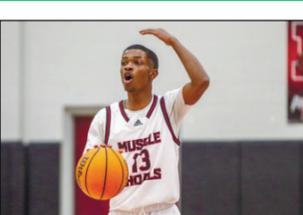


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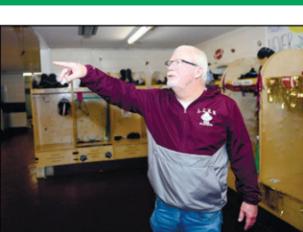
SPORTS



Trojans win area title; Falcons clinch regional

The Muscle Shoals boys won a fourth straight area championship Wednesday, while the Florence girls, by winning an area semifinal, wrapped up a berth in the Class 7A Northwest Regional. C1

REGION



Bids to be taken for fieldhouse

Bids for a new 10,500-plus square foot Lauderdale County High School fieldhouse are expected to be let by mid-March, according to Brad Bernard with CREATE Architects of Florence. B1

LIFE



Valentine's Day movie guide

From the heart: Rating 4 streaming rom-coms. D1

WEIRD NEWS

Manatee rescued from storm drain

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A manatee that got stuck in a Florida storm drain while seeking warmer waters is on the mend at SeaWorld Orlando after a coordinated rescue effort. Multiple fire rescue units and officials from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the University of Florida and even Jack's Wrecker Service were brought in Tuesday to get the 410-pound sea cow out of the storm drain in Melbourne Beach. "We're in the process of improving the storm drain across Melbourne Beach. Our people were doing a survey. And one of the surveyors noticed a manatee in what is called a baffle box," the city's Vice Mayor Terry Cronin said. The male manatee was taken to SeaWorld Orlando, where it is being cared for in one of the park's medical pools, spokesperson Stephanie Bechara said.

— The Associated Press

YOUR OPINION

Tuesday's Question: How many high school basketball teams from the Shoals area will advance to the state semifinals?
1-2: 59.2% 5+: 4.2%
3-4: 36.6%
Today's Question: How would you grade Pam Bondi's work so far as U.S. Attorney General?
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FLORENCE

Jury fails to reach verdict, continues deliberations



Melissa Allison answers a question as she takes the stand to testify during her attempted murder trial Wednesday in Lauderdale County Circuit Court in Florence. [PHOTOS BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]

Defendant claims van was stolen

By Bernie Delinski Staff Writer

FLORENCE — A Lauderdale County jury will resume deliberations Thursday in the attempted murder trial of Melissa Allison, who gave surprise testimony Wednesday claiming someone stole her minivan moments before it struck her husband's three times. Allison, 47, of Florence is charged with attempted murder, second-degree domestic violence-first-degree criminal mischief, and leaving the scene of an accident with an injury.



Lauderdale County Assistant District Attorney Coty Hand, from left, Lauderdale County Circuit Judge Ben Graves and defense attorney Brittany Michael confer before attempted murder suspect Melissa Allison took the stand during her trial Wednesday in Florence.

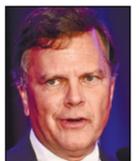
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MONTGOMERY

Police oppose bill to put limits on chases

By Mary Sell Alabama Daily News

MONTGOMERY — A grieving mother cried Wednesday morning in the State House as she asked Alabama lawmakers to put restrictions on law enforcement's ability to engage in high-speed chases.



Such a chase in September ended in a crash into another vehicle in downtown Hartselle and the death of Rachel Moore's teenage son.

But multiple law enforcement leaders told the Senate Judiciary Committee that Senate Bill 120 would limit their ability to protect the public.

Sen. Arthur Orr, R-Decatur, is sponsoring the bill prompted by the high-speed chase through downtown Hartselle. The pursued driver, Archie Brandon Hale, was traveling 80 mph in a 25-mph zone when he collided with the 2019 Toyota RAV4 carrying 17-year-old Tristan Hollis. He was killed and his three friends were severely injured.

The Decatur Daily previously reported that Priceville Police Department officer Garry Chapman led the Sept. 6 pursuit because of an alleged traffic violation.

The Hartselle Police Department charged Hale with reckless murder, and the Priceville Police Department charged him with attempting to elude, possession with intent, DUI, and reckless endangerment, among other charges. He is being held without bond on the murder charge.

Hollis' family in October filed a wrongful death suit against the suspect, the city of Priceville and the officer, the Daily reported.

A Daily editorial last year

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PINE STREET BRIDGE

City seeks advice on alternative repairs

By Bernie Delinski Staff Writer

FLORENCE — City officials are seeking advice from the Alabama Department of Transportation on alternative ways to repair two damaged caps on the underside of the Pine Street bridge. Assistant City Engineer Todd Sullivan said officials have received no bids for the project,

which involves raising a portion of the bridge one inch to provide room to replace the caps. Sullivan said the bridge remains safe for travel, but two caps have some wear on them, likely from water runoff over time. Mayor Ron Tyler said raising the bridge is a difficult venture. "We ran into road-blocks trying to find a vendor who is interested

in raising the bridge," Tyler said. "No bridge builder or company that repairs bridges is interested in the liability of trying to raise the bridge without causing further damage." He said Sullivan believes there can be a temporary fix. "The way he put it is this is a fix that is not a



Concrete caps and steel supports beneath the Pine Street bridge show visible wear and cracking Thursday in Florence. The areas are located underneath active traffic lanes. [BERNIE DELINSKI/TIMESDAILY]

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