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Unsung Heroes: Honoring Thomas C. Young, Jr. Who Served in the Vietnam War

BY SHEILA DUNCAN REPORTER

The Vietnam War remains one of the most pivotal and controversial conflicts in modern history, spanning from 1955 to 1975. While much has been written about the politics and aftermath of the war, the stories of the individuals who served often remain overshadowed. These men and women, ordinary citizens called to extraordinary duty, deserve recognition for their sacrifice, courage, and resilience in the face of unimaginable challenges.

The toll of war extended far beyond the battlefield. Many veterans returned home bearing the physical and psychological scars of their service. Some suffered life-altering injuries, while others grappled with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other mental health issues. Tragically, the challenges did not end with their return; many faced indifferences or even hostility from a divided nation grappling with the moral complexities of

The family of Thomas C. Young, Jr. his baby sister Diane Young of Bibb County, son Jeff Patrick, Charles brothers, Rev

Young, Benny Young, Al- Thomas celebrated a birthbert Young, and Clifton Young want to remember and honor the sacrifices of their father and brother who served in Vietnam. Thomas C. Young, Jr. who was with the U.S. Army in Thomas C. Young, Jr. is Vietnam and received the one of courage, sacrifice, Purple Heart for wounds received in action on August 25, 1966, in the Republic of Vietnam. He was also presented the Silver Star for Bravery in Action.

day on April 2, 2024, and on April 22, 2024, passed away at the VA Hospital in New York City.

The legacy of those who served in Vietnam like and resilience in the face of adversity. Their stories remind us of the human cost of war and the importance of honoring those who have served.





Celebrating Environmental Restoration: Piper Mine Reclamation Project Revitalizes Public Access to the Cahaba River

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN REPORTER

On Wednesday, April 24th, Bibb County welcomed U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Martha Williams as she joined the community to commemorate a significant milestone — the announcement of the completion of the final phase of the Piper Mine reclamation project at the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge.

This transformative endeavor has been a labor of love for both the community and wildlife alike, aiming to eliminate environmental hazards and restore the natural beauty of the refuge while increasing public access to the Cahaba River. Strong partnerships, like those forged at the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge, have led to significant habitat restoration and increased recreational opportunities, including hiking, hunting, fishing, paddling, and swimming.

A massive part of the project included the eradication of an 80-foot-tall highwall, stretching almost 5,000 feet, which were remnants of past coal mining activities. Additionally, efforts have been focused on clearing coal waste by-products, impoundments, and residual materials, fostering a healthier ecosystem for both the refuge and the Cahaba River.

Central to the success of this endeavor are the collaborative efforts of various partners, including the US Fish and Wildlife Department, Alabama Department of Labor Abandoned Mine Lands Program, the Town of

West Blocton, the Friends of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge, and the Cahaba Riverkeepers. Together, they've worked diligently to make the vision of ecological restoration a reality.

The expansion of the refuge in 2013, with the acquisition of the 1,164-acre Wadsworth Tract, marked a significant step forward. This expansion not only provided vital habitat but also created new opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts, including hiking, fishing, and hunting. The dedication of this new area, including the Kimberly-Clark Paper Company Lake, on April 24, 2024, was a monumental occasion, celebrating the fruition of years of dedication and hard work.

> See Restoration on page 2

Options, Service and Hope for Crime Survivors: National **Crime Victims Right Week**

BY SHEILA DUNCAN REPORTER

On Thursday, April 25th, District Attorney Robert H. Turner Jr. was in Bibb County to host the 4th Judicial National Crime Victims Right Week along with Bibb County Victim Services Officer Brooklyn Sievering to



District Attorney Robert H. Turner, Jr.

commemorate victims of crime. The theme for this year was "Options, Services and Hope for Crime Survivors". District Attorney opened with his greeting on importance of each case and how important it is to help those victims



Brooklyn Seivering

or survivors. ette Johnson, Director with Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Committee gave a moving speech to those in attendance.



Everette Johnson Director Alabama Crime Victims **Compensation Committee**

Annual Cahaba Lily Festival to be Held May 18

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN REPORTER

If you want to join in with those seeking to admire the beauty of the Cahaba Lily at the annual Cahaba Lily Festival, mark your calendars for May 18th this year! Held at the Cahaba Lily Center, located at 1012 Main Street in West Blocton, this festival promises a day filled with education, exploration, and entertainment for the whole family.

The festivities kick off with registration starting at 8:00 am, setting the stage for an exciting day ahead. At 9:00 am, various organizations will take the stage to deliver engaging presentations, shedding light on the significance of the Cahaba Lily and the efforts towards its conservation.

unique opportunity to deepen your understanding of this incredible flower and its importance in our local ecosystem.

At 1:00 pm, the Cahaba River Society offers the chance to take to the waters with canoe rentals available at the river. Explore the beauty of the Cahaba River, surrounded by lush greenery and the Cahaba Lily, a flower found nowhere else in the world.

Meanwhile, Main Street will come alive with vibrant vendors offering all kinds of treasures to discover. From handmade crafts to local food, there's something to delight every visitor. And for the little ones, a dedicated children's play area ensures that the festival is an enjoyable

These presentations offer a experience for the whole family.

> The Cahaba Lily Festival is more than just a gathering; it's a celebration of nature's wonders and a testament to the importance of conservation efforts. By joining in, you not only support this remarkable event but also contribute to the preservation of the Cahaba Lily and its habitat for generations to come.

> Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the Cahaba Lily Festival on May 18th. Whether you're a nature enthusiast, a curious mind, or simply looking for a day of fun-filled activities, this festival promises an unforgettable experience for everyone. Don't miss out on the opportunity to be part of something truly special. See you there!



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NEWS



BMC Wellness Center's BINGOcize:

Combining Fun, Fitness, and Friendship for Older Adults

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN REPORTER

In the world of health and wellness, innovation is key to reaching diverse communities and encouraging engagement. To offer a creative solution, Crandall at Western Kentucky University's Center for Applied Science in Health and Aging, and this evidence-based initiative is not your typical exercise regimen. Instead, it cleverly integrates the beloved game of bingo with health education and physical activity, offering a unique approach to disease prevention and health promotion

among older adults. BINGOcize is as simple as it is effective: over the course of 10 weeks, participants engage in twiceweekly sessions, each lasting 45 minutes. At the BMC Wellness Center, they meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. lored for individuals aged laugh, learn, and move to-Led by instructor Ashley Adcox with The Area Agency on Aging, these sessions combine a series of tailored exercises with informative discussions on ing your first steps into the ing pursuit of wellness for health-related topics, in-

favorite game and a chance for everyone. Attendees, to win small prizes.

The goal of this program is to enhance mo- praise the program for its bility, maintain indepen- transformative dence, and foster social Testimonials highlight the connections among older adults. The camarade-BINGOcize is a program rie in this class is clear as of community fostered by designed by Dr. Jason day, with attendees laughing and joking around together, encouraging each the benefits of BINGOcize other through the exercise, and sharing anecdotes. A laid back and relaxed envi- home sheets detailing exronment, this class is welcoming to all who walk their daily routines, attendthrough the door!

Some of the exercises are done while sitting, and others are done while result is improved mobilstanding. Marching in ity, enhanced confidence, place, sitting toe touches, and a renewed sense of viand light stretches while tality in their daily lives. standing are just a few of the exercises one can ex-

One of the distinguishis its accessibility. Taiwelcomes participants of program's mantra: "Play all fitness levels and back- Bingo for the Health of it!" seasoned gym-goer or tak- a new chapter in the ongo-

terspersed with everyone's GOcize offers something numbering between 12 and 14 regulars per session, newfound energy, physical improvements, and sense BINGOcize.

> For many participants, don't end when the session does. Armed with takeercises to incorporate into ees are empowered to continue their fitness journey beyond the classroom. The

BINGOcize is more than just a fitness program, as pect. For those that wish to are many of the programs use them, light resistance offered at the BMC Wellbands can also be added in. ness Center — it's a celebration of movement, ing features of BINGOcize connection, and the power of play. As participants 60 and above, the program gether, they embody the grounds. Whether you're a And in doing so, they write world of exercise, BIN- older adults everywhere.















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Alabama Power Linemen Provide Garden Beds for Seniors at Bibb Medical Center Nursing Home

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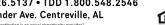
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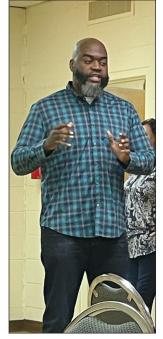


Bibb County Natural Resources Council Holds Program for Landowners

BY SHEILA DUNCAN REPORTER

Tuesday, April 23rd, The Bibb County Natural Resources Council hosted a Landowners presented insights on information and encour-Update event at Brent Baptist Church. Representatives from the Alabama Department of Conservation, includ- He outlined various op- sion office for serving ing Katie Burks, Drew tions and details avail- up a scrumptious dinner! Tincher, and Taylor Deyampert, delivered essential insights on pond and lake management. They also covered topics such as wildlife management, updates on the wildlife management area, and the issue of chronic wasting disease affecting the deer population. Attendees learned about ongoing projects accessible to landowners and the various ways in which the Department of Conservation can support them. It was a valuable session, providing landowners with actionable information to implement.

Katie Burks expressed her enthusiasm for launching a NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program) class as part of Hunters Education. Targeting students in grades 4 through 12, this initiative aims to cater to



Melvin Harris

chery. She is working to estry Service to assist have this program in our landowners in effectivelocal schools.

the Forestry Service, were provided with vital controlled land burning aged to pose any quesand addressed concerns tions they had. regarding insect infes-

those interested in ar- able through the Forly managing their tim-Melvin Harris, from ber resources. Attendees

A big thanks to the tations in pine timber. women from the Exten-







Katie Burks, Drew Tincher, Taylor Deyampert

Restoration

Restoration from page 1 Director Martha Williams aptly described the surrounding nature of the Cahaba River as having a remarkable ability to heal itself, offering a powerful story of hope for us all. It's a testament to what can be achieved through collaboration, transcending agency boundaries for the greater good of the community and the environment.

Throughout the three phases of the reclamation project, significant progress has been made with 1.7 miles of dangerous highwall and 105 acres of abandoned mine lands reclaimed, paving the way for a brighter, more sustainable future for conservation efforts.

The grant ceremony included words shared by esteemed individuals, including Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Mike Edgar, Town of West Blocton Mayor Daniel Sims, Alabama Department of Labor

Division Director Dustin Morin, Commissioner Chris Blankenship, David Butler, President of Cahaba Riverkeepers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Martha Williams, and the two Canadian geese that flew overhead, sharing their two cents and gratitude for everyone's efforts as well.

Also attending was Aldvn Deerman, who was crowned Miss Cahaba Lily last year. This event marked her last appearance as the reigning Miss Cahaba Lily, as her successor will be crowned at the upcoming Cahaba Lily Festival.

This project is a huge win for both wildlife and West Blocton alike. Mayor

Mining and Reclamation Daniel Sims remarked on how he hopes that this increased access to the Cahaba Wildlife Refuge will draw in even more hikers, explorers, and nature enthusiasts from Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, and beyond, putting West Blocton on the map in even bigger ways.

The Piper Mine reclamation project stands as a testament of hope, showcasing the positive outcomes that can be achieved through collaboration, dedication, and a shared commitment to environmental stewardship. As we look ahead, let us draw inspiration from this incredible achievement and continue to work hand in hand towards a sustainable future for generations to come.



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NEWS



Brent News

From the Pen of Dorothy Clark





Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard



I lost my brother last week. Thanks to everyone for the calls and prayers and their thoughtful expression of sympathy. Enjoy your family while you can. Tomorrow doesn't belong to anyone. So glad God holds all our tomorrows, time, and life in his hand. When tears roll down our face, heart feel like it's going to break, and you feel like you've taken all you can take, remember where all your help comes

from and realize you have somewhere to run. Trust in Him, the one who made the heavens and the earth. Live each day as if it were your last. Do what you can while you can. Visit family and friends, go on a trip. Life is short. All our lives are in God's Hands, and his alone.

Happy Birthday to Freda Huff!

Have a wonderful and safe week!

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families of Jimmy Bearden, Don Simmons, Randy Kornegay and Michael Johnson who passed away recently. They will be greatly missed by their family and many friends.

Fay Manning underwent surgery recently at this writing, she is recuperating at home. We send out get well wishes and prayers to her.

Among those having birthdays in April are April Weaver, Tanya McLemore, Aubrey Franklin, Teresa Caffee, s Seales, Edwin Snipes, Scott Mitchell, Tonya Woodward, Barbara Cottingham, Barbara Creel and Trey Lambert.

Sympathy goes out to the family of Shayla Ballenger who passed away recently. Shay-

la will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Don't forget to attend the Relay for Life of Bibb County on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 4:00 P.M. at the BMC Wellness, Make plans

Anniversary wishes go out to Dennis and Lori Stripling who celebrated their Wedding Anniversary on April 18, 2024.

Mr. Bill Earwood was honored with birthday celebration in honor of his 104 birthday on Sunday, April 14, 2024 at Haysop Baptist Church. We wish him many more Happy Birthdays to come.

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

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GOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS

- ▶ Bibb County Commission meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the County Commission Chambers inside the Rock Building-Courthouse Annex.
- ➤ Centreville City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m..
- ▶Brent Council meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at Brent City Hall.
- → West Blocton City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
- → Woodstock City Council meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 5:00 p.m.
- → The Bibb County Board of Education normally holds regular monthly Board Meetings the second Tuesday of every month. Meetings are at 5:00 p.m. and are held in the Board Room of the Central Office. Board Minutes are available on our website at www.bibbed.org. Ph. 205-926-9881.

SPECIAL WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

- ➤ Come join us for The Masters Kitchen at the First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Coldwater Rd. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Free meal along with a great message through the word or a song.
- ▶ Women's Bible Study at the Bibb Baptist Association office on Wednesday mornings 9-11 beginning April 3rd for 7 weeks. The study is "When You Pray". Please RSVP Caren Jones cpjones145@gmail.com
- ▶ Birmingham Quilters Guild is holding a Quiltfest on June 21 and June 22, 2024. Location: Bessemer Civic Center, 1130 Ninth Ave. SW, Bessemer, AL. 10 5 pm daily. This will be a Judged Quilt Show and will include a Special Exhibit of Riley Center Ouilts.
- ➤ First Saturday night singing at Cedar Grove Church On May the 4th starting at 6pm guest singers are All For Him and more coming off the floor.
- ➤ Acapella Christian Harmony singing on Sat. May 11th at Antioch Baptist Church in the Antioch Community from 10am-2pm. Potluck lunch at noon. Everyone welcome!

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. Sun-
- day 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, preach-
- ing 10am. Wednesday night teen kids & youth 6:15pm, supper provided at 6pm.

MONTHLY MEETINGS & REMINDERS

- The Bibb County Planning Commission is an organization involving county landowners and forestry groups. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 1PM in the Alabama Forestry Commission Office located at 9712 Highway 5, Brent, AL.
- ▶ Car Tag Renewal Months: (Alphabet indicates the first letter of last name) January-A/D, February-B, March-C/E, April-F/G/N, May-H/O, June-M/I, July-P/L, August-J/K/R, September-Q/S/T, October-U-Z and November-Commercial.
- ▶ Brierfield Fire & Rescue meets on the last Monday of each month at 7pm at Station 1 located at 18756 AL-139. For more information, call the Station at 205-665-3060. We welcome volunteers!
- → Green Pond Fire & Rescue holds its monthly meetings every first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at Station 1, located at 19629 Eastern Valley Road in Woodstock. These meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, call GPFR at 205-938-9991 or visit greenpondfire.com
- The Bibb County Bee Keepers Association August meeting will be at The Cahaba Lily Center in West Blocton. For more info call the BC Extension Office at 205-926-4310 or mdh0007@aces.edu or Chuck Allen 205-202-0501. Find us on FB at Bibb Co. Beekeepers.
- **▶** Bama Carry of Bibb County meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Sawmeal Restaurant. For more info contact Danny Jones 928-2455.
- → Women for Sobriety meets every Tues. at 5:30pm. For info call Karen 205-718-4097.

- ▶ F. O. P. meets the 3rd Mon. of each month at Rock Building.
- ▶ Bibb County Soil & Water meets at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Tue. of each month at 183 S. W. Davidson Dr., Centreville. 926-4360.
- ➤ Bibb County GOP will hold quarterly meetings in January, April, July and October. Next meeting will be Thursday,
- July 3. → Bibb County Chamber of Commerce holds monthly meet-
- ingsonthe2ndThurs.ofthemonthat5pm.atthechamberbuilding.

 → Friendship Lodge #83 F & AM in Centreville meets on
 1st and 3rd Thur. at 7pm. at 28 Ct. Sq. All members are en-
- → The Bibb Co. Airport Authority meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 5pm. at Bibb County Airport.
- The Centreville Historic Preservation Commission now meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.
- ▶ American Legion Post 47 West Blocton meets 7pm on the 4th Tues. of each month at 195 Rose Lane in West Blocton. Veterans are encouraged to attend. For more info call Jimmy Fitts 938-3713 or Gary Monk 938-0621. American Legion Auxiliary & Sons of American Legion are accepting members. Call Jan Fitts 938-3713 or Cathy Atchison 938-7617
- → The Brent Cemetery Committee reminds the community of its policy of periodically removing old & faded flowers from cemetery. We welcome flowers, but ask you to remove flowers when faded.

LIBRARY HOURS

- ▶ The Brent/Centreville Public Library hours are. M-9a-8p, Tu-Th-9a-5p, Fri.-9a-1p Closed, Sat & Sun.
- The West Blocton Public Library hours are. Mon.-closed, Tues. 10am-2pm, Wed.-12pm-4pm, Thur.-1pm-5pm, Fri.-12pm-3pm, Sat.-10am-1pm, Sun.-closed.
- ➤ Woodstock Community Library is open Sunday & Monday: closed, Tuesday: 11AM 5PM, Wednesday: 10AM 5PM, Thursday 10AM 5PM, Friday 10-4
- → Vance Town Library is open Tues. & Thurs. 3-5pm. & Sat. 2-4pm.

PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUPS

- ► Cancer Support Group Startup for Bibb County. Anyone interested please call and provide your contact information 205-226-5803 or 205-316-8741
- 205-926-5803 or 205-316-8741.

 → Group One, a Bibb County Cancer Support groups meets at BMC, AOB meeting room the fourth Thursday of each month. For information call 205-316-8970.
- ▶ If you need help, call 2-1-1 for community services to get assistance. United Way of West AL.
- ▶ Is your church or civic organization interested in starting a "Home Delivery Meal Ministry (Program)"? At the core of the pro-grams is a nutritious meal, companionship and a watchful eye on the health and safety of our senior adults who have trouble getting around. For more information call (205-926-3968).
- ▶ Helping Other People Excel (HOPE) in Bibb County is a group of stakeholders within the Bibb County Community who have a vested interest in ensuring that all residents have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to obtain available resources that will equip them to thrive. Whether you (or someone you know) is in need of food, clothes, or other resources, our coalition works to either provide or help identify resources to meet your needs. Please contact John Skinner at 205-876-6931 or via email at compassionandhopefoodbasket@gmail.com or H.O.P.E. in Bibb County at hopeinbibbco@gmail.com.

FREE CLASSES

- → Bibb Family Connections offers free Parenting Classes on the 2nd and 4th Thur. of each month at 10:00 am. The Earn While You Learn class offers opportunities for those with infants and toddlers to earn baby supplies and needs while attending classes. For more info call 205-926-3170 or come by Mon. mornings from 9-1 to sign up. Email, bibbsavealife@gmail.com. 48 University Way, Brent, AL.
- ▶ Bibb Family Connections is always looking for voluenteers and donations. Please call 205-926-3170 to find out how to help.
- → GED classes are offered free of charge to Bibb Co. residents at Brent Elem. School, 4 nights wkly, Mon.-Thur. Classes begin at 5:00 p.m. Vouchers are available to help pay the cost of the GED test for class participants. More info, call 205-260-0041.
- → The new Genealogy Class will be held monthly the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10:00 a.m at the Woodstock Community Library. Dianne Chesser returns as our master genealogist and patrons will have free access to Ancestry.com during class time. Those interested may call 938-0008 or check our Facebook for more information. www.facebook.com/woodstockcommunitylibrary

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS

- → The Friends of the Library for the Brent/Centreville Library meets quarterly in the library meeting room. For meeting dates, call 926-4736. New members welcome.
- → The Bibb County Chapter of the Alabama Treasure Forest hold quarterly meetings. For info. call 926-9765 or 926-4917. Private landowners interested in good stewardship of property are needed.
- → West Blocton Lunch Bunch, 1st Wed. of Feb., Apr., Aug., and Oct. More info, 938-2622.

CEMETERY FUNDING

- ▶ If you have loved ones buried at any of the following cemeteries and would like to make a donation for upkeep and etc., please send check (made payable to "(Church or Cemetery Name) Cemetery Fund" to the name and address listed below:
- ▶ Enon Baptist Church Cemetery: Main donations to Enon Baptist Cemetery PO Box 609 Centreville, AL 35042 For more info. 205-613-9060 or 205-928-2529.
- ➤ Thrasher Family Cemetery in Woodstock, AL: c/o Danny Kellum 11502 Brown Circle Woodstock, AL 35188.
- → Shady Grove II Cemetery: Shady Grove II Baptist, 7247 Grey Hill Rd., West Blocton, AL 35184.
- → Pleasant Hill Church cemetery 2827 Ingate Pass, Centreville, AL 35042.
- Mount Carmel Cemetery: Baptist Foundation of Alabama, P. O. Box 241227, Montgomery, AL 36124-1227.
 Mark check "Mt. Carmel Cemetery Fund Account #00-1870"
 ▶ Pondville Perpetual Cemetery: Larry Watkins 8490
 Payne Lake Rd. Brent, AL 35034.
- ► Wesley Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery: Linda Crim 7197 Montevallo Rd. Centreville, AL 205.340.3476.
- → Schultz Creek Cemetery: PO Box 706, Centreville, AL 35042.
- Shiney Rock Cemetery: call 205-938-9537.
- ▶ Kinard Cemetery, Lowreytown: Kinard Cemetery Fund, Lowreytown, C/O Vicki Goggins 1694 Hopewell Church Road West Blocton, 35184.
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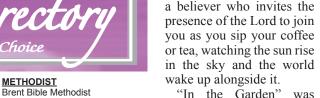
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cheese until smooth.

bined. Stir in half of the cheddar cheese and

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mixture to a greased

son? Admittedly, I'm quite find Him standing nearby and was able to recognize envious if you are as I've tried my whole life to be. him when he spoke to her. Mornings are lovely, and

In the Garden

Hymn History By: Savannah Lagan

even lovelier still if you are that glorious moment of meeting in the garden, he described that he gripped his Bible, his muscles tense and vibrating. He recorded himself thinking, "This is not an experience lim-"In the Garden" was ited to a happening almost written by C. Austin Miles 2,000 years ago. It is the in March of the year 1912. daily companionship with A pharmacist whose true the Lord that makes up passion was music, Miles the Christian's life." Afterleft the medical field after he published his first gosin his inspiration from this pel song with Hall-Mack story as told in Scripture, Company. He later went which was later set to muon to become the editor sic and became the welland manager of that music known and beloved hymn, publishing company and "In the Garden."

Regarding himself, Miles said: "It is as a writer of Described as an affable man with an extraordinary gospel songs I am proud to wit and sense of humor, be known, for in that way I Miles was said to always may be of the most use to have a small flower pinned my master, whom I serve to his lapel. One of his fawillingly although not as vorite hobbies was photog-

efficiently as is my desire." raphy, and he had built his Are you familiar with the own darkroom for develcalm of a peaceful mornoping film. On one such ing? Miles must have been, day that he was waiting for because as he writes of film to develop, he opened moments when "the dew up his Bible as he often did is still on the roses" it's for inspiration for his songhard not to imagine early, writing. Picking up his Biwarm sunlight streaming ble with no particular passage in mind, the pages fell world awakes. What peace out by giving me a call at open to John 20 where it one can find in those quiet describes the story of Mary moments - and what peace coming to the garden to visour Lord affords to us as it the tomb of Jesus. But inbelievers in our quiet mo-

Are you a morning per- tomb, she was overjoyed to Have you ever heard "the sound of His voice" that "is so sweet the birds hush their singing"? If you ever Imagining himself into have, it is without a doubt that "the melody that He gave to [you] within [your]

heart is ringing.' What a beautiful truth we can rest upon that the Maker of all creation lowered Himself to us through Jesus our Savior, who when we call on Him and invite Him to us – into our hearts. souls, and lives - that He will walk with us, talk with wards he penned a poem us, and tell us that we are His own. The Prince of Peace Himself affords us by His presence the "peace that passes all understanding" (Philippians 4:7) if we so choose to walk with Him as our feet find their path on this side of heaven. But what a glorious time it will be when instead of hearing the voice of my Lord through the gentle whisper of the wind in the leaves, I will instead hear it myself one blessed day right next

Hey, you! The one who is having a GREAT hair day! Do you have a hymn you'd like to know more about (or you'd like to hear the latest terribly corny joke I've through the leaves as the learned)? Feel free to reach 205-926-9769 or by shooting me an email at savannah.pearce@bibbcommunitymedia.com. I would love to hear from you!



Cream Cheese Corn Casserole

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9x13 inch baking dish. Ingredients: For the Casserole: Sprinkle the remain-

Bake:

ing

stead of finding him in the ments with Him as well.

package (8 oz)

1/2 cup unsalted but-

cream cheese 2 cans (15.25 oz each) whole kernel

served them for 37 years.

corn, drained 2 cans (14.75 oz each) cream-style corn 1 cup shredded ched-

dar cheese 1/2 cup milk 2 teaspoons sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

Add both types of

corn, milk, sugar, salt, and black pepper to the skillet. Stir until all ingredients are well com-

the green onions until

Transfer the corn

the edges.

servings

Serve: Allow the casserole cheddar cheese over the top, followed to sit for about 5 minby the crushed crackutes before serving to set the ingredients to-

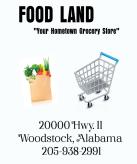
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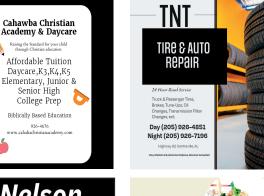


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PROBATE NOTICE

In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama

In Re: The estate of James Luther Thigpen, deceased Case no. 2024PC026 **Publication Notice**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 12th day of April, 2024, by the Honorable Judge Stephanie W. Kemmer of Probate of Bibb County, notice is hereby given that all persons

having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Janet D. Smith Janet D. Smith-Exec-

B. Boozer Downs, Jr. Downs & Davis Law,

Attorney for Petitioner PO BOX 65

Woodstock, AL 35188 Centreville Press April 19, 26 & May 3,

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FIL-ING OF PERMIT APPLI-CATION

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

From intersection of Bibb Co. Road 54 and Bibb Co.

Rd. 10, travel south on Bibb Co. Rd. 10 approximately 1.3 miles to the mine entrance on the right. The mine entrance will be marked and signs will be posted.

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

Nature of Proposed Revi-1. Change the post mining land use of Sediment Basins 007, 029, & 031 (4 acres) from forest to undeveloped/ no current use.

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

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

REQUEST FOR BIDS ATTENTION ALL BIDDERS

Chevy Tahoe or Equivalent

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bibb County, Alabama (County), shall receive and open bids for the purchase a PPV rated SUV as solicited by an Invitation to Bid. This bid shall be governed by Title 41 of Alabama Code (1975), the Bid Law.

All bids must be provided to the County by no later than 11:00 a.m. Central Time on Monday, May 6, 2024. All bids should be mailed to:

Bibb County Commis-

Attention: Brian Davis 157 SW Davidson Drive Centreville, AL 35042 Bids will be opened at the above-referenced location as soon as practicable thereafter. Only bids received by that time will be opened and considered. Bidders and any other interested individuals are invited to attend the bid opening. The Invitation to Bid and all attachments, including bid specifications can be accessed at by contacting Brian Davis at 205-926-3114 or via email at BDavis@bibbal. com. If you wish to pick the bid specifications up in person you may visit the Bibb County Commission office at 157 SW Davidson Drive, Centreville, AL 35042. Any bid addendums will be provided to all bidders, if necessary in accordance with the Invitation to Bid. All bids shall be submitted in accordance with the instructions in the Invitation to Bid.

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

MORTGAGE FORE-CLOSURE SALE. Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Joseph M. Jackson, a single man, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Worldwide Mortgage Company, on September 28, 2006, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, in RPB Book 179 Page 428 with Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Book 275 Page 714, Book 288 Page 244 and Book 405 Page 425, and also signed by Brittany Jackson; the undersigned MidFirst Bank, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Centreville, Bibb County, Alabama, on June 12, 2024, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Bibb County, Alabama, to-wit: A parcel of land located in the East half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 21 South Range 6 West, Bibb County, Alabama being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the SE corner of Section 15 Township 21 South Range 6 West and

run South 89 degrees 27 minutes 26 seconds West for a distance of 326.37 feet; thence run North 29 degrees 49 minutes 38 seconds West for a distance of 416.39 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 29 degrees 49 minutes 38 seconds West for a distance of 348.11 feet: thence run North 14 degrees 47 minutes 29 seconds East for a distance of 862.01 feet; thence run North 81 degrees 53 minutes 55 seconds East for a distance of 412.61 feet: thence run South 01 degree 46 minutes 22 seconds East for a distance of 406.56 feet; thence run South 30 degrees 43 minutes 52 seconds West for a distance of 915.84 feet to the Point of Beginning. Also a 30 foot easement for ingress-egress being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 15, Township 21 South, Range 6 West and go South 02 degrees 06 minutes 41 seconds East for a distance of 764.31 feet to an existing iron pin on the Southwest Right of Way of the Centreville-Elyton Road and the Point of Beginning of said easement; thence run North 42 degrees 10 minutes 23 seconds West for along said Southwest Right of Way for a distance of 35.09 feet; thence run South 24 degrees 43 minutes 05 seconds West for a distance of 24.24 feet;

thence run South 04 degrees 00 minutes 22 seconds East for a distance of 136.36 feet; thence run South 02 degrees 40 minutes 48 seconds East for a distance of 219.05 feet; thence run South 01 degrees 46 minutes 22 seconds East for a distance of 406.48 feet; thence run North 88 degrees 13 minutes 38 seconds East for a distance of 30 feet; thence run North 01 degrees 46 minutes 22 seconds West for a distance of 406.56 feet; thence continue North 01 degrees 46 minutes 22 seconds West for a distance of 320 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said easement lies in the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 15. Township 21 South, Range 6 West, Bibb County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 145 Red Oak Ln , Woodstock, AL 35188. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BA-SIS, WITHOUT WARRAN-TY OR RECOURSE, EX-PRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMP-TION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consult-

ed 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 made payable to 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 bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. MidFirst Bank, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 24-02511-MF-AL 04/26/2024, 05/03/2024, 05/10/2024 Centreville Press

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FIL-**ING OF PERMIT APPLICATION**

In accordance with the provision of Act No. 81-435 of the State of Alabama and the regpromulgated ulations under this act, Camellia Met Mining, LLC, 3400 County Road 260, Maylene, AL 35114 is filing a permit revision application to its surface mine known as Gurnee Mine (P-3978-58-24-S). Access to the mine is as follows:

The mine entrance is at the intersection of Shelby County Road 10 and Shelby County Road 270. The mine entrance will be marked

and signs will be posted. NW/SW OF SEC-TION 21, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, SHELBY COUN-TY. ALABAMA.

Nature of Proposed Revision R-9

Change the post mining land use of Sediment Basin 015B (1 acre) from forest to undeveloped/ no current use.

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

This notice to be published in the Centerville Press Newspaper.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

by mail to The University of

Alabama, University Lands

and Real Estate Services, P.O. Box 870176, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487-0176. Only bids which are submitted on the bid form prepared by the Office of University Lands and Real Estate Services will be considered. No verbal or phone bids will be accepted. If a bid is mailed, the bid should be posted in sufficient time to ensure its receipt prior to the bid submission deadline of 10:00 a.m., May 9, 2024. Mailed bids should be marked "TIM-BER BID, 5-9-24" in the lower left-hand corner to ensure bid security.

A Performance Deposit in the amount of \$3,500 will be required of the successful bidder to guarantee its fulfillment of the terms of the sale contract. The deposits

will be required at the time of execution of timber contract. Consideration and approval of the successful bid will be done May 9, 2024, by the University of Alabama Forester, to ensure the bids meet the proposed estimates approved by the University of Alabama Board of Trustees.

Purchaser of the timber and logging contractor (if not the same) must carry workman's compensation insurance and both vehicular and general liability insurance in amounts of not less than \$1.000.000 personal damage and \$1,000,000 property damage. Purchaser and logger (if not the same) will add University as additional named insured on insur-

ance. A certificate of insur-

ance will be required upon the execution of the contract of sale. It shall be the responsibility

of the bidder to determine to his own satisfaction the volume of the timber offered for

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

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

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LEGALS

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BIBB Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Frederick B Grady A Married Person Mary B Grady A Married Person to U.S. Bank National Association dated September 12, 2014; said mortgage being recorded on February 25, 2015, in Book 302, Page 302, as having been modified by an agreement recorded on and recorded in Book 302, Page 327 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama.

The undersigned, U.S. Bank National Association, 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 24th day of January, 2024 the following

property, situated in Bibb County, Alabama, to-wit: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 7.00 ACRES, LOCATED IN THE SW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4, SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST, BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA, DESCRIBED AS FOL-COMMENCE LOWS: AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID 1/4-1/4 SECTION AND RUN NORTH 85 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 17 SEC-ONDS EAST 214.43 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT A FENCE CORNER, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGIN-NING; THENCE RUN NORTH 03 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 54 SEC-ONDS WEST ALONG A PROPERTY LINE FENCE 650.67 FEET TO A FENCE COR-NER POST AT THE IN-TERSECTION OF THE SOUTHEAST **RIGHT** WAY OF BIBB **HIGHWAY** COUNTY NO. 24; THENCE RUN NORTH 71 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 31 SEC-ONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 120.80 FEET; THENCE

GREES 20 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 109.12 FEET TO AN IRON; THENCE RUN SOUTH 35 DE-GREES 16 MINUTES SECONDS EAST 80 ALONG THE WEST EDGE OF SAID DRIVE 193.31 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 34 DE-GREES 25 MINUTES SECONDS 09 EAST ALONG THE WEST EDGE OF SAID DRIVE 91.34 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 39 DE-GREES 53 MINUTES SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST EDGE OF SAID DRIVE 219.24 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 20 DE-GREES 29 MINUTES SECONDS 49 EAST ALONG THE WEST EDGE OF SAID DRIVE 72.06 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 14 DE-**GREES 29 MINUTES 22** SECONDS EAST 257.71 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF A PROPERTY LINE FENCE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 07 SEC-ONDS WEST ALONG

SAID

FENCE

565.55 FEET TO THE

North 34 degrees 47 min-

utes 50 seconds West for

a distance of 150.00 feet

to the point of beginning.

Said parcel lying in the

Northeast quarter of the

Southeast quarter of Sec-

tion 33 and in the North-

west quarter of the South-

west guarter of Section

34, all lying in Township

23 North, Range 9 East,

Parcel 3: Commence at the

Southeast corner of Lot 1

of Creekview Subdivision,

as recorded in Map Book

1. Page 103 in the Probate

Office of Bibb County, Al-

abama, said point begin

the point of commence-

ment; thence run South

55 degrees 21 minutes 47

seconds West along the

South line of said lot for

a distance of 125.42 feet

to a point; said point be-

ing the point of beginning;

thence continue South 55

degrees 27 minutes 23

day of January, 1955.

Bibb County, Alabama.

LINE

POINT OF BEGINNING. Said property is commonly known as 2913 Vance Rd, West Blocton, AL 35184.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal de-

scription will control. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumeasements, brances, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments. covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without

any representation, war-

ranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place

consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

the Mortgage.

ASSOCIATION as holder of said mort-

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Two North Twentieth

Suite 1000 Birmingham, AL 35203

of sale. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of

U.S. BANK NATIONAL

gage 2 20th Street North,

(205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 23-05424AL www.foreclosurehotline.

Centreville Press 12/29/2023,01/05/2024, 01/12/2024,02/16/2024, 05/03/2024

AMENDMENT TO NO-TICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until March 6, 2024, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

The Centreville Press, February 16, 2024 AMENDMENT TO NO-TICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until May 15, 2024, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

The Centreville Press, May 3, 2024 Centreville Press May 3, 2024

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLO-SURE SALE STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BIBB Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Blanche Watkins An Unmarried Woman And Sharon Gale Hughes An Unmarried Woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Federal Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns dated October 28, 2004; said mortgage being recorded on November 2, 2004, in Book 143, Page 619 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB not individually. but solely as trustee for Residential Mortgage Aggregation Trust by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2024, Page 2248 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, ALABAMA.

The undersigned, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB not individually, but solely as trustee for Residential Mortgage Aggregation Trust, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the high-

est 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 28th day of May, 2024 the following property, situated in Bibb County, Ala-

RUN NORTH 66 DE-

bama, to-wit: Parcel 1: All of Lot 1, 2 and a part of Lot 3 of Creekview Subdivision, as recorded in Map Book 1, Page 103 in the Probate Office of Bibb County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the Northeast corner of said Lot 1, said rod being the point of beginning; thence run South 34 degrees 47 minutes 50 seconds East along the Northeast line of said lot for a distance of 200.03 feet to an iron rod; thence run South 55 degrees 21 minutes 47 seconds West along the South line of said Lot 1, 2 and part of Lot 3 for a distance of 125.42 feet to a point; thence run North 34 degrees 33 minutes 12 seconds West for a distance of 200.00 feet to an iron rod located on the Northwest line of said Lot 3: thence run North 55 degrees 20 minutes 53 seconds East along said line for a distance of 124.57 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2: Begin at the Southeast corner of Lot 1 of Creekview Subdivision, as recorded in Map Book

1, Page 103 in the Proseconds West along said bate Office of Bibb Counline for a distance of 40.11 ty, Alabama, said point feet to an iron rod; thence begin the point of beginrun North 34 degrees 22 ning; thence run South minutes 20 seconds West 55 degrees 21 minutes for a distance of 35.23 feet 47 seconds West along to an iron rod; thence run the South line of said Lot North 55 degrees 14 minfor a distance of 125.42 utes 02 seconds East for feet to a point; thence run a distance of 40.00 feet South 34 degrees 57 minto an iron rod; thence run utes 27 seconds East for South 34 degrees 33 minutes 12 seconds East for a distance of 150.35 feet to an iron rod; thence run a distance of 35.39 feet to the point of beginning, said North 55 degrees 12 minutes 10 seconds East for parcel being a part of Lot 3 a distance of 125.00 feet and 4 of Creekview Subdito an iron rod; thence run vision.

> Begin at the Southeast corner of Lot 3 of Creekview Subdivision, as recorded in Map Book 1, Page 103 in the Probate Office of Bibb County, Alabama, said point being the point of beginning; thence run South 55 degrees 21 minutes 47 seconds West along the South line of said lot for a distance of 25.42 feet to an iron rod; thence run North 34 degrees 33 minutes 12 seconds West for a distance of 200.00 feet to an iron rod located on the Northwest line of said lot; thence run North 55 degrees 20 minutes 53 seconds East along said line for a distance of 24.57 feet to a point being the Northeast corner of said lot; thence run South 34 degrees 47 minutes 50

Ingress/Egress Easement:

feet to the point of beginning, said easement being a part of Lot 3 of Creekview Subdivision. Said property is common-

ly known as 1512 Main Street, Brent, AL 35034. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold

subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning orrestrictions, dinances, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning

bid at the time and place of sale.

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

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB INDIVIDUALLY, NOT **BUT SOLELY AS TRUST-**EE FOR RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE AGGREGA-TION TRUST

as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Two North Twentieth

2 20th Street North, Suite 1000 Birmingham, AL 35203 (205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 22-02495AL

www.foreclosurehotline. net Centreville Press 05/03/2024,05/10/2024,0

5/17/2024

MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE SALE Default having being made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated October 27, 2015 executed by John R. Thomley, an unmarried man, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Trustmark National Bank, said Mortgage being recorded October 28, 2015, in Book 310, Page 243, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama; having later been assigned to Trustmark National Bank by instrument recorded in Book 398, Page 579, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama. Said default continues and notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Trustmark National Bank, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the main entrance to the County Courthouse, Bibb County, Alabama on 06/18/2024, during the legal hours of

sale, the following described real estate situated in Bibb County, Alabama, to-wit:

Parcel I Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 23 North, Range 9 East; thence East 70 yards; thence North 70 vards; thence West 70 yards; thence South 70 yards to the point of beginning; containing one acre, more or less, and located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 23 North, Range 9 East.

Parcel 2 Begin at the corner of lands owned by G. C. Boyd thence running 134 feet North and South thence 246.6 feet Northwest, thence 300 feet running North and South, thence 148.6 feet East and West back to point of beginning. This lot more fully described as approximately one (1) acre, more or less of lands deeded to Gordon Carter by D. F. Creel and wife. Pearlie F. Creel recorded in Book 60,

Page 72 dated the 22nd

For informational purposes only, the property address is: 83 Carter Drive, Centreville, AL 35042. Any property address provided is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS-IS, WHERE-IS" SIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUM-BRANCES, AND EXCEP-TIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUAT-ED. WILL OUT RECOURSE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED AS TO TI-TLE, USE AND/OR EN-JOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE

BA-THIS PROPERTY BE SOLD WITH-WARRANTY OR RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTI-TLED THERETO.

Alabama law gives some

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

seconds East along the

Northeast line of said lot

for a distance of 200.01

the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by mortgage as well as the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fees and other purposes set out in said mortgage.

Trustmark National Bank

Attorney for Mortgagee Spina, & Lavelle, P.C. One Perimeter Park South-Suite 400N Birmingham, Alabama 35243 (205) 298-1800 40-FC-24-01125 Centreville Press May 3, 10 & 17, 2024

Paul K. Lavelle, Esq.

NOTICE OF SALE

WRECKER reserves the

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

MCKIN-MILTON NEY DBA MCKINNEY WRECKER gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 06/05/2024, 10:30 AM at 4901 TRU-MAN ALDRICH PKWY, WEST BLOCTON, AL 35184-2101,

pursuant to subsection 32-13-3 of the Alabama Statutes. MILTON MCK-INNEY DBA MCKINNEY right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. 1FAHP3F21CL380869 2012 FORD FOCUS 1FTWW32F1YED46455 2000 FORD F-350 1G1BE5SMXH7144223 2017 CHEV CRUZE 1G1ZA5EU3BF245395 2011 CHEV MALIBU 1GCHK53659F152635 2009 CHEV SILVERA-

DO 1HGCR2F30DA076738 2013 HOND ACCORD

1HGEM22584L084539 2004 HOND CIVIC 2FAHP71VX9X115212 2009 FORD CROWN **VICTORIA** 2T1CF22P82C576350 2002 TOYT CAMRY SO-LARA

3C4NJCCB9MT559380 2021 JEEP COMPASS 5NPET46CX7H265608 2007 HYUN SONATA JHMCM56367C009289 2007 HOND ACCORD Centreville Press May 3 & 10, 2024

Notice of Sale PATRIOT MINI

STORAGE LLC, 19982 HWY 11, P. 0. Box 363, Woodstock,

35188 will

auction

off for cash only the household goods of units below on Sunday, May 19, 2024, 3:00pm

Unit 222/244-Michael Cromer- 13212 Nick Rd McCalla, AL 35111 Unit 231 - David Stan Harrell - 1578 Beardens Farm Rd Woodstock, AL 35188 Centreville Press May 3 & 10, 2024

NEWS

Officer Promotions At First **Financial Bank**

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Effective April 1, 2024, First Financial Bank approved the promotion of four officers. Anna Wooten has been promoted to First Vice President, Amy Shields and Sarah Rourke have been promoted to Vice President, and Robin Bramlett has been promoted to Assistant Vice President.

Mrs. Wooten has been with the Bank for almost 8 years and is a Loan Officer responsible for loan production and business development throughout the Bank's footprint. Mrs. Wooten recently served as Branch Manager and Loan Officer of the McCalla office. Mrs. Shields has been with the Bank for 26 years and is the Branch Manager

loans throughout the Bank's while also handling business development responsi-

and Loan Officer of the Mc- they are also committed Calla office, while also han- to serving the customers dling business development and communities the Bank responsibilities within Mc- serves through its eight Calla and the surrounding branches throughout Jefcommunities. Mrs. Rourke ferson, Bibb, Shelby, and has been with the Bank for Tuscaloosa counties. CEO 23 years and is the Com- and President Kyle Goodpliance Officer and Com- win said, "First Financial munity Reinvestment Act Bank's success through the Officer for the Bank. Mrs. years can be directly attrib-Rourke also performs inter- uted to the great people we nal loan reviews covering have serving our customers and communities. Anna, footprint. Mrs. Bramlett Amy, Sarah, and Robin are has been with the Bank for four dedicated leaders of the 7 years and is the Branch Bank deserving of special Manager and Loan Officer recognition due to their abilof the West Blocton office, ity to build strong customer and employee relationships while provide the superior bilities within West Blocton customer service that has and the surrounding com- continued to be the founda-

tion of our Bank. We look Along with all four be- forward to what the future ing long-time, hard-work- holds for each one of them ing employees of the Bank, at First Financial Bank."

Alabama Department of Human **Resources Offers Employment Training Initiatives for Students** and Communities

BY SHEILA DUNCAN

REPORTER

Alabama's Department of Human Resources sponsors three initiatives aimed at tackling employment, childcare, and recidivism, facilitated by the state's community and technical colleges.

On Tuesday, April 23, the Alabama DHR unveiled the Summer Youth Employment Program, Child Care Training Protowards boosting Alabama's workforce participation and decreasing reliance on state financial aid. The Summer Youth Employment Program this possible. enables colleges within the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) to hire current, former, and prospective students aged 16 to 24 for summer jobs and training. Targeting families with incomes at or below 200% of the viding accessible educa- expanded its role during poverty level, the program focuses on enhancing the skills of partici- fields to meet the state's tering financial assistance

pating students. Alabama's Adult Education Division at ACCS span of sixty years, this of the Social Security Act offers the Child Care core mission remains in 1935, the department Training program, equipping individuals aspiring to work in childcare with tem (ACCS). With 24 ly formed Department essential skills to pur- colleges spread across of Public Welfare. Resue viable career oppor- more than 130 locations named as the Department tunities in the field. The and boasting an econom- of Pensions and Security Transition to Employ- ic impact of \$6.6 billion, in 1955, it eventually adment program, the latest the ACCS stands as Ala- opted its current name in addition, links formerly incarcerated individuals for affordable educato stable employment op- tion and technical train- evolved to meet Alaportunities with the sup- ing, essential for thriving bama's changing needs. port of a network of em- in an ever-changing job ployers. These employers market. Approximately are motivated to provide 155,000 Alabamians ben-

vider of prison education.

individuals in need, enopportunities and trainto break free from depengram, and Transition to tions. The Alabama Com- nowned for its Skills for Program munity College System Success program, which at Trenholm State Com- is dedicated to offering offers rapid skills enmunity College. These opportunities that extend hancement. Oversight of initiatives are geared beyond the confines of the ACCS is entrusted to laboration with committed advocates for education and resident success, like DHR, is what makes ment of Human Resourc-

> Established on May 3, 1963, Alabama's community and technical colleges were consolidated into a single system by legislabama's premier platform 1986.

employment opportuni- efit from a diverse array ties for individuals to uti- of certification, credenlize the credentials they tial, dual enrollment, and obtained through Ingram degree programs offered State Technical College, by the ACCS, often dethe state's primary pro- veloped in collaboration with key industry part-DHR's aim is to assist ners. The system encompasses vital entities such abling them to discover as the Alabama Technology Network, delivering ing that empower them specialized training and services directly to busidency cycles and steer nesses, and the ACCS their lives in new direc- Innovation Center, rethe classroom, and to col- the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees.

The Alabama Departes is dedicated to serving Here is a little history over 1.4 million Alabamon how this came about. ians annually through its six major programs. Originating as the Department of Child Welfare in 1919. established by the Legislature to support at-risk tors, with the aim of pro-children and families, it tion and training in both the Great Depression of academic and vocational 1933 to include adminispresent and future work- to struggling individuals. force demands. Over the Following the enactment central to the Alabama and most of its functions Community College Sys- transitioned to the new-

> While programs have the agency's core mission remains steadfast: to aid those in need.

WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Date: April 15, 2024

The Town Council of the Office Town of Woodstock, Alabama met in a Regular Council Meeting at the Town Hall on Monday, April 15, 2024, 5:00 P.M. A quorum being present: Mayor Jeff Dodson called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dodson. The following Council Members were present: Ronnie Kinard, Kellie Parks, Don Bowling, Ernestine Johnson, Lee Mears. Town Attorney Boozer Downs and Police Chief Len Price were also present. Various Public were in attendance. COUNCIL APPROVAL:

Council Member Ronnie Kinard made the motion to approve the April 1, 2024 minutes as previously submitted by email. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lee Mears and motion so carried.

Council Member Lee Mears made the motion to approve the following event sponsor-

National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2024 commemorating victims of crime to be held April 25th at 12:00 p.m. at the Bibb County Commission \$100.00

Motion was seconded by Council Member Ernestine Johnson and motion so carried.

Council Member Ernestine Johnson made the motion to approve the following purchase for the Police Depart-

Donohoo Chevrolet - 2024 Chevy Tahoe \$49,375.00

Motion was seconded by Council Member Kellie Parks and motion so carried.

Council Member Bowling made the motion to approve the following invoice for the Police Department: Hendrick Chevrolet – 2020

Chevy Tahoe Repair \$9,500.00 Motion was seconded by Council Member Kellie Parks and motion so carried. Council Member Don Bowl-

ing made the motion to approve the following invoice for the Sewer Department: The Kelley Group – Project

2023-0028 Woodstock & West Blocton Sewer Upgrades/ Professional Fees \$5,361.92 Motion was seconded by

Council Member Ronnie Kinard and motion so carried.

Council Member Kellie Parks made the motion to approve the following invoices for Park & Recreation:

US Foods - Concessions \$698.02

US Foods – Concessions \$891.84

Coca-Cola - Concessions

\$658.34 Motion was seconded by

Council Member Lee Mears and motion so carried. MAYOR'S RE-

PORT: Road Update

Mayor Jeff Dodson updated the Council regarding the road project for Laura Lane and Gabrielle Drive

Departmental Reports Departmental Reports were distributed.

PUBLIC **COMMENT:**

Public comments were heard. There being no further business to come before the Town Council at this time, Council Member Ronnie Kinard made the motion to adjourn at 5:26 P.M. The motion was seconded by Council Member Don Bowling and upon being put to a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Alabama DHR Announces New **Round of Childcare Bonuses**

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) is now open for applications for a fresh wave of childcare bonuses. Applications will be accepted from April 17 to May 22, 2024.

Licensed childcare providers are eligible to apply for grants providing bonuses of \$3,000 for full-time employees and \$1,500 for part-time staff. Like previous awards, these Childcare Workforce Stabilization grants aim to help childcare providers recruit and retain

workers as the industry has struggled to recover since the pandemic.

Nancy Buckner, Ala-

bama DHR Commissioner, remarked, "In scrutinizing previous federal grant expenditures, we discovered surplus funds to allocate for additional grants. Our aim has always been to utilize all available funding, so we're delighted to extend another round of bonuses

main pivotal in Alabama." In the eighth round of grants, more than 12,700 employees received bonus-

as childcare workers re-

es, marking a 26% increase from the initial round. The grant period, mandated by federal law, spans two years, concluding in September, and is funded by the American Rescue Plan

qualify, providers must be licensed, operating in good standing with DHR upon application and grant receipt, and commit to operating for at least one-year post-grant award. Applications, grant schedules, and further eligibility criteria can be found at dhr.alabama.gov/child-care.



From The Pen Of Jane Hannah



Sistas Carol Schladerbach. Geneva Mullins, Jane Hannah and Jo Kitchen had dinner one evening last week at The Shack in Marion. We were not disappointed. The Fish and Crab Claws were delicious and the appetizers (Green Beans, and Jalapenos) were divine and the weather was perfect for alfresco dining.

Tracey Holladay and I enjoyed an outing in Tuscaloosa last week. Banking, Car Wash, Plant Shopping, and Jason's Deli took several hours for us and we arrived home tired but ready to put our plants in the ground.

Thursday was Mexican Food night for Ruth Deason, Jo Kitchen, Carol Schladerbach, Geneva Mullins and Jane Hannah. Eating out doesn't allow for losing weight.

Cindy, Paige & Delainey Garner visited Wayne Deason Thursday evening last week.

Ronnie & Lashelle Kinney dropped by Sunday to check on an electrical plug and Ronnie replaced it. Payment was a dish of Hamburger Goulash. Then, Alan and Jera Fortner visited later in the afternoon. As always, I get in some "honey dos" and Alan cleaned the battery cable clamps on my car and evaluated Jo's transmission in her car. We all visited a short time with Luke & Tracey Holladay.

Ronnie & LaShelle Kinney planted a garden in the wonderful soil of the Deason Field around Geneva Mullins' home last week. They have big plans to can tomatoes and freeze veggies. Good luck with that when baby girl arrives about harvest time.

Stacev and Chad Thompson announced the birth of several piglets by Mama Betty Sunday. I was blessed to share fresh eggs from their laying hens. I don't think there will be ham forthcoming. Jack Mathis said he is feel-

ing good after his recent sur-

gery HAPPY BIRTHDAY this

week Sista Jo Russell 5-4, Liz Kyle & Linda Renn 5-5, Teresa Rachal 5-6, Pene Norvell 5-7. Just in case I don't have news next week, Birthday Blessings to Luke Dowdle 5-10, and Owen Vessels 5-12. ANNIVERSA-HAPPY RY Haden & Krystal Mullins

Hava a WONDERFUL week. Call or text your news to 478-396-2513.





ABSOLUTE AUCTION SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

REGISTRATION 9:00 AM | AUCTION 10:00 AM 60+ Properties throughout Etowah County, Alabama

LAND, BUILDING LOTS, & COMMERCIAL SELLING FROM THE VENUE at Coosa Landing

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Keith Baldwin, CAI: AL 1416, ALRE 64960, GAL AUNR2860, GARE 247207 866-789-5169 AMERICAN-AUCTIONEERS.COM



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NEWS

Bringing Vibrancy to Education: Brent Elementary Schools Color Run

REPORTER

In recent years, schools around the world have embraced a unique and colorful way to promote fitness, camaraderie, and community spirit—the School Color Run where participants throw colored powders at each other in celebration of spring, the Color Run has evolved into a global sensation, especially within educational institutions.

One of the primary motivations behind organizing a School Color Run is to encourage physical activity and promote









wellness among students. The inclusive nature of the event ensures that students of all fitness levels can participate, whether they choose to sprint, jog, or simply stroll along the route.

Beyond its health benefits, the School Color Run serves as a powerful tool for building a sense of community and school spirit. It brings together students, teachers, parents, and administrators in a shared endeavor, fostering bonds that extend beyond the classroom. The colorful chaos















Health and Wellness Corner

Sponsored by Bibb Medical Center







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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Advising Tutoring Meet with a SSCC representative

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER 2024 COURSES!

BIO 103

Principles of Biology I Online

ENG 101

English Composition I Online

MTH 100

Intermediate College Algebra

Virtual student hours are available for all online courses.

For more information or to set up a meeting, contact bibb@sheltonstate.edu.

It is the policy of the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees and Shelton State Community College, a postsecondary institution under its control, that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, marital status, disability, gender, age, or any other protected class as defined by federal and state law, be excluded from participation, denied benefits, or subjected to discrimination under any program, activity, or employment

