. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come share in the fellowship and partake of the Spiritual food. Come and hear what the Living Word has to say to us.

SPRING REVIVAL

Community Missionary Baptist Church 1300 Whitesmill Road Valley, AL Rev. David L. Core Pastor. Spring Revival April 18 -20 (Wed.-Fri.) 7 P.M., E.S.T. Guest Pastor and Church Rev. Edward Lane and The Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, Opelika, AL. Theme: "He sent out his word and healed them" Psalm 107:19-20

REVIVAL

Reed's Chapel Baptist will hold a Revival on April 19-22, 7 p.m. each night at 11 p.m. Sunday Morning, Dan Robinson will be preaching and New Desire will sing each night.

YOUTH DAY

Celebrating Youth Day will be held Sunday April 22, at 3 p.m. EDT at Hall Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 208 Huguley Road Valley, Alabama 36854, Rev. William Drummond, Pastor.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Ebenezer Baptist Church, 1006 N 10th Ave. will hold its 120th Church Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, April 15 during the 11 a.m. Worship Service. The Anniversary Sermon will be delivered by Rev. Michael Benton, Pastor-Emeritus, Fairfield Baptist Church, Lithonia, Ga. Dr. Jesse J. Walker, II, is Senior Pastor. Everyone is welcome.

MEN'S DAY

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, County Road 267, Lanett, Rev. Shandor Calloway, Pastor, observes its annual Men's Day on Sunday, April 15, at 2:30 p.m. EDT. Guest minister and church: Rev. Darrell Jordan of Macedonia Baptist Church, LaFayette. Guest choir: Macedonia Choir.

CONCERT

The award winning Southern Gospel trio The Yarbroughs GGCBA Group of the year 2016 and 2017 will be in concert Saturday, April 28, at 5 p.m. CDT, at Rogers Gospel Barn 2131 Bud Cummings Road, Roanoke, Ala. Also appearing will be David Gresham Entertainer of the Year at GGCBA and NACMAI. No admission charge. Love offering received for info call 678-925-0903.

GOSPEL SINGING EXPLOSION

Sweet Hope CME Church, 5123 County Road 389, Cusseta, Ala., presents Gospel Singing Explosion, May 5 at 6 p.m. EDT and 5 p.m. CDT. Theme: Isaiah 42:10. Sing unto the Lord a new song. All: Soloists, groups and choirs are asked to render three songs. Everyone is cordially welcome.

JUMANJI

Anyone interested can watch Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle on Friday, May 4 at 8:30 p.m. at West Point River Park. This is part of Greater Valley Juneteenth.

ROCK THE BLOCK

Chambers County "Rock the Block" for local and statewide candidates will be held Saturday, May 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. CDT at Powell Chapel United Methodist Church, 100 3rd Place NE, LaFayette. It will be hosted by Chambers County Alabama Democratic Conference. For more information call 256-390-1834.

ADC MEETING

The Chambers County Alabama Democratic Conference will meet on Thursday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Goodsell United Methodist Church, 1007 North 6th Avenue, Lanett. For more information, contact Dr. Randy B. Kelley, Chambers County ADC Chairman at 256-390-1834.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church will be celebrating its 131st Church Anniversary, Sunday, April 15, 2018, 2:30 p.m. EDT. Rev. Frankie Hutchinson, Sr., and the Evergreen Baptist Church family of Valley, AL will be our guest. Everyone is welcome.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Greenwood MB Church will hold Sunday School Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday, April 22 at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

Everyone is invited to a praise and worship service at Powell Chapel United Methodist Church, 100 Third Place NE across from LaFayette High School in LaFayette on Sunday, May 20 at 11 a.m. Dr. Randy B. Kelley and members invite the public. For more information, call 256-393-1762 or 256-390-1834.

COMBINED CHOIR DAY

St. James Missionary Baptist Church, 2808 31st Street SW, Lanett, celebrates Combined Choir Day on Sunday, April 15 at 3 p.m. EDT. Rev. John H. Flournoy Jr., Pastor. Host: Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Rev. Arthur Thomas, pastor.

MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE

Skip the fast food lines and come enjoy the Bread of Life during your lunch break. Come and hear what the Living Word has to say to us. Bible study every Wednesday at 12:00pm EST at Community Chapel 708 South 8th Avenue in Lanett. Everyone is welcome! Rev. Janice Marie Clark, Bible Teacher.

EVERY WOMAN'S PRAYER LUNCHEON

Every Woman's Prayer Luncheon will be held Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 10 a.m. CDT from St. Paul UMC Five Points, Ala., Cecelia Broome Pastor. Theme: I'm Still Standing. Keynote Speakers: Min. Gretchen Holloway at Rehobeth Missionary Baptist Church Valley, Ala. Min. Julia Fanning at New Bethel Living Word Ministry Lanett, Ala. & Sis. Brenda Jones at Greenwood Baptist Church Lanett, Ala.

FRIDAY NIGHT EXPLOSION

Come and experience a move of God with Open Heaven Outreach International and Pastor Lynn Trammell for Friday Night Explosion with Guest speaker Overseer Calvin Daniel of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church & Greater Harvest Christian Center, Friday, April 20, 2018 at 7 p.m. EST at 7372-A Fairfax Bypass, Valley, Alabama.

JUNIOR USHERS' WORKSHOP

The Bowen East District will hold a Junior Ushers' Workshop on April 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. EDT at The Bowen East District Center, 1319 Magnolia Road, Lanett. Devotional leader: Demetrius Rudd. Speaker: Rev. Eric Dowdell. Please be on time, wear uniform, plan to stay the entire time and bring breakfast and lunch.

ANNUAL FAMILY CONFERENCE

Come one! Come All! Our Annual Family Conference at Cathedral of Prayer COGIC will take place on Saturday, April 21 with a continental breakfast starting at 9 a.m. Bishop Regis Scarborough and Pastor Angela Davis will be our guest speakers. The conference will have exciting and relevant classes to touch everyone's heart. The classes will be followed by a delicious and appetizing luncheon. This year's theme: "The Church Seasoning The World" Please come and join in on the fun! Supt (Dr.) Charles L. & Mother (Dr.) Gloria A. Rodgers, Pastors.

Questions & Answers

What is the Lord's Supper all about?

The Lord's Supper was (and still is) a meal that Christians would eat together at their Sunday gathering that centered around unleavened bread which symbolized Jesus' body, broken on the cross, and wine which symbolized the blood of Jesus poured out at the cross. Somehow Jesus is present with us during this meal (Hebrews 12:24). 1 Corinthians 11 emphasizes the communal nature of the meal as well, not just with Jesus, but with all other Christians present. While we may have many differences, we all have a need to eat, and thus we center around the table. It is a place where we proclaim the Lord's death (including the resurrection) until He comes again (1 Corinthians 11:26) and so we eat not only in memory, but also in anticipation for the day that the Lord returns and fixes all that is broken. It certainly is an act that should strengthen us!

Carl Jenkins is the minister at the Lanett Church of Christ. Submit your questions at 334-476-0843 or carl.m.j@gmail.com

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My history with the word 'contemplation'

BY BILL FRAZER
TIMES-NEWS

I know that my handful of readers would wonder where I picked up the word "contemplation." Obviously, it is not in my redneck vocabulary. Webster said that the definition is "thoughtful observation or meditation." Well, that kinda goes beyond my mental capacity. That is a word that someone like Dimwit Fitts would use but definitely not Cooter Allen of LaFayette True Value Hardware as it grossly exceeds the ability of any ROLL TIDER to understand or "contemplate."

Anyway, I was giving "thoughtful observation" as to what was happening down at Walmart the other afternoon. My wife, who had toe surgery, is not cleared to drive until she is healed. So when I got home from the office (notice that I did not say WORK), she insisted that I take her down to Walmart to buy a birthday card for one of the older brats. I sat there on a bench next to the self-checkout and watched the proceedings. Since she read over every card in the display, I sat there for an hour observing the scanning process carried out by customers. Almost none of the older crowd were able to scan and they had to get in long lines to go through the checkout counter. Then the thought came to me--how does the overseer know that the customer is scanning everything

he puts back in his cart? This is certainly placing a lot of trust in the customers.

I went out to Tallapoosa Electric Cooperative the other day and observed just the opposite treatment of customers. TREC has remodeled all of the building complex and it is a well thought out and successful modernization of all the facilities. I went up the service desk and was greeted by a receptionist behind a thick bullet proof glass and speaking to me through a microphone. I thought to myself that the jail doesn't have this much security. The bottom of the glass where you put the money to pay your bill, you can't even get your finger under it. I have renamed the place Fort Watt. I guess TREC customers really get angry about their monthly electric bill or when the house goes dark and one can't watch the latest fake news.

I won't get into what security you have to go through at the Court House to purchase a tag, pay your taxes or obtain a copy of a deed. I am told that these offices receive a lot of cash during their daily transactions and need the security. Yet the bank has a ton of more money than these offices and you don't have to go through an electric body scan to cash a check or have to slide your money through doors of a vault such as you do in order to pay your electric bill out at Fort Watt.

Now, I will be the first to admit that how businesses conduct their business is no business of mine. The fact

that TREC built a glass wall should be of no concern to me. The Board of Directors run TREC and not some Mickey Mouse columnist. Nor is it my job to comment on how to protect the employees of the Court House. It is just hard for us old timers to adjust to a changing world. I just need to learn to scan at Walmart to avoid standing in long checkout lines.

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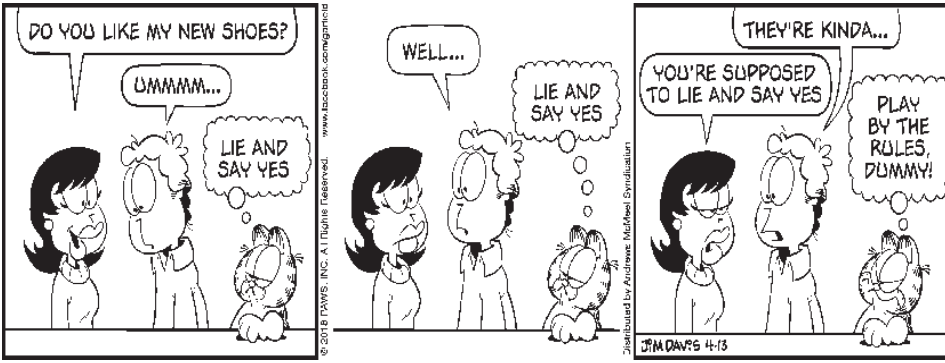
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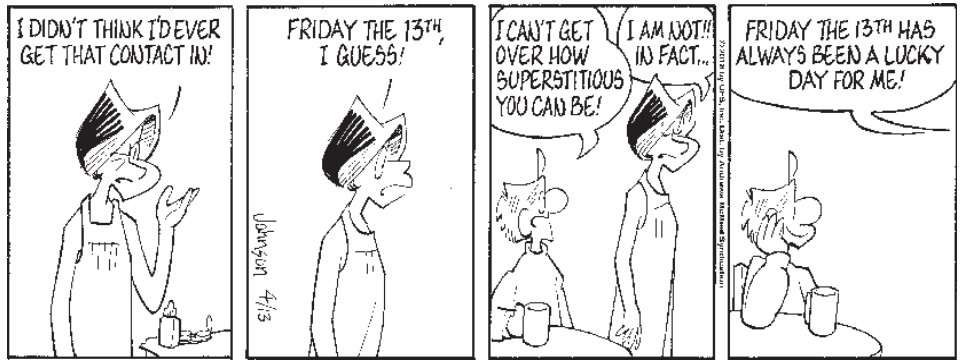
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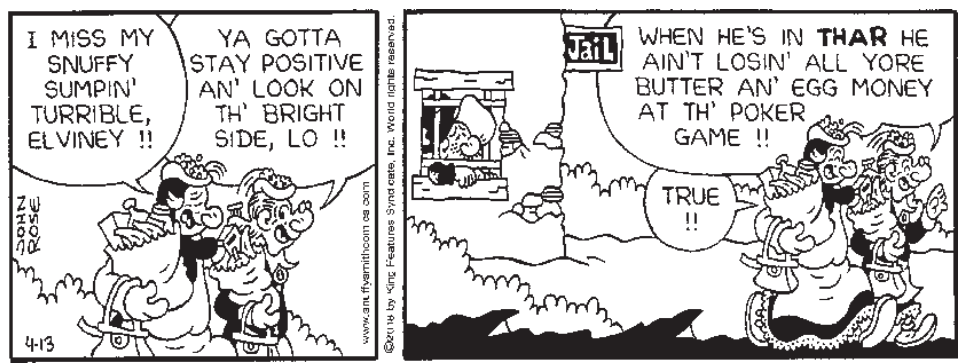
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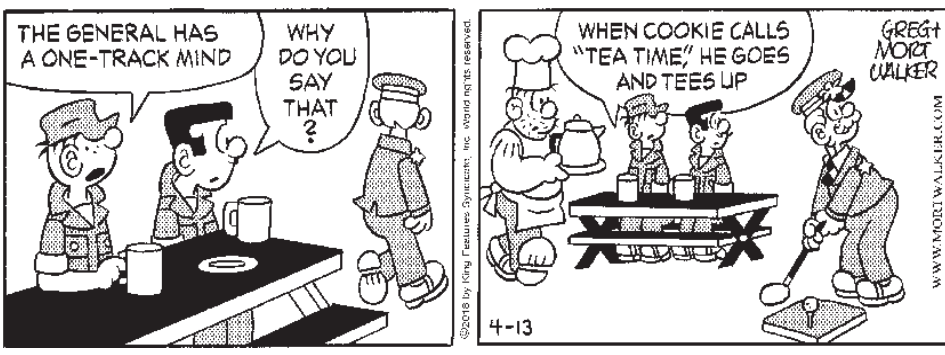
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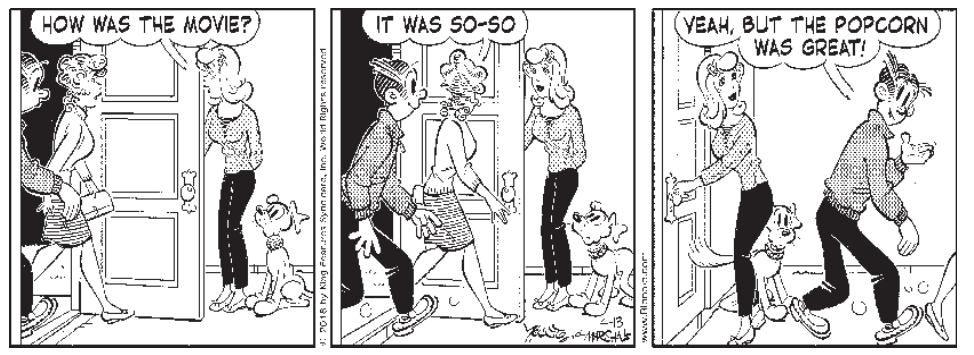
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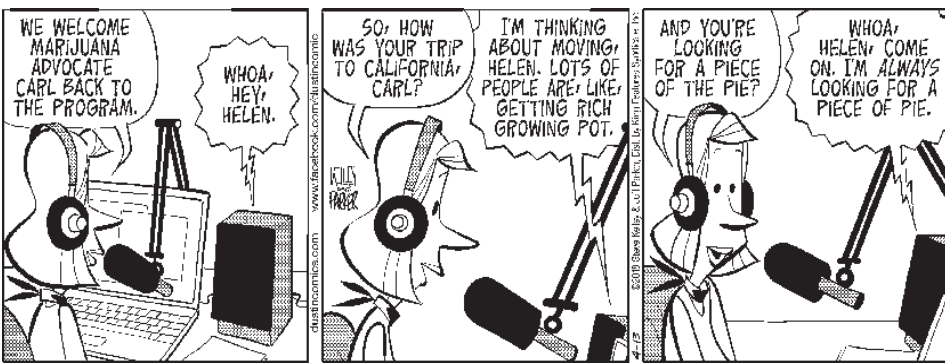
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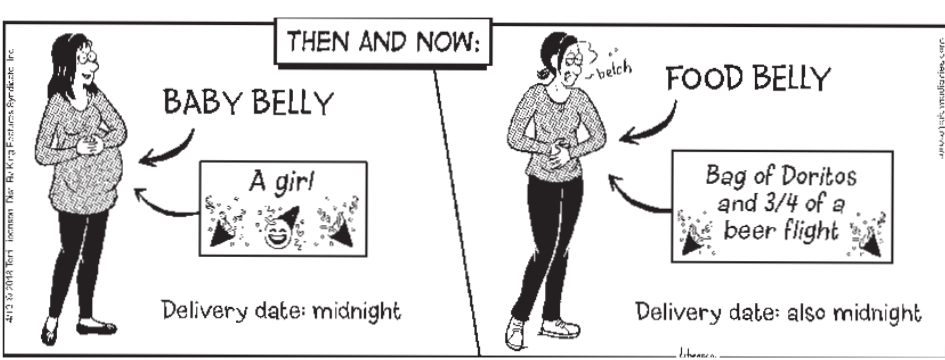
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'Dear Abby' Girl feels guilty for partying during breakup with boyfriend

DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old senior and have been dating the same boy for two years. A month ago, he told me he wanted to break up "because he needed some time to figure out what he wanted." I was devastated but agreed. Two weeks later, he told me he was sorry and he loves me.

We are back together now, but the weekend after our breakup, I went to visit a college girlfriend. We went to a party and I ended up having sex with a boy I didn't even know. I feel guilty and unworthy. What should I do? If I tell my boyfriend, I'm sure I'll lose him for good. If I don't tell him, I'll always worry that he will find out from someone else. -- UNWORTHY IN THE MIDWEST

item off of my dinner? I don't want to waste food, and I would like my meal prepared to my specifications. Any suggestions? -- VEGAN IN THE WEST

DEAR VEGAN: You have every right to send a meal back if it wasn't prepared the way you requested. You, as the customer, are paying for your food, and you should not have to painstakingly scrape anything off it. Some people with dietary restrictions carry a laminated card with them that lists the foods they cannot eat. It is shown to the chef by the server at the time your order is placed. You may want to try it.

DEAR ABBY: My husband died recently. We didn't have children. His family keeps contacting me and inviting me to lunch, movies, etc. The problem is, I have nothing in common with them and no longer want to spend time with them. When I make an excuse to politely bow out, they suggest another date, and another and another. How can I get them to leave me alone? -- ENJOYING MY SOLITUDE

DEAR SOLITUDE: Your former in-laws mean well, and many would consider you fortunate that they try so hard to be supportive and remain close. Keep in mind that you are their last tie to their son. However, because your polite refusals aren't getting through, tell them that while you appreciate their gesture, you are not lonely. In fact, you enjoy being "alone with your memories" and you will contact them if you change your mind.

DEAR UNWORTHY: You are acting like you have something to feel guilty about. You don't. At the time you visited your college girlfriend, your boyfriend had broken things off with you. You do not owe him an explanation or a confession as long as you haven't given him an STD. Contact your physician and be checked to be sure.

DEAR ABBY: I'm vegan and make a point of being polite to servers in restaurants. I carefully describe what I would like to eat from their menu. Although they appear to be attentive, half the time they serve me a meal with an added touch -- a scoop of sour cream or sprinkle of cheese on the top.

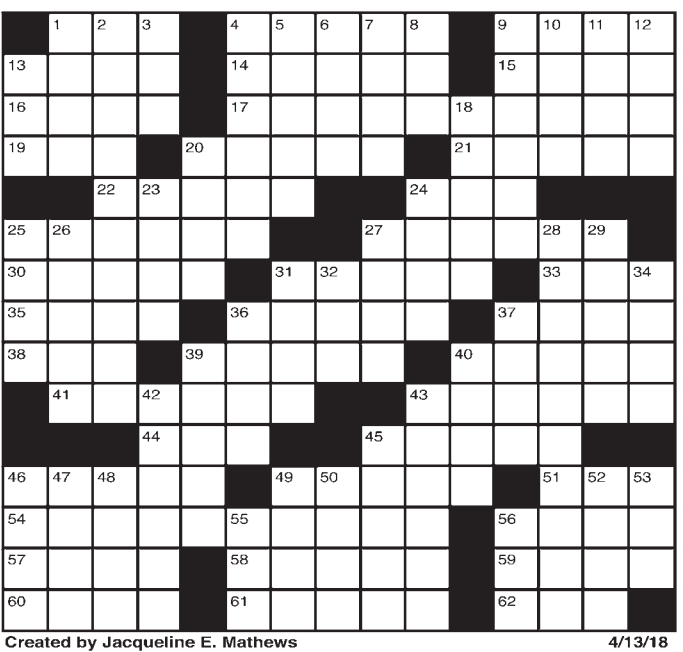
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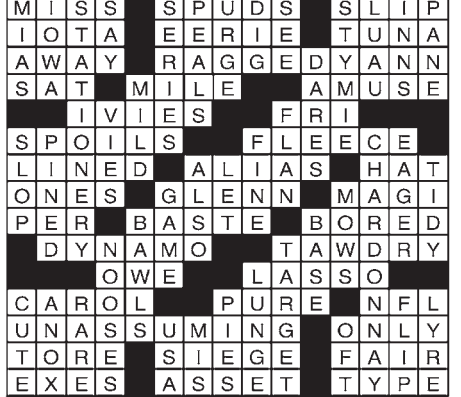
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 - Roll call response
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 - Infrequent
 - Healthy as ___
 - Bit of advice
 - Singing pair
 - Questionable
 - Does favors for
 - Sassy
 - Mayo container
 - Brussels ___; round veggie
 - Unwanted nasal growths
 - Further along than others
 - Explosion
 - Perpendicular annex
 - Egg on
 - Dog
 - Group of three
 - "Pomp ___ Circumstance"
 - Blue ___; largest living mammal
 - Nuisances
 - ___ de corps; group loyalty
 - Go by, as time
 - ___ Angeles
 - Mama Judd
 - Asian nation
 - Tennis or polo
 - Primary color
 - Duty
 - Fib teller
 - Big family group
 - Thickheaded
 - ___ more; again
 - A minor and C major
 - Quickness
 - Word of disgust
- DOWN**
- List of dishes
 - Checks for typos
 - Witch's spell
 - Lend a hand to
 - Partially melted snow
 - Exhale audibly
 - Uptight
 - Behold
 - Blood channel
 - ___ polish; manicurist's bottle
 - Let fall
 - Cravings
 - ___ a go at; tried
 - "Thou ___ not steal"
 - Long-running quarrel
 - Highway
 - ___ with; tease
 - Heroic tale
 - Quick way to get in touch
 - Walk the floor
 - Sweating
 - Skirt edge cuts
 - Ark or dory
 - Online giggle
 - Suffer defeat
 - Greek letters
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Thursday's Puzzle Solved



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SAM CHANDLER, Sports Editor

Great to be back at track

Since moving to the Valley in January, I had yet to cover a track and field meet in person. So, last Saturday I decided to make the short trip to Smiths Station High School.

There, many of our local teams were competing at the Panther Invitational. Beulah, LaFayette, Lanett and Valley had a sizeable presence.

Although the weather conditions were less than ideal — it was rainy and windy — I found it refreshing to be back in my element.

Track and field is one of my two favorite sports to cover. The other is cross-country. Yes, there is a difference.

I enjoy writing about both sports because of the connection I have to them. I ran cross-country and track and field from eighth grade through my sophomore year in college. As a result, I am acquainted with the amount of work required to excel.

Distance runners log countless miles and endure painful interval workouts. Sprinters sharpen their speed and fine-tune their form relentlessly. Field event specialists hone their approaches and critique their technique with meticulousness.

This prep work is completed away from the spotlight. Too often, the performances are as well.

Cross-country and track and field rarely receive the media attention of higher-profile sports. That bothered me, especially when I was in high school.

I knew that I worked just as hard — if not harder — than the local football standouts who appeared in the paper more frequently than I did, even as my achievements stacked up compa-

SEE TRACK 10

MSU students charged in Tide break-in

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Four Mississippi State University students are accused of breaking into the University of Alabama's athletic facility and stealing memorabilia.

The break-in happened during the pre-dawn hours of April 4, six days before Alabama's national championship football team met with President Donald Trump at the White House, authorities said. The four managed to get inside the Mal M. Moore Athletic Facility and stole "various items of memorabilia," court records state. The crime was captured on security video, the records show.

Mississippi State is "fully cooperating" with law enforcement as they investigate, school spokesman Sid Salter said in an emailed statement.

"The future status of the students with MSU will be determined after they have received their due process of law rights according to existing university policies," Salter said.

"Clearly, these individuals will

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SPRINGWOOD SOCCER: Springwood School head soccer coach John Lanier (front, center) has guided the Wildcats to a spot in the AISA state playoffs.

Wildcats clinch spot in playoffs

BY **SAM CHANDLER**
TIMES-NEWS

LANETT — Last spring, the Springwood School soccer team was not eligible for postseason competition. It played in only a handful of unofficial scrimmages that did not actually count towards a regular season record.

Much has changed in a year.

Last Saturday, the Wildcats punched their ticket to the AISA state playoffs with a 4-0 victory over Northside Methodist. It was quite an achievement for a program in its first year of formal existence.

"I was extremely happy for the guys on the team," head coach John Lanier said. "They put in a lot of hard work."

Springwood (5-5) secured the

No. 3 seed from Region 1, behind Glenwood School and Lee-Scott Academy. The Wildcats will travel on Monday to face defending state champion Autauga Academy in Prattville. Autauga is the No. 2 seed from Region 2.

Lanier acknowledged that his team will have to navigate a difficult first-round pairing if it wants to advance to the state final four. But he knows his players won't shy away from the task.

They haven't all season. "Even the games we've lost have been very close, and they've been against very good teams," Lanier said.

Springwood battled in its matchups with Lee-Scott and Glenwood, which were both

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VALLEY BASEBALL: The Valley High School baseball team swept Bearegard in a doubleheader on Thursday to secure the Class 5A, Area 5 title for a second consecutive season.

AREA CHAMPIONS

Valley High baseball sweeps Bearegard in doubleheader, secures Area 5 title

BY **SAM CHANDLER**
TIMES-NEWS

VALLEY — The Valley High School baseball team needed two wins to secure a second consecutive area title.

Mission accomplished.

On Thursday, the Rams swept Class 5A, Area 5 foe Bearegard in a high-stakes doubleheader at Crestview Field. Behind clutch performances from senior pitchers Josh Bledsoe and Tyler Lott, Valley dismissed Bearegard 8-3 and 10-1.

Valley dropped its first meeting at Bearegard on Tuesday, 4-1. But the Rams didn't seem to be affected by the pressure at home.

"To have our backs against the wall like we did and come out here in front of the home crowd and get two wins, that's huge," Rams head coach Patrick Shivers said. "It doesn't get any bigger than this around here."

According to Shivers, the Valley baseball program has not won back-to-back area titles in more than two decades.

Bledsoe and Lott carried the Rams to the historic achieve-



SAM CHANDLER | TIMES-NEWS

VALLEY BASEBALL: Valley High School senior Josh Bledsoe pitched a complete game in the first leg of Thursday's doubleheader against Bearegard.

ment.

Bledsoe took command in the opening game on Thursday evening, allowing four hits and recording five strikeouts over seven innings. Only one of the three runs he surrendered was earned.

The Rams broke a 1-1 stalemate in the third inning when Steven Coker scored on a passed ball and Bledsoe punched a two RBI single to right field with two outs.

It was one of many timely

hits the Rams delivered.

"It was there both games," Shivers said. "It felt like every time we had two outs with runners in scoring position we got a base hit. That's what it came down to."

Valley tacked on four more runs in the fourth inning on drives by Chris Conner, Eli Culpepper and Andrué Davis. The Rams led 8-3 entering the fifth, which was plenty of support for Bledsoe. He faced the minimum number of batters over

the final three innings.

Valley parlayed its momentum into the series-deciding nightcap. The Rams plated four runs in the first inning on a pair of passed balls and RBIs off the bats of Lott and Conner.

Lott took it from there. He surrendered just four hits and recorded seven strikeouts over seven innings. The only time he ran into trouble was in the top of the third. He escaped a bases-loaded jam by throwing a two-strike breaking ball. A frozen Bearegard batter watched as it caught the corner of the plate.

"I just fought back like my coach always tells me: fight, fight, fight," Lott said.

Bearegard scored one run in the fifth inning to cut into Valley's advantage. But Daniel Osborne delivered the dagger with a monstrous sixth-inning grand slam that sailed over the left field fence. Its destination, like the game's outcome, was never in doubt.

"That's what it's all about," Shivers said.

The area-clinching victory also locked up home-field advantage for the first round of the state playoffs.



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RING CEREMONY: The 2017 Class 2A state champion Lanett High School football team received its commemorative championship rings on Thursday during a ceremony in the LHS Auditorium. The rings were given to players, cheerleaders, hydration staff, mascot and distinguished fan, Marshall Minton. Above (from left to right) seniors Shon Meadows, Jaren Ross, JaWon Howell and Braylon Harrington show off their new bling.

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SOCCER

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state semifinalists a season ago.

The Wildcats took Lee-Scott to overtime in their first meeting before falling 3-2 in the game's final minute. In Tuesday's regular-season finale at Glenwood, Springwood lost by the same score.

To earn a positive re-

sult on Monday, Springwood will continue to rely upon the play of its backline. It has shown the ability to withstand sustained pressure throughout the season.

The Wildcats also will need forwards Coleman Hull and Kannon Key to put shots on net.

Hull, who has a team-leading 16 goals, posted a hat trick in the playoff-clinching win

over Northside Methodist; Key recorded the other tally in the 4-0 victory.

A similarly productive showing should keep Springwood in contention at Autauga.

That would be an accomplishment of its own given the teams' disparate histories. But Lanier thinks his squad is capable of more.

"Anything can happen in the playoffs," he said.

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rably.

I set out to remedy this disparity when I entered the sports journalism world four years ago.

At my former job in Birmingham, I covered high school cross-country and track and field events on an almost weekly basis. Many Saturdays were spent trekking around the state in an effort to chronicle the next personal record.

The athletes I wrote about deserved the coverage, and it was well-received.

While the demands of my current position do not grant me the liberty to attend as many meets as I did formerly, I believe that local sprinters, hurdlers, high jumpers, long jumpers and distance runners merit attention.

Saturday may have been the first track and field meet I attended since moving to the Valley. Certainly, it will not be my last.

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TIDE

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have to face the consequences of their actions, whatever those actions might be," he added.

All four men are charged with third-degree burglary, a felony.

In Alabama, the athletic facility on the main campus in Tuscaloosa is "the centerpiece of Crimson Tide Athletics" and home to Alabama's football program, the university says on its website.

It was unoccupied when the crime occurred, authorities said.

SIDELINE

SCORES, SCHEDULES, INFORMATION AND MORE



SPORTS SHOT: Beulah High School senior David Fell competed in the 300-meter hurdles last weekend at the Smiths Station Panther Invitational.

FRIDAY SPORTS ON TV:
 (All times Eastern)

GOLF

▶ PGA Tour RBC Heritage, 3 p.m., Golf

MLB BASEBALL

▶ Atlanta at Chicago Cubs, 2 p.m., Fox Sports South

NHL HOCKEY

Stanley Cup Playoffs

- ▶ Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., NBCSN
- ▶ Minnesota at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m., USA
- ▶ Los Angeles at Vegas, 10 p.m., NBCSN

THURSDAY LOCAL SPORTS SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

- ▶ Randolph County 17, Beulah 4
- ▶ Randolph County 17, Beulah 2
- ▶ Valley 8, Beaugard 3
- ▶ Valley 10, Beaugard 1

SOFTBALL

- ▶ Valley 10, Russell County 0
- ▶ Randolph County 7, Beulah 6

TENNIS

- ▶ Valley 8, Benjamin Russell 1 (boys)
- ▶ Benjamin Russell 7, Valley 2 (girls)

FRIDAY LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE:
 (All times Eastern)

BASEBALL

- ▶ Lee-Scott at Chambers Academy, 4:30 p.m.
- ▶ LaFayette at Lanett, 6 p.m.

SOCCER

- ▶ Smiths Station at Valley, 5:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

- ▶ Lee-Scott at Chambers Academy, 4:30 p.m.

TRACK

- ▶ Springwood at AISA State Meet

SPORTS BRIEFS

Associated Press reports from around the sports world.

Former Tide star Foster charged in assault against girlfriend

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — San Francisco 49ers linebacker Reuben Foster has been charged with felony domestic violence after being accused of attacking his girlfriend, authorities said.

The Santa Clara County District Attorney said Foster was charged Thursday and is scheduled to be arraigned later in the day in San Jose.

Prosecutors said the 24-year-old Foster attacked his girlfriend in February at their Los Gatos home, leaving her bruised and with a ruptured ear drum.

The 28-year-old woman told responding officers that Foster dragged her by her hair, physically threw her out of the house, and punched her in the head eight to 10 times.

Foster was also charged with felony possession of an assault weapon and misdemeanor possession of a high-capacity magazine after officers found a Sig Sauer 516 short-barreled rifle in his home while investigating his girlfriend's domestic violence report.

If convicted on all charges, he faces up to 11 years in prison.

Woods files entry to play US Open for 1st time since 2015

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. (AP) — Tiger Woods has filed his entry to play in the U.S. Open for the first time since 2015.

The USGA says Woods officially entered on Thursday, four days after he tied for 32nd in the Masters. Even exempt players have to formally enter the U.S. Open. Woods hasn't played the U.S. Open since he missed the cut at Chambers Bay with rounds of 80-76.

The U.S. Open is June 14-17 at Shinnecock Hills on Long Island, where Woods made his U.S. Open debut in 1995 as the U.S. Amateur champion.

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