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Centreville Police Report Drowning Death in Cahaba River

BY MIKE HOBSON

REPORTER

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Centreville Police Chief Rodney Smith held a 10:00 a.m. press conference this morning, April 8, 2024, to discuss details of a death that occurred early Saturday morning, April 6.

Smith said that police received a call at approximately 08:30 p.m. on Friday night of an intoxicated man going from house to house in the Mill Street area knocking on doors. When a police cruiser entered the neighborhood a man seen in the street ran as soon as the police car approached. Police lost sight of the man.

Around midnight a police vehicle cruising the

same area near Mill & Maple Streets, came within view of the same individual, who immediately ran from the area again. He ran in the direction of the Cahaba River according to Chief Smith.

While police units from Centreville, Brent, and the Bibb County Sheriff Department were looking for the suspect, near the Cahaba River Bridge, they spotted an individual in the river, underneath the bridge, clinging to a bridge support. As law enforcement made their way down a steep embankment they saw the individual go underwater.

A local dive team recovered the body of a 27 year old B/M in about 10 ft of river depth. The victim

was removed from the river and resuscitation was attempted. He was transported to Bibb Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased at 1:22 a.m. on Saturday morning. Family members were located and notified about 03:00 a.m.

Chief Smith said that the officers never were able to get close to the individual or to determine why he chose to run away. That matter is still under investigation.

Following the death pronouncement the body was turned over to the Bibb County Coroner and has now been transported to the State Medical Examiner's office for autopsy. The victim's identify has been withheld at the request of the family.



Bibb County Unites for Successful Litter Pick-Up Day

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

On Saturday, April 6, Bibb County residents rallied together to participate in the 2024 "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Statewide Spring Cleanup initiative. Organized by ALPALS (Alabama People Against a Littered State), it was facilitated in our county by Michelle Giddens, Bibb County Extension Coordinator, who worked diligently to ensure that the word was spread, necessary supplies were provided to volunteers, team leaders were assigned to designated areas, and prize money was secured.

Participants were given grabbers, vests, and bags provided by ALPALS, making it easier to collect trash along Bibb County's roads. The Bibb County Commission, along with the Mayors and City Councils of Woodstock and Brent, contributed to

the incentive by offering prize money for the top three organizations that collected the most trash. The rewards were substantial, with the first-place winner receiving \$1600, the second-place winner earning \$1000, and the third-place winner securing \$650.

The results of the Bibb County Litter Pick-Up were outstanding, showcasing the dedication and hard work of the community. The Vapor Magic Ball Team from West Blocton claimed the top spot, followed by the Cedar Grove Volunteer Fire Department in second place, and the Ridgeville Church of the Nazarene Children's Ministry in third. Together, all of the organizations and volunteers who participated managed to cover 32 miles of roadway and collected an impressive 1,193 bags of trash. With 547 miles of county roads in

Bibb, the effort translated to an average of 3.72 bags of trash per mile.

The success of the event can be attributed to the commitment of the 113 volunteers who generously gave their time (30 hours' worth total among the groups who volunteered) and effort to make Bibb County a cleaner and more beautiful place to live. Team leaders from various communities within the county played pivotal roles in organizing and mobilizing volunteers, showing the power of community-driven initiatives when people stand up, step up, and commit to the cause. Team leaders included Rachel VanKirk Mathews, Woodstock; Brian Logan, Scottsville; Holly Barnett, West Blocton; James Murphy, Brent; Jessica Taylor, Centreville; Megan Johnson, Brierfield; and Pam Smitherman, Pondville.

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Safety First this Tornado Season: Find a Storm Shelter Near You

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

We are all familiar with this time of year: essential items have been stocked up (batteries, peanut butter, bread, the latest copy of Better Homes and Gardens), you've got your Paw Patrol helmets for your little ones at the ready (but really, you should have one, too). Your phones are on the charger for when the power inevitably goes out when the wind blows the wrong way, your old hound Daisy Mae is let inside the back door on a blanket as a special treat to make sure she doesn't blow away. You have to fiddle with the weather radio to make sure it has been set to the right station, and you've told your family members to hush for the umpteenth time because while you can monitor the severity of the situation by seeing if James Spann's sleeves have been rolled up yet, you can't hear if you're in the polygon or which gas station he's about to mention. Because if it's where you pick up your Marlboros, you know it's time to scoot around the Christmas decoration boxes you've had to pull out of the hall closet, make sure everyone's shoes are on, and hunker down.

OR – you might find yourself driving over to one of the ten commu-

nity storm shelters available to you as a Bibb County resident, which is a wonderful option for those who may not have a Spann-approved safe space at the ready.

Community storm shelters play a vital role during tornado seasons by providing a safe place for individuals and families in times of severe weather. These shelters offer protection from the destructive forces of tornadoes, minimizing the risk of injury or loss of life. Additionally, they foster a sense of solidarity and support within the community during some scary times, as neighbors come together to weather the storm. By having designated shelters in place, communities can effectively mitigate the impact of tornadoes, ensuring that residents have a secure place to seek refuge when dangerous weather strikes. Ultimately, these shelters save lives and promote resilience in the face of natural disasters.

Consider this list when figuring out which storm shelter might be the best for you and your family:

Brent Senior Center
10445 Hwy 5, Brent, AL 35034

Eoline Fire Department
6480 Hwy 82, Eoline, AL 35042

Cedar Grove Volunteer Fire Department
13503 North Scottsville Rd West Blocton, AL 35184

Randolph Elementary School
7259 Hwy 36 Randolph, AL 36792

West Blocton Elementary School
828 Cahaba River Rd, West Blocton, AL 35184

Woodstock Elementary School
19456 Eastern Valley Kd Woodstock, AL 35188

Career Academy
17191 Hwy 5, West Blocton, AL 35184

Brierfield Community Shelter (Ashby Baptist Church)
35 Brickyard Pass, Brierfield, AL 35035

Harrisburg Community Shelter - (New Antioch Church)
341 Old Pike Rd Brent, AL 35034

Camp Branch Community Shelter (Camp Branch Baptist Church)
2575 Camp Branch Rd, West Blocton, AL 35184

Stay safe and weather aware, folks. And always remember to "Respect the Polygon!"



The Academy of Health Sciences Location Revealed

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

The location for The Academy of Health Sciences has been disclosed to the Centreville Press, marking a significant step towards the goal of fostering health career pathways for our rural high school students. Set to be built on the lot adjacent to First US Bank in Centreville, near the Centreville Post Office, this groundbreaking initiative is a collaborative

effort between The Bibb County Healthcare Authority, The Bibb County Board of Education, and public colleges.

The Academy of Health Sciences is envisioned as a premier institution designed to equip high school students with the requisite skills and knowledge for thriving careers in health sciences. With a focus on hands-on learning facilitated by cutting-edge technology and equipment, students will ex-

plore diverse health careers, delve into medical terminology, grasp healthcare safety protocols, and understand the fundamentals of human anatomy and physiology.

This transformative program aims to provide a comprehensive pathway to steady and successful careers in healthcare, recognizing that many positions require only a two-year degree or certification.

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NEWS



Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine: Revolutionizing Reading at Brent Elementary School

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

Brent Elementary School (BES) is excited to introduce an exciting addition to its campus - Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine! This innovative vending machine isn't just dispensing snacks or toys; it's offering a selection of captivating books to spark the imaginations of the students.

Positioned as an incentive and reward system, the book vending machine is set to become a central element for promoting positive behavior, academic achievement, excellent attendance, and hopefully, a lifelong passion for reading.

This initiative wouldn't have been possible without the invaluable support of several key individuals and organizations. The school extends its deepest gratitude to Mr. Kevin Cotner, Bibb County Superintendent, and the members of the Board of Education for their unwavering finan-

cial assistance. Their dedication to enhancing the educational experience of the students is truly admirable.

Recognition is also due to the Bibb County Schools Foundation for acknowledging the commitment of the Reading Specialists, Melissa Dearman and Tiasha Hamilton, and selecting them as grant recipients for the purchase of books. Their vision and advocacy for literacy have been instrumental in realizing this project.

The journey from conception to reality required a collaborative effort, and the school is immensely thankful to everyone who played a role in bringing it to fruition. Special thanks are extended to Brett Lightsey, Shavarus James, Ryan Epperson, Officer Crocker, and Matt Downs for their kind assistance during the delivery and setup process. Their hard work and dedication have ensured that the students can now benefit from this exciting initiative.

With the ability to earn

tokens through positive behavior and academic achievements, the students are empowered to select books that capture their interest and nurture their love for reading.

At BES, there's a firm belief that literacy is the foundation of academic success and personal growth. Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine embodies the commitment to cultivating a culture of literacy and learning, where every student has the opportunity to unlock new worlds and explore endless possibilities through the pages of a book.

Inch by inch, page by page, word by word, Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine is set to transform reading at Brent Elementary School. With the steadfast support of the community and the dedication of the educators, there's confidence that incredible developments await the students.

The future of reading is bright at BES!



Litter

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What made this event truly incredible was the diverse group of volunteers who participated, ranging from individuals battling cancer to senior citizens with physical ailments to ball teams. Servants' hearts were exemplified in the spirit of community service and unity, all aimed towards the common goal of making Bibb County a better place. Ranging from ages 5 to 86, people showed up to lend a hand to help their neighbor – and that's certainly a beautiful, inspiring thing.

The litter pick-up day also shed light on the broader issue of ongoing littering and the challenges faced in maintaining a clean environment. With statistics revealing the staggering amount of litter collected and the estimated cost to clean up the entire county, it's evident that more proactive measures are needed. According to estimated calculations, for the volunteer work done on Saturday, it would have cost the county \$82,749.90 for 32 miles of roads to be cleaned if each individual had been paid an average rate. From that figure, the cost can be calculated that to clean the remaining 515 miles of county roads in Bibb County, it would require an estimated 19,158 more bags of trash to be picked up, which would equal a labor rate of \$1,414,490.72 total to clean up the whole county.

All of these estimated figures must be taken into consideration under the reality that while litter pick up initiatives are worthwhile and important, litter is still being thrown out continuously, each and every day. From alcohol bottles/cans and food containers to tires and mattresses, there seemed to be no limit to what people have thrown out to trash our county.

Moving forward, solutions could be considered such as the county requir-

ing trash pickup be tied to water bills, which could provide a more sustainable solution to tackling litter accumulation as most of the litter picked up off the roads were household trash items. Not only would this limit the trash being dumped, it would also entice more trash pickup companies to make bids to work for Bibb County, potentially lowering monthly costs for residents in light of more competition between companies being created.

The success of the litter pick-up day has sparked interest in organizing more such events in the future, indicating a growing awareness and commitment to keeping Bibb County beautiful.

The Bibb County com-

munity-wide litter pick-up day was a huge success, thanks to the dedication and hard work of volunteers, team leaders, and organizer Michelle Giddens, without whom none of this would have been possible. It not only made a tangible impact on the cleanliness of the county but also fostered a sense of pride and unity among residents who stepped up and came together to make a difference in their home county.

As more litter pick-up days are planned for the future, be sure to stay tuned for when they will be announced. Let's not lose our momentum, folks, but let's continue to encourage others to do what they can to keep our community clean as well as encouraging others to do the same.

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West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah

Easter Sunday, Deason Siblings of Ganus & Ressie met at the home place for lunch; praising God for Resurrection Sunday. Wayne and his family numbered 28, Geneva's numbered 11, Jo was 2, Jane's 1, Stan 6, and C.H. 4; for a total of 52. **FAMILY LOVE**

Easter Sunday I was on my way home from a beach trip with Jera, Brittney, Alyssa, Addison and Avery. Our Spring Break week was interrupted by emergency surgery for Avery to remove her appendix. The Staff at Children's Hospital in Pensacola was wonderful in their care.

CONGRATULATIONS -- Nanny Pennie Mitchell was so excited to announce the birth of great granddaughter Palmer Ann Freeman, born April 2, 2024. Proud parents are Rachel & Joseph Freeman of Tuscaloosa. Big brothers Briggs, Bodie and Parke were excited to welcome baby sister. Grandparents Dennis & Teresia Freeman now have a half dozen grandchildren; four boys and two girls!!!

Friday night we celebrated Tracey Holladay's Birthday with a variety of pasta dishes, yellow cake with chocolate icing.

Saturday, April 6 was a scheduled litter pick up day in Bibb County. PALS (People Against a Littered State) organized it and there were many volunteers. Luke & Tracey Holiday and I pickup up 14 big

black garbage bags full of trash in just a half mile between our homes along West Eoline Road. There is plenty more! **TRASHERS BEWARE** we are ashamed of you.

PRAYER REQUEST: My granddaughter LaShelle Kinney's due date for baby girl is July 9. Meantime, she has major blood pressure issues and your prayers are appreciated.

PRAYERS and SYMPATHY: My heart aches for the Family of Shayla Ballenger. She is the granddaughter of Elbert Deason. I know they are heartbroken, losing a loved one so young.

Thanks to Jera & Alan Fortner who brought my two Mandevilla plants to me Sunday. They had kept

them alive and well in their sunroom during the cold months. Alan took care of a closet issue for me as well as hanging my new fan light kit. I am so thankful for his willingness and ability to fix things. He brought repair parts for LaShelle & Ronnie's car and suffered a blow to his eye during the installation. Praise God the damage was superficial!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week Jayme Dickerson & Barbara Suttle 4-12, Alyssa Kornegay 4-13, Coleman Cottingham 4-14, Stacey Thompson, Judy Ohme, Barbara Cottingham & Barbara Creel 4-15, Trevor Deason & Tracie Dickerson 4-17.

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The Bibb County Tax Assessor and Collector's Office will be holding their Tax Lien Sale online on May 7, 2024. After April 8, 2024, a list may be obtained at the Tax Assessor and Collector's Office or www.Govease.com
You will have to pre-register with Gov.ease to be able to bid on these properties. If you have any questions please call the Tax Assessor and Collector's Office at 205.926.3105.
Thank you
Angie Langston

LEGALS

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF BIBB

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Robert Miller And Wife Mary P Miller to American General Financial Services of Alabama, Inc. dated November 15, 2004; said mortgage being recorded on November 18, 2004, in Book 144, Page 333 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the CIM TRUST 2023-NR1 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2023-NR1

by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2024, Page 1541 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, ALABAMA.

The undersigned, U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the CIM TRUST 2023-NR1 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2023-NR1, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Bibb County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 1st day of May, 2024 the following property, situated in Bibb County, Alabama, to-wit:

LOT NO. 13 IN MC-GRAWTOWN AS DE-

SCRIBED BY THE MAP OF M.P. MCGRAW LAND, MADE BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR OF BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA AND RECORDED IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF SAID COUNTY IN VOLUME "A4" OF DEEDS, PAGE 495 AND CONTAINING ONE-HALF ACRE OF LAND. SAID LOT BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 22, SOUTH OF RANGE 6 WEST. MINERAL RIGHTS EXPRESSLY RESERVED. SUBJECT TO THAT CERTAIN RIGHT OF ENTRY PERMIT, TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AND EASEMENT FOR SANITARY SEWER LINE IN BOOK 77 PAGE 238.

Said property is commonly known as 230

Marigold Lane, West Blocton, AL 35184.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record

including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

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The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confir-

mation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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NOTICE OF TIMBER SALE

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The University of Alabama will offer for sale merchantable timber, as designated by the University Forester, on tracts located in Bibb, Coosa, Tuscaloosa, and Walker counties. If relevant, these tracts can be 100% FSC Certified, upon request of the Purchaser. The timber will be sold by sealed bids which will be publicly opened at the Office of University Lands and Real Estate Services, on the University of Alabama campus, 1115 14th Street, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401, at 10:00 a.m. on May 9, 2024. Bids should be delivered to that office on or before that time, sent by email to bmfox@ua.edu, or sent by mail to The University of Alabama, University Lands and Real Estate Services, P.O. Box 870176, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487-0176. Only bids which are submitted on the bid form prepared by the Office of University Lands and Real Estate Services will be

considered. No verbal or phone bids will be accepted. If a bid is mailed, the bid should be posted in sufficient time to ensure its receipt prior to the bid submission deadline of 10:00 a.m., May 9, 2024. Mailed bids should be marked "TIMBER BID, 5-9-24" in the lower left-hand corner to ensure bid security.

A Performance Deposit in the amount of \$3,500 will be required of the successful bidder to guarantee its fulfillment of the terms of the sale contract. The deposits will be required at the time of execution of timber contract. Consideration and approval of the successful bid will be done May 9, 2024, by the University of Alabama Forester, to ensure the bids meet the proposed estimates approved by the University of Alabama Board of Trustees.

Purchaser of the timber and logging contractor (if not the same) must carry workman's compensation insurance and both vehicular and

general liability insurance in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 personal damage and \$1,000,000 property damage. Purchaser and logger (if not the same) will add University as additional named insured on insurance. A certificate of insurance will be required upon the execution of the contract of sale.

It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to determine to his own satisfaction the volume of the timber offered for sale.

The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities.

For a bid package, call the University Office of University Lands and Real Estate Services at 205-348-3510 during office hours. All information on these tracts can also be found online at the following address: <http://universitylands.ua.edu/university-lands-bids/>.
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PROBATE NOTICE

In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama
In the matter of the estate of
Judy Dale Rowland,
deceased

Case No.: CV-2024-PC027
Publication Notice
Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the

undersigned on the 8th day of April, 2024, by the Honorable Stephanie W. Kemmer, Judge of the Probate Court of Bibb County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the

same will be barred.
Cynthia Allen
Petitioner for
Estate of Judy Dale Rowland
Michael Murphy
Attorney at Law
44 Court Square East
Centreville, AL 35042
Centreville Press
April 12, 19 & 26, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA
Case No.: CV-2024-900002.00

PASCHAL CHONG, Defendant
Vs.
PASCHAL MICHAEL, Plaintiff
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Upon the consideration of Plaintiff's Motion for Service by Publication, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this Order and Notice published once per week for four (4) consecutive weeks in a Court designated newspaper of general circulation in BIBB County, Alabama, is HEREBY GRANTED. DONE this 18th day of March, 2024.

/s/ DONALD L MCMILLAN
JR CIRCUIT JUDGE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
CASE NO. CV-2024-

900002.00
ORDER OF PUBLICATION March 18, 2024
BIBB COUNTY/ STATE OF ALABAMA

To: CHONG PASCHAL, AND/OR any/all SUCCESSORS OF CHONG PASCHAL, and/or anyone who may claim an interest in the property described hereafter, must answer the COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF DUTY, and any other relief claimed by the Plaintiff (Attorney: McLeod & Associates, LLC, 1980 Braddock Drive, Hoover, AL 35226; 205.930.1774) (CV-2024-900002.00), as so ordered by the Circuit Court on March 18, 2024. Response shall be directed on or before thirty (30) days

of last publication, being the date on or before May 12, 2024, to the Bibb County Circuit Court, or a Default Judgment may be rendered against any or all in the above referenced Civil Action now pending in Court, as concerns the below referenced property to wit: 55 Hickory Bluff, Woodstock, AL 35188
Parcel ID No.: 070308270000031.004
Done this 18th day of March, 2024.
Prepared by: McLeod & Associates, LLC
Malcoln S. McLeod 1980 Braddock Drive
Hoover, AL 35226
205.930.1774
Malcoln@mcleodlaw.net
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PUBLIC NOTICE

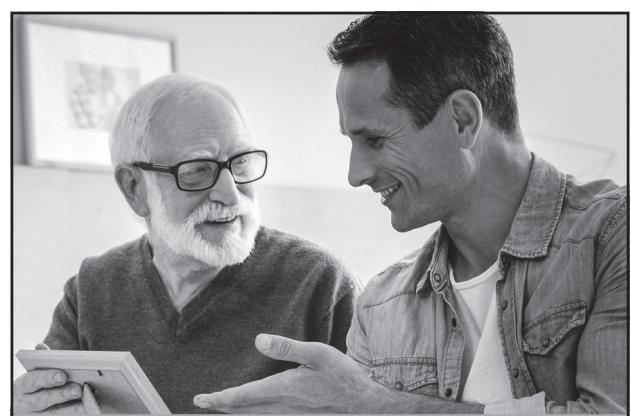
CENTREVILLE WATER WORKS AND SEWER BOARD CITY OF CENTREVILLE, ALABAMA REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Centreville Water Works and Sewer Board (Board) will accept statements of qualifications from Alabama licensed engineers to provide engineering services for up to three (3) years for public works projects to be funded, in whole or in part, through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funds or the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Project selection and payment terms will be negotiated with the selected firm and shall be based on funding program and Board requirements. Factors to be considered in the award of these professional engineering services include: 1) Past experience with engineering design and construction management (40 points); 2) Past experience managing federal/state funded projects (20 points); 3) Qualifications of key personnel to be assigned to project (20 points); 4) Current capacity to complete the work (10 points); 5) Proximity and availability of the firm to the project (5 points); and 6) References (5 points). Organizations wishing to be considered for this procurement should submit a

Statement of Qualifications covering all the above factors. In the event of a tie, an oral presentation will be used to determine the most qualified firm. Fees will be negotiated with the organization first selected based on qualifications. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. The Board is an equal opportunity employer and statements of qualifications from minority or disadvantaged firms are encouraged.

Statements of Qualifications must be submitted no later than 12:00 noon, local time, on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Submittals received after this time and date shall not be considered. Sealed packages may be mailed, or hand delivered to the Centreville Water Works and Sewer Board, Attn: Megan Batte, City Clerk, City of Centreville, 1270 Walnut Street, Centreville, Alabama 35042.

Questions concerning this solicitation should be directed to Mike Oakley, Mayor/Manager, Centreville Water Works and Sewer Board, 1270 Walnut Street 21st Street, Centreville, Alabama 35565. Phone: (205) 974-0890 Email: megan@cityof-centreville.com
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2024 RELAY FOR LIFE PAGEANT

BY RYAN THOMPSON

The Bibb County Board of Education auditorium stage was filled with 21 contestants on Saturday, April 6th competing in the annual Relay For Life Pageant. Each contestant walked across the stage for someone they knew affected by cancer whether they had won their fight, currently fighting, or lost their fight. The stage was decorated beautifully and Lumineria bags lined the stage. Each Lumineria represented HOPE. The judges had their

work cut out for them. Each contestant did amazing and are all winners for supporting such a wonderful cause. We so excited to announce our 2024 Relay For Life Queens and King. Tiny Miss Relay 1-2 year olds: Della Pugh - photogenic, Best Eyes and 1st alternate Princess of Hope raising \$335 for the Fight Against Cancer Kali Johnson - Best Smile, Best Hair, Best Dress, Overall Winner Pettie Miss Relay 3-4 year olds: Kleanna Saavedra -

Best Eyes, 3rd alternate Jamilia Harmon - 2nd alternate Addison Carter - Best Smile and 1st alternate Anna Kate Horton - photogenic, Best Hair, Best Dress and Overall Winner Little Mr. Relay 5-6 year olds: Overall Winner - Braden Gardiner Little Miss Relay Girls 5-6 year olds: Caroline Gaither - photogenic and Best Hair Alexandria Winborn - Best Smile, 3rd alternate Blayr Carter - Best Dress

and 2nd alternate Lakelyn Montgomery - 1st alternate and Princess of Hope raising \$205 for the fight against Cancer Carley Stallings - Best eyes and Overall Winner Young Miss Relay 7-8 year olds: Kamdyn Hicks - photogenic Keliagh Howell - Best Hair Ava Allen - 3rd alternate Emory Kinard - 2nd alternate Bradley Colburn - 1st alternate Jarralynn Hartzell - Best Eyes, Best Smile, Best

Dress and Overall Winner Teen Miss Relay 10-12 year olds: Ariel Smith - Best Hair, Best Eyes, Best Dress, 1st alternate Alivia Godwin - Photogenic, Best Smile, Overall Winner Miss Relay 16-18 year olds: Vicki Smith - Best Smile and Overall Winner Our 2024 Relay For Life Pageant wouldn't have been possible without the support of the contestants, our community, our emcee Gillian Brooks from WBRC FOX 6 News,

West Alabama Season Pageants for donating the gorgeous crowns, Bibb County Board of Education for allowing usage of their facility, Sydni Bright and Bibb Belles for behind the stage assistant, Meredith Johnson, Christina Brooks (photo credits), Julia Gonzalez (photo credits), Layla Chapman, Alyssa Peak, Candice Hughston for supporting our event. Adalyn Hicks Miss Relay For Life 2023 for crowning. Relay For Life of Bibb County will be Saturday May 4th at BMC Wellness Center.



RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

Randolph Elementary 3rd Nine Weeks Honor Roll
All A's: Blaykelyn Bailey, Chloe Epperson, Weston Johnson, Brayden Lawley, Kai Mathis, Carli-Bell Simmons, Lynlie Reese Simmons, McKynlee Buchanan, Judson Chavis, Adalynn Nix, Amari Oliver, Ainsley Smith, Mia Tucker, Trinity Griggs, John Luke McMillan, Wyatt Handley, Shelby Hendrick, Brantley Nesbitt, Emmi Gray, McKinleigh Cleckley, Lucas Marchant, Colton Martin, Sydney Kate Massey, Kase Mathis, Charli Bay Tapscott, Slade Handley, Emma Lawley, Kendall Lipscomb, Jayden Lucas and Levi Tillery. **All A's and B's:** Liam Marchant, Ella Wheat, Adriana Adams, Dixie Brasher, Makayla Brooks, Kinsley Cummings, Carly Daniel, Martha Easterling, McKenzie King, Brooklyn Ack-

er, Emma Kate Bracknell, Oakleigh Harrison, Kolton Meredith, Nahomi Perez, Erik Amador, Keaton Dowdell, Silas Gibson, Charlie Johnson, Charli Lawley, Andrew Massey, Kody McElroy, Deon Brown, Robert Cutts, Levi Sosa, Sawyer Thompson, Casen Harrison, Kinleigh Hutchinson, Ximena Perez, Ka'Marri Lipscomb, Brennan Adams, Aubrey Delaney, Liam Garner, Avery Jones, Dalton McMillan, Madi Tucker, Reece Wallace, Brylee Whitfield, Sara Wilson, Jakeelah Alexander, Luke Belcher, Piper Deerman, Ke'nore Goode, Kayden Horton, Cameron James, Wyatt Patterson, Elijah Scanlon, Emily Smith, Natalie Smith, Zoey Smith, Josh Bice, Matthew Brown, Aiden Ford, Saylor Gibson, Ezra King, Dorian Martinez and Curtis Morris.

BRENT ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

Second Grade A Honor Roll: Titus Farley, Jayden Goree, Aaliyah Melton, Kyler Pollett, Matthew Shirley, Kanen Smith, Greyson Traugber, Gannon Burns, Kyla Parker, Maggie Robertson, Cameron Tabb, Riley Carter, Jade Crocker, Natalie Nichols, Brayson Ray, Keniyah Ross, Ryder Spain, Gavin Sudsberry, Bradley Colburn, Sadie Blair Gilbert, Colin Hubbard, Halle Moore, Kiyaaan Steward, Aleigh Taylor, Jayce Taylor, Darius Underwood, Acen Batte, Kashlyn Burton, Saylor Geohagan, Jace Hudson, Reagan Melton, Fran Mitchell, Colton Smitherman, Coleigh Taylor, Zoey Thomas, Avery Williams, Elijah Guy, Cesar Mazariego Molina, David Orellana Portillo, Ava Prevost, Bronson Rogers; **Second Grade A/B Honor Roll:** Conner Buzbee, Khloe Childs, Markayla Coleman, Justice Dobyne,

Rose Martin, Lexi Taylor, Gunner Wehrenberg, Nakaysia Anderson, Melisa Cruz Velasquez, Messiah Marsh, Braxton Sanders, Kaitlyn Sanders, Zayden Smith, Aliyanna Abercrombie, Zeppelin Caldwell, Darian Crews, James Haynes, Giavoni Holifield, Andrew James, Aiden Phillips, Aubrey Wheat, Ayden Buzbee, Nicholas Cash, Malachi Jackson, Elijah Purifoy, Brayden Rinehart, Jorja Tyner, Krislyn Johnson, Ari'Elle Norris, Johnny Smith, Madison Dennis, Jayden Fernandez, Hannah Hethcox, Keleigh Howell, JaKenah Hudson, Paris Sims; **Third Grade A Honor Roll:** Kenley Allen, Kaleb Boothe, Lucy Clark, Callie Ann Colburn, Spencer Dulaney, Holden Foster, Kolt Kornegay, Zakerius Mahone, Karys Jo Perkins, Emmerson Smith, Presley Vining, Aaron Holifield, Gabriel Lambert, Riley Phillips, Derek

Boswell, Anslee Burns, Kayden Clark, Marshall Gray, Alayna Moore, Jace Tucker, Tessa Wells, Jammaurus Anderson, Aayush Bokhani, Markell Cash, Chloe Sheppard, Kinsley Turner, Joyanna Moore, Rylee Neal, Izaiah Tucker, Jabari Underwood, Kenzley White; **Third Grade A/B Honor Roll:** Jaxson Flippo, Karsen Holifield, Miguel Kinard, Mason James, Connor Jackson, Weston Medders, Addyson Watkins, Callie Watkins, Kenley Wilkerson, Amelia Butler, Ahmad Collins, Justice Grayson, Baron Jones, Cora Moore, Piper Stano, Cierra Anderson, Ava Burton, Trentin Gilbert, Kaisen McKenzie, Zoey Owens, Ava Payne, Khloe Thompson, Sophie Vining, Tylashia Abercrombie, Kimora Childs, Camya Jackson, Maddison Mayo, Haeven Mitchell, Dontavious Rutledge, Karmen Sexton, Jaiden West-

brook, Raven Baugh, Jaryan Bell, Kortlyn Bolding, Canyon Jackson, Bradlee Leverette, Kharter Moore; **Fourth Grade A Honor Roll:** Keegan Moore, Milly Cargile, Annalise Gonzalez, Ariel Hunter, Gracy Knighten, Ronin Morrison, Jake Watkins, Emma Watson, Corbett Pickering, Avie Palmer, Noah Holifield, Derius Jackson, Samira Kinard, Collin Rawlins, Emersyn Traugber, Ashlynn Wallace, Adelei Crocker, Rylee Davis, Isaac James, Sawyer Simmons; **Fourth Grade A/B Honor Roll:** Braylin Davis, Keeva Holder, Nathaly Arellanas, Luke Hodgens, Beautiful Hutchins, Makenzy Jones, Tucker Smith, Trent Tucker, Karlee Avery, Jayda Chism, Harper Hightower, Laryssa Wetzel, Kinlee Wilkins, Kacionna Abercrombie, Maki Jones, McKenna Shoults, Olivia Stephens, Anthony Ward, Clayton Gaither.

Lawson State Community College announces its Fall 2023 President's List!

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS
 Over 145 students have been named to the Lawson State Community College President's List for the Fall 2023 term. The following local students made the list:
 Kaleigh Barrett of Woodstock
 Kaylee Milligan of West Blocton
 Raymond Rivera of West Blocton
 Trinity Sawyers of Woodstock
 Alana Sutherland of West Blocton
 With two campuses locat-

ed in Bessemer and Birmingham, Alabama, Lawson State Community College provides seamless administrative processes and educational support services for students, members of the community, and other constituents. Lawson State is composed of two main divisions—an academic division and a career/technical division and prepares students for gainful employment and career advancement through comprehensive offerings including college transfer, workforce development, adult education, and dual enrollment programs.

BCHS VS. NORTHRIDGE

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NEWS



Bibb County Education Retiree's Association were represented by members Vickie Brown, Fran Kornegay and Avis Huey at the "Alabama Retiree's Day" at the State House rally in Montgomery April 3rd. Education Retirees from across the state participated and there were more than 400 in attendance. The purpose of the rally was to seek support for funding the Education Retiree's Trust Fund from state legislators and bring awareness to retirees who have not received a funding increase in 18 years. Bibb County representatives were appreciative to Representative Curtis Travis and Senator April Weaver who took time out of their busy schedules to listen to their constituents and their requests for funding for retired educators.

Academy

Academy from page 1

Through the Academy, students in the Bibb County School System will have the opportunity to commence their journey towards specific degrees, certificates, or licensure, paving the way for a fulfilling future in various healthcare fields.

Internship opportunities are plenty within the Academy, spanning nursing, physical therapy, dietetics, radiology, pharmacy, laboratory, and more. This hands-on experience will not only enrich students' learning but also afford them valuable real-world exposure, further solidifying their career aspirations.

Shelton State Community College (SSCC) has secured a grant of nearly three million dollars to establish a Healthcare Academy.

This initiative, spanning campuses including Bibb Medical Center (BMC) and local high schools, will offer vocational and academic courses to students and community members alike. Notably, Healthcare Academy students will have the unique opportunity to work at BMC outside of school hours, earning while gaining experience in a healthcare setting.

The proposed Healthcare Academy isn't merely an educational institution; it's a comprehensive support system. From targeted events and activities to tutoring, ACT preparation, career coaching, and placement services, every aspect is meticulously designed to empower participants, bridge skill gaps, and foster a robust healthcare workforce pipeline.

The grant awarded to Shelton State Community College is not just a boost for Bibb County; it's a benefit for rural communities statewide. This innovative program design, rooted in collaboration and community engagement, holds promise for replication across the nation. As a reliable industry partner, community colleges like SSCC are instrumental in ensuring students are adequately prepared for the demands

of a dynamic healthcare system.

Senator April Weaver's unwavering advocacy for healthcare training in rural communities has been instrumental in realizing this vision. Her contributions have been pivotal in securing the legislation and funding essential for initiatives like the Healthcare Academy.

As Bibb County takes on this transformative journey towards a brighter, healthier future, the unveiling of the Healthcare Academy location heralds the dawn of a new era. With steadfast dedication, innovative partnerships, and a shared vision of empowerment, the community stands ready to chart a course towards unparalleled success in the realm of healthcare education and workforce development.

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