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## Police give details of recent shootings

On Monday night at approximately 9:20 p.m., the D&D Variety Store on South Prairie Street was robbed at gunpoint.

Two individuals were shot. One was transported to Bullock County Hospital with minor injuries. The other was transported to Baptist South in Montgomery with serious injuries.

The store was robbed of an undisclosed amount of cash. Another victim had

his wallet taken with \$170 inside. A customer attempting to flee the scene had his vehicle damaged by gunfire.

This incident is under investigation. As far as information stated by victims, there was only gunman who fired at least 11 shots.

Wayne Farms parking area was the center of another shooting incident. An unidentified male walked onto the premises and fired nine shots into a vehicle.

Camera footage caught the offense. This incident is also under investigation.

There was another shooting on Thomas Street where an individual fired several shots into the air causing panic.

A victim was hit in the head with a brick and another victim was hit with a vehicle. The only description given to police about the shooter was that he was a black male.



The rear window of this car was broken out during an incident on Thomas Street.

## Bowers competes in games

**By Kim Adams Graham**  
Linda Bowers competed in the 32nd National Veterans Golden Age Games in Albuquerque, NM this August.

She won three gold medals and one bronze medal. The medals were for track and field competitions.

She is from Union Springs, a graduate of Union Springs High School Class of 1975, and the daughter of Bessie and Willie Joe Jackson.

Her siblings are Minister

Savannah Fitzpatrick, Sandra Scott, Applenella Jackson, Jerome Jackson, Billy Jackson, Roland Jackson, Louvenia Jackson, Dorothy Presley, Tommylee Blakey, Minnie Thomas, and Terrance Sutton.

Linda encourages everyone to 'move your body' everyday. Her next competition will be in Anchorage, Alaska in June 2019.

Linda has won over 50 medals in story telling and track and field.



Linda Bowers

**If you received a notice to appear for Grand Jury on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 it has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2018 due to the weather.**

## Dr. Cope to end tenure as BCDA Economic Developer



Dr. Julian Cope

During the October 2 meeting of the Bullock County Development Authority (BCDA), Dr. Julian Cope announced his intent to resign his position as BCDA's Economic Developer. He has served in this position for the past seven years and his last day

of work will be October 31. Staff at the Union Springs Herald met with him about this news event and what follows below are highlights of the discussion.

STAFF - Will you tell us why you chose to exit your position at this time?

DR. COPE - I have thought about this lately and sought direction from the Bible (Proverbs 3:6) as well as the book by Billy Graham, entitled "Nearing Home." I am at peace with my decision from both spiritual and economic development perspectives. Truthfully, we are at a juncture as to where we are going and decisions which are waiting to be made by new leadership will significantly affect the direction the county will go.

STAFF - What are some issues to which you refer?

DR. COPE - The airport project which has been a

95% grant funded project is a miracle from the standpoint of funding, and we have Senator Shelby to thank initially and he continues to support our endeavors. Too much thanks can never be given this man who now heads the all powerful Senate Appropriations Committee. Local positive relations with State Alabama Department of transportation officials have been noteworthy. I must say too that a cooperative, working relationship could not have been better between the Development Authority, Airport Authority and County Commission in administering this airport project. I say "thanks" to each.

The project expands the existing runway from 3,660 feet to 5,000 feet, enabling small jets to land. A work/industrial site has been identified to host an aircraft

business featuring repair, operation, and mechanics. The gallant efforts of Macon County in seeking an aircraft industry (though not successful) give realistic vibes to what we are trying to do in developing our airport. This underscores having a functional dialogue and partnership with the board of education in training our people for these new high tech jobs. I firmly believe this expansion, with proximity to 110, Pike Road and the new interchange will enable us to receive attention for economic/industrial growth. It's the key to our future! Think about it - we have no four lanes will be a "game changer."

Please let me add here too, that there are already some

small jet traffic, locally involving Bonnie Plant Farm, our stable producer and employer. Emergency medical flights are happening as well as numerous sportsmen visiting our hunting lodges which draws many hunters to Bullock County.

STAFF - What do you perceive as other positives occurring during your tenure?

DR. COPE - I believe in certain respects our community had been on a downward spiral. As citizens saw the departure of three textile mills, the world's largest manufacturing of baby furniture/bedding/supplies (Welch Plant), two automotive dealers and a small automotive supplier operated by June Collier all in the 70's and 80's. A spirit

of fear, hopelessness and doubt of our renewal were prominent.

We turned the dilapidated Welch Industrial Park (where one could actually see the sky through the destroyed roof) into an active work place for C & W Metal Fabrication which enjoyed a five to six year period through a \$1.4 million grant predominately funded by Senator Shelby. At about the same time the State funded preparation for the Hicks Industrial Park and almost the same amount of funding as the Welch project received. Welch now houses a small automotive supply company, known as ACE TECH, and furnishes products to HYUNDAI. A small metal fabrication plant man-

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## Help Identify



**Bullock County Sheriff's Department needs help to identify this burglary suspect. This burglary occurred in the Esquire Estates Subdivision. If you know the identity contact the Bullock County Sheriff's Department at 334-738-2670.**

Business License renewals are due in the month of October, 2018.

James E. Tatum, Judge of Probate

If your last name begins with a U, V, W, X, Y or Z you should renew your tag this month. To better assist you, bring your current insurance card and driver's license and tag receipt. Probate Judge James E. Tatum



**General Election will be held Tuesday, November 6, 2018. All polls open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Every vote counts!**

