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Violetta is a hound/lab mix listed as 7 months old, and is available for adoption at the Williamston Veterinary Clinic. Page 2

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Enterprise & Weekly Herald Columnist Leslie Beachboard says this Christmas we should encourage more interaction with others. Page 4

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Fourth & Long Columnist David Friedman says he believes Alabama is not in a class by itself, but it doesn't take long to call the roll. Page 8



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Romona Smith of Jamesville
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Threat at school unfounded

Controlled dismissal Friday at Riverside MS

SARAH HODGES STALLS
Enterprise & Weekly Herald

WILLIAMSTON – Law enforcement and school officials are grateful a Friday afternoon scare ended safely at one middle school in Martin County. “Friday afternoon, Riverside Middle School received

a threatening phone call,” according to Superintendent Chris Mansfield. “School administrators moved the school into a soft lockdown situation while the veracity of the threat was being investigated.”

Together with law enforcement, school officials de-

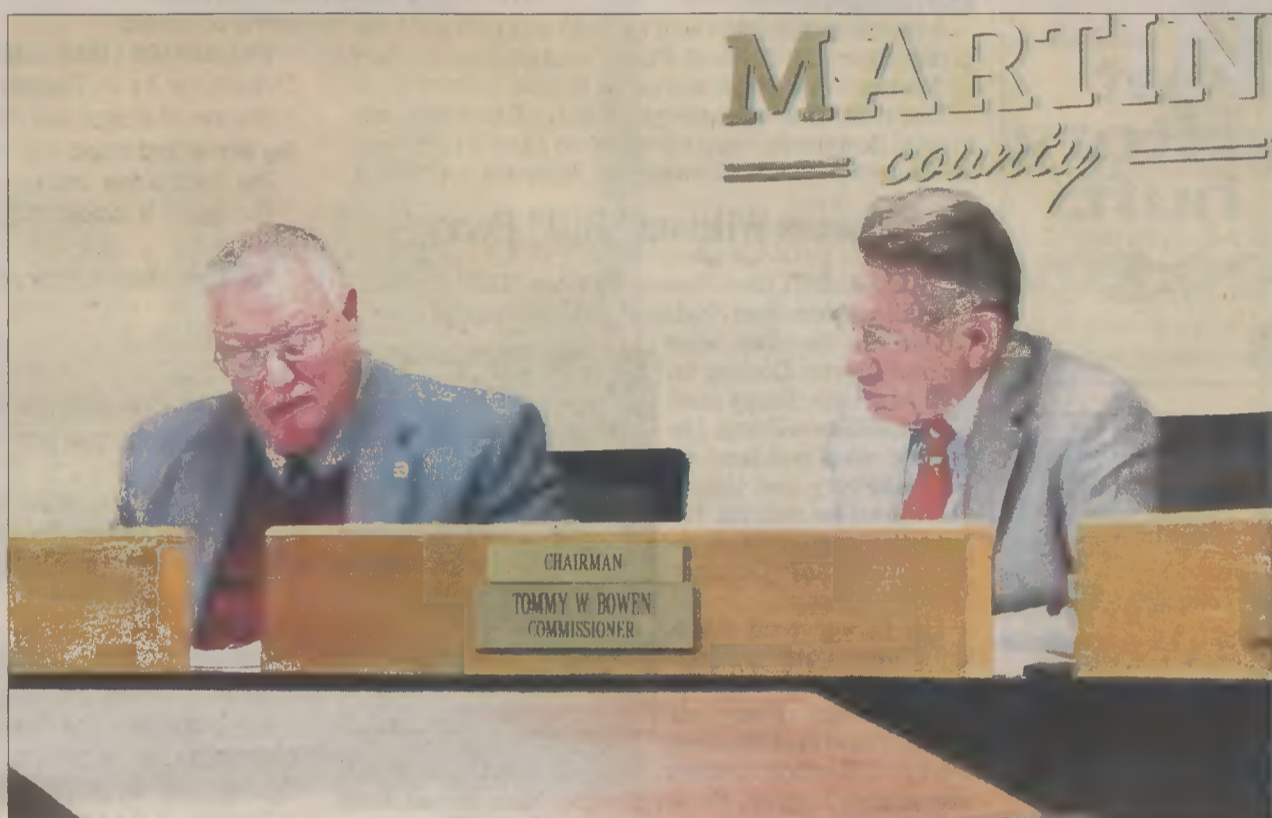
termined that a controlled dismissal could be safely conducted.

“I am appreciative of school and district staff for taking appropriate action. I am also appreciative of Williamston Police and Martin County Sheriff Department officers for their actions in the investigation

of the threat and in assisting with the safe school dismissal,” Mansfield added.

Chief Deputy Drew Robinson of the Martin County Sheriffs Office said the threat was “ultimately unfounded;” however, the incident remains under investigation.

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There was no need for changing chairs during the December meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners after a Dec. 13 vote. Vice-Chairman Dempsey Bond Jr. (left) and Chairman

Tommy Bowen were re-elected to their same roles for the coming year.

MCSO aids in capture

Suspect found near Prison Camp Road

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Enterprise & Weekly Herald

WILLIAMSTON – Members of the Martin County Sheriffs Office lent assistance in the apprehension of a wanted man Friday afternoon.

An increased law enforcement presence was reported Friday around 12:30 p.m. near the 5000 block of Prison Camp Road.

According to Martin County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Drew Robinson, a bail bondsman had orders for arrest for an individual from Pitt County. The individual, who was not named, was wanted for failure to appear in court.

Tracking the individual took the bondsman into Martin County. The person of interest was reportedly located at 5115 Prison Camp Rd., which is near the intersection of Bailey Road.

Once the individual was located, they failed to surrender. The bondsman then sought assistance from the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

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Maintaining status quo

Martin County Commissioners keep chair, vice chair; reappoint leaders

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Enterprise & Weekly Herald

WILLIAMSTON – There will be no leadership changes among Martin County Board of Commissioners after a Dec. 13 vote.

The annual election and appointment of positions on or attached to the board was held early in the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

The first position up for discussion was board chairman.

County Manager David Bone called for nominations from

board members.

Commissioner Elmo “Butch” Lilley made a motion for Commissioner Tommy Bowen to remain chairman. Commissioner Ronnie Smith, who attended a portion of the meeting via phone, offered a second to Lilley’s motion. By unanimous vote, Bowen was reelected chairman – Lilley, Dempsey Bond Jr., Smith and Joe Ayers all offering affirmative votes.

Bond, who was currently serving as vice-chairman, was nominated to retain the posi-

tion by Smith. Lilley offered a second to the motion. Bond was unanimously supported to stay in the role.

Williamston lawyer Richard James was reappointed to serve as county attorney by unanimous vote. Bond made the initial motion and a second was given by Smith.

Jessica Godard, county clerk, was reappointed as clerk to the board of commissioners following a motion from Ayers and

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Keel joins Bond in seeking commission seat

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Enterprise & Weekly Herald

WILLIAMSTON – Two people have filed for Martin County Commissioner as the deadline nears.

Incumbent Dempsey Bond Jr. has filed for a third term on the Martin County Board of Commissioners and Hilton

Keel Jr. is seeking a seat on the board. Both filed as Democrats.

Incumbent Commissioner Tommy Bowen has not filed for re-election to date, and Commissioner Elmo “Butch” Lilley is unaffiliated, and therefore files by written petition.

The only other local candi-

date to file is incumbent Register of Deeds Kimberly J. Griffin, a Democrat.

While local filing has been underwhelming, national and state offices have an abundance of candidates.

Democrats have submitted 15 names for the Presidential Primary. They include former Vice President Joe Biden, U.S.

Senators Michael Bennet (Colorado), Cory Booker (New Jersey), Bernie Sanders (Vermont), Amy Klobuchar (Minnesota) and Elizabeth Warren (Massachusetts) as well as U.S. Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard (Hawaii).

Other Democratic candi-

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