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Randy Owen, Jeff Cook and Teddy Gentry will perform live June 15 in Fort Payne.

Alabama back in concert

Staff Reports
It's one of the busiest times for Fort Payne during the summer: Alabama's Fan Appreciation Weekend. And this year, it will be historic. This June 12-15 event will culminate with a free

Hall of Fame band last played live in Fort Payne in 1997

concert at the Alabama Fan Club on June 15. It will be the first concert the band has played in Fort Payne since the last June Jam in 1997, according to fan club accountant Mary Jones. "Randy [Owen] really wanted to do a concert to raise money for those in need in our area," Jones

said. "He's really had it on his heart, and he's the one who spearheaded it. Our officials in Nashville, [Tennessee], are projecting we could have between 5,000 and 8,000 for the free concert."

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2 suspects arrested in cattle theft

Sheriff says additional charges are pending; robbers also caught

Staff Reports
Sheriff Jimmy Harris reports the arrest of two individuals for the recent cattle thefts in southern

DeKalb County. David Grant Fulmer, 28, of Collinsville, and Eddie Ray Fulmer, 31, of Albertville, were taken into custody early Wednesday morning by DeKalb County officers and agents from the Department of Agriculture Rural Crime Unit.

David Fulmer is charged with two counts of first-degree theft of property for the cattle thefts. Eddie Fulmer is charged with two counts of first-degree theft of property, three-degree receiving stolen property and promoting prison contraband.

Some stolen property has been recovered, and the investigation is continuing at this time, Harris said.

Both suspects were booked into the DeKalb County Detention Center. Additional charges are pending.

"We are glad to get these guys," Harris said. "The farmers were getting very protective and were concerned about something happening. It is hard to imagine how these people feel to have what they work so hard for taken from them. I understand how they feel because I have farmed most of my adult life. I hope this will stop the problem in the New Harmony community."

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David Fulmer



Eddie Fulmer

A VIEW FROM THE TOP



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The city of Fort Payne is seeking a grant to build a recreation trail from the Wills Valley Recreation Center to Citadel Rock Road. It would be the first phase of a trail system created in cooperation with the Town of Mentone, DeSoto State Park Resort and Little River Canyon National Preserve.

Blazing a new trail

Fort Payne seeking grant to begin first phase of recreation project

By Huck Treadwell
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Fort Payne Mayor Larry Chesser said he'd like to see recreational trails that connect Fort Payne to DeSoto State Park Resort, Little River Canyon National Preserve and Mentone. But, he said the city would need grant money to make the proposed

trail a reality. During a May meeting, the Fort Payne City Council authorized Chesser to apply for a \$100,000 grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. The city would have to match \$20,000, but Chesser said the matching funds would be through in-kind work from city

employees. "I've got the paperwork ready to be filed," Chesser said. "After that, we'll just have to wait and see if we get approved. We'd like to get started on it as soon as we get the money."

The idea for a connected trail

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Fletcher challenges Rich for House District 26 seat

Staff Reports
Incumbent state Rep. Kerry Rich, R-Albertville, will face challenger Ginger Fletcher in the Republican Primary on Tuesday. House District 26 includes Lakeview, Geraldine and the southern portion of DeKalb

County northwest of Crossville. Rich previously served in the Alabama House from 1974-78 and 1990-94, as well as 1996-98. He won his current seat in 2010. He is the manager of WJIA 88.5 FM in Guntersville and is a past

president of the Alabama Broadcasters Association. Fletcher worked as a teacher in Marshall County for more than 40 years. She was named Albertville City Schools



Ginger Fletcher



Kerry Rich

Teacher of the Year four times, was the Walmart Teacher of the Year in 2007 and was presented a statewide honor from the Alabama Department of Education, the C. Mar-

bury Technology Award, in 2012. Rich said he initially got out of politics because Republican's couldn't get anything done in Montgomery in a Democratically dominant Legislature. "When I served through 1994, the Democrats con-

trolled the Legislature," Rich said. "There were so many issues they wouldn't deal with. I ran in 2010 because I thought Republicans would deal with those issues." Rich said his experience in the Legislature

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