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The Word



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

- PSALM 23:1



Sports PAGE 1B » Scottsboro players named to the 2020 Class 6A All-Region 7 Football Team



Sports PAGE 1B » Class 2A No. 1-ranked Pisgah bounces back from SMT rout to defeat No. 9 Ider



COMING SOON The December issue of Jackson Monthly

Guffey resigns amid investigation

Gov. Ivey will appoint next commission chairman

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Amid allegations of illegal surveillance of a county employee, Jackson County Commission Chairman Tim Guffey tendered his resignation, effective immediately, Tuesday afternoon.

Guffey, who has served in the position since 2018 and has been on the Commission since 2012, originally ran for a place as a district representative saying that he wanted the commission to work together. Now, after serving for two years as the chairman, that same legislative body has united to accept his resignation during a special called meeting Tuesday. Before being elected to the

County Commission, Guffey ran a heating and air business in Jackson County and grew up on Sand Mountain.

Jason Venable, the commissioner for District 4, will serve as the acting chairman of the Jackson County Commission until Gov. Kay Ivey appoints Guffey's official replacement.

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TOP STORIES OF 2020

The Jackson County Sentinel's countdown of the Top 10 Stories of 2020 continues today and will run through Saturday, Jan 2.



Dawe retires, elected to Scottsboro City Council

After serving 31 years with the Scottsboro Police Department, the last 14 as police chief, Ralph Dawe retired in June.

A third generation law enforcement officer in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, Dawe made his way from Hawaii, where he was born, to Scottsboro in 1988. A year later, in 1989, he began his career at Scottsboro Police Department.

Dawe rose in the ranks through the years before being named police chief in 2006.

"I've been a police officer in this city since 1989 and will retire with 31 years of service," said Dawe. "I have been working in police administration in Scottsboro for the past 21

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Smith pleads guilty in murder case

In a case that drew national attention and a trial only weeks away, Brittany Smith accepted a plea agreement in the 2018 death of Joshua Todd Smith in October.

Smith, who has maintained she was raped, was sentenced to 20 years, split to serve three years, according to District Attorney Jason Pierce.

Pierce said, as part of the plea agreement, Smith will serve 18 months in Jackson

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WHEELCHAIR RAMP BUILT



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On Tuesday Dec. 15, 2020, a group of men met in Bridgeport, Alabama, to build a wheelchair ramp for a Bridgeport resident who has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease, also called ALS. The team of Lions put in 64 man hours. Pictured, from left to right, Athens Lion Tim Carter (who heads up a Ramp Project for disabled & elderly and travels all over the state), Centre Lion Charles Garrett, Centre Lion Lanny Starr, ADRS Client Randy Huckaba, ADRS Rep Bynum Duren, Stevenson Volunteer Billy H Guess, and Bridgeport Lion John Bobenage. The Alabama Dept of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) provided the materials for the project. District Gov. Glenda Moxley provided the team with water. Zone 11 Chair Belinda Ballard with Scottsboro Lions provided lunch for the team sponsored by her new business, City of Bridgeport Drugs. Not pictured is Bridgeport Lion Warren Whitcher.

Is the vaccine against COVID-19 safe?

The questions people are asking before getting immunized

STORY BY STEVEN STIEFEL STEVEN.STIEFEL@TIMES-JOURNAL.COM

Two vaccines for the COVID-19 novel coronavirus have received emergency approval, but can Alabamians have confidence that they are safe and effective before rolling up their

sleeves to get immunized? Here is what we know...

What's the Status of Vaccines?

Two federal advisory boards, the Food and Drug

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