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"America belongs to 'We the People.' It does not belong to Congress. It doesn't belong to special interest groups.

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# **Centreville Police** Report Drowning Death in Cahaba River

BY MIKE HOBSON

**REPORTER** 

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 & Ma- was removed from the rivple 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 the family.

er 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



# **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

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

leaders were assigned to

designated areas, and prize

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 secur-

ing \$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

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

**April 12, 2024** 

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

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Smitherman, Pondville.

# 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 Pa-

trol 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

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

the Christmas decora-

tion boxes you've had to

pull out of the hall clos-

et, make sure everyone's

shoes are on, and hunker

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 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

**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 Commu**nity 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!"



miles of county roads in

# 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 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 explore diverse health careers, delve into medical terminology, grasp healthcare safety protocols, and understand the fundamentals of human anatomy and physiolo-

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 read-

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 financial 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 bright at BES!

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

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









# 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 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

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



son Siblings of Ganus & trash in just a half mile sunroom during the cold Ressie met at the home place for lunch; praising God for Resurrection Sunday. Wayne and his fam- ERS BEWARE ..... we are fan light kit. I am so thankily numbered 28, Geneva's numbered 11, Jo was 2, Jane's 1, Stan 6, and C.H. My 4; for a total of 52. FAM- LaShelle Kinney's due LaShelle & Ronnie's car **ILY LOVE** 

on my way home from blood pressure issues and Praise God the damage a beach trip with Jera, your prayers are appreci- was superficial! Brittney, Alyssa, Addison ated. and Avery. Our Spring Break week was interrupted by emergency surgery for Avery to remove her appendix. The Staff in their care.

CONGRATULATIONS -- Nanny Pennie Mitch- Fortner who brought my ell was so excited to announce the birth of great granddaughter 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

Easter Sunday, Dea- black garbage bags full of them alive and well in their between our homes along months. Alan took care of West Eoline Road. There a closet issue for me as is plenty more! TRASH- well as hanging my new ashamed of you.

date for baby girl is July 9.

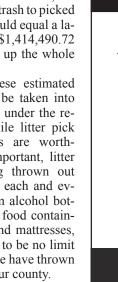
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me Sunday. They had kept share your news.

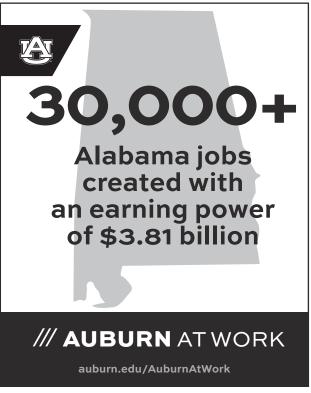
ful for his willingness and PRAYER REQUEST: ability to fix things. He granddaughter brought repair parts for and suffered a blow to his Easter Sunday I was Meantime, she has major eye during the installation.

> HAPPY **BIRTHDAY** PRAYERS and SYMPA- this week Jayme Dicker-THY: My heart aches for son & Barbara Suttle 4-12, the Family of Shayla Bal- Alyssa Kornegay 4-13, Coleman Cottingham daughter of Elbert Deason. 4-14, Stacey Thompson, 4-15, Trevor Deason & Thanks to Jera & Alan Tracie Dickerson 4-17.

> Have a blessed week. two Mandevilla plants to Call 478-396-2513 to



such as the county requir-



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

> Thank you **Angie Langston**

please call the Tax Assessor and

Collector's Office at 205.926.3105.

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# **NEWS**



West Blocton News

From The Pen Of Monette Woodruff



Cannan Land will be the guest singers at

dially invited to attend.

the First Saturday night singing at Cedar Grove

Church on April 6 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is cor-

will be on April 27, 2024 at the West Blocton

West Blocton's Miss Cahaba Lily Pageant

Our Deepest sympathy goes out to the fam-

Relay for Life of Bibb County will be held

finished your fight or still fighting. We want to

Honor You! If you plan to come or would like

to register someone, please let us know so we

can have a headcount. Contact Ryan Thompson

Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard



I am regretful that the only news I can, tell this week, is sad news.

Our sympathy to the family of Mr. Jimmy Bearden, who passed away last week. Our love and prayers go out to his family and the many friends who new and loved him. Mr. Jimmy served our county for many years on the Board of Education. He strived to make our schools the best they could be for our future generations. He enjoyed traveling with his family, trying new places to eat, and displaying the wonderful Christmas decorations on his families farm. He enjoyed fireworks, and just life in general. Please

keep his family in your prayers.

Our little town and surrounding areas are definitely in mourning. In fact, we are devastated. The Lord decided over the weekend that it was time for Brian Lemley to go home. Brian was a friend to all. Our town has truly lost a legend. Brian would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He

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loved everybody and they loved him. Most of all he loved his family. Pray for Marcie, Caitlin, and Callie during the coming days and weeks. Also, remember his brother and sisters. At this point we can't see a world without Brian and I'm sure they can't either. We pray for God to cover us under His wings and send comfort to his family

High School. Registration is now open until April 19, 2024. The Cahaba Lily Festival will be held on May 18, 2024 in West Blocton. ily of Billy Lippeatt who passed away on March on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at the BMC Wellness. We would like to invite all our Cancer Survivors and to our town. to our Annual Survivors Tea at 4:00 p.m. hosted by the amazing Brent Study Club whether you



Anniversary wishes go out to Clark and Teresa Strom who celebrated their Wedding Anniversary on March 23, 2024.

for more Info.

Sympathy goes out to the family of Keith Cole who passed away on March 24, 2024.

A Celebration of Life was held for Don

Tidwell in Pensacola, Florida on Saturday, March 30, 2024.

Among those celebrating their birthday in March were Clark Strom, Compton Suttle, and Kevin Cotner. Birthday wishes go out to Liam Knight who will be celebrating his 12th birthday on April 3rd.

Charlotte Lovelady West recently had lunch with her niece Ashley, husband Brent and son Cage along with her sister, Sharon and husband Don. They had a scrumptious lunch and long afternoon visit. Enjoying being with all of them.

Belated birthday wishes go out to the ones having a birthday in the last week of March were Molly Meigs, Barbara Tyus, Melanie Worrell and Sandra Tucker. Hope all you ladies had

Anniversary wishes go out to Mack and Sheila Dunkin who celebrated heir 60th Wedding Anniversary on March 27, 2024.

Birthday wishes go out to Sandra Steele Elam who celebrated her 69th birthday on April

Anniversary wishes go out to Tony and Flo Hobson who celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary on Friday, March 29, 2024.

If you have news call it in at 316-1181. Take care and God Bless!

#### **GOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS**

⇒Bibb County Commission meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the County Commission Chambers inside the Rock Building-Courthouse Annex

➤ Centreville City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m..

▶ Brent Council meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at Brent City Hall.

▶ West Blocton City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

>> Woodstock City Council meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each

month at 5:00 p.m. >> The Bibb County Board of Education normally holds regular

monthly Board Meetings the second Tuesday of every month. Meetings are at 5:00 p.m. and are held in the Board Room of the Central Office. Board Minutes are available on our website at www.bibbed. org. Ph. 205-926-9881.

#### SPECIAL WEEKLY **HAPPENINGS**

#### >> Come join us for The Masters Kitchen at the First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Coldwater Rd. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Free meal along with a great message through the word or a song.

▶ Women's Bible Study at the Bibb Baptist Association office on Wednesday mornings 9-11 beginning April 3rd for 7 weeks. The study is "When You Pray". Please RSVP Caren Jones cpjones145@gmail.

First Saturday night singing at Cedars Grove Church April 6th starting at 6pm guest singers are Cannanland.

▶ Birmingham Quilters Guild is holding a Quiltfest on June 21 and June 22, 2024. Location: Bessemer Civic Center, 1130 Ninth Ave. SW, Bessemer, AL. 10 - 5 pm daily. This will be a Judged Quilt Show and will include a Special Exhibit of Riley Center Quilts.

## WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

➤ Green Pond Presbyterian Church, Service at 10 a.m. every Sunday. Pastor, Bev Dodson.

▶ Enon Baptist Church 5286 Montevallo Rd. Centreville, AL 35042. Sunday worship 10:30am, Sunday School 9:30am, contact info 205-928-9421 or 205-490-4830. ➤ Woodstock United Methodist Church services begin Sunday

School at 10am Worship at 11. ▶ Sandy Chapel Church services start at 9 am for preaching 10 am

for Sunday School. Scottsville Union Church, Co. Rd. 9., Sun. School-10 a.m.,

Worship-11 a.m., Sun. eve. Bible Study 5 p.m., Wed. service 6 p.m, Bro. J. R. Keeton, Pastor. Info, 205-340-1864 New Life West Blocton a revival oriented church. Sunday

Service at 11am, Wed. night service at 7pm. Pastor Greg Brock 205.441.2809 ▶ Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church holds services on Sat. before 3rd Sun. of each month at 10am. Elder Scott Sexton-Pastor. For

Scottsville Baptist Church holds church service on Tue. at 7pm. with a different speaker each week

info 205-225-4341

→ God's House of Prayer 489 Co. Rd 162 Marion, AL (in Heiberger) hold services every Sunday at 11am.

>> Centreville Church of Christ, 824 Montevallo Rd., Centreville. 926-5683. Assembly times-Sun. a.m. Bible Study-9:30, a.m. Worship-10:30, p.m. Worship-5:00 p.m.; Wed. night-6:30.

Six Mile Baptist Church: Sunday School on Sun. at 10am, Worship at 11am. Wed. Bible Study at 6 pm.

▶ 1st United Pentecostal Church of Centreville has weekly services. Pastor Marilyn Belcher, Asst. Pastor Murray Nichols. For info, call 205-225-0007

New Jerusalem Holiness Church holds services in the Woodstock Plaza on Sun. at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm, and Wed. at Apostolic Revival Center holds services on Sunday: Sunday

School 2pm. and Worship 3pm.; Wed. Bible Study 7pm.

>> West Blocton Bible Methodist Church holds services on: Sunday School 10am, Worship Service 11am, Sunday Night 5pm & Wednesday night 6pm. The Bible Methodist Church meeting every second Tues. of each month at 10:30, lunch provided. Randolph Baptist Church Sunday School 9am, preaching 10am.

Wednesday night teen kids & youth 6:15pm, supper provided at 6pm.

#### MONTHLY MEETINGS & REMINDERS

>> The Bibb County Planning Commission is an organization involving county landowners and forestry groups. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 1PM in the Alabama Forestry Commission Office located at 9712 Highway 5, Brent, AL. Car Tag Renewal Months: (Alphabet indicates the first letter

of last name) January-A/D, February-B, March-C/E, April-F/G/N, May-H/O, June-M/I, July-P/L, August-J/K/R, September-Q/S/T, October-U-Z and November-Commercial.

▶ Brierfield Fire & Rescue meets on the last Monday of each month at 7pm at Station 1 located at 18756 AL-139. For more information, call the Station at 205-665-3060. We welcome volunteers!

**▶** Green Pond Fire & Rescue holds its monthly meetings every first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at Station 1, located at 19629 Eastern Valley Road in Woodstock. These meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, call GPFR at 205-938-9991 or visit greenpondfire.com

>> The Bibb County Bee Keepers Association August meeting will be at The Cahaba Lily Center in West Blocton. For more info call the BC Extension Office at 205-926-4310 or mdh0007@aces.edu or Chuck Allen 205-202-0501. Find us on FB at Bibb Co. Beekeepers.

▶ Bama Carry of Bibb County meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Sawmeal Restaurant. For more info contact Danny Jones 928-2455.

→ Women for Sobriety meets every Tues. at 5:30pm. For info call Karen 205-718-4097.

▶ F. O. P. meets the 3rd Mon. of each month at Rock Building. ▶ Bibb County Soil & Water meets at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Tue. of each month at 183 S. W. Davidson Dr., Centreville. 926-4360. **▶** Bibb County GOP will hold quarterly meetings in January,

April, July and October. Next meeting will be Thursday, July 3.

→ Bibb County Chamber of Commerce holds monthly meetings on the 2nd Thurs. of the month at 5pm. at the chamber building. >> Friendship Lodge #83 F & AM in Centreville meets on 1st and 3rd Thur. at 7pm. at 28 Ct. Sq. All members are encouraged to attend.

The Bibb Co. Airport Authority meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 5pm. at Bibb County Airport.

>> The Centreville Historic Preservation Commission now meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.

→ American Legion Post 47 West Blocton meets 7pm on the 4th Tues. of each month at 195 Rose Lane in West Blocton. Veterans are encouraged to attend. For more info call Jimmy Fitts 938-3713 or Gary Monk 938-0621. American Legion Auxiliary & Sons of American Legion are accepting members. Call Jan Fitts 938-3713 or Cathy Atchison 938-7617.

>> The Brent Cemetery Committee reminds the community of its policy of periodically removing old & faded flowers from cemetery. We welcome flowers, but ask you to remove flowers when faded.

### LIBRARY HOURS

The Brent/Centreville Public Library hours are. M-9a-8p, Tu-Th-9a-5p, Fri.-9a-1p Closed, Sat & Sun.

The West Blocton Public Library hours are, Mon.-closed, Tues, 10am-2pm, Wed.-12pm-4pm, Thur.-1pm-5pm, Fri.-12pm-3pm, Sat.-10am-1pm, Sun.-closed.

→ Woodstock Community Library is open Sunday & Monday: closed, Tuesday: 11AM - 5PM, Wednesday: 10AM - 5PM, Thursday 10AM - 5PM, Friday 10-4

→ Vance Town Library is open Tues. & Thurs. 3-5pm. & Sat.

## PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUPS

> Cancer Support Group Startup for Bibb County. Anyone interested - please call and provide your contact information 205-926-5803 or 205-316-8741

→ Group One, a Bibb County Cancer Support groups meets at BMC, AOB meeting room the fourth Thursday of each month. For information call 205-316-8970.

▶ If you need help, call 2-1-1 for community services to get assistance. United Way of West AL.

▶ Is your church or civic organization interested in starting a "Home Delivery Meal Ministry (Program)"? At the core of the programs is a nutritious meal, companionship and a watchful eye on the health and safety of our senior adults who have trouble getting around. For more information call (205-926-3968).

→ Helping Other People Excel (HOPE) in Bibb County is a group of stakeholders within the Bibb County Community who have a vested interest in ensuring that all residents have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to obtain available resources that will equip them to thrive Whether you (or someone you know) is in need of food clothes, or other resources, our coalition works to either provide or help identify resources to meet your needs. Please contact John Skinner at 205-876-6931 or via email at compassionandhopefoodbasket@ gmail.com or H.O.P.E. in Bibb County at hopeinbibbco@gmail.com.

## FREE CLASSES

→ Bibb Family Connections offers free Parenting Classes on the 2nd and 4th Thur. of each month at 10:00 am. The Earn While You Learn class offers opportunities for those with infants and toddlers to earn baby supplies and needs while attending classes. For more info call 205-926-3170 or come by Mon. mornings from 9-1 to sign up. Email, bibbsavealife@gmail.com. 48 University Way, Brent, AL.

▶ Bibb Family Connections is always looking for voluenteers and donations. Please call 205-926-3170 to find out how to help.

→ GED classes are offered free of charge to Bibb Co. residents at Brent Elem. School, 4 nights wkly, Mon.-Thur. Classes begin at 5:00 p.m. Vouchers are available to help pay the cost of the GED test for class participants. More info, call 205-260-0041.

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al Guard for 22 years. He was an equipment operator in the construction industry. Don loved his sons and his heart. He enjoyed hunting and racing.

**Don Simmons** 

Don Simmons, age 71, of Centreville, Alabama passed away on Sunday, Brakefield, and March 31, 2024 at Bibb County Medical Center. He was born January 11, and nephews.

grandchildren with all of brother, Jimmy Simmons.

He is survived by sons, 4, 2024 from 10:00 AM Scott Brakefield and Wes to 12:00 PM at Rockco Mike Hammer, and Junior Brakefield; grandchildren, Funeral Home, 805 Bir- Darden.

Noah Brakefield, Shep Wynn Brakefield; sisters, Helen Champion and Diane Pier-

**OBITUARIES** 

Don was preceded in Montgomery death by his wife, Barbara Simmons; son, Sammy Simmons; parents, Lc and Myrtle Simmons; and

A visitation for Don will be held Thursday, April

Kailin Simmons, Haiden mingham Rd, Centreville, Simmons, Alex Gravitt, Alabama 35042. His funeral service will occur Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 12:00 PM, 805 Birmingham Rd, Centreville, Alason; brother, Larry Sim- bama 35042 with the buri-1953 to Lc and Myrtle mons; and a host of nieces al following at Pineland Memorial Cemetery, 3472 Highway, Centreville, Alabama. The services will be officiated by Bro. Steve Vernon.

Pallbearers will be Haiden Simmons, Ronald Sim-Grant Simmons, mons. Simmons, Lance Kade Pierson. Alan Wvatt.

#### James "Jimmy" V. Bearden

Jan 12, 1943 – Mar 31, 2024 James "Jimmy" Bearden, age 81, of West Blocton, Alabama passed away on Sunday, March 31, 2024. Jimmy was born in Piper, AL to Venoy and Estelle Bearden. He served on the Bibb County Board of Education for 36 years. He worked for Jim Walter Resources over 40 years. Jim enjoyed vegetable gardening, cattle farming, baling hay, Alabama football, traveling, trying new reswith his grandson Jeremy. He was preceded in death Venoy and Estelle Bearden;

brother, Johnny Bearden; Left to treasure his memory are his wife, Jean Bearden; son Ricky Bearden (Melissa); grandson, Jeremy

Bearden (Sara). The family would like to thank Aveanna Hospice for their help and care. Also, we'd like to thank family, calls, visits, and prayers during our loved ones illhave such kind people in taurants and spending time our lives. We love you and by his mother and father, be held Wednesday, April etery.

3, 2024 from 1:00 PM sister, Patricia Bearden; and 2:00 PM at Lowerytown beloved dog Milly Bearden. Baptist Church, 49 Lowerytown Rd., West Blocton AL, 35184, followed by a funeral service at 2:00 PM. Service will be lead by Rev. Roy Neil Lowery and Rev. Mike Allen. Pallbearers are David Bearden, Darryl Bearden, Allen Bearden, Lee Van Fleet, Jim Rice friends and neighbors for all and Walter Sansing. Honof the delicious food, phone orary Pallbearers are James "Bimbo" Blake, Larry Little, Ed Perry, Cecil Jones, ness. We are so lucky to James Kelser, Lionel White, Josh Franklin, Billy Thompson, and Dr. David Shultz. appreciate everything. A There will be a private famvisitation for Jimmy will ily burial at Johntown Cem-



# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

this before, but it bears rewhat to pray? Maybe you're etry, essays, and fiction. struggling, maybe you're static and words just can't seem to come to mind to form a prayer. Whatever the you spiritually find yourself in any given moment, when we don't know what to pray, I have often recently leaned into praise. After all, there is no shortage of things to praise the Lord for – and I have often found that recentering my heart and mind on the goodness of God's character, it usually (but not always, mind you, and God has grace for that) helps the words come

most heartfelt prayers. We like to be acknowledged, thanked. and praised for the good things we have done - right? So do you think that God enjoys receiving praise any less than we might? No, I conjecture (I love that word, but lately my favorite has been splendiferous if anyone is wondering) that in His infinite capacities we cannot even begin to comprehend, He relishes in receiving our praises that much more.

to mind that turn into my

Joyful, "Joyful, We Adore Thee" is a hymn that has touched the hearts of many people around the world. It is a hymn that celebrates the beauty of creation and the wonder of God's love. The lyrics to "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" were written by Henry van Dyke in 1907. Van Dyke was a pastor, educator, and writer who was born in Pennsylvania in 1852. He studied at Princ-

I may have mentioned lish literature at Princeton the thought of the age, and Theological Seminary. Van are not afraid that any truth visiting – but have you ever Dyke was a prolific writer of science will destroy relibeen at a complete loss as to and his works included po- gion, or any revolution on

just exhausted, or maybe tions Van Dyke would this is a hymn of trust and your mind has just been hold across his life in- joy and hope." overwhelmed and overstim- cluded: American Ambased by his friend, Woodrow Wilson); Lieutenant Commander in the Unit-Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; Commander of the Legion of Honor President of the National Institute of Arts and Letters; and chairman of the committee that compiled the Presbyterian Book of

Common Worship

The inspiration for "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" to the Berkshire Mountains in Massachusetts when he was invited to preach at he was there, he was struck by the natural beauty of the area and the joy it brought to his heart. He later wrote in a letter to his wife, joy." It was this experience Joyful, We Adore Thee." that inspired van Dyke to write the lyrics to "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." It was at breakfast one morning during his stay in Massachusetts that he handpiece of paper that said, "Here is a hymn for you. Your mountains (the Berkshires) were my inspiration. It must be sung to the music of Beethoven's 'Hymn of Joy."

When later asked about the hymn, van Dyke replied, "These verses are simple expressions of common Christhis present time-hymns of

earth overthrow the king-Other eminent posi- dom of heaven. Therefore

The lyrics to "Joyful, Joyulated to the point where sador to the Netherlands ful. We Adore Thee" were your mind is just filled with and Luxenbourg (appoint- set to the music of Ludwig van Beethoven's "Ode to Joy," which was part of his Ninth Symphony. case may be and wherever ed States Navy Chaplains Beethoven's Ninth Sym-Corps during World War I; phony was a revolutionary piece of music that combined vocal and instrumental music, something that had never been done before. The "Ode to Joy" section of the Ninth Symphony was particularly memorable. with its soaring melody and lyrics that celebrated the brotherhood of man.

> The melody of "Ode to Joy" was adapted by sevcame from van Dyke's visit eral composers for use in religious music, and one of these adaptations was by Edward Hodges, an Ameri-Williams College. While can composer and church musician. Hodges' arrangement of "Ode to Joy" was published in 1824 in a collection of hymns called "Hymns Ancient and Mod-"These mountains are so ern." It was this arrangefull of God's beauty, and I ment that was used for van want to sing and shout with Dyke's lyrics to "Joyful, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore

> Thee" has become a beloved hymn because of its celebration of God's creation and the joy that it brings to our lives. It reminds us ed the college president a to appreciate the beauty of the world around us and to give thanks for the love and grace of God. It is a hymn that speaks to our hearts and souls, and its message of joy and adoration continues to inspire and uplift us today.

Do you have a hymn that you would like to know more about? Feel free to send in a request to savantian feelings and desires in nah.pearce@bibbcommunitymedia.com or by giving eton University and later today that may be sung to- me a call. I would love to

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In the Probate Court of **Bibb County, Alabama Probate Court of Bibb** County, Alabama Case No. 2023PRO70 In the matter of the estate

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Take notice that Letters of Testamentary have been granted to Debra Ryan, as personal representative of the estate of Roy Daniel Ryan Sr., deceased, on the 1st day of May, 2023, by this Honorable Court.

Notice is hereby giv- 2024

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1714 4th Ave. N. Bessemer, AL 35020 Centreville Press March 29, April 5 & 12,

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THAT A VERIFIED RE-PORT OF INSOLVENCY UPON THE ESTATE of said Decedent, having been filed by the Personal Representative on the 8th day of March, 2024 with HON-ORABLE STEPHANIE W. KEMMER, Judge of the Court of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, and the aftersaid appointing APRIL 23, 2024 at 10:00 am CDT as the date of the hearing thereon, notice is hereby given to all heirs, distribu-

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Atty. for Personal Rep., Tera L. Winfrey Centreville Press March 29, April 5 & 12, 2024

In the Probate Court of **Bibb County, Alabama** In the matter of the estate of Alan Tanner Smith, deceased

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office of the Alabama Surcated on the second floor of the Pinnacle Bank Building at 1811 2nd Avenue, Jasper, Alabama 35501. Writ-

or request for informal conferences concerning this permit should be sent to the Alabama Surface Mining Commission, P.O. Box 2390, Jasper, Alabama 35502-2390, no later than 30 days from the last date of publication of this notice. This notice to be pub-

in the Cen Press Newspaper. Centreville Press

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**PUBLIC NOTICE FIL-**ING OF PERMIT APPLI-**CATION** 

The mine entrance is at

In accordance with the provision of Act No. 81-435 of the State of Alabama and the regulations promulgated under this act, Camellia Met Mining, LLC, 3400 County Road 260, Maylene, AL 35114 is filing a permit revision application to its Piper Mine (P-3943-07-20-S), Surface Mine. Access to the mine is as follows:

From intersection of Bibb Co. Road 54 and Bibb Co. Rd. 10, travel south on Bibb Co. Rd. 10 approximately 1.3 miles to the mine entrance on the right. The mine entrance will be marked and signs will be

NW/NW, NE/NW OF SECTION 13, SW/SE, SE/ SW OF SECTION 14, SW/ NW OF SECTION 23 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA. Nature of Proposed Revi-

1. Change the post min-

ing land use of Sediment Basins 007, 029, & 031 (4 acres) from forest to undeveloped/ no current use. A copy of the permit ap-

plication is available for public inspection and review on the Alabama Surface Mining Commission website http://surface-mining.alabama.gov. A copy of the permit application is also available for public inspection and review at the office of the Alabama Surface Mining Commission located on the second floor of the Pinnacle Bank Building at 1811 2nd Avenue, Jasper, Alabama 35501. Written comments, objections, request for public hearing or request for informal conferences concerning this permit should be sent to the Alabama Surface Mining Commission, P.O. Box 2390, Jasper, Alabama 35502-2390, no later than 30 days from the last date of publication of this notice. Centreville Press

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Collier,

130, 21627 Eastern Valley

Jones,

Rd. McCalla, AL 35111

**AUCTION NOTICE** 

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TUSCALOOSA COUN-TY. ALABAMA RIVERFALL CREDIT UNION Plaintiff.

KIHJA STACY, Defendant. **CASE NO. DV 2023-**900616.00 **NOTICE OF SUMMONS** 

AND COMPLAINT The above-styled cause of action has been filed in the District Court of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. The Plaintiff is seeking a judgment from the Defendant in the principal sum of \$16,046.15, plus interest subsequent thereto and costs thereon relative to an account stated for merchandise received.

The Defendant, Kihja Jacole Stacy, whose address is 3776 Highway 5, Brent, AL 35034, in Bibb Coun-Alabama, and whose

whereabouts are otherwise unknown, must answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff within fourteen (14) days from the date of the last publication by filing an answer with the Tuscaloosa County District Court and serving a copy of said answer upon counsel for the Plaintiff at the following address: man, 2600 7th Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401, telephone number 205-248-2616, or a judgment by default may be rendered against her in Case No. DV-2023-900616.00, currently pending in the District Court of Tuscaloosa County, Ala-

April, 2024.

District Court Clerk,

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Tuscaloosa County, Ala-

S. Scott Hick-In the Circuit Court of

Done this the 5th day of

April 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2024

Storage Units to be auctioned on April 27, 2024 online 2:00pm for cash only. Exit 97 Storage 11990

Ridheway Rd. McCalla, AL 35111 Maria Hendley, Unit

137, 86 Mercy Dr. West

326, 191 Settlers Ln. West Blocton, AL 35184 Centreville Press

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## DIVORCE NOTICE

Bibb County, Alabama Sanders Essie, Plain-

Sanders Lyneal, Defendant Motion Request for Divorce by Publication

(Doc.5) filed by Sanders Essie is hereby granted. The Plaintiff may pro-

ceed with the Publication of the Complaint in the newspaper of Publication General

Coverage in county of the last known address, requesting the Defendant to respond within 30 days after the last publication appears in said newspaper for 4 consecutive weeks.

March, 2024. Collins Pettaway, Jr. Circuit Judge

Done this 8th day of

Centreville Press March 22, 29, April 5 & 12, 2024

Submit all legal notices to Arline Duncan by email arline.duncan@centrevillepress.com or if you have questions please call 205.926.9769.

# **LEGALS**

## **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE**

#### **NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORE-CLOSURE 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, ALA-BAMA.

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

LAND, MADE BY THE COUNTY SURVEY-OR OF BIBB COUN-ALABAMA AND RECORDED IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF SAID COUNTY IN VOL-UME "A4" OF DEEDS, PAGE 495 AND CON-ONE-HALF TAINING ACRE OF LAND. SAID LOT BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUAR-TER, SECTION TOWNSHIP 22, SOUTH OF RANGE 6 WEST. MINERAL RIGHTS EX-PRESSLY RESERVED. SUBJECT TO THAT CERTAIN RIGHT OF ENTRY PERMIT, TEM-PORARY CONSTRUC-TION EASEMENT AND EASEMENT FOR SAN-ITARY SEWER LINE IN **BOOK 77 PAGE 238.** Said property is com-

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Marigold Lane, West Blocton, AL 35184. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal de-

scription 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, encumbrances, liens, easements, rights-ofway, 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, warrantv 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.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure pro-

cess. 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. U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CA-PACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CIM TRUST 2023-NR1 MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2023-NR1

as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC

Two North Twentieth

2 20th Street North,

Suite 1000 Birmingham, AL 35203 (205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 24-05756AL www.foreclosurehotline.

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## NOTICE OF TIMBER SALE

#### NOTICE OF TIMBER SALE

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 bethat 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.

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

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

For a bid package, 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. 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

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

## time allowed by law or the **PUBLIC NOTICE**

IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT OF BIBB COUN-**TY, ALABAMA Case No.: CV-2024-

900002.00 PASCHAL CHONG, Defendant Vs.

PASCHAL MICHAEL, **Plaintiff** ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Upon the consideration of Plaintin'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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

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

900002.00 ORDER OF PUBLICA-TION March 18, 2024 BIBB COUNTY/ STATE OF ALABAMA

To: CHONG PASCHAL. AND/OR any/all SUCCES-SORS OF CHONG PAS-CHAL and/or

anyone who may claim an interest in the property described hereafter. must answer the COM-FOR BREACH PLAINT 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

alabamapublichealth.gov/imm

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 070308270000031.004 Done this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024. McLeod Prepared by: & Associates, LLC

Malcohn S. McLeod 1980 **Braddock Drive** Hoover, AL 35226 205.930.1774 Malcohn@mcleodlaw.net Centreville Press

March 29, April 5 & 12, 2024

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CENTREVILLE WATER WORKS AND SEWER BOARD** CITY OF CENTREVILLE, **ALABAMA REQUEST FOR STATE-MENT OF QUALIFICA-**TIONS 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

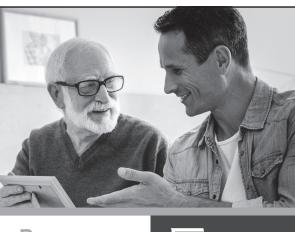
Statement of Qualifications covering all the above factors. In the event of a tie, an oral presentation will be used to determine the most qualified firm. Fees will be negotiated with the organization first selected based on qualifications. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. 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, treville Water Works and Sewer Board, 1270 Walnut Street 21st Street, Centreville, Alabama 35565. Phone: (205) 974-0890

Email: megan@cityofcentreville.com EOE

Mayor Mike Oakley Centreville Water Works and Sewer Board Centreville Press April 12 & 19, 2024



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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

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

vear olds: Kleeanna 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 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 Keliegh Howell - Best

Hair Ava Allen - 3rd alternate Emory Kinard - 2nd al-

ternate Bradley Colburn - 1st al-

ternate 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, McK-

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, Emilyn







## **BRENT ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL**

Second Grade A Honor Roll: Titus Farley, Jayden Goree, Aaliyah Melton, Kyler Pollett, Matthew Shirley, Kanen Smith, Greyson Traughber, 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, Kiyaan Steward, Aleigh Taylor, Jayce Taylor, Darius Underwood, Acen Batte, Kashlyn Burton, Saylor Geohagan, Jace Hudson, Reagan Melton, Fran Mitchell, Colton Smitherman, Coleigh Taylor, Zoev 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, Jamaurius 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, Gracyn Knighten, Ronin Morrison, Jake Watkins, Emma Watson, Corbett Pickering Avie Palmer, Noah Holifield, Derius Jackson, Samira Kinard, Collin Rawlins, Emersyn Traughber, 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, Makhi Jones, McKenna Shoults, Olivia Stephens, Anthony Ward, Clayton Gaither

# BCHS VS. NORTHRIDGE

**PHOTOS BY BRIDGET STOKES** 



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 stu-

dents made the list: Kaleigh Barrett

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.







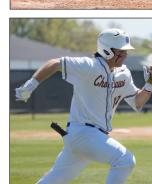


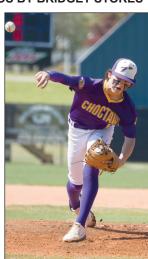
















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## **NEWS**





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 Health-care 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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