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82°/54° 77°/52° 85°/65°
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REGION



Teacher retiring after 37 years
For 37 years, students at St. Joseph Regional Catholic School have walked into Amy Glover's second-grade classroom and found many of the same things waiting for them. B1

LIFE

Birds to the rescue
Dishes to make with a grocery rotisserie chicken. D1

NATION



Trump downplays differences with China
President Donald Trump on Tuesday downplayed differences with President Xi Jinping over the U.S. and Israel's conflict in Iran as he headed to Beijing for a high-stakes summit with the Chinese leader. A3

WEIRD NEWS

Officers sue actors, say film is too real
MIAMI — Two South Florida police officers claim Ben Affleck and Matt Damon's recent action thriller "The Rip" used too many real-life details in its fictionalized narrative, causing harm to the officers' personal and professional reputations, according to a defamation lawsuit. Jason Smith and Jonathan Santana, sergeants in the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office, filed the lawsuit in Miami federal court earlier this month against Artists Equity, a film production company owned by Affleck and Damon. Court filings don't say how much the officers are suing for, but the civil complaint says they're seeking compensatory damages, punitive damages and attorney fees, as well as a public retraction and correction. "The Rip" features Affleck and Damon as South Florida police officers who find millions of dollars inside a house. Parts of the movie were inspired by a real 2016 case, where police found over \$21 million linked to a suspected marijuana trafficker in a Miami Lakes home. Affleck and Damon have said while promoting the film that the story is loosely based on accounts from Miami-Dade Police Capt. Chris Casiano, who served as a technical advisor on the film. Damon told The Associated Press during a January interview that he and Affleck spent time with Casiano and other narcotics officers in preparation for the film. — The Associated Press

YOUR OPINION

Tuesday's Question: Do you think the federal gas tax will be suspended by the end of the week?
Yes: 22.6% No: 77.4%
Today's Question: Do you think President Donald Trump should lift all or increase sanctions on China?
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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF: Brooks Lions take state title. C1



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RUSSELLVILLE

CPR training among department services



Russellville firefighter Jack McCana, left, performs chest compressions on a CPR mannequin as firefighter Landon Beard, center, and Lt. Bryan Sutton, right, observe during a demonstration at Station 1. [PHOTOS BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]

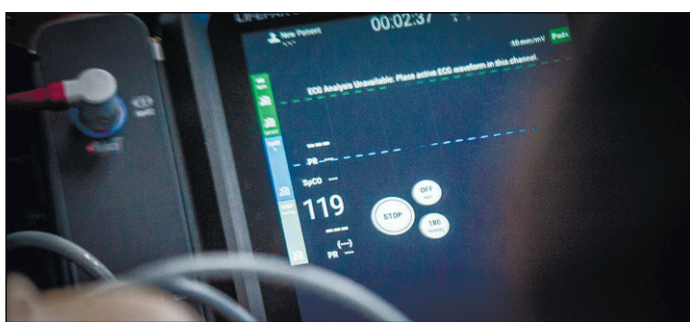
By Bernie Delinski Staff Writer

RUSSELLVILLE — City firefighters are trying to get the word out to the public about a variety of free services they offer, including CPR classes and blood pressure and sugar level screenings. Fire Chief Joe Mansell said this is part of an effort to serve the city. "You do this job because you love it," Mansell said. "You have that serving heart. That's the thing we want to do. We want to serve the community. At the end of the day, that's what God would want us to do, is help others, and that's the reason we do this." Capt. Chris Watkins said the next free no-certification CPR class is May 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. He said anyone interested in attending can call him at 256-324-1672.

SEE FIRE, A5



Russellville Fire Department Capt. Chris Watkins holds two battery-powered smoke alarms which the department offers free to city residents. Fire Chief Joe Mansell said the department's goal is to have at least one working smoke detector in every structure in the city.



A monitor displays a blood pressure reading of 119 during a demonstration at Russellville Fire Department on Tuesday. The department offers free blood pressure screenings to anyone who visits Station 1.

TUSCUMBIA

Motion calls for man to serve sentence

By Bernie Delinski Staff Writer

TUSCUMBIA — The Colbert County District Attorney's Office wants a man convicted of two counts of attempted murder to serve his suspended sentence after he was indicted on a charge of first-degree criminal mischief, according to court records. Zachary Harris, 33, of Sheffield was indicted in March on the criminal mischief charge stemming from damage to Ekklesia Missionary Baptist, according to his indictment. According to a police report, he busted out windows at the church. The damage exceeded \$2,500, the indictment states. First-degree criminal mischief, which is a Class C felony, applies to damage exceeding that amount. Harris pleaded guilty in 2023 to two counts of attempted murder, which is a Class A felony, according to court records. A Muscle Shoals Police affidavit stated officers responded on June 5, 2022, to a call of a man assaulting a female at Williamsburg Apartments. They found two victims in a vehicle in the parking lot. They located Harris on East Washington Drive carrying the car jack handle used in the assaults. The affidavit stated a victim told police she had returned from the grocery store and Harris approached her in the parking lot and began assaulting her with a steel pipe. The other victim attempted to intervene and Harris assaulted her, causing her to lose consciousness for a short time. Harris was indicted on one count of first-degree assault domestic violence, one count of first-degree assault, and two counts of attempted murder in that case, according to court records. Assistant District Attorney Summer A. George filed a motion to impose the suspended sentence. George stated in the motion Harris pleaded guilty to two counts of attempted murder. The motion to impose the suspended sentence stated Harris received a 15-year split sentence that included a three-year prison sentence. The sentence stated Harris could "not violate any federal, state or local law." His hearing initially was set for Tuesday but was postponed to 10:30 a.m. May 20 due to a scheduling conflict with the district attorney's office, according to court records.

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MONTGOMERY

Ivey calls special elections for 4 districts



Gov. Kay Ivey on Tuesday signs the proclamation calling for a special election for the 1st, 2nd, 6th and 7th U.S. Congressional districts in the state. The special primary is scheduled for Aug. 11. [HAL YEAGER/GOVERNOR'S OFFICE]

By Alex Angle and Claire Harrison Alabama Daily News

MONTGOMERY — Just one day after the U.S. Supreme Court paved the way for Alabama to use revert to a previously struck-down congressional map, Gov. Kay Ivey set new primary election dates for four of the state's congressional districts as planned out by legislation enacted in a recent special session. The nominees for

Alabama's 1st, 2nd, 6th and 7th districts will now be decided on Aug. 11 instead of on May 19. Ivey said the decision was made because Monday's Supreme Court ruling did not allow enough time to switch back to the state's 2023 congressional map before the May 19 primary. That decision did not immediately allow Alabama to return to the Legislature-drawn 2023 map. It sent the case back down to the lower court

to reconsider given the high court's decision in April about race-based districts. Plaintiffs in the redistricting case asked the federal court for a temporary restraining order to maintain the "status quo" under the current congressional map. The three-judge panel also ordered the state to respond by Monday. The court also asked Alabama Secretary of State Wes

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