

Captain Dean reports new requirements for Police Officers

By Faye Gaston
Captain Sharon Dean presented the report on the Union Springs Police Department at the City Council

meeting on January 7, 2019. She told about three new requirements on the entry level to become a trainee police officer. She said that

in the past six years 10-12 applicants could not pass the Academy.

No female has passed the Academy since 1994. In the

new requirements an applicant must pass the "basic ability test" based on a 7th grade level, common sense and reading comprehension.

The other two new requirements are the psychological exam and the physical agility (22 push-ups, 25 sit-ups and a 1.5 miles run in 15 minutes and 28 seconds).

Police Chief Danny Jackson sent her to the Assistant Chief in Prattville where she has attended two meetings to observe and get ideas to improve the Union Springs Police Department. She will attend a meeting there once a month.

The goal is to hire qualified candidates as trainee police officers.

Since the entry level requirements have been added to the former list of requirements, two have met all of them and will attend the Police Academy in Selma on January 20, 2019.

In addition to the three new requirements the list includes the following: (1) a high school diploma or GED equivalent, (2) cover letter, resume, (3) previous Alabama law enforcement experience (if applicable), (4) three reference letters (preferred prior employers) in sealed envelope, (5) possess a valid Alabama driver's license with good driving history, (6) Applicant must be 21 years or older, (7) oral interview, (8) background investigation (criminal), (9) pre-employment drug screening, (10) and a medical exam in Union Springs.

Applications for Full-Time Certified/Trainee Police Officers are available at the Union Springs Police Department.

Semi truck blocks Highway 51 North

By Riley Harris
A semi truck loaded with lumber overturned and blocked Highway 51 North for about three hours on Monday, January 7, 2019.

The accident occurred around 9:00 a.m. and left

lumber scattered for approximately 100 yards down the roadway near the Enon Community. The semi was traveling in the north-bound lane and when it finally came to rest it was on its side with the trailer up-

side down across both north and south bound lanes.

Traffic was detoured until the roadway was cleared and passable around noon.

The driver of the semi was taken to Bullock County Hospital by Haynes

Ambulance with unknown injuries. Sheriff Raymond Rodgers stated, "This was the second loaded semi truck wreck in two months. Be aware and alert while driving and watch other drivers as well."



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Captain Sharon Dean presented a report on the Union Springs Police Department at the City Council Meeting on January 7, 2019. She told about new requirements for trainee police officers. She has been in law enforcement for 27 years. (Photo by Faye Gaston)

Alabama Department of Education releases Alabama State Report Card

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) has released the Accountability System Section of the Alabama Unified Report (AUR).

This portion of the report includes the Alabama State Report Card (commonly referred to as the A-F Report Card) and provides a letter grade for each school/school system.

The full AUR is available on the ALSDE website (www.alsde.edu).

State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Eric Mackey,

said the compilation of this data is not only in keeping with federal and state guidelines, but just as importantly, provides a window into our state's public education system's standings for all stakeholders to view.

Mackey said we have many excellent, hardworking teachers in lower-scoring schools just as we do in the higher performing ones. We have high-flying students who graduate from struggling schools every year. Again, the school grades tell us something – but certainly not everything – about a school.

We appreciate our teachers, school leaders, and parents

who work with our students to ensure their success and academic growth.

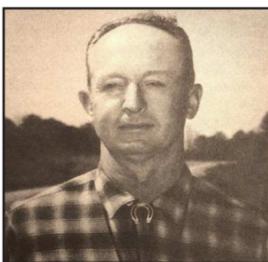
Concerning the Alabama State Report Card, the goal is to provide the public with information that is easy to understand, spark conversation, ensure schools are accountable for their data, and ultimately bring about action for the betterment of Alabama public schools.

In Bullock County 'All Schools' received a 64 - D. Union Springs Elementary School received a 64 - D; South Highlands Middle School received a 72 - C; Union Springs High School received a 62 - D.



Left to right: Chief Law Enforcement Officer Matt Weathers, Sergeant Bill Freeman, and Alabama Department of Conservation Director Chuck Sykes. Bullock County Senior Conservation Enforcement Officer Bill Freeman was recently promoted to Sergeant with Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Enforcement Division. Among his duties as Game Warden in Bullock County, he will also work with Outreach in Education.

Book occupies a special place in Field Trial History



Ed Mack Farrior
Circa 1952

By Faye Gaston

This is the Historical Preservation report given at the Union Springs City Council meeting on January 7, 2019 by Faye Gaston. The field trials in Bullock County are an important part of our history.

And this book occupies a special place in field trial history.

The title is "Reflections on Bird Dogs and the Men Who Handled Them", written by Ed Mack Farrior.

He was elected to the Field Trial Hall of Fame in 1982. (His father, Edward Farrior, was elected in 1956.) Ed Mack Farrior enjoyed a remarkable career as a bird-dog-man. He trained bird dogs.

This book is his "memoir" as a professional handler, club official, judge and promoter of field trials over a long period of time.

This book covers the peri-

od of 1917 to 1960. It brings to life some of the developing years for field trials throughout the United States and Canada. The book has many historical photos, including those of famous dogs.

He provides personal insight into legendary Pointers and Setters. It is about field trial people and field trial dogs. The years covered are the ones Ed Mack and his father were active in the major circuit.

It was written about him that, "Ed Mack Farrior, when he wasn't smiling was chuckling. He was outrageously

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Bullock County High School's Serenitee Simmons.

If your last name begins with A or D, 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**

