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Gov. Robert Bentley

**Bentley: Lottery best option for revenue in Alabama**

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MONTGOMERY(AP) — Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley once said state lotteries were as outdated as leisure suits, but in throwing his support to a state lottery this week he said it was the only revenue option left in the closet.

The governor, in an opinion piece submitted Wednesday to news outlets,

said lawmakers have rejected the idea of tax increases while the state faces a continued revenue crisis. The governor did not name the state's Medicaid program in the piece, but said the state's revenue troubles could force cuts "gut-wrenching" decisions to cut programs for children, the disabled and the elderly.

"I will not, as your Governor and as a physician, watch as our most

helpless and vulnerable people go without a doctor's care. I can't bear to think of the half-million children who, through no fault of their own, are born into poverty and have no way to get basic medical treatment they need to grow healthy and strong," Bentley wrote.

The governor said, "At bare minimum, we must care for our truly

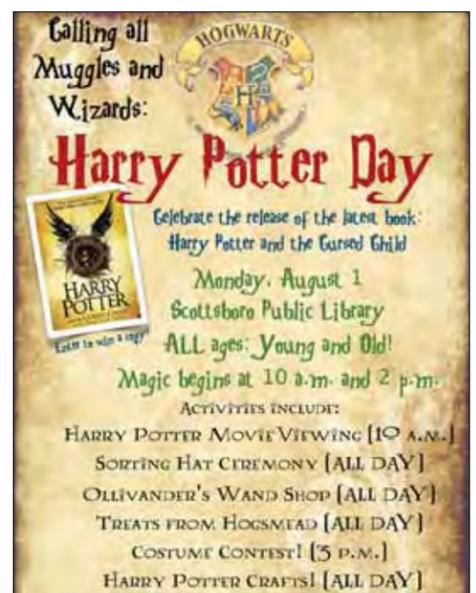
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**ALMOST TIME**



PHOTO | PEGGY M. HIMBURG

Zoe Arnold was one of the many seventh graders at Scottsboro Junior High School Wednesday morning. She got her schedule and was trying out her locker combination. Zoe is also a cheerleader for SJHS, and that group was having pictures made later in the morning. Students and teachers are getting ready for school to start next week. She is the daughter of Darren and Kim Arnold.



**Library to host release for latest Harry Potter book**

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It's not everyday that a beloved children's book series releases a new book. And when that time happens, libraries all over take advantage of the opportunity to share in the excited of a new book.

As part of the finishing touch on summer literacy programs in the community, the Scottsboro Public Library will host a Harry Potter Day in celebration of the newest book in the series, "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child."

The program is scheduled for Monday, Aug 1. At 10 a.m. the library will show the first Harry Potter movie for the children to enjoy watching. At 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. the library will have plenty of fun things for

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**County commission shows support for local law enforcement and emergency personnel**

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At its regular meeting this week, the Jackson County Commission passed a resolution supporting local law enforcement and emergency response personnel.

The resolution reads, "Those who are called upon to protect and serve, selflessly sacrifice and put their lives on the line daily to protect us and our

property despite the risk of physical harm and emotional distress upon themselves and their families so that communities that they serve remain safe and secure."

And that: "Jackson County remembers and honors the sacrifices of all law enforcement officers and first responders who have given so much, and some

who have made the ultimate sacrifice, while protecting the communities they serve."

Commissioner Stacy Ledwell said law enforcement is a vital part of a community.

"We often lose sight of the important role they play," said Ledwell. "We wanted to show them our appreciation for the work they do in our community."

**Curly Putman Day is Sunday in Scottsboro**

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Legendary songwriter Curly Putman is coming home. Putman will be in Scottsboro Sunday as Jackson County celebrates Curly Putman Day at the Scottsboro Depot Museum.

As a distinguished guest, along with his wife Bernice, of the Jackson County Historical Association, Putnam will be part of the program, which starts at 2 p.m., that will include his greatest song, "Green, Green

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