

5 things you
should know
TODAY →

1 memorial day
The Greenville Lions hosts its Memorial Day celebration on May 31 in Confederate Park.

2 tops meets
Taking Pounds off Sensibly is now meeting at 7 p.m. Monday nights at Beeland Park.

3 class night
Fort Dale Academy's Class Night is Thursday, May 20 in the school gymnasium at 7 p.m.

4 weight watchers
For information about joining a Weight Watchers class contact the Greenville YMCA at 382-0550.

5 boe meeting
The Butler County Board of Education will meet on Thursday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at the central office.

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Chip Taylor portrays Jimmy Jet from Shell Silverstein's book "Jimmy Jet and the TV Set" during Fort Dale's Wax Museum program Tuesday. The program, which was organized by literature teacher Ashley Langford, featured eighth-grade students dressed as famous literary figures. The students memorize speeches they wrote themselves and delivered them on command for the audience. See more photos on spotted.greenvilleadvocate.com

FDA's Davis sets high standards in classroom

By ANGIE LONG
The Greenville Advocate

With nearly 27 years of classroom experience under her belt, Marcia Davis has learned a thing or two about helping students set and achieve high goals.

"You've got to do the right thing at the right time in the right way to be successful," says Davis, a science teacher at Fort Dale Academy.

Her method obviously works. Davis was recently named the AISA Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Her enthusiasm coupled with her extensive knowledge of her subject matter, which includes Life Science, Earth Science, Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, Botany/Zoology, Physics and Advanced Biology, helps prepare FDA students for science-related career paths.

"If you can show students how relevant science is to their lives, they really grasp onto it. I am graduating students every year that go on to science careers," Davis, who is head of the school's Science Department, says.

A graduate of Lowndes Academy with a BS in Secondary Education from Auburn



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Greenville musicians help aid Pike County cancer patient

By ANGIE LONG
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Local musical artists are going to share their talents in Troy to help a little girl who is fighting a big battle.

Kevin Sport, host of the television show "The Right Place," and Renny McNaughton will join Benjie Sanders and County Line and Nashville recording artist Daryle Singletary for a benefit concert for EB Johnson.

The event is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Friday, May 21 at the Pike County Fairgrounds in Troy.

EB, the three-year-old daughter of Troy Johnson and Marla Johnson, was diagnosed with a very rare form of brain cancer in November 2009. The little girl had to endure numerous surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation. A stroke occurred after

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FILE PHOTO

Greenville's Kevin Sport is one of a number of singers that will perform at a benefit concert for EB Johnson, a three-year-old little girl with brain cancer, in Pike County.

Free prostate cancer screenings on May 22

By ANGIE LONG
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In 2009, a Camden truck driver named Jimmy Love heard an advertisement for free prostate cancer exam screenings in Butler County.

In spite of having no symptoms, he took advantage of the opportunity and discovered he did have prostate cancer.

"If I hadn't went, who knows what would have happened. I just thank the Lord I found out," Love, who had cancer surgery in November 2009, said.

On Saturday, May 22, the Urology Health Foundation will again team with the Butler County Health Department to provide free prostate cancer screenings from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the health department's 350 Airport Road location.

"Mr. Love is doing and feeling really well and he is definitely one of our success stories," said Sherry Wilson of the UHF.

"We're excited to be able to come back to the Greenville area to once again provide what could be life-saving screenings for citizens."

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Woman cut in dispute, says sheriff

By AUSTIN NELSON
The Greenville Advocate

A verbal dispute early Sunday morning put one woman in the hospital, said Butler County Sheriff Kenny Harden.

Witness reports alleged that two women were arguing over prescription medication when one brandished a kitchen knife and assaulted the other, reported Harden.

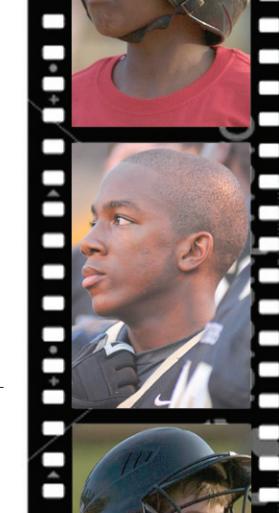
"We received a call between 4:30 and 5 a.m. in reference to an assault victim at Meadowcrest Road," Harden said. "When we got there, there was a female with multiple cuts to her head and her ear cut in two."

STEGMAN

Harden said that this is the first stabbing incident of the year in Butler County.

Rachael Jasmin Stegman, 32, was arrested and charged with assault in the first degree in connection with the incident, Harden said.

The victim, who was believed to be visiting from Foley, Harden said, was transported to L.V. Stabler hospital and received stitches before being released.



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the removal of a lemon-sized tumor, and now she is working to regain skills in walking, talking, feeding herself and many other tasks of daily living.

"There is good news. As of April 9, there were no cancer cells detected in her spinal fluid. However, she's got a long way to go to get back to being that active, lively little girl she was before," said Sonja Newton, who is helping organize Friday's benefit with her sister, Jessica Helms.

"We want to help take some of the financial burden away so Troy and Marla can focus only on her care and expenses. Troy puts on a gun and badge everyday as a detective for the Pike County Sheriff's Department, and Marla shapes the minds of our children and shares a love of learning as a teacher in Goshen. We want to show them the community is here for them."

Helms said she is extremely proud of Greenville-area talents and volunteers "stepping up for this awesome family."

Volunteers from the Alabama Power Service Organization in Greenville will be assisting with the event, to be hosted by Bart Snyder and Anna Garrott. Admission is \$5 for kids and \$10 for adults. Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs; no alcohol is permitted.

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Doctors and staff from Urology Centers of Alabama of Birmingham will join Ziba Anderson's staff in providing rectal exams and blood tests on Saturday.

In last year's screening in Butler County, an unusually high percentage of the 56 men screened - 21 percent - showed abnormalities. The Black Belt average is 13 percent and the national average is 10 percent. Statistics show prostate cancer is more prevalent in African-American men and often more deadly.

"That's why it is so important that men starting at age 40 get these screenings. It really can be a life-saver," said Wilson.

For additional information on the screenings, call 334-382-3154.

FDA STUDENTS MODEL NEW UNIFORMS



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Fort Dale students show off the new design of the uniforms that will be mandatory this fall. Not all items pictured, such as the sweater vest, will be required for daily wear. The uniforms are on display for parents to view at the FDA library Wednesday, and a price list is expected to be available on the school's website soon. Shoes are not pictured, said Headmaster David Brantley, because a final decision has not been made. Brantley said the shoe guidelines will be less stringent and may provide parents and children with more than one choice. From left: Katie Wilson, Alex Merry, Madison Branum, Reilly Mixon, Mary Katherine Salter, Austin Cowles, Davis Gaston and Taylor Middleton show off their school colors.

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University Montgomery, Davis' latest accolade is one in a long list for this talented teacher, who has taught and coached at Fort Deposit Academy, Lowndes Academy and, since 1989, at FDA.

She was named Teacher of the Year at Fort Deposit Academy in 1989 and Fort Dale Academy in 1993 and was previously nominated for AISA Teacher of the Year in 1993, 1996 and 2000.

Davis has been a multiple year honoree in Who's Who Among America's Teachers and won the WAKA Golden Apple Award in 2009.

Among her many duties, she also serves as the

school's and district's Science Fair coordinator, National Honor Society advisor and senior class advisor.

Davis believes you should always expect and demand the best from those in your classroom.

"You need to make every child feel special without lowering expectations. If you hold students up to the highest expectations, they will achieve. To make a difference in the life of a child is the most rewarding and powerful job in the world," she said.



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