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L-R: Mike Hobson (Former Chairman), Renee Powers (ALGOP Vice Chairman, Districts 3, 6 & 7), Dale Ellinghausen (Treasurer), Jerry Pow (Honoree-Former Chairman), Senator April Weaver (Chairman), Walter Williams, Probate Judge Stephanie Kemmer, Valerie Cook (Secretary), Mike Oakley (Vice Chairman).

Former GOP Honors Former Chairman Jerry C. Pow

BY MIKE HOBSON
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At their monthly meeting on March 21, 2024 the Bibb County Republican Party honored outgoing Chairman Jerry C. Pow, for his service to the efforts of the local GOP. Former Probate Judge Pow served as Chairman of the Bibb GOP from 2016 to 2024.

Pow was presented with a commemorative plaque marking his time as Chairman. He also was presented with an Alabama State Flag that has flown over the State Capitol in his honor together with a resolution from Governor Kay Ivey, delivered by Incoming Chairman Senator April Weaver.

Following the presentation members of the par-

ty present for the meeting, many of whom have been lifelong friends of Jerry Pow, spoke about his life of service to the community and their recollections of working with him.

Pow has served in numerous public roles during his career. He has been a member of the Brent Volunteer Fire Department since 1970, Brent Civitan since 1981, and Gideons since 1985. He has been active in Brent Baptist Church all of his life and continues to serve with volunteer civic and non-profit organizations in the county.

He was elected and served as the Mayor of Brent for 6 terms, serving 23 1/2 years. He was appointed to the Office of Probate Judge in December of 2000, re-elected twice and remained in office until August 2015. He still

serves as a special Judge of Probate when appointed by the Administrative Office of Courts.

Jerry graduated from Bibb County High School in 1968. He married Dina Pow in 1978 and has lived happily with her for 46 years.

Bibb Chairman April Weaver commented on the political and election successes that the GOP has enjoyed over recent years, under the leadership of Judge Pow and others. For example, the March 4, 2024 statewide primary election had a better than average turnout of 23% of registered Bibb voters for an election with only one contested local race. Of the votes cast in the March 2024 primary 89% of the total were cast by Republican voters.

BMC President and CEO Joseph Marchant Honored at 8th Annual WAYLAS Awards

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
 REPORTER

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed individuals can change the world. In fact, it's the only thing that ever has."

This sentiment is one that Joseph Marchant, Bibb Medical Center President and CEO, shared in his acceptance speech after receiving the United in Service Award at the West Alabama Young Leaders Awards. Having been on his office wall for years, this quote by Margaret Mead has been a steady inspiration for him to keep moving forward in his vision to strengthen, improve, and grow the resources not only in his own community, but also anywhere else within his reach.

Presented by United Way of West Alabama and the Young Leaders Society of West Alabama, Marchant was honored for this award for his service and dedication to improving the landscape of healthcare and community resources in West Alabama. United Way serves Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Marengo, Pickens, Sumter, and Tuscaloosa Counties.

Hosted at the Embassy Suites in downtown Tuscaloosa on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 11:30 a.m., multitudes of people gathered together to celebrate both Marchant and the other five award recipients. There to support Marchant included BMC team members, Board Trustee Stephanie Kemmer, Mayor of Centreville Mike Oakley, and Attorney Mitch Kemmer.

Alongside the other recipients, Marchant was nominated to receive this award for his outstanding contributions to improving the quality of life for the people of not only Bibb County but West Alabama as well in education, health,

and income stability. Those honored with Marchant for the United in Service Award included Estella Hare, Will Hewson, Danielle Kimbrough Spikes, and Lesley Powell. Charlie Bailey was also awarded The David Reynolds Inspiration Award during the ceremony. Each recipient was able to donate \$500 to their organization of choice, and Marchant chose to support The Bibb County School Foundation.

In a kind introduction, Dr. JJ Wedgeworth spoke of Marchant's dedication to not only serving his own county, but the state as a whole in sharing his knowledge and practices to further ensure that all rural communities in Alabama have better access to quality healthcare. He not only seeks to improve the landscape of healthcare but was also instrumental in bringing Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to the children of Bibb County, which has placed books in the homes of nearly 1000 children in the county since its launch in 2022.

Joseph spends his time serving his community to provide outstanding healthcare to Bibb County resi-

dents while sharing his expertise statewide to be sure that equitable healthcare is available to all Alabama rural communities," Dr. Wedgeworth said. She expanded on sharing the broad spectrum of Marchant's service, detailing his roles serving on the Industrial Development Authority and the Chamber of Commerce, as well as noting his time as a chairman of the Alabama Hospital Association. His past service also includes serving on the State Committee of Public Health amidst a global pandemic, offering his steadfast insight and experience during a universal time of upheaval and confusion.

Each recipient was introduced with a video before receiving their award that showed people highlighting the important and impactful work that they had done to merit their nomination. Speaking of Marchant included Stephanie Kemmer and State Senator April Weaver, where they both extolled Marchant's endeavors to enrich the lives of those that live in Bibb County and beyond.

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Joseph Marchant



Arts on The Cahaba Festival: Celebrating Community and Creativity

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
 REPORTER

Mark your calendars because on April 20, 2024, from 10 am to 2 pm, the much-anticipated Arts on The Cahaba Festival will once again fill the Town Square with its vibrant celebration of arts, crafts, music, food, and fun. This annual event promises a day filled with excitement for the whole family.

Organized by Bibb County Sav-A-Life and Bibb Family Connections, Arts on The Cahaba is not just about entertainment; it's about supporting the community. This festival serves as a vital fundraiser, with proceeds directly contributing to programs that aid families in the area. From providing essential items like diapers and car seats to offering guidance on parenting, these initiatives help build a stronger, more supportive community for everyone.

What can you expect at this year's festival? Plenty!

The Square will be bustling with activity, featuring lots of local vendors and crafters alongside those from neighboring areas. From

handmade crafts to delicious food offerings, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

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Hymn History

By: Savannah Logan

Christ Arose

Do you remember how when you were a kid, or maybe even still today, sometimes you will hear lyrics and think you know exactly what they are saying and sing accordingly? Well, that is precisely what happened with this week's hymn, "Christ Arose," some Easter years ago. Whether or not it was me or my younger sister who misheard the famous lyrics of the refrain, the fact remains that in my family there is a shared laugh when it comes to how we used to sing it (wholeheartedly, I might add): "Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty tingling in His toes!" In my defense, it made sense to me that someone who had been dead for a few days might experience a moderate level of toe tingling upon being raised from the dead. And besides, has anyone ever confirmed that His toes in fact did not tingle? Until we see Him in Glory and can ask Him ourselves (which you know beyond a doubt I fully intend to, right after I ask Him why mosquitoes had to be created and just why He gave me such a love for butter-nut squash but did not also give me the ability to cut one without posing a threat to both myself and everyone around me and – oh, I digress).

"Christ Arose" is a well-known Christian hymn that has been sung for over a century. The hymn was written by Robert Lowry, a Baptist minister and composer who lived in the 19th century. In this article, we'll take a closer look at the history of this beloved hymn and the story behind its creation.

Robert Lowry was born in Philadelphia in 1826. He began his career as a Baptist minister, but he was also an accomplished musician and composer. He wrote over 500 hymns during his lifetime, including many that are still sung in churches today. Lowry's

most famous hymn is undoubtedly "Christ Arose," which he wrote in 1874. The story behind the hymn is an interesting one. According to Lowry himself, he was attending a prayer meeting in his church when a man named William H. Doane played a tune on the piano that caught his attention. Doane was a well-known composer and musician who had written several hymns, including "To God Be the Glory." Lowry was immediately inspired by the tune, and he asked Doane if he could use it to write a hymn.

Doane agreed, and Lowry went home that night and wrote the lyrics to "Christ Arose." The hymn was first published in a hymnal called "Brightest and Best" in 1875. It quickly became popular and has been sung in churches all over the world ever since.

The lyrics to "Christ Arose" are a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The first verse goes like this:

"Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior, Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain: Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er His foes, He arose a Victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever, with His saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!"

The hymn goes on to describe the joy and hope that Christians feel because of the resurrection of Jesus. The final verse is a call to all believers to share this message of hope with the world:

"Soar we now where Christ hath led, Following our exalted Head, Made like Him, like Him we rise, Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to Thee by both be given; Thee we greet triumphant now, Hail

the Resurrection, thou!"

At one point, a reporter asked him if he had any specific method he followed when writing his hymns. His response was as follows: "I have no method. Sometimes the music comes and the words follow, fitted insensibly to the melody. I watch my moods, and when anything good strikes me, whether words or music, and no matter where I am, at home or on the street, I jot it down. Often the margin of a newspaper or the back of an envelope serves as a notebook. My brain is a sort of spinning machine, I think, for there is music running through it all the time. I do not pick out my music on the keys of an instrument. The tunes of nearly all the hymns I have written have been completed on paper before I tried them on the organ. Frequently the words of the hymn and the music have been written at the same time."

"Christ Arose" is a beautiful hymn that has brought comfort and hope to countless people over the years in a way that endlessly celebrates the risen Savior of the world. Its powerful lyrics and memorable melody are a testament to the talent and faith of Robert Lowry, who thankfully followed through in exploring the inspiration that struck a chord in his heart upon hearing a melody by Doane. Today, over a century after it was first written, "Christ Arose" remains a beloved and inspiring hymn that continues to be sung in churches all over the world, but on one day of the year more than most - Easter.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Happy Easter! Do you have a hymn you would like to know more about? Feel free to send in a request to savannah.pearce@bibbcommunity-media.com or by giving me a call. I would love to hear from you!

Plain & Simple

"Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures in life"

By: Sheila Duncan

Southern Turnip Greens

Ingredients:
(14 ounce) can chicken broth
1 ½ cups water
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
1 pound turnip greens, chopped
½ teaspoon white sugar

Directions: Bring chicken broth, water, oil, salt, and pepper to a boil in a stockpot. Add turnip greens and sugar and return to a boil; reduce heat to medium-low

and simmer, stirring every 15 minutes, until greens are tender, at least 30 minutes or up to 2 hours.



Strawberry Icebox Cake

Ingredients:
8 oz. cream cheese, at room temperature
1 cup powdered sugar
3 cup heavy cream, divided
1 tbsp. Vanilla bean paste or extract
1 tbsp. Lemon zest
20 graham cracker sheets
1 1/2 lb. Strawberries, sliced about 1/4-inch thick (about 4 1/2 cups)

Directions:
Beat the cream cheese in the bowl of a stand mixer with the beater attachment until smooth. Add the powdered sugar; beat until

smooth. Scrape down the sides of the bowl. Add 1 cup of the heavy cream and beat at low speed until smooth. Add the remaining 2 cups of cream; beat at medium to medium-high speed until soft peaks form, increasing the speed as the mixture begins to thicken. Fold in the vanilla and lemon zest. Spoon 1/4 cup of the cream mixture into the bottom of a 9-by-9-inch pan or baking dish; spread into a thin, even layer. Top with the graham crackers in a single, even layer, break-

ing them as needed to fit. Spread about 1 1/2 cups of the cream mixture over the graham crackers, smoothing into an even layer using a spoon or offset spatula. Top the cream mixture with an even layer of the berries (about 1 1/2 cups). Sprinkle evenly with 1/4 cup of the almonds, if using. Repeat one more time, then top with a final layer of graham crackers, cream mixture, and berries. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least four hours or up to overnight.

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LEGALS/OPINIONS

Litter Pickup Day April 6: More Volunteers Needed!

By Savannah Logan

(This article reflects the opinions of the writer and not The Centreville Press.)

“Would I ever live in Bibb County? No, probably not. I mean, there’s a lot of great things to consider, but have you seen the roads? Have you seen how trashy it looks? I won’t raise my family thinking that the sides of the roads are acceptable forms of garbage cans.” - Someone, Somewhere, Probably, Who Has Passed Through Our County or Considered to Move Here

LITTER. LIIITTEEEERRRR.

Hope I didn’t just hurt your mental ears. I just wanted to share what goes on in my head every single time I get in my car and drive any of the roads in our beloved Bibb County.

LOOK. AT. ALL. THIS. LITTER.

You know, I’m moderately well-traveled. (Ish. I’ve been places.) And one of the first things I am astonished by each time I go anywhere else? “Wow. It looks so... clean here.”

Come here. Come close, just for a moment. Close your eyes, and picture someone with me. I want you to think of someone in your life, now or in the past or in the future, who inspired you to do the right thing, even when it was hard. Maybe it was your Great Aunt Ruth who always listened to you and made you feel important. Maybe it was that coach who pushed you to push yourself into your own greatness. Maybe it’s your

child who inspires you to be the best you can be so that you can lead by example. Maybe it’s that lady at the gas station who told you that your hat was nice. Maybe it was Mr. Rogers. Drew Barrymore. Elmo. Jesus. It can be anyone.

Got someone in mind? Wonderful.

Are you satisfied with the state we have ALL allowed our county to fall into? Would THEY be satisfied with your lack of action in combatting the litter issue that has been around, at minimum, my entire 27 years on God’s good green earth living all 27 of those years in this beloved county?

Listen – I hear you. I do. That mess isn’t yours. It isn’t mine. You don’t litter. Neither do I.

I am so anti-litterbug. I have made friends stop their car, go back, and FIND what they have just thrown out of the window while soliloquizing the sheer pointlessness and selfishness of the act of littering. (Was I popular? That’s a question for another time, folks. I have a deadline.)

It’s a silly thing, isn’t it – that something that is not my problem or your problem actually makes it OUR problem.

Join me again in this silly little hypothetical of mine. I forgot snacks, but I’ll try to remember next time. Okay, you here with me? Cool.

One day, someone breaks into your home, and they trash it. All of a sudden, your clean home

is wrecked. You JUST mopped. You didn’t do it. You did everything you were supposed to do. You locked your doors and windows, but sometimes people are just senseless. You can’t control that, but you can control what you do.

So what do you do? Live in the filth someone else created in your home? No. You clean it up. Then you move on with your life.

I would like to put something into perspective for you here – Bibb County is our home.

And whether it was our own neighbors or those that merely travel through, our home has been trashed.

So what – we’re just going to leave it? Well, that’s what we’ve been doing, isn’t it?

And are things getting any better? No. They are getting worse.

And worse. And worse. At what point does it end?

At what point do we come together and say enough is enough?

“But it’s just going to get trashed again!”

YES! Yes it is! Because we are all suffering from various maladies of the human condition and have free will! (The horror!)

There seems to be a consensus that we all agree – something should be done about the litter. There are Facebook shares on posts and encouraging comments galore, but do you know what’s missing here?

People stepping up and sacrificing a Saturday to DO something about it.

Churches, allow me to speak directly to you for a moment: On the Centreville Press church directory alone, there are 105 churches in Bibb County. One. Hundred. And. Five. Guess how many churches have signed up to help? ZERO.

... dare I even list all of the verses where believers are called to a life of selfless service rooted in love?

Perhaps I will list just one that I feel encapsulates everything that needs to be said:

Galatians 5:13–14: “You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

It’s me. Hi. I am your neighbor, if you need

someone to picture in your mind’s eye. And I am asking you to not only offer me your love and service, but every neighbor of yours in this whole county who calls it home.

“But make the inmates do it!”

Valid and logical option, friend. However, in our present day, many things are different than how things used to be. When considering this, one faces the obstacles of not only there not being enough guards for such an outing, but also the lack of non-violent offenders who would even be eligible to leave the prison at all.

I will leave you with this – a simple definition of the innocent bystander effect:

“The innocent bystander effect, also known as the bystander apathy or bystander effect, refers to the phenomenon where

individuals are less likely to intervene in a needed situation when others are present. This diffusion of responsibility occurs because people assume that someone else will take action, leading to inaction by all. The more people present, the less likely any one individual is to help. This effect highlights the social and psychological complexities of human behavior in emergency situations, emphasizing the importance of individual responsibility and intervention.”

See what I’m trying to say?

That’s not all I have to say because I’m insufferably verbose, but that is all I will say for now.

In summation: Pretty, pretty, pretty please volunteer. We don’t need someone. We need YOU.



BRENT CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: March 18, 2024

by Lynn Hamric

Mayor Bobbie White called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. She opened the meeting with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call:
Barbara Morrison - 5:02
Tracy Sanders - Absent
Chad Jones - 5:02
Tom Owings - 5:04
Jerry Conway - 5:02

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

Police Report:
Officer Zack Sievering submitted his resignation effective April 5, 2024.

Mr. Sievering stated that he has been approached four times about going to work with the State Bureau of Investigation and after checking with the RSA he simply could not turn down the offer this time. He will be covering ten counties (Bibb being one of them). He will continue to live in Bibb County. The council expressed their sincere appreciation for his excellent service to Brent and that he will be greatly missed.

Court Report – none
Request to Address

Council – none
Personnel Action – none
Other Business – none
Informational Items:

April 6, 2024 is the date set for County Wide Litter Pickup. Brent will gather and begin work at 8:00. All groups and individuals are strongly encouraged to participate. Vest, trash bags and a pick-up stick will be issued. Monetary awards will be made to three groups based on guidelines by the Bibb County Extension Service who is organizing this effort.

Meeting adjourned.

PROBATE NOTICE

Insolvency Publication Notice
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT MORRIS LINDSEY, DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER 2022-PR89

THAT A VERIFIED REPORT OF INSOLVENCY UPON THE ESTATE OF said Decedent, having been filed by the Personal Representative on the 8th day of March, 2024 with HON-

ORABLE STEPHANIE W. KEMMER, Judge of the Court of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, and the aftersaid appointing APRIL 23, 2024 at 10:00 am CDT as the date of the hearing thereon, notice is hereby given to all heirs, distributees, creditors and persons interested in said Estate that a hearing is set on the Report of Insolvency for APRIL 23, 2024 at 10:00 am CDT and any objection to said Report should be filed in writing prior to said date or otherwise made at

said hearing date, otherwise said objections or previous claims filed will be barred and payment prohibited. TERA LINDSEY WINFREY, Personal Representative. Jon David Terry, Esq. Bains & Terry, 1813 3rd Ave. N. Bessemer, AL 35020 Tel: (205)425-1606 Fax: (205)426-3200 Email: jdterry@bainsterry.com Atty. for Personal Rep., Tera L. Winfrey Centreville Press March 29, April 5 & 12, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held before the Department of Finance of the State of Alabama at the State Capitol, Room E-317, located at 600 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, at 10:00 A.M. on April 16, 2024, to determine whether consent should be given Central Alabama Electric Cooperative (“CAEC”) to borrow from the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (i) a loan in a maximum principal amount of

\$50,000,000 to finance eligible property additions to Petitioner’s utility systems and related equipment and capital improvements thereto, and (ii) a revolving loan in the maximum principal amount of \$28,000,000 to finance capital improvements to Petitioner’s fiber optics system.

All of said loan funds for these loans will be used to finance poles, wires, transformers, security lights, AMI equipment, substations, fiber optic cable, and other electric and fiber optic facilities and the related labor costs and other capital expenditures in

the Counties of Autauga, Bibb, Chilton, Coosa, Dallas, Elmore, Lowndes, Perry, Talladega and Tallapoosa, Alabama. Any person having an interest in these matters may attend the hearing and be heard on the question of whether the issuance of said notes and evidences of indebtedness for the loans serves some public need and is in the public interest. STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL POOLE Director of Finance Centreville Press March 29, 2024

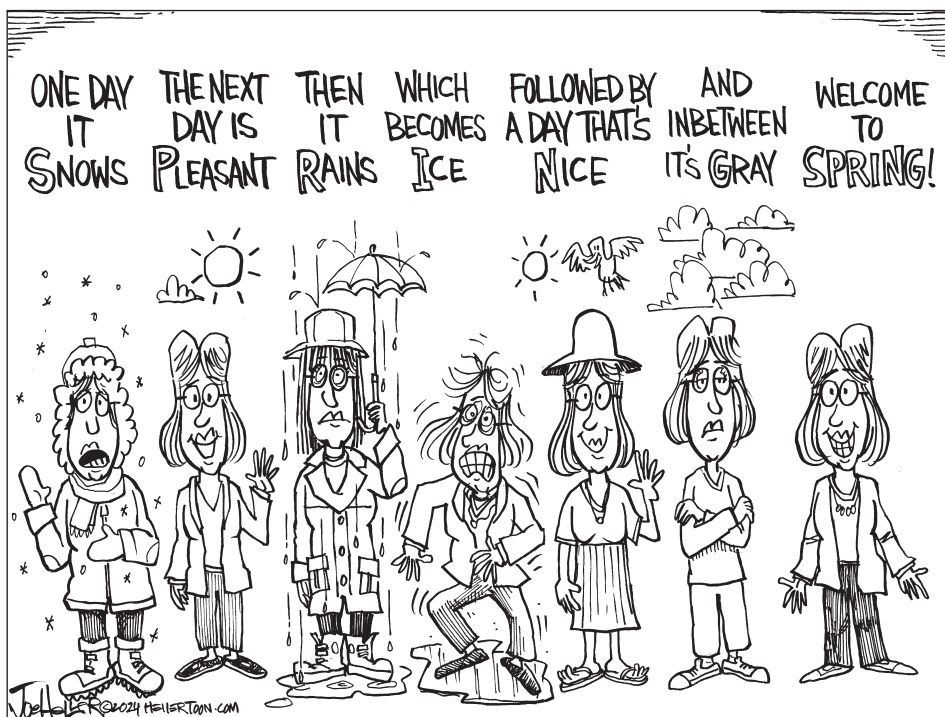
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA
Case No.: CV-2024-900002.00
PASCHAL CHONG, Defendant
vs.
PASCHAL MICHAEL, Plaintiff
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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

/s/ DONALD L MCMILLAN

JR CIRCUIT JUDGE PUBLICATION NOTICE CASE NO. CV-2024-900002.00 ORDER OF PUBLICATION March 18, 2024 BIBB COUNTY/ STATE OF ALABAMA To: CHONG PASCHAL, AND/OR any/all SUCCESSORS OF CHONG PASCHAL, and/or anyone who may claim an interest in the property described hereafter, must answer the COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF DUTY, and any other relief claimed by the Plaintiff (Attorney: McLeod & Associates, LLC, 1980 Braddock Drive, Hoover, AL 35226; 205.930.1774) (CV-2024-900002.00), as so ordered by the Circuit Court on March 18, 2024. Response shall be directed

on or before thirty (30) days of last publication, being the date on or before May 12, 2024, to the Bibb County Circuit Court, or a Default Judgment may be rendered against any or all in the above referenced Civil Action now pending in Court, as concerns the below referenced property to wit: 55 Hickory Bluff, Woodstock, AL 35188 Parcel ID No.: 070308270000031.004 Done this 18th day of March, 2024. Prepared by: McLeod & Associates, LLC Malcohn S. McLeod 1980 Braddock Drive Hoover, AL 35226 205.930.1774 Malcohn@mcleodlaw.net Centreville Press March 29, April 5 & 12, 2024



NEWS

DEA National Drug Take Back Day: Safely Dispose of Unneeded Medications

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27, 2024, as communities across the nation gear up for the DEA National Drug Take Back Day. From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, individuals can participate in this event aimed at safely disposing of unused or expired medications. This initiative not only helps prevent substance abuse but also ensures the protection of the environment by keeping these substances out of landfills and water systems.

The event organizers welcome a variety of medications, including prescription drugs, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, pet medications, medicated ointments and lotions, inhalers, and medication samples. This comprehensive list ensures that individuals can dispose of various types of medications responsibly.

However, certain items cannot be accepted during this event. These include needles, lancets, syringes, bloody or infectious waste, thermometers, aerosol cans, empty containers, personal care products, hydrogen peroxide, business waste, and vaping cartridges or batteries. It's essential to adhere to these guidelines to ensure the safety and efficiency of the disposal process.

In Bibb County, the DEA National Drug Take Back Day is made possible through a valuable partnership between the Alabama Extension, Alabama A&M and Auburn Universities, the Bibb County Sheriff's Department, and

Woodstock Police Department. These collaborative efforts ensure that the event runs smoothly and effectively, providing residents with accessible drop-off locations for their unneeded medications.

Residents of Bibb County have two convenient drop-off locations to choose from:

Bibb County Sheriff's Office
Address: 157 SW Davidson Drive, Centreville, AL 35042

Woodstock Police Department
Address: 28513 AL-5, Woodstock, AL

These permanent drop-off locations offer a hassle-free way for individuals to dispose of their medications throughout the year, not just on DEA

National Drug Take Back Day.

Participating in the DEA National Drug Take Back Day is an important step towards promoting public health and safety. By properly disposing of unneeded medications, individuals can prevent accidental ingestion, substance misuse, and environmental contamination. Additionally, supporting initiatives like this helps build stronger, healthier communities.

Encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to participate in the DEA National Drug Take Back Day on April 27, 2024. Together, we can make a significant impact on the well-being of our communities and the environment. Let's work together to ensure a safer, healthier future for all.

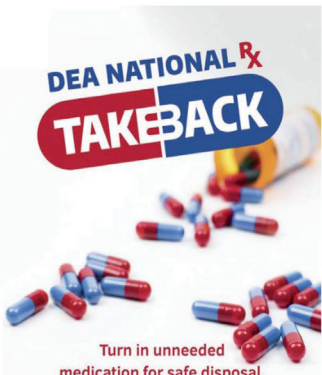
Saturday, April 27, 2024
10:00am – 2:00pm

WE ACCEPT

- Prescription medications
- Over-the-counter medicine
- Vitamins
- Pet Medicines
- Medicated Ointments & Lotions
- Inhalers
- Medication Samples

NOT ACCEPTED

- Needles, Lancets, Syringes
- Bloody or Infectious Waste
- Thermometers
- Aerosol Cans
- Empty containers
- Personal Care Products
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Business Waste
- Vaping Cartridges or Batteries



Turn in unneeded medication for safe disposal.

Two permanent drop-off locations in Bibb County

- Bibb County Sheriff's Office
157 SW Davidson Drive Centreville, AL 35042
- Woodstock Police Department
28513 AL-5, Woodstock, AL 35188

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System (Alabama A&M University and Auburn University) is an equal opportunity educator and employer. Everyone is welcome! Please let us know if you have accessibility needs. Please call 205-926-4310.

Bethel Baptist Church

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, March 31 7:00 A.M.

Across from Bethel Cemetery
Highway 5 • Brent





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MARCH 31

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