Faulk fined for ethics violation

By DAVID GOODMAN

A $500 administrative fine was levied against County Commission Chairman John Faulk by the State Ethics Commission Wednesday.

Faulk was cited for failing to file his 2008 report, which was due on or before March 15, 2009. Faulk’s report was filed on or before March 26, 2009. Faulk was also cited for failing to file his 2007 report, which was due on or before March 15, 2008. Faulk’s report was filed on or before March 26, 2008.

A “technical violation” of the Ethics Commission’s rules was noted in the FY2007 report, according to an email to Faulk from Ethics Commission Executive Director Tony Rumbo. Faulk was informed in the email that he may not correct the technical violation, which included not referencing the 2007 ethics commission code of conduct, as an extension of the filing deadline.

Rumbo said he was also unaware that Faulk filed both reports late in 2008.

Rumbo said the ethics commission staff would recommend that Faulk continue to file reports on time.

Faulk is running for re-election in November.

Echoes Local teachers have eye for creativity, literacy

By PEGGY BLACKBURN

Teachers from 10 county Alabama school systems, along with volunteers from the Alabama Math, Science and Technology Institute at Auburn University attended a two-day workshop in Wetumpka this past week. The summit – “The Private Eye” – drew positive reviews from the 72 participants.

The process, developed by Kerri Reef, is designed to develop higher order thinking skills, creativity and literacy across subject areas. Reef’s research while developing the program proved to her that thinking by-asking was one of the major gaps people – from students to scientists – seem to lack.

“It’s a process that can apply not only to every subject in school, but also in anything,” said Debbie Pezzulo, program coordinator for the UAB School of Education’s Alabama Schools Literacy and Science Program (ALSASP).

Program collaborators Jean Davenport and Brandi Radiant introduced the summit, which

LEC board seeks new applicants for ‘11 class

Special to the Herald

Leadership Elmore County has already begun accepting applications for its 2011 class of participants. The board is now accepting applications for the 2011 class. The annual county-wide leadership development program is designed to enhance the board's understanding of county, state, and national issues as well as provide an awareness of issues and concerns involved in leadership. Applications will begin to be accepted in August.

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