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today's WEATHER



HIGH: 91
LOW: 63
Scattered storms, 60 percent chance of rain

tomorrow's WEATHER



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LOW: 63
Scattered storms, 30 percent chance of rain



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Florida man charged in Enterprise shooting

Special to the Ledger

A 60-year-old Pensacola, Fla., man was arrested Wednesday night in connection with a shooting that occurred on Mill Avenue in Enterprise.

The Enterprise Police Department charged Amos Ray Perdue with second-degree assault after responding to a report of a shooting at 707 Mill Ave. According to Police Capt. Mike Lolley, when police

arrived at the residence they located John Terrell Flowers, 46, in the front yard of his residence with a gunshot wound to his leg. Lolley said Flowers told police he and Perdue were

engaged in an argument that turned physical. Lolley said Flowers stated that Perdue then went to his room and returned with a 9-millimeter handgun and shot Flowers in the leg. Police were able to

talk Perdue out of the house without incident. At the time of his arrest he was in possession of two handguns, Lolley said. Perdue has been released on a \$15,000 bond.



Amos Ray Perdue

Two are indicted for attempted murder charges

By Carole Brand
Ledger Staff Writer

Coffee County grand jury indictments led to arrests for attempted murder, rape and drug charges.

The grand jury indicted Lyndon Montell Phillips, 26, of Rucker Boulevard, Enterprise, on charges of attempted murder and certain persons carrying a pistol. Phillips was placed on a \$1 million bond and is in the Coffee County Jail.

Timothy DeWayne Straw, 32, of Clio was indicted on charges of attempted murder and first-degree theft of property. Straw's bond was set at \$250,000 on the attempted murder charge and \$25,000 on the theft charge.

David NGuyen, 30, of Massachusetts with residency in Enterprise, was indicted by the grand jury on a second-degree rape charge. NGuyen is on no bond and is in the Coffee County Jail.

Ladistrick Randall Tyson, 21, of James Street, Elba, was indicted on two counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance. Tyson is currently out of jail on a \$30,000 bond for both charges.

Micky Donaldson, 50,
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Mix Andrews
Andrew Joseph Kianka

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2010 Dixie Angels host team

In front from left are Olivia Thompson, Danna Reynolds, Shelby Kyser, Alex O'Brien, Madeline Holland and Mariah Farris. Second row from left are Hayley Haggard, Felicity Graves, Kelsey Thomas, Alex Watson, Chloe Stone and Courtney Lee. In back are coaches David Graves, Joe Simmons and Stacy Watson.



2010 Dixie Darlings host team

In front, from left, are Emily Valentine, Mikaela Grubb, Kelsey Thomas, Tori Clemmons and Landra Speigner. Second row from left are Brianna Brooks, Brooke Enloe, Mikayla Walters, Bianca Guarino, Raven Evans, Julianna McCollough and Jessi Andress. In back are coaches Chad McCollough, Tim Greathouse, Darla Grubb and Lee Andress.



2010 Dixie Ponytails host team

In front from left are Hannah Matherly, Jessica Fox, Raven Didorek, Kinsley Cherry, Hayden Scarbrough and Brittany Lee. Second row from left are Abby Hutto, Hannah Reynolds, Julie Fleming, Caroline Richey, Hanna Holloway and Jordan Wehunt. In back are coaches Robbie Wehunt, Fox Fleming and Kevin Lee.

play BALL!

Dixie Softball Girls Fast Pitch State Tournament starts today

By Michelle Mann
Ledger Staff Writer

Opening ceremonies for the Dixie Softball Girls Fast Pitch Tournament begin at 4 p.m. today at the Enterprise Sports Complex on Highway 167 North.

Six-, 7- and 8-year-old Darlings, 9- and 10-year-old Angels and 11- and 12-year-old Ponytails will compete in the state tournament that runs through Tuesday. The Darlings, Angels and Ponytails play tonight.

Teams from Hartselle, Butler, Reeltown, South Bibb, Geneva and Sand Mountain will compete in the Darlings league. Angels teams from Butler, Hartselle, Pleasant Grove,

Tallassee, Dothan National and Sand Mountain will play in that league. Ponytails teams competing are from Sand Mountain, Hartselle, Thomasville, McCalla, Dothan and Montgomery.

This tournament follows the Dixie AA Machine Pitch State Tournament hosted by the Enterprise Parks and Recreation Department last week. Twelve teams of 8-year-old boys played for a chance to compete in the upcoming regional tournament in South Carolina.

"We are absolutely delighted to host and welcome so many visitors to our town," Enterprise Mayor Kenneth Boswell said. "It is rewarding to see that many people coming from throughout the state to support their young people competing in these games."



Educators, judges brainstorm to decrease area dropout rates

By Michelle Mann
Ledger Staff Writer

More than 1 million students in the United States drop out of school each year, making them three times more likely to end up in prison or on public assistance.

That was among statistics school superin-

tendents and court officials from nine Wiregrass counties were told at a meeting in Enterprise on Wednesday to brainstorm ways to keep students in school. Represented were Coffee, Dale, Covington, Crenshaw, Pike, Geneva, Barbour, Houston and Henry counties. State Deputy School

Superintendent Dr. Tommy Bice had some suggestions for the group. He said he is a strong advocate of raising the allowable dropout age to 19 from the present age of 16 to begin to address the problem.

Brice, retired Morgan

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Alabama Deputy Schools Superintendent Dr. Tommy Bice told educators and juvenile court judges from nine Southeast Alabama counties that he advocates raising the school dropout age from 16 to 19.

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