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RECEIVE AWARDS - Sens. Billy Beasley and Marc Keahey are shown with the statuettes presented to them during the annual dinner meeting that marked the 75th anniversary of the Natural Resources Conservation Services held at Orange Beach Sunday night. Joining them are Noopie Cosby with the Cosby Group, Rebecca Beasley, Beasley's wife, and on the far right, Dr. Carol Knight, vice president of the organization.

Beasley receives NRCS Award

BY REBECCA BEASLEY

Two Alabama legislators were honored Sunday night as recipients of awards presented by the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS).

Sen. Billy Beasley of Clayton was honored for his support of Alabama's Conservation Districts as well as his legislative efforts during his three terms in the Alabama House of Represent-

tatives and Sen. Marc Keahey of Grove Hill was the recipient from the Senate.

Both recipients were presented with a bronze eagle bearing a plaque recognizing their honor during the dinner meeting that marked the 75th anniversary of NRCS held at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach. Originally established by Congress in 1935 as the Soil Conservation Service, NRCS has expanded to become a conservation leader for

all natural resources, ensuring private lands are conserved, restored, and more resilient to environmental challenges, like climate changes.

It was noted at the meeting that 70% of the land in the United States is privately owned, making stewardship by private landowners critical to the health of our nation's environment.

NRCS works with landowners through conservation planning and

assistance designed to benefit the soil, water, air, plants, and animals that result in productive lands and healthy ecosystems. In accepting the award, Beasley commended the more than 3,000 in attendance at the dinner for their work to preserve and conserve all private lands in the state.

Representing Barbour County NRCS at the 68 annual meeting was Jimmy Hatcher. This year's theme was "75 years, A legacy of Conservation, Helping the People Help the Land."

Death of inmate ruled as homicide

BY REBECCA BEASLEY

A Ventress Correctional inmate, Rocrast Donnell Mack, died in August as a result of multiple blunt force trauma, according to results reportedly released in an autopsy report.

An informed source who asked to remain anonymous reported that the detailed autopsy report deemed the death a homicide.

Department of Corrections spokesperson, Brian Corbett, stated that the Department of Public Safety to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation is conducting an independent investigation into the death resulting from an incident at the prison on August 4. Immediately after the incident, and in accordance with policy, Corbett said the incident was referred to the

Department of Corrections Investigation and Intelligence Division for an internal investigation.

Once the investigation is completed by the ABI, the results will be presented to District Attorney Ben C. Reeves, Jr. for his consideration regarding any violations of state law.



ROCRAST MACK

Mack, 24, died after an altercation on the night of August 4. The inmate was transported to Edge Regional Hospital in Troy and later transferred

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Column One Comment

Thanksgiving is only a week away! Can you believe it? It seems like no time since we were celebrating Labor Day, back to school, Halloween, and Veteran's Day ... before you can blink, we will be celebrating a new year! Speaking of holidays, *The Record* will publish on schedule next week. However, with postal delivery, your copy may be received a day later than normal. So our staff wishes each of our readers a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Auburn University and quarterback Cam Newton have been much in the news the last couple of weeks. Auburn, winners of SEC West, will meet for a rematch with South Carolina for the SEC Championship on Dec. 4. We wish them every success and hope to see them in Tempe in January.

Commission committees named

BY REBECCA BEASLEY

Barbour County commissioners are operating minus one of its members since the election of Berry Forte to the Alabama House of Representatives.

While commissioners wait for the governor to appoint someone to fill his unexpired term which expires in two years, Chairman Earl Gilmore reassigned committee appointments during last week's regular meeting.

The long standing Animal Control Committee was left without any commissioners serving on this committee due to the lack of funds to operate the program. Commissioner Henry Franklin, who has served as chairman of the committee for many years, said he has served faithfully and he did not want efforts to create an animal control program in the county to diminish.

Two commissioners

will serve on each of the remaining committees. Franklin will chair the Building and Grounds Committee. Frank Straughn will serve on the committee. Pat Ivey remains chairman of the Finance Committee. Serving with her will be Trip Horne. Horne is chairman of the Highway Committee with Franklin serving with him. Straughn is chairman of

the Personnel Committee and Fred Cooper will serve with him. Cooper is chairman of the Solid Waste Committee. Mrs. Ivey will serve with him on this committee.

Commissioners took action in passing a resolution to support Forte's recommendation of Frances Person-Crews to fill the vacancy. Another nominee, Pete McDaniel,

also has been submitted for consideration. Former Commissioner Forte was honored with a reception prior to the commission meeting and presented with a resolution commemorating his service to the commission.

The governor's office currently is accepting resumes from interested citizens who live in

Commission District 3 and they will then be sent to the governor for him to make the appointment.

The last time a governor made an appointment to the commission is when former Gov. Don Siegelman appointed Mrs. Ivey to fill the unexpired term of her husband, Kenneth Earl Ivey, who died while in office.



BRILLIANT HUES OF THE SEASON - Even with drought conditions and unseasonably warm days, fall colors can be seen in various locations around Barbour County. The maples, dogwoods, and other natives which go dormant in the winter provide a colorful spectacle for all to enjoy this time of year.



NEW LEGISLATOR COMMENDED - Barbour County Commission Chairman Earl Gilmore presents former county commissioners and newly elected state representative, Berry Forte, with a resolution recognizing his service as a county commissioner. The presentation was made last week at a reception held in Forte's honor prior to the commission meeting in Clayton.

Mrs. Anna Key named BCMS assistant principal

The Barbour County Board of Education recently selected Mrs. Anna Abercrombie Key to fill the Assistant Principal position at Barbour County Middle School. This position was created when Mr. Kelvin James, the former Assistant Principal of Barbour County Middle School, was selected as Principal of the middle school.

Mrs. Key has been an employee of the Barbour County Board of Education for over 18 years. She was assigned to the classroom at Bakerhill and Clayton elementary schools the first nine years of her career. For

the past nine years, she has served as the Media Specialist in Clayton and Louisville. During the past seven years while at Barbour County Middle School, Mrs. Key has served successfully in a wide range of duties and responsibilities requiring a high degree of management and leadership ability. Her noteworthy accomplishments include serving as the Chair for the School-wide Improvement Planning Committee and as the reading coach for the school's Corrective Reading Program.

"Mrs. Key is an outstanding data analyst and

a skilled facilitator; additionally, she has developed skill as a collaborative, instructional planner. These skills are uniquely suited for the administrative leaders within the Barbour County Schools," stated Gary Quick, Superintendent of Barbour County Schools.

INMATE

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to Jackson Hospital in Montgomery where he died on August 6 from injuries sustained.

Officers at Ventress involved in the incident have not been identified but they have been temporarily reassigned to other state correctional facilities. "It is standard procedure, after such an incident, to temporarily reassign employees pending the outcome of the investigation and pending personnel action," Corbett stated.

He added that DOC will take whatever actions are necessary to discipline employees who violated work rules. These personnel actions are currently under consideration and pending, Corbett

said.

Details surrounding the incident have not been released by DOC. Corbett says he cannot comment on the case while it is under investigation. As a result no official report has been released as to what instigated the incident resulting in the inmate's death.

DOC issued the following statement concerning the death: "The incident of the night of August 4, 2010 was a tragic event for the Mack family and the entire Department of Correction."

Mack was serving a 20-year sentence for distribution of a controlled substance. He was sentenced on February 18, 2010.

Free prostate cancer screening scheduled

Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States among American men. The key to reducing the risk of prostate cancer is early detection.

With that in mind, The Urology Health Founda-

tion of Birmingham and the Barbour County Health Department will conduct a free prostate cancer screening at the Barbour County Health Department, 634 School Street in Eufaula on Saturday, December 4, 2010.

The screening will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and no appointments are needed.

For any questions, please call the Barbour County Health Department at 334-687-4808.

GENERAL ELECTION VOTE COUNT							
SENATE DISTRICT 28							
	BARBOUR COUNTY	BULLOCK COUNTY	HENRY COUNTY	LEE COUNTY	MACON COUNTY	RUSSELL COUNTY	TOTAL
BILLY BEASLEY	6032	3266	4059	5017	6650	3565	28589 70%
KIM WEST	2355	625	2674	4494	844	1037	12029 30%
HOUSE DISTRICT 84							
	BARBOUR COUNTY	BULLOCK COUNTY	RUSSELL COUNTY	TOTAL			
BERRY FORTE	5031	2212	568	7811 65%			
JOYCE PERRIN	3224	437	521	4182 35%			

ELECTION RESULTS						
BARBOUR COUNTY NOV. 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION						
POLLING PLACES	SENATE DISTRICT 28		HOUSE DISTRICT 84		U.S. REP. 2ND DIST.	
	BILLY BEASLEY	KIM WEST	BERRY FORTE	JOYCE PERRIN	BOBBY BRIGHT	MARTHA ROBY
Texasville Com. Ctr.	87	58	67	76	62	84
Bakerhill Town Hall	188	93	150	130	152	125
Sutton's Restaurant	73	27	51	46	64	35
Elamville Vol. Fire Dept	65	27	41	43	58	31
Clio City Hall	349	62	248	145	278	126
Chatt Cts Community Ctr.	627	180	592	217	564	231
Bevill Center	375	363	286	448	290	446
Fellowship Baptist	402	353	323	432	296	456
Springhill VFD	143	27	131	34	126	37
Clayton Courthouse	609	111	533	175	502	202
Green's Crossroads	116	35	82	63	86	62
Mt. Andrew Com. Ctr.	131	11	129	13	126	13
Louisville City Hall	498	88	381	182	384	188
Blue Springs City Hall	200	81	120	139	133	144
Eufaula Water Board	513	183	467	219	427	244
Eufaula Community Ctr.	587	335	487	425	471	432
Samford Avenue Gym	512	226	416	314	402	323
Absentee	547	95	517	123	401	129
Provisional	10	0	10	0	10	1
TOTAL	6032	2355	5031	3224	4832	3309
	71.92%	28.08%	60.94%	39.06%	59.35%	40.65%

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FROM **Billy Beasley**

Dear Friends:

I just want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for electing me to the Alabama State Senate. As your State Senator, I will continue to work for you to earn your trust and confidence. Again, thank you for your vote. I am honored and privileged to be your next State Senator from District 28.

Billy

YOUR DISTRICT 28 SENATOR

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