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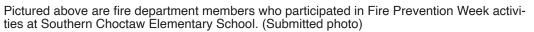




## A visit from some furry **FireFighting Friends**

Local volunteer fire departments and representatives of the Alabama Forestry Commission visited local schools recently in observance of Fire Prevention Week. Firefighters talked with students about fire safety and brought along a couple of furry firefighting friends. Smoky the Bear and Sparky the Dog spent time with the kids, who were also given the opportunity to climb on some of the fire trucks. (Photos by Dee Ann Campbell)

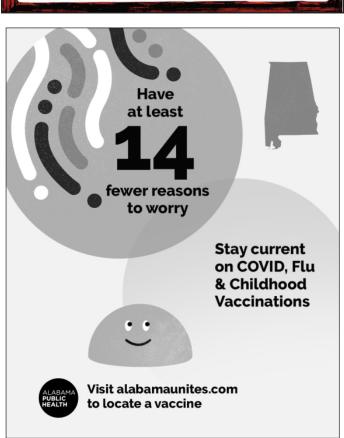












## SUN SPORTS



GILBERTOWN -- The Southern Choctaw High School Lady Indians' Varsity Volleyball team is headed to Montgomery to compete in the AHSAA South Super Regional Volleyball Tournament. The Lady Indians won the title of Runner-Up for the Class 1A Area 5 division. They will play against Billingsley High School on Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Cramton Bowl. Pictured, left to right, are: (front) Captain, Kyla Williamson, Coach Arielle "RiRi" Williamson, Captain, Ahrianna Lockhart; (second row) McKenzie Case, Kendall Brewer, Marcionna Young, Addison Davis; (third row) Madison Hill, Ty'Nicya Presswood, A'Jiah Nelson, Payton Williamson, Keri McGee; Not pictured are Kailin Russell and managers, Evan Snow and MacKenzie Todd. (Submitted photo)