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today's WEATHER



HIGH: 87 Cloudy. Showers, t-storms likely.
LOW: 67

tomorrow's WEATHER



HIGH: 89 Cloudy. Showers, t-storms likely.
LOW: 69



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Pleasant Shade Church to feed people in need

"The Bible says to feed the hungry, and we hope people who are in need reach out to us as we reach out to them."

Deloris Brooks,
secretary of Feeding the Needy
From the Heart program

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One in five children and one in six adults go hungry every day, according to statistics by World Hunger. Even if America is the land of the plenty, hunger is still a very real struggle for many, even in Coffee County. With the recession, many children and adults go without food.

That's why the Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church wants to step in and make a difference.

The church will be distributing food for anyone in the community who is in need. According to secretary of the program, Feeding the Needy From the Heart, Deloris Brooks, "We are offering food to those that do need to be fed and are in need of food. The

food we are going to give away will consist of meats, vegetables and fruits."

The food giveaway is Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church parking lot located on Damascus Road in Enterprise.

"Our associate pastor (the Rev. Mark Rowe and wife, Doris) have been carrying food to the

needy on their own for a long time," Brooks said. "I found out what he was doing and he said he needed a secretary and some volunteers so I told him I was once a secretary and would help him."

As the program evolved, volunteers Brooks and the Rowes went to the Wiregrass Area Food

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After 25 years, the question remains

Who killed Retha Mae?



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The daughters of the late Retha Mae Hines, Lisa Fuller and Teresa Bridges (far right), joined (from right) Elba Police Investigator Leslie Hussey, Coffee County Assistant District Attorney Chris Kaminski and Coffee County Sheriff's Investigator Johnny Knowles on Wednesday for a press conference regarding their mother's unsolved death in 1989.

Family hoping technology could break cold case

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Retha Mae Hines was eight days shy of turning 50 when she was about to venture into a life of being a full-time poultry farmer. Late Thursday night, May 11, 1989, she worked her last day away from home as a clerk at Elba's Big Little Store (now the home of the Inland Station).

Hines had big plans for her first day with her new career working at her own chicken houses, including picking up her grandkids from day care and spending the afternoon with them.

She never got the chance. Hines was found by her youngest daughter, Lisa, beaten to death in the living room. She was buried on Mother's Day.

Investigators surmised a hammer-type object had been used to kill Hines.

On Wednesday, her daughters, Teresa Bridges and Lisa Fuller, joined investigators Leslie Hussey (Elba Police) and Johnny Knowles (Coffee County Sheriff's Office), Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton, Chief Deputy Ronnie White and Coffee County Assistant District Attorney Chris Kaminski for a

press conference discussing the case that was re-opened more than a year ago.

While no new evidence has been obtained, the old evidence has been taken to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences in Montgomery in hopes that modern technology may shed light on who was responsible for Hines' death.

"With the advance in technology and forensics, we're going back over and rehashing everything and making sure we didn't miss anything," said Hussey, who was a member of the sheriff's department in 1989. "We hope that if we look hard enough there will be one little bit of information that will bring it all to a conclusion. You've got to remember that 25 years ago you were lucky if you got the type of blood and only if there was even enough."

Kaminski said the collaboration was "a great example of local law enforcement agencies working together." He said he hoped the press conference would keep Hines' murder as a fore thought rather than an afterthought.

"Forensic technology has

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Pictured is an old photograph of Retha Mae Hines and her husband, Steve, during their marriage.

Enterprise City Schools reminders

Blue Knights and Belles tryouts

The Enterprise High School JROTC Blue Knights and Belles of the Blue Knights will hold tryouts for the upcoming school year on June 2-13 (not Saturday and Sunday) from 1-3 p.m. Everyone must have transportation to and from tryouts and be in excellent physical shape. If you make the team, summer practice is July 7-18 from 7:30-10:10 a.m. each day except Saturday and Sunday.

Attention: Sixth-grade students

Reminder — All students entering sixth grade next year for the 2014-15 school year are required to have the Tdap immunization prior to the first day of school.

Military Academy appointments announced

Enterprise resident among those chosen

U.S. Representative Martha Roby (R-AL) announced her 2014 military academy appointments Tuesday. As a member of Congress, Roby may nominate eligible students for consideration for appointment to the

prestigious United States Air Force, Naval, Military and Merchant Marine Academies.

"One of the highlights of my job is being able to nominate young men and women for an appointment to our nation's military academies," Roby said. "I have

the utmost respect for any individual who signs up to serve their country in the armed forces. These students have shown academic, leadership and character qualities that make them excellent candidates for a military academy. I know I join their families, teachers and friends in congratulating these students on such a momentous accomplishment. I wish them all the best in the

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Coffee County Jail Reports

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» Zachary John Weinzierl, 29, Enterprise, domestic violence third degree.

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» Zandre E. Coleman, 38, Elba, domestic violence third degree.