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BMC Wellness Center Feature: Full Body Strength with Robin Birchfield

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

On the early morning of March 18, 2024, Dr. Robin Birchfield's Full Body Strength Class met at the BMC Wellness Center. Meeting every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:15 a.m., people of all ages are invited to attend.

A practicing CRNP at Bibb Medical Center, Robin has led this class since the opening of the Wellness Center nearly three years ago. She shared that they usually have between 8-15 people join them each class, but it varies. She emphasized how building and maintaining muscle mass is so important for your overall health – especially

since one begins to lose muscle mass each year starting around the age of 35.

Starting off strong with playing some Earth, Wind, and Fire to get everyone grooving a little bit, Robin led everyone through some warmups to get their blood moving, such as walking in place and arm circles. Focusing on overall

strength for the whole body, she worked out alongside the members of the class in strength training exercises. Some of these included supersets of variations of lunges, squats, and arm presses with light weights. Frequent breaks between sets were given as well, of course, because taking a moment to let your body rest and recover is important as well. At the end of the 30 minute class, a stretch and cool down time comes before everyone bids each other a great day and goes their separate ways, ready to tackle the day ahead.

If there is one thing the Wellness Center focuses on in everything they offer, it's a focus on community support.

Emily Bowman, who has attended this class since before it even started at the Wellness Center, shared that for her, it's about more than just the physical exercise, but the mental and emotional too. For many of those who don't have much reason to leave the house and interact, the classes at the Wellness Center are a great way to find your people. "It's just good," Bowman shared. "It's good for the soul."

Meeting on a Monday is not their usual time, nor is the time of 7 a.m. – but they were more than happy to accommodate and welcome in Jeh Jeh Pruitt, a live reporter for WBRC Fox 6 who featured this class for their weekly segment

called "Exercise Monday" on March 18th.

If you are a member of the BMC Wellness Center, each class they offer is free to you – but if you are not a member and are interested in joining in and trying a class anyway, you may do so for \$5 a class. It's a great way to try it out and see what it's all about and consider if it might be a good fit for you or your family.

Want to give the Wellness Center's Full Body Strength Class a try to get those gains and benefit your overall health? Give them a call at 205-926-3360 or stop by to see them at 285 Hospital Drive, Centreville, AL 35042. They would love to have you!



Education and Fun at Cahawba Christian Academy

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

At Cahawba Christian Academy (CCA), education isn't always just about textbooks and lectures — it's about creating memorable experiences that engage students in ways that can enrich their learning. Infusing fun into education on more than one occasion, CCA is shaping well-rounded individuals who not only excel academically but also cherish memorable school experiences.

Recently, CCA students have been actively involved in a variety of activities that demonstrate the school's commitment to both holistic development and community engagement.

On January 30th, CCA hosted an Impaired Driving program led by State Trooper Officer Gautney. This interactive session provided students with firsthand insights into the dangers of driving under the influence. Equipped with special goggles simulating the effects of drugs or alcohol, students navigated a course and attempted simple tasks, highlighting the impairments caused by impaired driving. It was

an eye-opening experience that reinforced crucial lessons about responsible behavior.

Continuing the spirit of celebration, on February 10th, the Cahawba Christian Academy Student Government Association (SGA) organized the Annual Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Valentine's Dance. Parents and students alike enjoyed a delightful evening filled with dinner, dessert, and dancing. The event not only fostered familial bonds but also served a noble cause, as funds raised were contributed to the Alabama Independent School Association SGA to support the purchase of CuddleCots for hospitals.

Valentine's Day took on a special meaning for the CCA Life Skills class on February 14th, as students visited the Bibb Medical Nursing Home to spread love and joy. With handmade Valentine's Day cards, students shared sincere moments with the residents and staff, brightening their day.

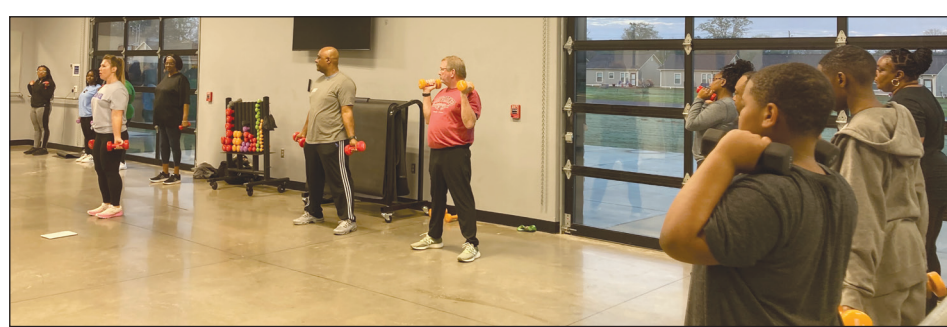
Academic exploration took place on February 22nd when CCA's 7th through 12th graders attended the University of

Alabama Engineering Day in Tuscaloosa. From robotics and drones to metallurgical work, students learned about various fields of engineering and computer sciences, gaining insights into potential career paths.

March kicked off with a literary celebration as CCA observed Read Across America/Dr. Seuss Week from February 26th to March 1st. Dress-up days and high school students reading to preschoolers added a touch of whimsy to the week. Of course, what would Dr. Seuss Week be without green eggs and ham? It was a wonderful time of learning and fun that left everyone smiling.

At Cahawba Christian Academy, education isn't confined to the walls of a classroom — it's a journey filled with meaningful experiences and joyful moments. If you're seeking a school that fosters a love for learning, look no further.

Registration for the 2024-25 school year is now open. Reach out to them at 205-926-4676 or by email at cahawbamail@gmail.com if you would like to learn more.



Dre'Mail King Resigns as West Blocton Football Head Coach

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

After two seasons with the West Blocton football program, Dre'Mail King announced his resignation from his head coaching position on March 5.

Under King's leadership, the West Blocton Tigers achieved 6-5 seasons in both 2022 and 2023.

King, 39, has a diverse coaching background. He started as an assistant at his alma mater, Central High School, before taking his first head coaching position at Sumter Central in 2013, guiding the Jaguars to a 2-8 record in their third season. King then gained experience in Georgia as an offensive coordinator and assistant head coach at Meadowcreek High, followed by coaching stints at Carver High in Columbus, where he served one season as head coach. Notably, he participated in the East-West All-Star game in Georgia and earned the Gwinnett County assistant coach of the year award in 2014.

Upon his return to Alabama in 2018, King worked as an assistant at American Christian Academy as co-defensive coordinator under former Patriots coach Chris Smelley. In 2020, he assumed the head coaching role at Greensboro, leading the Raiders to a 6-5 record. King began his tenure at West Blocton in 2022.

Coach King expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to coach at WBHS in the following statement he shared with the Press:

"To the Bibb County district, West Blocton community, and the incredible West Blocton student body; my heartfelt gratitude. A special thank you extends to Principal Lawley, the dedicated faculty and staff, and, above all, my journey as an educator at West Blocton High School has been a treasure, and I will genuinely miss the day-to-day experiences.

For those who have been within these walls, you know the joy and passion I brought to my role and the profound connection with

this amazing student body. In a world where external noise often drowns out the beauty within, let's remember to attune ourselves to the wisdom of these remarkable educators inside the building. Keep striving, achieving, and aspiring for more.

To my Coaches and Players, you know what you know and how I feel about you! Let's Gooooooooooo!!! Never lose sight of our shared mantra – One Vision, One Voice, and One Victory! Making this a priority ensures the continued prosperity of West Blocton.

Principal Lawley, your exceptional leadership sets the standard, and for that, I express my deepest gratitude.

Thank you, and may God bless us all."

While stepping down from his coaching duties, King will continue teaching physical education at West Blocton throughout the remainder of the school year as he explores his next career steps.



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NEWS



The Bibb County Education Retiree's Association held their monthly meeting March 5th at the Brent/ Centreville Library. The program for the month was presented by Mr. Kevin Cotner, Bibb County Board of Education Superintendent who gave an excellent update on the school system. In addition, Mr. John Skinner from Compassionate Kitchen in Brent shared a very informative program on their ministry and the numbers of meals they serve to the community. The service project was bringing canned food for meals provided by Compassionate Kitchen. In addition, members voted to make a donation to the Brent/Centreville Library in memory of long-time member Mildred McGrew and a donation to the West Blocton Library in honor of Ms. Myrtle Jones who recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Pictured: Mr. Kevin Cotner, Bibb County Superintendent; Donna Cook, Elaine Jones, JoAnn Medders, Sara Lunceford, John Skinner, Vickie Brown, Avis Huey, Faye Johnson, Fran Kornegay, Joan Jennings, Esther Burr, and Mary Beth Sansing.

West Blocton's Miss Cahaba Lily Pageant Expanding its Scope in 2024

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

The Miss Cahaba Lily Pageant in West Blocton is stepping up its game for 2024, and everyone's invited to join in on the fun! In the past, the Miss Cahaba Lily Pageant was exclusive to 11th-grade girls from West Blocton High School. But this year, not only 11th-graders, but also 12th-grade girls from any community can compete for the coveted Miss Cahaba Lily Division Crown. This pageant isn't just

for high schoolers, though. It continues its tradition of inclusivity by hosting various categories for girls from ages zero to 16. There will be opportunities for contestants to compete for Baby Miss, Tiny Miss, Petite Miss, Little Miss, Young Miss, and Junior Miss - a title for every age group. So, whether your little one is just starting to toddle or confidently strutting her stuff, there's a spot for her in the limelight. Mark your calendars because the big day is April

27th, 2024 at West Blocton High School. The reigning queen, Aldyn Deerman, will crown not one, not two, but seven queens along with two photogenic winners ahead of the Cahaba Lily Festival on May 18, 2024 in West Blocton. Ready to make your mark on the pageant world? Registration is now open until April 19, 2024. Just head over to the Cahaba Lily Festival website at <https://cahabalilyfestival.com/pageant-information/> to sign up and get all the details you need.

Bibb County Spring Clean Litter Pick Up – Volunteers Needed!

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. The litter problem in Bibb County is bad. We all talk about it. We all blame others. It's time we all pitched in and did the job we've all been griping about.

Bibb County will be holding a county wide litter pick up on Saturday, April 6th and prizes will be awarded to the group pick-

ing up the most trash! You must be part of a county organization, football team, senior class, civic group, church group, etc., to be eligible for the prize money. If you don't belong to an organization, this could be a great way to volunteer and get involved! The County has been divided into 8 quadrants: Woodstock, West Blocton, Scottsville, Brent, Centreville, Brierfield, Pondville, and Lawley. We will only pick up on county roads for this litter pickup. Each quadrant will have at least one team leader, though it would be best to have at least two leaders per quadrant. Holly Barrett in West Blocton has already volunteered to serve as the team leader for that area. Volunteers for team leaders are needed for the remaining areas. Anyone interested in volunteering as a team leader should contact Michelle Giddens at the Bibb Ex-

ension Office at 205-926-4310. Responsibilities of the team leader are: Recruit volunteer organizations. Recruit volunteers with trucks to haul bagged trash to designated site. Assign and track county roads for pick-up. Attend meetings with other team leaders for planning purposes. Sign-in teams the morning of the pick-up, hand out equipment and give the safety information talk the morning of the pick-up. Record # of bags per team. Work with law enforcement and fire departments on slowing traffic on assigned roads. Winners of the litter pick up will be announced at the April 8th County Commission meeting. For questions or to volunteer please contact Michelle Giddens at Bibb County Extension, 205-926-4310.

BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: March 11, 2024

By: Lynn Hamric

Commission Chair Ty Corbell called the meeting to order.

Public Comment: Tammy Deerman addressed the commission on her continued concerns regarding the accuracy of the voting process. Her concerns are NOT specific to Bibb County, but the process using voting machines in general.

Public Comment From Other Elected Officials: None

Roll Call: All commissioners (Lightsey, Caddell, Downs, Corbell, Stabler) were present

Information Items: A/P runs (2 weeks) in commissioners' packets.

Consent Agenda:

Approval for Commission Chair pre-approved purchase of body bags for the coroner was requested. A motion to approve was made (Stabler) and seconded (Downs). Motion carried.

New Business:

A motion to approve the February 26, 2024 minutes was made (Caddell) and seconded (Downs). Motion carried.

Walt Williams: Mr. Williams addressed the commission with continued concerns regarding the operation of the Bibb County Airport by the current airport board; the location and accessibility of minutes and financial information and the election of board members and officers. Mr. Williams asked the commission if they knew who the airport board chair currently is. They did not. He asked that the records for the airport board be brought back to the commission office and accessible to the public upon request. He asked that a review of the tenure of the current airport board members be reviewed by the commission and that officers be properly elected. Airport Board policies and procedures need to be followed and the commission see this is done. He thanked the commission for hearing his concerns since the airport is technically the respon-

sibility of the county commission.

A motion was made (Downs) and seconded (Stabler) to cancel the March 25th meeting as it falls during spring break. Motion carried.

County Engineer:

The current "sink hole" that has a significant area of a county road had employees working Thursday/Friday and Saturday. Both lanes are currently open. The continued wet weather inhibits work.

Michelle Giddens, Bibb Co. Extension Office presented a proposal for county-wide roadside trash pick-up by county citizens. Everything required for "groups" to pick-up trash on a specified date. The commission and city councils are being asked to provide "prize money" for participating groups meeting the required guidelines.

A motion was made (Downs) and seconded (Lightsey) to approve the county providing \$1,750 toward prize money. For details contact the Extension Office at 205-926-4310.

County EMA:

Storm Shelters – The Harrisburg storm shelter area needs to have a safe wheelchair accessible pad/ramp and the parking area graveled to prevent mud.

This is pending approval by the county attorney.

Camp Branch – The same request as Harrisburg shelter area.

Residential Shelters – 25 shelters have been approved; 6 have been installed; 3 are scheduled to be installed this week and more next week.

Roadside Trash – Robbie and his assistant are picking up 3-4 cu yds/week. David is constantly working to remove debris, much that was left after the tornado.

Spring Cleaning (Proposed)

Looking into setting a specific date for citizens to take trash (must be in trash bags) to provided dumpsters. More information forthcoming.

County Attorney – None

Old Business – None

Discussion Items By Commissioner – One citizen has talked to him about the flowers surrounding the veterans monuments located on the courthouse lawn obstructing the names. He wants the flowers removed. Mr. Caddell spoke with the current veterans office rep. and he prefers the flowers remain. Mr. Caddell mentioned that it might be possible to "raise" the monument and possibly light them. No action.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Alabama Introduces CHOOSE Act: Tax Credits for Education

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Alabama has taken a significant step forward in education reform with the introduction of the Creating Hope and Opportunity for Our Students' Education (CHOOSE) Tax Credit program. Enacted through legislation (L. 2024, H129 (Act 21)), effective March 7, 2024, this program aims to alleviate the financial burden of educational expenses for parents while enhancing access to quality education for students across the state.

The CHOOSE Act establishes a refundable income tax credit system, administered by the Department of Revenue, targeted at parents of eli-

gible students. These tax credits are designed to offset the costs of qualifying educational expenses incurred by families. Under the program, the Department of Revenue will create education savings accounts (ESAs) where credit funds will be deposited for participating parents to utilize towards educational services.

Eligibility for the CHOOSE Act tax credit is determined based on family income levels. Initially, for the years beginning in 2025 and 2026, the credit will be accessible to parents with adjusted gross incomes not exceeding 300% of the federal poverty level for the preceding tax year. However,

from January 1, 2027, onward, the credit will be available to all parents of eligible students.

Special consideration is given to special-needs students, with the first 500 tax credits reserved for their parents.

The amount of the credit varies depending on whether the student is enrolled in a participating school or not, capped at either \$7,000 or \$2,000 annually, respectively.

Importantly, the received credit amounts will not be considered taxable income for parents or students, and they are exempt from offset or debt collection against any liability.

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NEWS

West Blocton News

From The Pen Of Monette Woodruff

Sympathy to the family of Mr. "Coach" Billy Lippeatt who passed away last week. Coach was such a wonderful example of a Godly, patient, loving husband and father, brother, teacher, and true friend. If you ever met him, then you know what I'm saying. His presence is going to be missed by so many. Former students, Church family, friends and loved ones. Our love and prayers go out to Mrs. Dianne, Valery, Angela and their families during this time of transitioning.

Mrs. Myrtle Jones celebrated her 100th Birthday on March 12th. On Saturday, March 9th family and friends honored her with a birthday tea at the West Blocton Library. A host of friends and family came by to sit and speak with Mrs. Jones. So many former students, family, and friends came from as far away as Opp, Alabama and Flagstaff, Arizona. Guests enjoyed the

most beautiful and delicious cake made by Annie Maude Gilbert, as well as other favorite party foods that Mrs. Myrtle likes. It was a lovely time and Mrs. Jones enjoyed every moment. She had a good week visiting with her niece Tammy and her family from Flagstaff. They went to the Bryant Museum and walked around the University of Alabama, ate lunch at Dreamland. They also enjoyed stopping by nephew Tom Cole's home. Tom's wife Debbie had dessert for everyone. Myrtle says her longevity comes from the Lord and as long as he wants her here she will be happy to serve Him in any way she can.

Mrs. Myrtle appreciates all of the cards, visits, gifts, and love that has been shown to her for her birthday. She and her family have been amazed at all of the love that has been shown to her and are thankful for each one.

Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

Miss Relay for Life Pageant will be held on Saturday, April 6, 10:00 AM at the Bibb County Board of Education. Master of Ceremonies for upcoming pageant, Gillian Brooks. Gillian is a multimedia journalist at WBRC Fox 6 news in Birmingham. Make plans to attend this event. For more information contact Ryan Thompson.

A speedy recovery goes out to Odie Newman who underwent surgery on Monday, March 4th.

Belated birthday wishes go out to Janis Ward Conway and Stacie Speights Brewer who celebrated birthday on March 3rd. Ginger Colley Blake celebrated on March 6th, Connie Martin Holladay on March 7th.

Cedar Grove Church will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on March 20 at 11:00 AM. Come out and join them. Everyone is welcome.

Anniversary wishes go out to Eric and

Stacy Averette who celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary on March 6, 2024.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, May 4, 2024. BMC Wellness for Relay for Life of Bibb County. It's going to be a family friendly event. Make plans to attend, for more information contact Ryan Thompson.

Those enjoying lunch on Saturday, March 3 at the Olive Tree in Georgia were Larry and Vicki Speight, Jim and Laura Speight Blumenfeld and Lily, Casey, and Stacie Speights Brewer, Phoenix and Jonah. The occasion was to celebrate Stacie's birthday, all enjoyed delicious food, fun and great fellowship just being together.

Kristy Phipper of Ft. Worth, Texas, recently spent a couple of days with Odie and Doris Newman.

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

EVENING

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.

▶ 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

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

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.

▶ Briarfield 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 GPFRR 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 Atechison 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.

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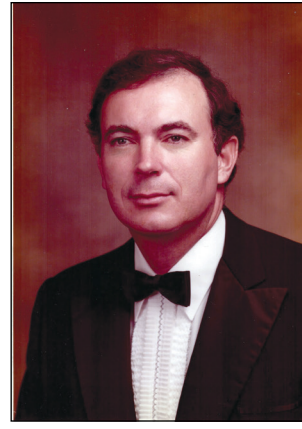
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Billy Curtis Lippeatt
Billy Curtis Lippeatt, age 79, of West Blocton, Alabama passed away on Monday, March 11, 2024. Billy was born in West Blocton to Emery and Mary Lippeatt. He earned degrees from the University of Alabama and the University of Montevallo, as he entered the field of education. He taught, coached and was an administrator at West

Blocton High School for 28 years. He even led the baseball team to a State Championship in 1980. He served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher at West Blocton First Baptist Church. His favorite hobbies were playing golf and vegetable gardening. One of his many accomplishments was building his family home. But he was most proud of his role as dedicated "Pop" to his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emery and Mary Lippeatt, sister-in-law, Nita Owings; and brother-in-law, George Arnold. Left to treasure his memory are his wife, Dianne Lippeatt; daughters, Valery Reach (Wayne) and Angela White (Brent); grandchildren, Curtis Reach (Casey), Joel Reach (Kathleen), Nathan Reach, Jesslyn Bolton (Tyler), Stephen

White, and Audrey White; sisters, Mary Beth Sansing (Walter) and Pam Wright (Kim); brother-in-law, Joe Owings; and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Paula, Sherry and Kenny of Hospice of West Alabama, as well as other special caregivers, Renee and Latasha, for their outstanding care.

A visitation for Billy will be held Friday, March 15, 2024 from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM at West Blocton First Baptist Church, 1249 Main Street, West Blocton, AL, followed by a funeral service at 2:00 PM. Rev. Matt Pope will officiate. Pallbearers are Curtis Reach, Joel Reach, Nathan Reach, Stephen White, Tyler Bolton and Heath Wright.

There will be a private family burial at Schultz Creek Cemetery.

Hymn History

By: Savannah Logan

I'll Live in Glory

When stricken by the suffering of the world all around us, it is not uncommon for a believer to often long for their heavenly home beyond this world. "I'll Live in Glory", penned by John M. Henson, reflects on the fact that while the world around us grows darker and dimmer by the day, "the land of endless day" awaits anyone who puts their faith in the Lord.

James Melvin Henson, born in Gordon County, Georgia, on August 23, 1887, was arguably one of the most influential figures in the realm of southern gospel music. Educated in local public schools, he later honed his musical skills at Eagle's Normal Musical Institute in Clanton, Alabama. Graduating in 1910, Henson embodied the essence of gospel music, eventually becoming a prolific songwriter. Apparently, writing one or two songs a day was nothing unusual for him. An acquaintance of Henson's once said that he "writes a song as easy as writing a letter."

By 1937, Henson had composed over 2,000 songs, demonstrating a sort of gifted ease in songwriting. Alongside his musical endeavors, Henson played a pivotal role in shaping southern gospel music. In 1921, he co-founded the Southern Music Plate Company in Atlanta, which catered to the growing gospel music scene.

The company engaged in multifaceted activities, publishing music theory and songbooks featuring the seven-shape notational system. Additionally, they organized singing conventions and established a music school, where they taught various aspects of music theory, composition, and performance. Henson's influence extended beyond composing - he was also involved in publishing, teaching, and performing. Described as a polymath of sorts, Henson possessed a rare blend of talents, capable of composing, publishing, printing, performing, and teaching music. His dedication to the craft and his ability to encapsulate the essence of faith through song ensured his enduring impact on southern gospel music.

Henson possessed a keen ability to draw inspiration from everyday life for his songs. His compositions were often a reflection of the people he encountered and the events that unfolded around him.

For example, during one of his journeys on a train, Henson found himself witness to an incident that left a profound impact on him. As he observed the passing landscapes and the diversity of his fellow passengers, his thoughts drifted toward

themes of mortality and the afterlife. It was during this contemplative journey that the seeds of his composition "Will Your Next Stop Be in Heaven?" were sown.

Henson's catalog included another notable composition, "Watching You," which gained widespread acclaim as a cherished favorite at revival meetings. This song can be traced back to a moment during a revival service that Henson attended. The revival leader, grappling with the challenge of maintaining order amidst unruly behavior, delivered a stern warning to a group of misbehaving boys. Drawing a parallel between the sheriff's vigilant presence (who had been invited to attend) and the omnipotent gaze of the Lord over our everyday lives, Henson wrote a metaphor that resonated deeply with not only Henson himself, but many who heard the song afterwards as well. Reflecting on the notion of divine surveillance and accountability in "Watching You," Henson sought to encapsulate the profound spiritual truth that, in the eyes of the Lord, every action and thought is laid bare.

Henson's ability to infuse his compositions with profound insights gleaned from his observations of human behavior and his contemplation of spiritual truths cemented his legacy as a masterful storyteller and composer within the realm of southern gospel music.

Despite his immense contributions to gospel music, Henson sold his music business in 1961, though he continued to advise the new owners until his retirement in 1967. He passed away on April 22, 1972, leaving behind a legacy of musical innovation and spiritual inspiration.

"O yes, I'll live in Glory by and by, I'll tell and sing love's story there on high; Therewithmy dear Redeemernomoretodie, O yes, I'll live in glory by and by."

Believers today can continue to sing the familiar refrain, holding onto the eternal hope that we'll all someday soon "live in glory by and by."

This week's hymn was requested by Bill Murphy, who also so kindly sent along another book of hymns and their histories that will be so very helpful in writing this column each week. Thank you, Mr. Bill!

Do you have a hymn you'd like to know more about? Feel free to reach out and let me know what you would like to hear by giving the Press office a call or by sending me an email at savannah.pearce@bibbcommunitymedia.com. I would love to hear from you!

Plain & Simple

"Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures in life"

By: Sheila Duncan

Parmesan Roasted Greenbeans

Ingredients
1 lb. fresh green beans, trimmed
2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 tsp. kosher salt
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper, plus more
1/2 c. shredded Parmesan
1/4 c. shredded mozzarella

Step 1-Preheat oven to 425°. On a large sheet pan, toss green beans with oil and salt. Bake, tossing after 7 minutes, until

beans are crisp-tender, 10 to 15 minutes.

Step 2-Toss green beans again; sprinkle with garlic and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Top with Parmesan and mozzarella.

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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.

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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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erty 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 process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds by noon the next business day at the Law Office of Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price plus any deed recording costs and transfer taxes must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day at the Law Office of Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the address indicated below. Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest

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REQUESTS FOR BIDS

Bibb County Airport Centreville, Alabama

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

Project No.: 435093. Award of contract is subject to requirements in the contract documents including, but not limited to, the following Federal provisions:

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- The Bibb County Commission, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively en-

sure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no businesses will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), age, or disability in consideration for an award.

The Bibb County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received.

Rodney Stabler, Chairman
Bibb County Commission
157 SW Davidson Drive
Centreville, AL 35042
Centreville Press
March 15, 22 & 29, 2024

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.

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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,

proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42

U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Sec-

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

Notice to Contractors

Debris, Removal, Reduction, and Disposal Following a Declared Disaster

Alabama Department of Transportation West Central Region – Tuscaloosa Area Bibb, Chilton, Hale, Perry, Sumter, Tuscaloosa Counties Sealed bids will be received by the Alabama Department of Transportation until 10:00 am on Thursday, April 25, 2024, and at that time publicly opened for a retainer contract for debris removal, reduction, and disposal following a declared disaster, in the West Central Region, Tuscaloosa Area. The bid opening will take place at the Alabama Department of Transportation, West Central Region, Tuscaloosa Area office, Conference Room. Qualified General Contractors holding a current Alabama

State license are invited to bid. This contract is for the purpose of retaining a qualified General Contractor whose services would be employed in the event of a Tropical Storm event or other declared disaster. Copies of the contract documents and specifications may be inspected and/or obtained at the following locations:

Alabama Department of Transportation West Central Region – Tuscaloosa Area 2715 East Skyland Blvd Tuscaloosa, AL 35405 Phone: (205) 554-3240

Digital copies can be found under the "Special Notice to Contractors" section at <https://alletting.dot.state.al.us/>

Sealed bids may be mailed or delivered directly to the Owner prior to the bid opening. Such sealed

bids must be clearly and legibly marked "Debris Removal, Reduction, and Disposal Following a Declared Disaster – Tuscaloosa Area" on the outside of the envelope. The most qualified, responsive,

and highest ranked bid will be accepted with key consideration based upon the benefit to the public; however, the Alabama Department of Transportation reserves the right to reject any and all bids,

to waive any irregularity in the bids received, and to accept or reject any items of the bid for the benefit of the public. No conditional bids will be accepted. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of

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John Cooper
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Centreville Press
March 22, 29 & April 5, 2024

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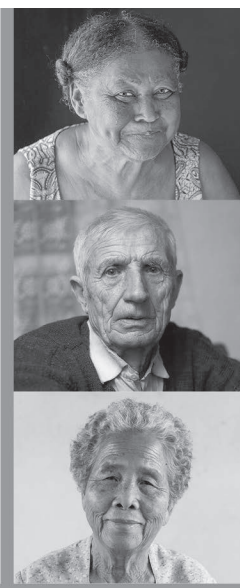


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NEWS/SCHOOL NEWS

Arbor Day Celebration at Brent Elementary School

BY MICHELLE GIDDENS

In the push west, pioneers moving into the Nebraska Territory discovered something amazing – the lack of trees! The grassland that covered the prairie raised bountiful crops, but the continual wind across the Plains didn't have trees to act as windbreaks to keep soil in place. There were not nearly enough trees for fuel and building materials, nor shade from the hot sun.

Nebraska newspaper editor - and resident of Nebraska City - J. Sterling Morton had an enthusiasm for trees and advocated strongly for individuals and civic groups to plant them. Once Mr. Morton became Secretary of the Nebraska Territory, he further spread his message. On January 4, 1872, Morton proposed a tree planting holiday to be called Arbor Day at a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture. The celebration was set for April 10, 1872, with prizes offered to counties and individuals for the largest number of trees planted properly on that day. It has been estimated that more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day. By 1885 Arbor Day was named a legal state holiday and April 22nd was the permanent date for observance.

By 1920 more than 45 states and territories were celebrating Arbor Day with a tree planting tradition becoming prominent. Schoolchildren began learning about the importance of

trees. Today, Arbor Day is celebrated on different days in different states, so that the celebration coincides with the best tree planting weather. In Alabama, Arbor Day is celebrated the last full week of February. Many countries around the world celebrate Arbor Day, again during the time that best suits tree planting.

Brent Elementary 3rd grade teacher Petra Hunter was looking for Arbor Day events in Bibb County and contacted Michelle Giddens, with Bibb County Extension. Giddens couldn't find an Arbor Day event in Bibb County but offered to come to the school and do an Arbor Day Program with the entire Brent Elementary 3rd grade. "We had to move quickly, says Giddens, but because Extension and 4-H has a strong forestry program, we were able to put together 4 different activities the kids could do in about an hour."

"We pulled in a couple of our volunteers, Pam Cottingham and Scott Giddens, who came on short notice

and helped us with the activities," says Giddens. "Volunteers are so important to what we do and we're grateful for those folks."

Simon Carbone, Bibb 4-H Agent, came up with the ideas: making a Tree Cookie, Leaf and Tree ID, Using Pacing to Measure Trees, and Animal Catcher game. Carbone says, "a tree cookie, is a 4 to 6 inch in diameter cross section of tree trunks that can be used to illustrate how trees grow. Cookies reveal the different layers that make up the tree. Each layer can tell us something about the tree's life, for instance holes in the center could be an insect bore into the tree or a fungus. We take the cookie, drill a hole and thread it with twine, and let the kids decorate the cookie."

"Extension and 4-H did a wonderful job! The kids had a fun time, learning about trees and the history of Arbor Day," says Hunter. "I was looking for events to refer families to, and Bibb Extension brought it to us!"



Alanah James is Bibb County Career Academy's afternoon Health Science Employee of the Month for February. She is a sophomore and in her first semester at BCCA. Alanah says, "BCCA has helped make me a better person. I can see the different options that I have for my future and it has helped me to be excited about learning. My future goal is to become a Veterinarian."



Braydan Martin is Bibb County Career Academy's afternoon Modern Manufacturing Employee of the Month for February. He is a junior and in his first semester in Modern Manufacturing. Braydan says, "Personally, BCCA has made me into a better person. Academically, it has helped me to focus more on my grades. I hope to one day get to use the life skills that I am being taught at BCCA."



Ronnicia Conner is Bibb County Career Academy's afternoon Electrical Employee of the Month for February. She is a senior, in her first semester in the Electrical program and plans to pursue a degree in the Electrical field. Ronnicia says, "At BCCA, I am able to experience my potential career before ever attending higher education. BCCA has empowered me to succeed both academically and professionally as well as provided me with career opportunities that many never get a chance to experience."

Brody Cook's Clutch Hitting Propels West Blocton Varsity Tigers To Victory Over Holy Spirit Catholic Varsity Saints

BY SHEILA COOK

Brody Cook drove in five runs on two hits to lead West Blocton Varsity Tigers past Holy Spirit

Catholic Varsity Saints 17-3 on Thursday. Cook hit a grand slam to left field in the third inning, scoring four runs, and singled in the fourth inning, scoring one.

West Blocton Varsity Tigers scored nine runs in the third inning on the way to victory. Alex Brand doubled, scoring two runs, Will Morris drew a walk, scoring one run, a passed ball scored one run, Hunter McRee singled, scoring one run, and Cook hit a grand slam to left field.

West Blocton Varsity Tigers opened the scoring in the first after Devin Schmalz singled, scoring one run.

JT Besanceney grounded out, which helped Holy Spirit Catholic Varsity

Saints tie the game at one in the bottom of the first.

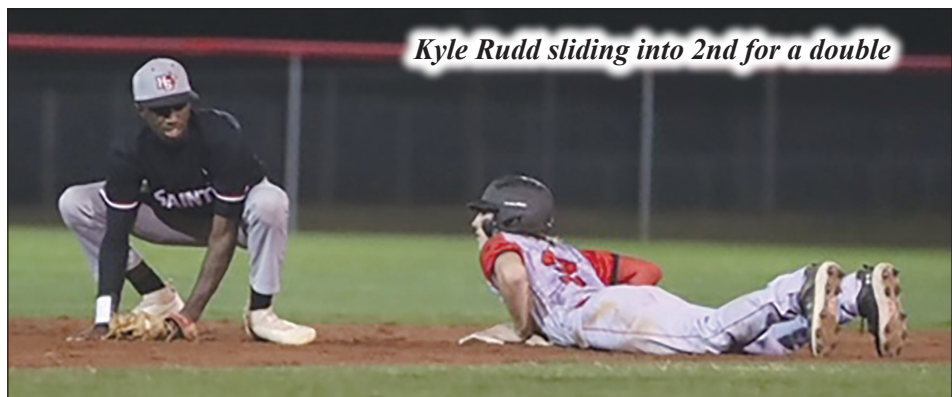
Jake Smith earned the win for West Blocton Varsity Tigers. The starting pitcher allowed four hits and three runs (two earned) over five innings, striking out five and walking four. Trent Ewart took the loss for Holy Spirit Catholic Varsity Saints. The righty went one and one-third innings, surrendering four runs on five hits, striking out none and walking two. Reed Simmons led things off on the mound for Holy Spirit Catholic Varsity Saints. They allowed three hits and four runs over two and one-third innings, striking out one and walking three.

West Blocton Varsity Tigers amassed 13 hits in the game. Carson Deerman set the tone at the top of the lineup, leading West Blocton Varsity Tigers with three hits in three at bats. Schmalz and Smith each

collected multiple hits for West Blocton Varsity Tigers.

West Blocton Varsity Tigers had a strong eye at the plate, collecting nine walks for the game. Morris and Smith led the team with three free passes each. Deerman, Brand, McRee, and Smith each stole multiple bases for West Blocton Varsity Tigers. West Blocton Varsity Tigers ran wild on the base paths, Besanceney provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Holy Spirit Catholic Varsity Saints with two runs batted in. They went 2-for-3 on the day. Jeffrey Trimm stole two bases. Holy Spirit Catholic Varsity Saints ran wild on the base paths, piling up four stolen bases for the game.

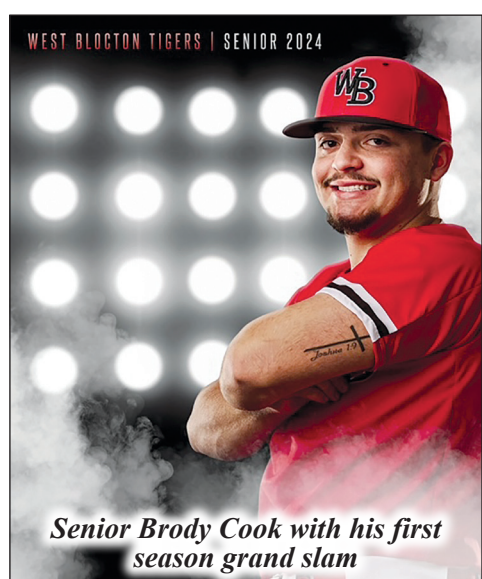
West Blocton Varsity Tigers play at home on Friday against Altamont Varsity Knights in their next game.



Kyle Rudd sliding into 2nd for a double



Jake Smith on the mound



Senior Brody Cook with his first season grand slam



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Key definitions under the program include the term "eligible student," encompassing children aged five to 19 years residing in Alabama who have not graduated high school or aged five to 21 years who qualify for services under specific education acts. However, certain exclusions apply, such as students receiving funds under the Alabama Accountability Act or those not lawfully present in the United States.

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To ensure the sustainability of the program, the legislation establishes the CHOOSE Act Fund, allo-

cating a minimum of \$100 million annually beginning in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, to support the tax credits.

Additionally, the Department will provide transparent program information on its website, including details on credits claimed and approved participating entities.

The CHOOSE Act represents a significant investment in the educational future of Alabama's students, aiming to empower families with greater choice and opportunity in their children's education.

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We want to clarify that the samples were collected and delivered to the appropriate testing facility in a timely manner. Unfortunately, the facility experienced a power loss, which resulted in their inability to communicate to our water department that the samples were no longer valid and needed to be replaced. We would also like to note that testing is done every two (2) weeks. Every testing before and after this have met requirements. This incident was an isolated occurrence and DOES NOT reflect the overall quality of your water supply.

Should you have any questions concerning this violation or monitoring requirements, please contact: Larry Oikle or Nick Henry 205.974.0890

Thank you,
Centreville Water Works & Sewer Board

LEGALS

In the Circuit Court of Bibb County, Alabama Sanders Essie, Plaintiff Sanders Lyneal, Defendant Motion Request for Divorce by Publication (Doc.5) filed by Sanders Essie is hereby granted.

The Plaintiff may proceed with the Publication of the Complaint in the newspaper of General Publication 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. Done this 8th day of March, 2024. Collins Pettaway, Jr. Circuit Judge Centreville Press March 22, 29, April 5 & 12, 2024

CMS BASEBALL

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West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah



Taco Bell opened Monday, March 11th. I had lunch there Tuesday with unnamed friends. As we exited, one of them said "what's my car door doing open" Well how should I know. On inspection, nothing was missing or damaged. The driver then remembered getting out to see how close the automobile was to the right line and seeing all was well, went on inside. Glad the locals were honest. Hahaha Life is good.

Stacey and Chad Thompson grilled chicken, veggies and bacon wrapped jalapenos. I invited myself to taste the jalapeno heat and it was HOT!

Later in the week, her hair was lightened around her face. I feel it was a result from the jalapenos!

Wednesday until Saturday morning, Deanna Cardell and Vetley Mullins visited Nana, Geneva Mullins at her home. While here Deanna worked with LaShelle Kinney planning her baby shower. I furnished them a Taco Supper on Wednesday. Clay Deason visited several times before they returned to Mississippi Saturday morning. Friday I was blessed to have Vetley stay overnight along with my great grands Addison and Avery. Saturday morning I prepared biscuits, gravy, bacon and eggs. LaShelle & Ronnie benefited from leftovers.

Please be in prayer for Stan Deason who had a lung scope procedure scheduled earlier (3-19) this week. He and family are thankful for the UAB team care.

Thursday afternoon Ruth Deason, Jo Kitchen and Jane Hannah enjoyed an early supper at Juane's. Wayne Deason benefited from leftovers.

Jo Kitchen and Geneva Mullins shopped the afternoon away in Birmingham, and chowed down at Cracker Barrel before returning home Friday.

Saturday, I enjoyed shopping at TJMax, Ross & Shoe Station in T Town with twins, Addison and Avery. They enjoyed Nanny buying shoes, shirts, shorts & stuff for them. Later, we made a shopping stop at Once Again in Centreville where we saw Pennie Mitchell, Dot Calderwood and Linda Burks.

Deason Siblings represent 488 years life experiences and still love each other. A home cooked meal was how we celebrated Stan's birthday (March 11) with him and Barbara and Sista Carol. There was enough food to share with Clay Deason and John Garner. Geneva has a black eye from falling on her face, but she's still smiling. HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week Tracey Holladay 3-25, and Haven Hannah 3-28.



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leading cause of cancer deaths among men and women in the U.S.

1 in 20
average individual risk

90%
of new cases occur in people 50 or older

2 - 3 Times
greater risk of developing colon cancer with family history

1+ Million
current colon cancer survivors in the U.S.