Free internet a good thing

The Outlook is thrilled to be here because Harrods Bend Regional Library received free internet from Alabama Supercomputer Authority thanks to state legislation. This public library joins five others who have received the same good news in the last week and the agency plans to provide the same service for libraries in all 67 counties of Alabama from state funding.

At the announcement this week, Alabama Supercomputer Authority employees, along with Rep. Ed Oliver, Tallapoosa County Commission Chairman, and Regional Library Director Susan Anders all echoed the same sentiment detailing the importance of public libraries.

These days, so many people have access to information at their fingertips via smartphones and home internet but in rural areas such as Tallapoosa County that is not always the case. Libraries have been a valuable resource for years and now the technology of job applications, unemployment ben- efits and even school work — to name a few — move online, it limits access to those who do not have reliable internet.

Free public libraries are a wonderful accomplishment for our area and the Outlook is proud to see this unity added to the community. Oliver speaks about the new law passed by the state legislature in the fall and the additional expans- ion of technology aiding libraries, schools and even health care in Tallapoosa and Crenshaw counties.

We hope to see more of this hap- pening in other towns that digit divide and equal access to all people despite their personal circumstanc- es.

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Today’s Scripture

Romans 11:13-15

For I am glad that I had a hard time... in the years of youth of life — Victor Hugo

Today’s Quiz

Find the child of poets, slyly in the years of old age — Victor Hugo

Weekend’s Question: Are you happy with the results of Tuesday’s municipal elec- tion?

No — 46%, 41 votes

Yes — 54%, 47 votes

Weekend’s Question: Have the lockdowns for COVID-19 changed the way you vote?

On vote.org, these are the words:

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We deserve a mayor who fits the bill. You all deserve to see how this all plays

He offered the secretary of state’s website

A new mindset next time

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Behind the scenes of the vote tabulation: What you don’t see

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is thrilled

1. I have a right to vote

3. I am a registered voter

2. I am a legal resident of Tallapoosa County

What’s my voting address?

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Your vote is not just for our election, but for the future of our city, as we need to

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The vote totals in the next edition

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