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Rogers faces new challenger in Dist. 3 race

REFLECTOR | The race in Alabama’s 3rd Congressional District features a well-entrenched Republican incumbent and a Democratic newcomer.

The 3rd Congressional District in east Alabama, covering includes Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Etowah, Lee, Randolph, St. Clair and Talladega counties, will feature U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Saks, against Democratic nominee Lee McInnis.

The contest is not expected to be competitive. Cook Political Report rates Alabama’s 3rd Congressional



Rep. Rogers

District as an R+23, “solid Republican” district. Rogers has a major edge in fundraising, and has about \$2.5 million on hand to McInnis’ \$9,462.

Rogers, who has represented the 3rd Congressional District since 2003, chairs the powerful U.S. House Armed Services Committee. In response to emailed questions, Rogers sent a statement that he was focused on “lifting up our communities and advancing



McInnis

conservative policies.” “I have been proud to champion President Trump’s peace through strength agenda in Congress, and the next two years must focus on completing what the Administration and Congressional Republicans have started,” the statement said.

McInnis, a military veteran who has worked as a teacher and in the defense industry, said he chose to run because “no one was stepping up.”

“After 30-plus years of serving the nation in the Army and the intelligence community, it just became clear to me my service had not ended like I thought it had,” he said.

McInnis said his chief goal is to improve the quality of life for residents. During an interview on Wednesday, he listed obstacles that people in the community face, including the long distances that people must travel to deliver a baby during pregnancy and the healthcare benefits they are losing as insurance

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ALABAMA NEWS

ADPH urges vaccination after measles case in north Alabama

REFLECTOR | Public health officials said Thursday there have been no new reported cases of measles after announcing a positive test in north Alabama earlier this week, but strongly encouraged vaccination as cases of the disease mount nationwide.

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) was not able to share many details of the positive test in north Alabama on Tuesday, but clarified Thursday the individual is an adult Alabamian who contracted the disease from a trip to South America. The department did not have any vaccination records for the individual.

The department said on Tuesday that the individual was out in public from Oct. 3 to 5 in the Bailey Cove area of Huntsville at a Subway and Publix.

“We are conducting epidemiologic surveillance. We are continuing to inform the public. We are informing physicians, emergency rooms, urgent cares about surveillance for measles,” Dr. Karen Landers, the chief medical officer for ADPH, said at a meeting of the ADPH board Thursday. “We will know if we have any additional spread of measles when we know.”

Landers, who was filling in for State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, said in an interview that the public is informed of a positive test “pretty immediately” after the lab report is verified.

“We verify our information, and we get our handout and our news release out immediately,” she said. “It’s our job to protect the citizens of Alabama, and secondly, we want to give people the information so that they can act accordingly for their own health and well-being.”

Symptoms of the disease can take seven to 14 days to present after infection, and can be particularly dangerous for infants and young children. Symptoms include a high fever, cough, runny nose, red, watery eyes and a rash.

According to CDC and ADPH guidance, children should get the first dose of the vaccine between 12 and 15 months, and the second dose between 4 and 6 years old before starting school. Adults should get one or two doses depending on individual risk

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GETTING A CLUE



Last week, 5th grade students at Centre Middle School had a chance to step out of their normal routine, test their deduction skills, and play the classic board game “Clue”. Community volunteers made the day even better by dressing up in the roles of the game’s main characters. Kids and adults sat together trading clues, solving mysteries and sharing laughs. For more images from the day, visit the CMS page on Facebook.

CHEROKEE COUNTY | CITY OF CENTRE

City records over \$1M in new building projects for quarter

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CENTRE | The City of Centre recorded a little over \$1 million in building projects for the third quarter of 2026.

Building Inspector Raymond Matthews shared the latest figures in his quarterly report during the Tuesday, October 13 meeting of the Centre City Council.

“It has been a very exciting quarter,” said Matthews. “We have moved in up here, and love our new building. Thank you for the vision of

my building department. It is very nice and very productive already. We really appreciate it.”

“It has slowed down a little bit this third quarter,” said Matthews. “On the commercial side we had 10 permits at a construction cost of \$481,975. The city’s cost was \$903. On residential, we had 10 residential permits for a total of \$507,239. The city’s cost was \$1,185. That is pretty healthy for this time of year. We had \$80,000 in sign permits. The city’s cost was \$45. Total activity from July to September was \$1,069,034. The city retained \$2,133 of that.”

For the third quarter of 2026,

Police Chief Kirk Blankenship reported 167 incident offense reports, 111 arrests and 26 traffic accidents which he added was significantly down from last quarter.

“We issued 675 tickets,” said Blankenship. “595 were warnings. A lot of times warnings work a lot better. I am really proud of the traffic accident numbers.”

Street and Sanitation Supervisor Bobby Paul reported that roadside mowing is going well and that the brush trucks stay busy.

“A lot of street lights have been out,” said Paul. “We are still watering on Main Street. The move to the new

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