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Monthly Business Appreciation: *Express Services*

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

If you own a home, you know just as well as anyone how true this saying remains: "if it's not one thing, it's another." Perhaps your porch is starting to rot through in places, your water heater leaked and created water damage, or maybe instead of looking for a new home you would like to add an addition to meet your family's growing needs. When it comes to home repair and renovation, that's where Express Services would like to help.

Going on 30 years in business, Express Services is owned and operated by Mike Castle. With a focus on residential and commercial remodeling, Express Services can work on bathrooms, kitchens, flooring,

plumbing, electrical, building porches and decks, installing seamless gutters, as well as constructing shops and garages. For property maintenance and improvement, they have the heavy equipment needed for that, too.

Licensed and insured, Castle and his team are professionals through and through, ready to do a job well done on whatever project is on your list. From a small home repair to a full home remodel, Express Services has their customers covered.

A Bibb County resident, he prefers to keep his business aimed at boosting the local economy as much as possible. Even though Express Services also does government jobs that cover seven counties, there's nothing better to Castle than being able to serve

his Bibb County neighbors first.

"Community means doing our business with the mom and pops," Castle shared in elaborating why he has serving Bibb County residents at the top of his list of business priorities. "Whether it's eating out, buying materials for jobs, or even supporting our local

sports, that's our way of giving back to the community whenever we can."

While capable and confident to handle most any job, Castle shared that foundational issues are the one type of job that they prefer not to take on.

Estimates are always free when you call Express Services, and customer satisfac-

tion remains one of their highest priorities. "Customer satisfaction and service is the number one goal, because word of mouth is your best advertisement," Castle assured.

So, whether you're contemplating a minor repair or embarking on a full-scale renovation, look no further than Express Services. If

you or someone you know might be interested in what Express Services can do for your next project, feel free to give them a call at 205-229-5425. If you don't need anything done now, be sure to save their number for the next time you do! Let's continue to do what we can to keep things local, folks.



Tommy Waldrop Appointed as COO of Alabama Lightwave

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Alabama Lightwave is excited to announce the appointment of Tommy Waldrop as the new Chief Operating Officer (COO) for the company. Residing in Pennington, Alabama, Tommy Waldrop brings a wealth of experience to the team, having previously established and managed Waldrop Wireless, an Alabama-based tower services firm.

Tommy has led Waldrop Wireless since 2018, providing services to over 300 Internet Service Providers (ISPs), including tower construction, maintenance, equipment installation, storm damage repairs, and broadband expansion planning, among other responsibilities. His extensive background in internet operations and dedication to the industry since his teenage years contribute significantly to his expertise.

Excited about his new role, Tommy said, "I have a deep-rooted passion for wireless internet. Joining Alabama Lightwave represents a thrilling return to the operations space in this industry for me, and I am eager to contribute to the company's growth and success. Particularly, I look forward to making broadband more accessible in my local community and surrounding areas."

Tommy comes from Demopolis, an anchor community in West Alabama. Alabama Lightwave has recently expanded in this area through acquisition of Wolf Broadband in Butler. His local knowledge and professional background position him well to address the broadband needs across West Alabama and beyond.

Josh Lambert, the CEO and founder of Alabama Lightwave, expressed enthusiasm about Tommy's

addition to the team: "Our neighbors across Central and West Alabama have expressed a strong need for rapid and reliable broadband service. By welcoming Tommy aboard, we anticipate significant coverage expansion, network performance improvements, a better customer experience, an expanded workforce, and overall operational upgrades across Alabama Lightwave. His wealth of industry knowledge will be applied immediately to making our company run better than it ever has. We're absolutely delighted he's joined the team and are excited for the future."

Waldrop Wireless will continue operations under a new name "Vertical Axis" operated by Kelly Zarep. Vertical Axis serves as the primary tower contractor for Alabama Lightwave – recently visiting Bibb County to perform tower upgrades

and maintenance in the area. You can learn more about Vertical Axis on their website www.vertical-axis.com.

Alabama Lightwave presently serves multiple rural Alabama communities including Centreville,

Brent, Jemison, Eoline, and Butler, with aims to further extend the served area under Tommy's leadership.

To learn more about Alabama Lightwave and our service offerings, please visit www.alabamalightwave.com, email us at info@alabamalightwave.com, or call the Centreville office at 205.809.9051.

Photographs of Tommy Waldrop and Kelly Zarep courtesy of photographer Ryan Grewell.

Bibb County Fire Departments Benefit from Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

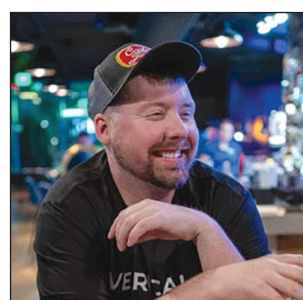
Through the Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund, Brierfield Volunteer Fire & Rescue donated a ladder truck to be used by both the Centreville and Brent Volunteer Fire Departments.

The Centreville Volunteer Fire Department gratefully received the donation of an aerial ladder truck, courtesy of the Brierfield Fire Department. This truck, originally donated by the Hoover Fire Department to Brierfield, has now

found a new home where it will serve the communities of Centreville and Brent.

Jeremy Chance, representing Brierfield Fire & Rescue, shared the story behind the Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund.

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Kelly Zarep, CEO, Vertical Axis



Tommy Waldrop, COO, Alabama Lightwave



Josh Lambert, CEO, Alabama Lightwave



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NEWS

Support the Cause: Get Your Woodstock Music Festival T-Shirt Now!

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

The much-anticipated 7th annual Woodstock Music Festival is back, and this year promises to be bigger and better than ever before. Scheduled for May 18, 2024, at the Holiday Raceway, this event is set to rock with a lineup that you won't want to miss.

Among the acts scheduled to grace the stage is the Roadhouse Blues Band, making their welcome return for the third time. There will also be solo performances by Garrett Payne, Brian Parks, and Jackson Chase, each bringing their musical talent to the festival. The real highlight of the event is undoubtedly the Roots and Boots Band, featuring country music icons Aaron Tippin, Sammy Kershaw, and Collin Raye.

In the meantime, don't forget to show your support for a worthy cause by purchasing a Woodstock Music Festival t-shirt. These stylish shirts are not only a great way to commemorate the event, but they also contribute to a vital mission.

For just \$25 per shirt, you can make a difference in the fight against suicide by supporting the Alabama Suicide Prevention and Resources Coalition (ASPARC). 100% of the proceeds from the Fountain t-shirt will directly benefit ASPARC's statewide suicide prevention efforts, helping to save lives and provide essential support to those in need.

Whether you're attending the festival in person or cheering on from

afar, you can order your Woodstock Music Festival t-shirt online at <http://town-of-woodstock.square.site/> or by stopping by the Woodstock Town Hall to secure yours today.

So mark your calendars, gather your friends and family in your brand new t-shirts, and join us for a day of music, community, and meaningful impact at the 7th annual Woodstock Music Festival. It's an event you won't want to miss!



Shelton State Community College Hosts Professional Development Conference for Automotive Instructors

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Tuscaloosa, Alabama - Shelton State Community College (SSCC) recently hosted a professional development conference at the C. A. Fredd Campus for 27 secondary and post-secondary automotive instructors from Alabama and East Mississippi institutions. The two-day event, sponsored by The Resource Center and President Bob Kimbrell, took place on February 8 and 9.

Presenters at the conference included John Bukowski from ConsuLab, an organization specializing in manufacturing training equipment in technology. Mike Batchelor with the ASE Education Founda-

tion, a nonprofit organization that provides training resources for automotive service professionals and instructors, also presented at the event.

"Hosting the conference allowed Shelton State to showcase our newly renovated facilities and equipment while also creating community and networking opportunities for those in the automotive education industry," said Michael Hobson, Instructor and Division Chair for Automotive and Diesel Technology.

SSCC also partnered with Justin Russell from General Motors and Chris Westmoreland from Southeast Toyota Distributors to contribute to the

conference. By hosting this event and showcasing the quality automotive program, the program's leadership hopes instructors from other institutions will recommend SSCC as a program for their graduates to continue automotive education training.

"Being selected to host a multi-state professional development event is a testament to the high-quality Automotive Service Technology program Shelton State has established," said Grant Cockrell, SSCC Associate Dean of Technical Services.

For more information about the Automotive Technology program at Shelton State, visit sheltonstate.edu.

Cleaning Up Our Community: Join Bibb County's Effort to Combat Litter on April 6

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

LITTER! Let's talk about it.

For Bibb County to be home to so many wonderful people, places, and things, the massive amounts of garbage on the sides of our roads across Bibb County do not reflect that in the slightest.

In an effort to combat

the growing mounds of litter, the Alabama Extension and Bibb County Commission are partnering together to organize a day where our community comes together to do something about it.

If you or someone you know is interested in helping out on Saturday, April 6, starting at 9am at various sites across the county that are to be determined, be sure to be on the lookout

for more details that we will be sharing soon as they become available. Organizations, church groups, sports teams, schools, and everyone in between are wholeheartedly invited to participate.

Tell a friend, post it to Facebook, and help us get the word out. A difference cannot be made without intentional effort. Let's get to it, Bibb County!



Tombigbee RC&D Council Launches 2025 Grant Cycle

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

In a recent announcement, the Tombigbee Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council has shared the opening of its 2025 grant cycle. Scheduled to run from

April 1st to June 30th, 2024, this funding opportunity is for organizations seeking support for community projects.

What makes this year's cycle particularly noteworthy is the introduction of Foundant, a cutting-edge grant funding software designed to streamline the application process. With Foundant in place, applicants can expect a smoother and more efficient experience.

To be eligible for consideration, organizations must be registered as 501C2 not-for-profit entities, units, or sub-units of government. Additionally, proposed projects must be located within one or more of the eight counties served by the Tombigbee RC&D Council: Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, Sumter, or Tuscaloosa.

Detailed grant guidelines are available on the Tombig-

bee RC&D Council's website, accessible through the Grant Application and Information tab at www.tombigbeercd.org/grant-guidelines/. Prospective applicants are encouraged to review these guidelines thoroughly to ensure compliance with all requirements.

It is important to note that all grants awarded operate on a reimbursement-only basis. This means that funds are disbursed upon project completion, emphasizing the importance of effective budget planning and project management.

As the Tombigbee RC&D Council gears up for the FY25 grant season, anticipation is high for the impactful projects that will come to fruition through this funding opportunity. Organizations are encouraged to seize this chance to make a positive difference in their communities!

13th Annual Bob Sykes BBQ & BLUES Festival

Alabama Barbecue and Blues are a great combination so start planning for the 13th Annual Bob Sykes BBQ & BLUES Festival presented by City of Bessemer and Coca Cola is set for Saturday, April 20, 2024. The event will combine the best of blues music and legendary Bob Sykes Bar B Q from 12-8pm. Gates open at 11am. Be sure to bring your chair or blanket and set-up your spot for the day to enjoy talented blues musicians.

Since 2010, the event has been a local favorite for festival goers. Attendees of the festival range from youth to adults. 2nd generation owner and pit master of Bob Sykes Bar B Q Van Sykes says "Each year the festival grows and we couldn't do it without our sponsors and the support of the community." City of Bessemer Mayor Kenneth Gulley says "The Bob Sykes BBQ and BLUES Festival has been a great event for the City of Bessemer. We're looking forward to many more great years of barbecue and blues music in downtown Bessemer."

The 2024 musical per-

formances by award winning blues musicians includes Chris "BadNews" Barnes, Chambers DesLauriers Band, Nikki Hill, Misty Blues, Skyler Saufley, and Earl Williams. For more details on the times please visit BobSykesBlues.com

The festival has been chosen for numerous years as one of the top food festivals in Alabama by al.com. There are activities for the entire family including a large kids corner. Children eight and under are free with a ticketed adult. Besides great music and bbq the festival offers a variety of booths including arts and crafts, outdoor exhibits, and a diverse selection of vendors selling tempting offers.

General admission tickets can be purchased at www.bob-sykesblues.com or visit Bob Sykes Bar B Q Restaurant. Since 2010, the festival has provided funding for local charities including Red Mountain Grace, Children's of Alabama, Bessemer Education Enhancement Foundation, Clay House, Hands On Birmingham, Ady's Army and Latch and Live Foundation, Caring Men and Caring

Women. The 2024 festival will give a portion of the event proceeds to a local charity that will soon be announced.



Fun pageant day and close to home!! Chloe Sanders won 2024 Miss West Alabama Spring Teen for Most Photogenic, Director's Choice, Most Beautiful Dress, and Charity Queen. Pageant will be held on March 2nd at BMC Wellness.

Brent News From the Pen of Dorothy Clark

Easter is three Sundays away.

New Pleasant Valley is having Mens and Womens Day March 24, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Pastor Matthew Wilson of Providence Baptist Church in Marion, AL. Easter program will be early Easter morning; early services as well at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, time 7:00 A.M. Go to any church and hear the word!

There is trash on the side of

the road again on Bear Creek Road and Duff Road. I

n God you can establish so much. His love is everlasting. How blessed we are to breathe the air God blesses us with.

My son cooked a wonderful dinner for me Thursday; turnip greens, smoked neck bones, pigtail, mac-n-cheese, corn bread and peach cobbler. It was all good! Take your burden to the Lord and leave it.

Have a blessed week and enjoy each day.

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NEWS

West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah

I wrote my first West Eoline News on March 8, 2005 to share News about our Deason Cousins.

My Mother (Ressie Deason), Aunt Augusta Deason, Cousin Mencie Turcotte, Cousin Evelyn Deason, Cousin Myrtle Deason, Cousin Pat Deason, Cousin Louise Deason, Cousin Margaret Deason, are no longer with us. We need to start this again.

MAILBOX - What is a mailbox? It is a receptacle for depositing mail from the United Postal Service. Federal Law governs the use of a mailbox. Well.... Heard some news about someone cutting the turn sharply and basically took a mailbox down. That someone is thankful for the man who fixed it! My lips are sealed.

Chad and Stacey Thompson returned Sunday from a week in Texas. This was a work training trip for Chad. I'm sure he's glad to be finished and passed the test.

COOKING for STAN - Stan Deason had options to celebrate his birthday Monday with siblings. He chose coming to my house and eating. For him, I chose Hamburger Steak (beef from Kansas), smothered in mushroom onion gravy, Creamed

Potatoes, Fresh Asparagus, Field Peas by Jo, Hawaiian Rolls from Geneva, Banana Pudding by Carol.

Dot Calderwood was in hospital on her birthday but was dismissed later in the day. You can't keep her down. Stay well Ms Dot. She received a surprise (sweet treat) from a neighbor Friday morning.

SYMPATHY for the family of Kenneth White. Visitation was at Rocko's Sunday afternoon with the service Monday morning. A true servant - from serving his Country, to serving God, family and friends; he was a helper and loved.

I drove to Susan Moore Sunday afternoon to visit grandson Jonathan, Bianca and Maddox. Maddox was 9 on Saturday and his jump house and mincraft decorations were left from the party. I know they had a good time and I certainly enjoyed my one on one with them.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK Bob Hannah 3-15, Jo Hinson 3-16, Teresa Freeman 3-17, Tanner Caddis 3-19 & Cindy Garner 3-20.

Have a blessed week. Call or text 478-396-2513 to share your news.

Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

Join us for a fun day of kite flying, hot dogs, chips, and cookies on March 23, 2024, at 11:00 AM at the Shady Rest MH Park, Centreville, Alabama. This is hosted by Cedar Grove Baptist Church, West Blocton, AL. Make plans to attend, everyone is invited.

Anniversary wishes go out to Raymond and Georgia Magouirk who were married for 50 years on Friday, February 23, 2024.

Belated birthday wishes go out to several that had a birthday the last of February: Jo Anne Sanders, Vickie Brown, David Cruce, John Seagle, Bert Suttle, Katie Wyers Salcedo, Whitney Moore, Janet Parker Williams. Sawyer Moore celebrated his 3rd birthday on Sunday, February 25, 2024. Butch Wallace and Phil Cottingham had a birthday on February 28th.

Ayden, Kaitlyn, and Mackenzie Pinegar of Baton Rouge, Louisiana spent Friday til Saturday afternoon with their Grandparents, Raymond and Georgia Magouirk, visiting with them on Friday night were Jake Upton and kanyon Allen. Congratulations to Mackenzie who just got accepted to LSU.

Anniversary wishes go out to Gary and

Jo Anna Sanders who recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. Anniversary wishes go out to Bo and Amy Watts Boykin who recently celebrated their wedding anniversary.

On Saturday, February 24, 2024, Raymond and Georgia Magouirk celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Calvary Baptist Church, also a renewal of vows. We wish this couple many more years of happiness together. All in attendance enjoyed this special occasion. Guests in attendance were local, out of town, and out of state. Among those from out of state was their three granddaughters: Ayden, Kaitlyn and Mackenzie Pinegar from Baton Rouge, La. Birthday wishes go out to the twins, Ayden and Kaitlyn who will be celebrating their 21st birthday on March 9, 2024.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Sammy Ray Ragland, 64 of Tuscaloosa, AL, who passed away recently. Services were held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 in Northport, AL. Sammy will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

If you have news call it in at 205-316-1181. Take Care – God Bless!

EVENTS

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.
- ▶ Come join us for a fun day of kite flying with hotdogs,cookies and chips at 11am March 23rd. Hosted by Cedar Grove Church. Location:Shady Rest Moblie Home Park 900 Montgomery Hwy Centreville AL. Bring your own kite or use one of ours.
- ▶ Second Saturday night singing at Cedar Grove Church March 9th at 6pm. Guest singers are Forgiven Hearts and more coming off the floor.
- ▶ Come join us for a fun day of kite flying March 23rd at 11am. Hosted by Cedar Grove Church with location at Shady Rest Moblie Home Park 900 Montgomery Hwy Centreville AL. Hotdogs, chips,cookies and drinks will be provided free.
- ▶ Cedar Grove Church, Co Rd 9 will have a Cooking with Jesus Children's Class starting April 7th at 11am.
- ▶ Singing at Hubbard Springs Church on Sat. March 23rd at 7pm. Singer will be Donna Weaver. Come and worship with us.
- ▶ 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.com

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 info 205-225-4341.
- ▶ Scottsville Baptist Church holds church service on Tue. at 7pm. with a different speaker each week.
- ▶ 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 7:30pm.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Brietfield 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. 2-4pm.

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 pro-grams 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 volunteers 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.
- ▶ The new Genealogy Class will be held monthly the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10:00 a.m at the Woodstock Community Library. Dianne Chesser returns as our master genealogist and patrons will have free access to Ancestry.com during class time. Those interested may call 938-0008 or check our Facebook for more information. www.facebook.com/woodstockcommunity-library

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

- ▶ The Friends of the Library for the Brent/Centreville Library meets quarterly in the library meeting room. For meeting dates, call 926-4736. New members welcome.
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Hymn History

By: Savannah Logan

Rock of Ages

The hymn "Rock of Ages" has a rich and profound history, intertwining the lives of two individuals separated by generations but united in their devotion to God's grace and mercy.

Augustus M. Toplady, born on November 4, 1740, in Farnham, Surrey, England, was not just a man of his time but a scholar and priest deeply influenced by the Reformed doctrines of John Calvin. Despite being well-educated and serving within the Anglican Church, Toplady's theological convictions led him to eventually leave Anglicanism at the age of thirty-five. He embraced the teachings of Calvinism and began preaching in a French Calvinist church.

Toplady's legacy, however, is perhaps most enduringly marked by a moment of divine inspiration during a fierce storm. Caught amidst rocky terrain, he sought refuge in a crevice of a high limestone rock. It was within this shelter that he penned the words of the hymn "Rock of Ages." Despite his imminent mortality, as Toplady battled an illness that at the time was called consumption, his faith remained steadfast, as evidenced by his peaceful acceptance of death and anticipation of glory.

The musical counterpart to Toplady's poetic masterpiece came years later through the hands of Thomas Hastings. Born on October 15, 1784, in Washington, Connecticut, Hastings was a diligent worker and prolific composer, earning a reputation as a dedicated music teacher. Among his extensive repertoire of over 1,000 hymn tunes and 600 texts, Hastings composed the melody for "Rock of Ages," honoring the hymn's author by naming it "TOPLADY."

"Rock of Ages" not only encapsulates Toplady's personal encounter with divine protection but also serves as a profound theological reflection on the Christian concept of salvation. The hymn draws

upon biblical imagery, likening God to a rock of refuge and salvation. It merges the imagery of two significant biblical rocks: the rock in Exodus 33:22, where God sheltered Moses, and the rock in Exodus 17:6, from which water flowed, symbolizing Jesus' sacrifice and the atonement for sin.

In essence, "Rock of Ages" serves as a poignant reminder of humanity's vulnerability and need for divine grace in the face of God's righteous judgment. Through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, symbolized by the striking of the rock, believers find refuge from the storm of God's wrath and the covering of Christ's righteousness. Thus, as believers face the inevitability of death and judgment, they can do so with confidence, knowing that the Rock of Ages has provided them with eternal refuge and salvation.

The hymn "Rock of Ages" is not just a testament to personal faith but a profound theological expression deeply rooted in biblical imagery and Christian doctrine. Augustus M. Toplady's choice to use a pseudonym, "Minimus," for his authorship of the hymn adds an intriguing layer to its history. While his reasons remain speculative, it's possible that Toplady's humility and acknowledgment of his own insignificance before God played a role in this decision.

Thomas Hastings, the composer of the hymn's melody, further contributed to its legacy by naming it "TOPLADY," in honor of the hymn's author. His dedication to his craft and his recognition of the significance of Toplady's lyrics underscore the collaborative nature of hymnody, where words and music harmonize to convey timeless truths.

"Rock of Ages" resonates not only with the personal experiences of its creators but also with universal themes of human frailty and divine redemption. The hymn's im-

agery of seeking shelter from a storm amidst rocky terrain reflects the human condition, where individuals face trials and tribulations that threaten to overwhelm them. Yet, through the metaphorical "Rock" of God's salvation, believers find refuge and strength to withstand life's storms.

The biblical references woven throughout the hymn provide a theological framework for understanding the significance of Jesus Christ as the ultimate source of salvation. Drawing from Exodus, the hymn evokes imagery of God as a protective rock, shielding His people from harm. The striking of the rock in Exodus 17:6 symbolizes Christ's sacrifice on the cross, from which flows the cleansing and life-giving water of salvation.

Moreover, "Rock of Ages" speaks to the central tenet of Christian faith—that salvation comes not through human effort or works but through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. It emphasizes the futility of relying on one's own righteousness to appease God's judgment and underscores the necessity of clinging to the cross for forgiveness and redemption.

As believers sing the words of "Rock of Ages," they are invited to reflect on their own need for divine grace and mercy. The hymn serves as a reminder of God's unchanging faithfulness and the assurance of salvation found in Christ alone. Thus, whether facing the storms of life or the certainty of death, believers can find solace and hope in the eternal refuge of the Rock of Ages.

Do you have a hymn you would like to know more about? You know what to do—send me a request, and I will see what I can do! Feel free to send your requests in by email at savannah.pearce@bibbcommunitymedia.com or by giving the Press office a call. I would love to hear from you!

Plain & Simple

"Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures in life"

By: Sheila Duncan

Melting Potatoes

2 lb. Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled, cut into 1" slices

1 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

4 tbsp. unsalted butter
2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

1 c. low-sodium chicken broth
3 cloves garlic, finely chopped

1 tbsp. fresh rosemary, chopped, plus more for serving

1 tsp. fresh thyme, chopped, plus more for serving

Preheat oven to 425°. In a medium bowl, season potatoes with salt and pepper and toss to combine.

In a large ovenproof skil-

let over medium-high heat, cook butter and oil until butter is melted and starting to bubble. Add potatoes and cook, undisturbed, until golden brown, 3 to 5 minutes. Flip potatoes and cook until second side is golden brown, about 5 minutes more. Stir in

broth, garlic, rosemary, and thyme.

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STATE OF ALABAMA BIBB COUNTY NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
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The undersigned, U.S. Bank Trust National Asso-

ciation, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2023-A, 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 17th day of April, 2024 the following property, situated in Bibb County, Alabama, to-wit:
Lot 29, according to the Amended Map of Sanders Subdivision, Phase II, as recorded in Map Book 3, page 31, in the Probate Office of Bibb County, Alabama.
Said property is commonly known as 128 Hunter Dr, Woodstock, AL 35188.
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),

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LEGALS

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REQUESTS FOR BIDS
Bibb County Airport
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 Sealed bids will be received until Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bibb County Commission located at 157 SW Davidson Drive, Centreville, Alabama 35042 and at said time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary for: T-Hangar Building TBHM220024 - at Bibb County Airport. Major items of work include: Construct 8-unit T-Hangar building including site grading, concrete, electrical and markings. Install new door for existing box hangar building. Install new project trailers or storage structure. A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 10:00

a.m. at the Bibb County Commission located at 157 SW Davidson Drive, Centreville, Alabama 35042. Attendance is not mandatory but encouraged. Information for the Project can be found on the following website: <https://www.gmcnet-work.com/bids/>. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC, located at 1906 E. Three Notch Street, Andalusia, Alabama 36421, Attn: Patsy Stinson Ph: (334) 222-2699 or email: patsy.stinson@gmcnet-work.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon

payment of a one-time administrative fee of \$20 for digital access/ file sharing access and/ or payment of \$25 for each printed set. Said cost represents the cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, therefore no refund will be granted. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC." Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid, but not to exceed \$50,000. The bid guaranty may be by certified

check or bid bond made payable to the Bibb County Commission. All Bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Engineer; the Bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying the license number on the outside of the envelope in which the Proposal is delivered. Bids may be held by the Bibb County Commission for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract. The project is being funded in part by FEMA

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. NH-FMGR-0006(603) BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA
 Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on March 29, 2024 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Resurfacing (Scrub Seal and Micro-Surfacing Seal Coat, Type II and Type III), Guardrail Installation, and Traffic Stripe on SR-6 (US-82) from the SR-25 Overpass to the junction of SR-382 east of Centreville to include the SR-6 (US-82)/SR-25 Ramps.

Length 4.857 mi. The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Thirty-five (35) Working Days. A 3.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required. A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$8.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and

Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made. Minimum wage rates for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations. Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith. The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies

concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract. The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$2,216,761 To \$2,709,375. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act. Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110. In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation,

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retary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved. JOHN R. COOPER Transportation Director Centreville Press March 8, 15 & 22, 2024

NEWS/SPORTS

WBHS SOFTBALL

WBHS 15 Northridge 1 Tiger Defeats Northside Varsity Rams On Back Of Clutch Display

From MacKynli Kidd
Tigers scored six runs on three hits in the top of the fourth inning. An error scored two runs and Kidd singled, scoring two runs. Irvin started the game for Tigers. She surrendered two hits and one run (zero earned) over three innings, striking out one and walking one. Tigers collected 11 hits in the game. Harrell went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Tigers in hits. Krimson Calhoun collected two hits for Tigers in two at bats. Lillie Shadwick, Calhoun, Klair Grady, and Kidd each stole multiple bases for Tiger. Tigers stole 10 bases in the game.

WBHS 5 Lamar Co. 4 Tigers Hold Off Lamar

County For Victory.
Tigers got out to a 5-run lead in the third inning and held on for a 5-4 victory over Lamar County. Tigers were the first to get on the board in the first when Jacey Register singled, scoring one run. Tigers added to their early lead in the top of the third inning after Register tripled, and Kimora Harrell homered to left field, each scoring two runs. Harrell stepped in the circle first for Tigers. She gave up three hits and four runs (zero earned) over three and two-thirds innings, striking out three and walking two. Raylyn Irvin appeared in relief for Tigers.

WBHS 7 Gordo 6
Tiger Win In Fashion, Walk It Off Versus Gordo Varsity Lady-waves
It came down to the wire as the Tigers grabbed the victory

in walk-off fashion, 7-6, over Gordo Varsity Ladywaves. Tigers were down 6-4 in the bottom of the fifth inning when Kimora Harrell homered to center field, scoring three runs. Tigers rallied for the victory despite trailing 6-0 in the fourth. Harrell earned the win for Tigers. The reliever surrendered zero hits and zero runs over one and one-third innings, striking out two and walking none. Raylyn Irvin led things off in the circle for Tigers. The starting pitcher surrendered eight hits and six runs (five earned) over three and two-thirds innings, striking out five and walking one. Khloey Forsythe and Jacey Register each collected two hits for Tigers. Harrell provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Tigers with three runs batted in. Harrell went 1 for 3 against Gordo.

WBHS 16 Jemison 1 West Blocton Varsity Firing On All Cylinders Against Jemison

Varsity Panthers
West Blocton Varsity got on the board in the top of the first inning after MacKynli Kidd was struck by a pitch, Kimora Harrell singled, Lillie Shadwick walked, and Genesis Snelson grounded out, each scoring one run. West Blocton Varsity scored six runs on four hits in the top of the second inning. Harrell doubled, scoring two runs, Khloey Forsythe singled, scoring two runs, Snelson grounded out, scoring one run, and Kylie Smith grounded out, scoring one run.

West Blocton Varsity added to their early lead in the top of the third inning after Jacey Register singled, Kidd walked, Forsythe doubled, and Shadwick grounded out, each. Harrell stepped in the circle first for West Blocton Varsity. The starting pitcher allowed two hits and one run over

two innings, striking out one and walking one. Raylyn Irvin tossed two innings of zero-run ball for West Blocton Varsity in relief. The reliever allowed one hit, striking out five and walking none. West Blocton Varsity tallied 11 hits in the game. Forsythe, Krimson Calhoun, Harrell, and Register each collected two hits for West Blocton Varsity. Forsythe and Harrell were a one-two punch in the lineup, as each drove in three runs for West Blocton Varsity. West Blocton Varsity had patience at the plate, piling up six walks for the game. Calhoun and Kidd led the team with two walks each. Calhoun stole two bases.

WBHS 11 Briarwood 4 MacKynli Kidd A Difficult Out As West Blocton Varsity Defeat

Briarwood Christian Varsity Lady Lions
MacKynli Kidd collected four hits in four at bats, as West Blocton Varsity defeated Briar-

wood Christian Varsity Lady Lions 11-4.

Kidd doubled in the first inning, tripled in the third inning, singled in the fifth inning, and singled in the sixth inning. West Blocton Varsity opened the scoring in the first after Kidd doubled, scoring one run.

West Blocton Varsity captured the lead, 4-3, in the bottom of the fourth when an error scored one run, and Krimson Calhoun singled, scoring two runs. In the bottom of the fifth inning after Briarwood Christian Varsity Lady Lions committed an error, and Klair Grady singled scoring a run. West Blocton Varsity scored five runs on five hits in the bottom of the sixth inning. Kidd singled, scoring one run, Kimora Harrell doubled, scoring one run, Khloey Forsythe singled, scoring one run, Lillie Shadwick doubled, scoring one run, and an error scored one run.

See WBHS Softball on page 8

SCHOOL NEWS



Ashton Patton is Bibb County Career Academy's afternoon Automotive Services Employee of the Month for February. He is a sophomore and in his second semester at BCCA. Ashton says, "BCCA has helped me become more responsible. I enjoy attending BCCA because of the experiences I am getting and the hands-on skills I am getting to do."



Josii Chesser is Bibb County Career Academy's morning Health Science Employee of the Month for February. She is a senior and in her first semester in Health Science. Josii says, "BCCA is allowing me to experience my potential career before ever attending higher education."



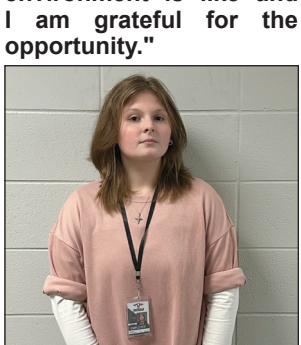
Jessica Reynolds is Bibb County Career Academy's morning Welding Employee of the Month for February. She is a junior and in her second semester at BCCA. Jessica says, "BCCA has allowed me to meet new people that have the same interests as me. I have been able to get an idea of what a working environment is like and I am grateful for the opportunity."



Benjamin Hatfield is Bibb County Career Academy's afternoon Welding Employee of the Month for February. He is a junior and in his second semester at BCCA. Ben says, "Because of BCCA, I will be able to go to work at a higher wage than most because of the skills and credentials I am earning."



Leslie Belcher is Bibb County Career Academy's morning Cosmetology Employee of the Month for February. She is a sophomore and in her first semester at BCCA. Leslie plans to pursue a degree in Cosmetology. She says, "BCCA has provided me with the opportunity to get a job in Cosmetology."



Savannah Terry is Bibb County Career Academy's afternoon Business Information Technology Employee of the Month for February. She is a junior and in her second semester at BCCA. Savannah says, "BCCA has helped me become more social and meet new people."



Garrett Blake is Bibb County Career Academy's morning Electrical Employee of the Month for February. He is a senior and in his second semester at BCCA. Garrett says, "What I enjoy most about attending BCCA is getting to work with my hands. BCCA has taught me valuable information that I will be using often in the future."



Alyssa Smith is Bibb County Career Academy's morning Business Information Technology Employee of the Month for February. She is a sophomore and in her first semester at BCCA. Alyssa says, "BCCA is teaching me things that aren't available at my high school. It has made me become more social and I have made friends from the other high school."



Christalee Rogers is Bibb County Career Academy's afternoon Cosmetology Employee of the Month for February. She is a sophomore and in her first semester at BCCA. Christalee plans to pursue a degree in Cosmetology. She says, "BCCA has helped me figure out what career I want to pursue. I enjoy learning new skills every day that I will use in my adult life."

BRENT CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: March 4, 2024

by Lynn Hamric

Mayor Bobbie White called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. She led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer by Council Member Tom Owings.

Roll call:
Barbara Morrison 5:02
Tracy Sanders – absent
Chad Jones 5:02
Tom Owings 5:02
Jerry Conway 5:02

A motion to approve the minutes was made (Owings) and seconded (Morrison). Motion carried.

A motion to approve the financial report was made (Conway) and seconded (Owings). Motion carried.

Police Report:

Chief of Police reported that a joint de-escalation training is being planned for all police agencies in the county. The \$3,200 expense will be shared by all participating agencies. More on this as the planning progresses. Radar for 8 officers and vehicles in the amount of \$1,100 was requested. A motion to approve was made (Jones) and seconded (Conway). Motion carried.

Court Report – In council member packets.

Request to address council – none

Personnel action – none

Other Business:
Voting Delegates to the AL League of Municipalities meeting. Three delegate names are required. Mayor White, Jerry Conway and Barbara Morrison were put forward. A motion to approve was made (Jones) and seconded (Owings). Motion carried.

Replacement of lights to LED throughout city hall. A quote(s) is to be obtained.

Informational Items:
American Rescue Plan Funds not expended are to be used for paving.
Meeting adjourned.

CENTREVILLE MAIN STREET

Meeting Date: January 23, 2024

by Lynn Hamric

Jeff McGee, Chair, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Present:
Jeff McGee
Ashton Cottingham
Miki Heaton
Crystal McMeekin
Seth Young
Stephanie Kemmer
Nicki May
Lynn Hamric

Melissa Thompson Ashton Cottingham presented the financial statement 12/-1/2023-01/23/2024.

Minutes were emailed to all board members.

This meeting was for training by State Main Street. The Four-Point Approach was covered in depth with extensive Q&A

by board members and trainer. A handout covering the presentation was provided to each attendee.

Crystal McMeekin provided dinner.

February 26, 2024 will be a training session by Alabama Main Street and the monthly board meeting will be February 27, 2024.
Meeting adjourned.

Fire Truck

Fire Truck from page 1
Named after a heroic firefighter who tragically lost his life on 9/11, the fund was established by his brother to support smaller, local fire departments. Through this initiative, larger city-funded departments pass down their equipment to rural and local departments after they receive upgrades.

Chance also shared that an inter-department training day was held a few weeks ago where about 22 people from Brent, Montevallo, Brierfield, and Greenpond departments participated (from what he remembered – if any department was left out, it was not intentional), which he believed to be a first for Bibb County.

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WBHS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Photos & Story by Sheila Cook

Pitching Impressive as West Blocton Junior Varsity Tigers Beat Central Falcons Junior Varsity

Both teams were strong on the bump on Thursday, but West Blocton Junior Varsity Tigers defeated Central Falcons Junior Varsity 2-1.

Matthew Patton started the game for West Blocton Junior Varsity Tigers and recorded 15 outs.

West Blocton Junior Varsity Tigers didn't take the lead until later in the game. The game was tied at one in the top of the fifth when Cooper Deerman lined out, scoring one run.

West Blocton Junior Varsity Tigers were the first to get on the board in the first when Pat-

ton drew a walk, scoring one run.

West Blocton Junior Varsity Tigers dropped a third strike, which helped Central Falcons Junior Varsity tie the game at one in the bottom of the first.

Patton earned the win for West Blocton Junior Varsity Tigers. The starting pitcher surrendered one hit and one run (zero earned) over five innings, striking out 12 and walking none. #13 took the loss for Central Falcons Junior Varsity.

The starting pitcher went five innings, allowing two runs on three hits, striking out two

and walking one.

Deerman set the tone at the top of the lineup, leading West Blocton Junior Varsity Tigers with two hits in three at bats. West Blocton Junior Varsity Tigers ran wild on the base paths, tallying five stolen bases for the game.

#13 led Central Falcons Junior Varsity with one hit in two at bats. #25 stole two bases. Central Falcons Junior Varsity turned one double play in the game.

Next up for West Blocton Junior Varsity Tigers is a game at Parker on Thursday.

Photos by Kandi Smith

WBHS Softball

WBHS Softball from page 7

West Blocton Varsity amassed 13 hits in the game. Calhoun and Kidd each drove in two runs for West Blocton Varsity. Forsythe collected two hits for West Blocton Varsity in four at bats. Harrell earned the win for West Blocton Varsity. The reliever allowed one hit and one run (zero earned) over three and one-third innings, striking out six and walking none. Raylyn Irvin led things off in the circle for West Blocton Varsity. She surrendered three hits and three runs over three and two-thirds innings, striking out eight and walking 3.

WBHS 8 Verbena 9 Competitive Game Ends In Walkoff As West Blocton Varsity Falls To Verbena Varsity Red Devils

A walk-off left West Blocton Varsity on the wrong end of a 9-8 defeat to Verbena Varsity Red Devils.

Jacey Register collected four hits in five at bats in the loss. Register singled in the first inning, singled in the third inning, singled in the fifth inning, and singled in the seventh inning. In the top of the third inning, West Blocton Varsity took lead after Krimsan Calhoun singled, Register singled, MacKynli Kidd singled, and Kimora Harrell grounded out, each scoring one run. West Blocton Varsity tied the game in the top of the fifth thanks to a double

by Kidd, and a sacrifice fly by Khloey Forsythe. In the 6th West Blocton Varsity scored on a passed ball, which helped West Blocton Varsity tie the game at eight in the top of the seventh. Harrell pitched five and two-thirds innings in relief for West Blocton Varsity. She gave up four hits and two runs (one earned) while, striking out six and walking six. Raylyn Irvin stepped in the circle first for West Blocton Varsity. She surrendered seven hits and seven runs (six earned) over two and two-thirds innings, striking out two and walking two. West Blocton Varsity amassed 10 hits in the game. Forsythe, Harrell, Register, Klair Grady, and Kidd each drove in one run for West Blocton Varsity. Register stole three bases. West Blocton Varsity stole five bases in the game. West Blocton Varsity turned one double play in the game.

WBHS 11 Hale Co 1 Big Sixth Inning Leads West Blocton Varsity Past Hale County Varsity Wildcats

West Blocton Varsity defeated Hale County Varsity Wildcats 11-1 thanks in part to seven runs in the sixth inning. Lillie Shadwick doubled, scoring one run, Emma Martin singled, scoring one run, Raylyn Irvin singled, scoring one run, Jacey Register tripled, scoring two runs, Kimora Harrell singled, scoring one run, and Khloey Forsythe singled, scoring one run. West Blocton Varsity opened the scoring in the first after Klair Grady hit a solo home run to left field. West Blocton Varsity added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after MacKynli Kidd singled, and Harrell lined out, each scoring one run. Irvin opened the game for West Blocton Varsity. She allowed one hit and zero runs over four and two-thirds innings, striking out seven and walking one.



Cason Cook on first base applying the tag



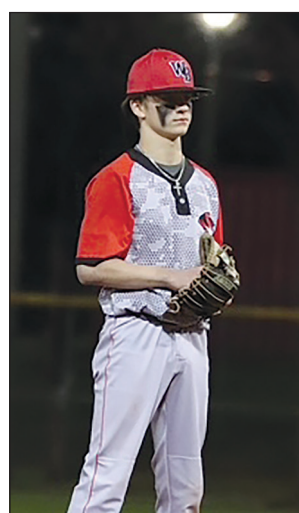
Coach Vick and Coach Pierson talking to the team after the win



Rhys Corbell with a hard hit for a single, safe at first.



Cooper Deerman with a hard hit double



Matthew Patton had a strong game on the bump



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