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Beasley, Forte seek re-election

By Rebecca Beasley

Sen. Billy Beasley and Rep. Berry Forte have announced that they are seeking re-election to the seats they currently hold in the Alabama Legislature. Both are seeking re-election in the Democratic Primary to be held on May 24, 2022.

Sen. Beasley is seeking his fourth term to the Alabama Senate District 28 seat. He was elected to the Senate in 2010 after serving in the Alabama House of Representatives for three terms.

Rep. Forte was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 2010 in District 84 when Sen. Beasley vacated the seat to run for

the Senate.

In an interview with The Clayton Record, Sen. Beasley said he is committed to being a strong advocate for rural healthcare availability in the state.

Both legislators stated they had stood firmly on several attempts that have been made to relocate and close three state prisons in their districts, two in Barbour County and one in Bullock County.

Both have expressed their desire to see the existing prison facilities expanded and renovated rather than spending money to purchase additional property and build new prisons that will create a massive debt for the

taxpayers of Alabama. Both expressed the importance of improving infrastructure, technology, and job opportunities in their districts.

Sen. Beasley and Rep. Forte expressed their concerns about the availability of broadband in all areas. In today's world, the availability of broadband to help existing businesses and entice new industries and students and other school personnel is critically important.

Providing quality education for students from Pre-Kindergarten to higher education, including community colleges, also is important to both legislators. Providing educational opportunities to all young peo-

ple in Alabama is a priority, they said.

In making their announcement to seek re-election, both legislators expressed appreciation to voters who have allowed them to serve in the Alabama Legislature and ask that they allow them to continue representing their districts. Sen. Beasley's current district includes all of Barbour, Bullock, Henry, and Macon counties and a portion of Russell and Houston counties.

Rep. Forte's current district includes Barbour and

Bullock counties and a portion of Russell County.



Sen. Billy Beasley



Rep. Berry Forte

Caldwell succumbs to injury

A fatal Wednesday afternoon, August 18, 2121, wreck in Montgomery is under investigation.

Montgomery police say a

Dodge Caravan and Volvo 6x4 collided on Birmingham Highway near Trinity Road.

The Dodge's driver sustained life-threatening injuries and was pronounced dead at a local hospital.

Police identified him as Joe Caldwell, 84, of Union Springs.

The Volvo's driver was not injured. Montgomery Police did not release further information about the wreck.

Coronavirus Status

- Confirmed cases in Bullock County - 1,346
 - Deaths in Bullock County - 42
 - New cases in the last seven days in Bullock County - 32
- Confirmed cases in Alabama - 665,653
 - Deaths in Alabama - 12,000
 - New cases in the last seven days in Alabama - 24,267

Source: Alabama Department of Public Health as of August 24, 2021

Barnes given good citizens award

By Felicia Farnsworth

Wednesday, August 18, 2021, started off like any other day. Sharon Barnes was helping with the distribution of the newspapers when she noticed an elderly gentleman, who was waiting for his wife, was beginning to slump over in the driver's seat of his pick-up truck.

"I asked him if he was alright and he immediately replied no. I noticed he wanted to get out of the truck but was too weak to do so," stated Barnes.

The next decision Barnes made may have saved this gentleman's life. Barnes proceeded to locate his wife and gave him a bottle of water. After the paramedics arrived, we soon found out that the gentleman was a diabetic and his blood pressure was dangerously low.

Care Ambulance paramedics took him to Bullock County Hospital for

further treatment. If not for her swift actions and her concern for the well-being of others, this morning could have ended in tragedy. Union Springs Herald awarded Sharon the Bullock County Good Citizens Award for her quick thinking and selflessness.

If you know someone who deserves this same award, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Sharon Barnes

Game Canceled
From Bullock County High School Head Football Coach Derrick Levett:
This upcoming Friday football game, August 27, 2021, against Central Haneyville in Lowndes County, has been canceled due to positive Covid cases at Central. It is NOT covid cases at BCHS.

If your last name begins with **J, K, or R** you should renew your tag this month. To better assist you, bring your current **insurance card, driver's license and tag receipt.**
Probate Judge James E. Tatum



Union Springs Police Chief Ronnie Felder, Bullock County Commission Chairman Alonza Ellis, Robbin Pumphrey CNO, Bullock County Sheriff Raymond Rodgers met at the Bullock County Hospital to encourage the citizens of Bullock County to get the Covid-19 vaccination. COVID-19 vaccines remain very effective at reducing risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death. This includes sickness caused by the widely circulating Delta variant. The science of COVID-19 constantly evolves. We're looking at all available data on how well vaccines are working. The goal is for people to start receiving booster doses this fall.

